

*As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but live by them. JFK*

**Gold Hymnal**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDE                    *"Onward Christian Soldiers"*                    *Women*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Faded photographs remind us of distant memories,

**People: Of special times and of painful news.**

Leader: We remember family and friends saddened by death, anguished by loss and conflicted over wars.

**People: Yet we are not alone, we are surrounded by the saints and forever remembered by God.**

Leader: And so we remember those who have served our nation and are now forever held in God's arms,

**All: Because of your grace and their sacrifice, we rejoice and give you praise. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN                    "America the Beautiful".....no. 690**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Giver of Peace, you spread out your radiance in every land. You unfold your love in all the twists and turns of life. Yet, we miss the signs of your Presence. We strive for justice and for your peace to flow in every corner of the world.

Forgive us for letting fear build walls of separation. Forgive us for hesitating to speak when our words could right a wrong. Forgive our halfhearted commitments and our full-blown excuses.

Send your Spirit upon us, make us your peacemakers. Send your Spirit upon us that we might pour out your love. Help us to serve you and know the peace only you can give. **AMEN**

**+SILENT PRAYER** *(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)*

**+KYRIE**

**+ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: By God's grace we are forgiven. May God's grace and mercy fill us with peace.

**People: May God's grace fill us with love. AMEN.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI.....no. 142**

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE**

EPISTLE LESSON                    Acts 1:6-11                    pg. 884

CHOIR ANTHEM                    *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

GOSPEL LESSON                    Matthew 24:3-8                    pg. 805

**MESSAGE**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*THE CREED.....inside front cover of hymnal**

**\*HYMN                    "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" .....no. 679**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY                    *"Bless This House"*

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE/THE DOXOLOGY.....no. 382**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\*HYMN                    "God of Our Fathers" .....no. 687**

Let There Be Peace on Earth                    Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION                    (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE                    *"Fantasia on America the Beautiful"*

(those who are able please \*- stand, +-kneel)

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The Altar flowers are given in memory of loved ones by Ike Gehman.

**Today is the last day to sign up and pay for the Barnstormers Baseball game on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Game time is 6:30 pm. This is for the Ball Game and Dinner in a Sky Box so we will be covered if weather is less than perfect!**

## SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> will be the last day of Sunday School. We will close out the Sunday School Year with a Faith and Fellowship Sunday. We invite those who attend the early service to remain a little longer and those who attend the later service to come a little earlier for fellowship. Refreshments will be served and we look forward to seeing everyone. Summer hours begin on June 11 - Contemporary Service at 9 am, traditional service at 10:30 am.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.*

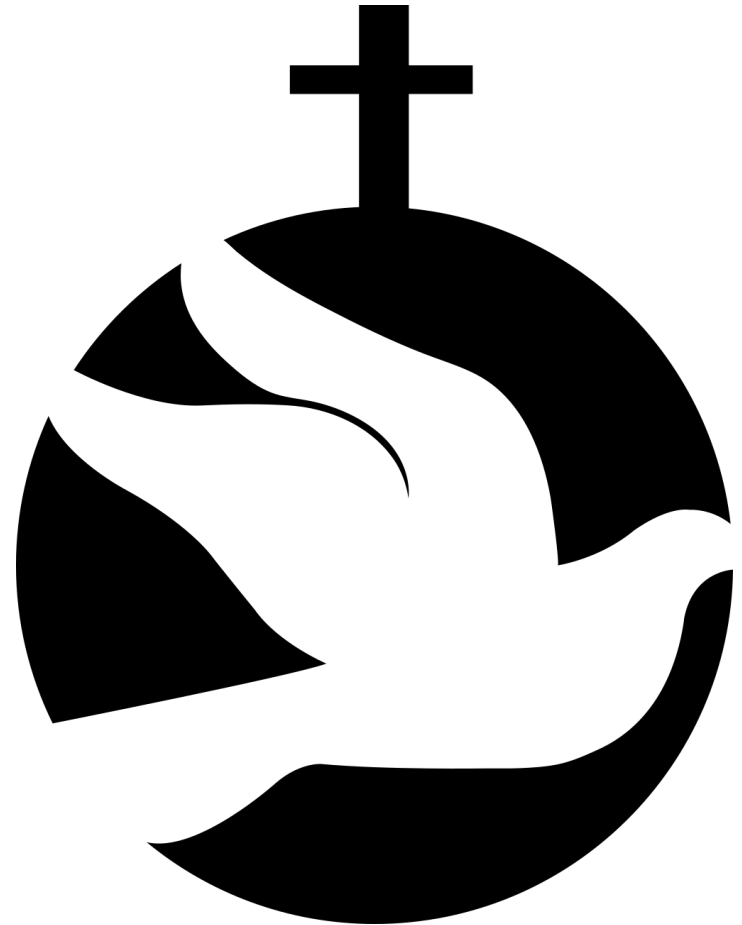
Doris Fultz	Kathy Schlegel	Alan LaBelle
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## COMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Vesper Service and Fellowship – 6:00 pm  
Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Service of Remembrance –  
11:00 am  
Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – No Bible Study  
Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> –VBS Meeting - 6:00 pm  
Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – Benevolence Meeting – 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Health and Welfare at Colonial Lodge – 6:30 pm

Peace Church will be serving the Acts of Love Lunch program in the parks the week of June 26. We will be serving Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Because of changes, there will be an orientation and informational meeting at 7 pm on June 1<sup>st</sup> here at Peace Church.

# Peace United Church of Christ



May 28, 2017  
Memorial Day Sunday