

Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness. It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come with thanksgiving for the wonders of this warm and sunny season.

People: Let us praise God who warms and waters the earth.

Leader: We come with anticipation for all that lies ahead at home, at church, and in our community.

People: Let us praise the God of community and fellowship.

Leader: We come with joy in the knowledge that God's Spirit remains constant through all the seasons of life.

People: Let us praise the God of life.

All: Let us lift our praise to God! AMEN.

***HYMN "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"no. 376**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you search after us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs. We seldom pause to listen to the wind in the trees or the voices of children. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall on our shoulders, and we have been slow to put our trust in you.

Forgive us when we take ourselves too seriously, remind us that we are only human! Make us patient with our mistakes, even as we are willing to forgive others. And remind us who we are. We are your children, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your own. AMEN.

+SILENT PRAYER

(please use this time to confess your own personal sin)

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because of God's mercy we are forgiven. Because of God's Love we are restored. Because of God's grace we have new life.

People: Because of God we have life abundant! AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 8:18-27 pg. 919

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:1-9 pg. 794

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer"no. 439**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"no. 520**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

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

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Greeters.....Erla and Lori Hartranft

Head Usher.....Vicki Wissinger

The Altar flowers are given memory of my "Mom and Dad" by Deb Hedrick.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.

Doris Fultz	Kathy Schlegel	Esther Ziemer
Sherry Rich	Hilda Fry	Georgia Snook
Larry Mowery	Paul Flickinger	Rosa Bergen
Dave	Family of Ivan Weitzel	

The Peace Church/Muddy Creek Church Cemetery Board is looking for a person to handle some of the sales responsibility for the cemetery. Primary responsibility would involve meeting people at the cemetery and showing available sites. We sell about 2-8 sites per year. For more information please speak with Chris Fitterling.

COMING EVENTS

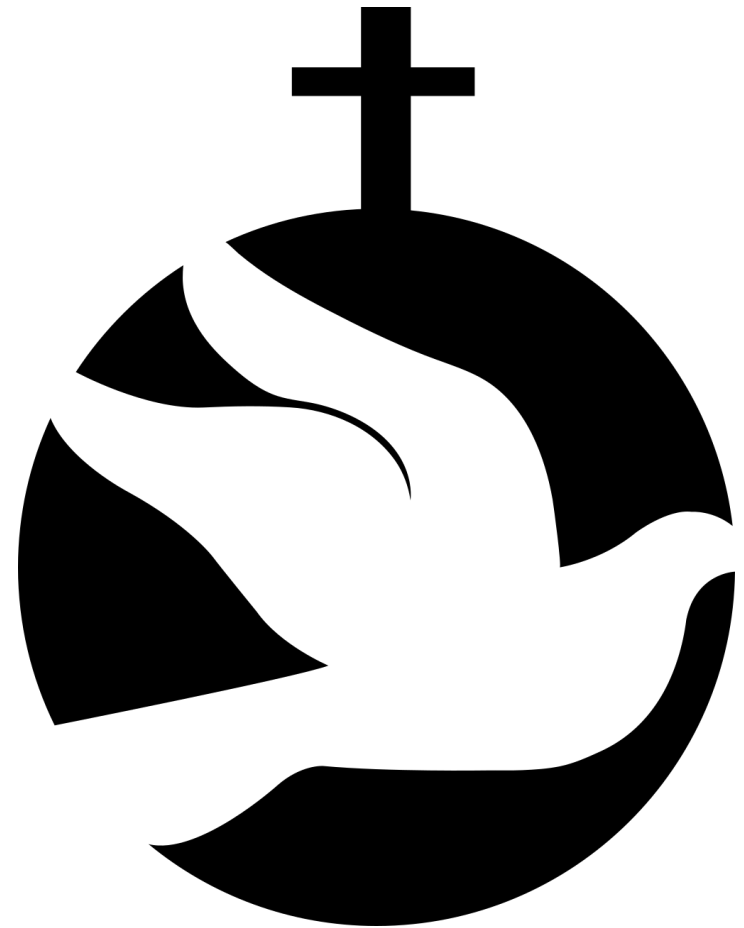
Tuesday, July 18th – Bible Study – 1:00 pm

No Council Meetings in July

Wednesday, July 26th – Marketing Committee – 7:00 pm

A reminder for those of us who have not yet made a commitment to Securing of Future Capital Campaign, please complete the commitment form that was e-mailed or mailed to you. Additional commitment forms along with envelopes (if you need some) are available in the Narthex between the two office doors. Online giving is available as well. Details to sign up for online giving are also available in the Narthex. Please consider participation, your church needs your commitment.

Peace United Church of Christ



July 16, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time