

M God bestows blessings without discrimination. The followers of Jesus should manifest the family likeness by doing good to all, even to those who we may think do not deserve it.

Gold Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Who Am I" Norman Coller

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: As the children of God, we gather in the name of Jesus.

People: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

Leader: We are sisters and brothers, the family of God.

People: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

Leader: We may not always agree, but together listen for God.

People: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

Leader: We strip away what divides and embrace what unites us.

People: May the peace of Christ be upon us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, pour upon us the peace of Christ that we may live and love like him. **AMEN.**

***HYMN "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"no. 334**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we are grateful for the fact that you have created us in your own image and that we are able to communicate with you in prayer. Forgive us for failing to develop our spiritual lives by taking too little time for prayer. Forgive us for blundering ahead without seeking your guidance. Forgive us for using prayer selfish requests and for failing to praise you for your goodness. Forgive us for offering prayers for ourselves, but neglecting to pray for the needs of others, in the name of the one who taught us the meaning and purpose of prayer. AMEN.

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

+KYRIE

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because of Christ's grace we have pardon for sin and peace that endures in our hearts.

People: Our God is great, our God is faithful. AMEN.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:8-14 pg. 923

SPECIAL MUSIC

"God Took Away My Yesterdays" N. Coller

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:15-20 pg. 799

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

***HYMN "Be Still My Soul"no. 77**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

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

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

***BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

***HYMN "The Solid Rock"no. 92**

Let There Be Peace on Earth Gold Hymnal no. 681

CHIMES, QUIET MEDITATION (Congregation seated)

POSTLUDE

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

Church Phone.....717-484-4400

Church website.....www.peaceunitedchurch.org

Pastor (pastor@peaceunitedchurch.org).....William Hoch

Organist (organist@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Phyllis Sands

Secretary (secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Beverly Madara

Treasurer (treasurer@peaceunitedchurch.org).....Michael Madara

Altar Guild Workers.....Mary Getz and Mardel Lausch

Greeters.....Dan and Pat Hall

Head Usher.....Pat Acebo

The Altar flowers are given in memory of Bill Harting by his wife Margaret Harting.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us also pray for those whose needs remain silent.

Doris Fultz Kathy Schlegel Betty Leisey

Paul Kring Robert Keppley

Harvey and Esther Schlouch

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, September 12th – NO Bible Study

Tuesday, September 12th – Spiritual Council -6:30 pm
Church Council – 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 17th – First Responder Recognition Sunday

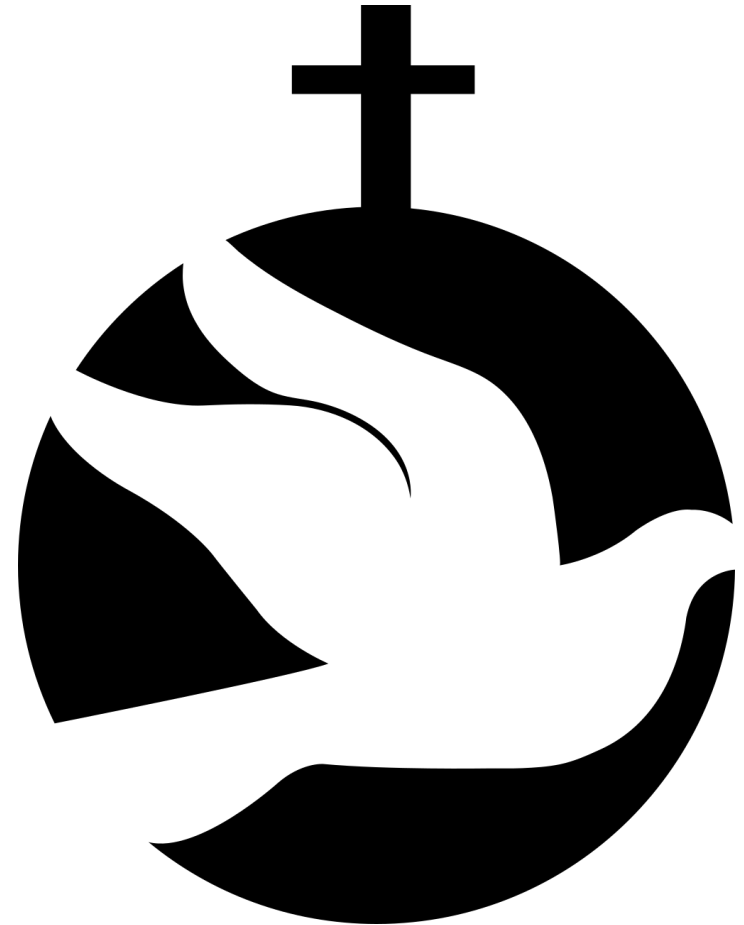
Saturday, October 28th – Youth Pancake Breakfast – 8 am – 11 am
Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive – 9 am - noon

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.

On Sunday, September 17th we will return to our Fall Schedule. Our Contemporary Service will be at 8:30 and our Traditional at 10:30. Between services we will have a faith and fellowship time. Please stay a little later or come a little earlier for a time of fellowship between services. We will be recognizing and thanking first responders. As part of our recognition of first responders we will be holding a new toy drive. Toys will be distributed to kids in local hospitals at Christmas.

Harvest Home will be celebrated on September 24th. Please bring non-perishable food items to the church to be shared with Ephrata Area Social Services. Money gifts will be used to buy gift cards for the woman at the Good Samaritan Shelter in Ephrata.

Peace United Church of Christ



September 10, 2017
Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time