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PEACENOTES



July

Peace United Church of Christ, 37 East Swartzville Road, Denver, PA 17517

PASTOR'S PAGE

We continue our reflection on what it means to make this faith our own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression and in purity of heart before God.

Courage is not about what happens when somebody about to go into battle takes a strong drink of something that fires them up and then goes charging into battle waving a sword and shouting some war cry. Courage is what happens when you make a thousand small decisions, consciously thought out, to put someone else's safety ahead of your own so that on the thousandth and first time, when someone has thrown a grenade into a group of your friends, you will unhesitatingly and instinctively, by second nature, go and grab it and throw it away. Nobody does that by nature; thankfully there are some who do it by second nature. (NT Wright)

Faith is something like courage. It is what happens when you front load in moral and spiritual thinking and that causes you to say, "I choose to do this today and I choose to do this and be this tomorrow" until the character is formed and we, by second nature, begin to act in that moral and spiritual way without thinking.

A spiritual or Christ-like nature is formed when we choose each day to live our lives in the way that Christ lived his and taught us to live ours. It is doing, each day, the things Christ would do or have us do until that way of faith or the way of Christ becomes, for us, a second nature. So that, eventually, we don't even have to think about it, we act and

we live our lives by that second nature, shaped and forged by the example of our Savior.

This is not easy. It takes work. And, it is sometimes easily lost. Christ's parable of the sheep and the goats is a perfect example of this. The goats lived their lives never giving any thought to the needs or the well being of others—I was hungry and you did not feed me, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink. They asked, "When did we fail you in this way?" The answer—when you failed to serve anyone, you failed to serve me.

The sheep continued to choose the path of service until they no longer had to think about it. When someone was hungry, they fed them. When someone was thirsty, they gave them a drink. They were not asking, "What Would Jesus Do?" They were doing what Jesus would have done all by second nature. It had been programmed into who they were.

When we choose again and again to be in worship, to be in prayer, to support the work of the church or to serve another; and we do that until we just—go to church, go to prayer, or serve another without asking *should I or shouldn't I, or what would Jesus do*, then we have taken and made this faith our own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression and in purity of heart before God.

► Check it out!

To e-mail the pastor, use

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July Birthdays

- July 1 Kimberly Evans
Tyler Anderson
- July 2 Jeffrey Moyer
- July 4 Dale Reinhart
- July 5 Catherine Youndt**
- July 7 Rosemary Johnston
Robert Burky
Jessica Klinkner
- July 9 Emily Steffy
- July 10 Brent Porter
- July 12 Margaret Robinson
- July 13 Dolly Youndt**
- July 14 Sarah Romich
Keith Shollenberger
- July 15 Hans Shollenberger
- July 18 Melvin Bowman**
Deb Hedrick
- July 20 Ray Wolverton
- July 22 Dixie Schweitzer
Olivia Evans
- July 23 Megan Fisher
- July 24 Oliver Simmers, Jr.
Nathan Moyer
- July 25 Kayla High
- July 29 Helen Johnson**
Ava Wolf

**** Special Care and Concern Member**
Please remember these members with a card that can be placed in the birthday box in the Narthex

July Anniversaries

- July 2 Paul & Shirley Kring
- July 10 Adam & Kristen Heaps
- July 12 Casey & Sondra Murphy
- July 13 Raymond & Roberta Kunkel
- July 15 Dale a& Donna Reinhart
- July 17 Allen & Ardel Garner

Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Peace Pantry throughout the year. The many organizations and events we collect for during the year are always thankful for our donations; from the Colonial Lodge Christmas Party, our local veterans organizations with the white socks and Ephrata Area Social Services, to name a few. There will be no Peace Pantry items for the summer unless a specific need arises.

The Altar Guild

Thank you to Jack Bernstel and the Wednesday work crew for the colorful and beautiful church grounds. We appreciate your time and work.

Thank you to those in the Peace Church Family that sent a card, expressed condolences or offered thoughts and prayers for our family in the recent passing of my mother. Special thanks to Pastor Bill for the comfort he provided me when I needed someone to talk to and for the beautiful service he provided.

John Haldeman and family

Thank you to all the quilters for their hard work and for the donation of the proceeds from the quilt auction to the *Securing Our Future Campaign*. It is much appreciated. Congratulations and thanks to the Butz family for their generous bid to become the lucky new owners of such a beautiful quilt.

The Stewardship Committee

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will be having their Annual Meeting/Picnic on Monday, August 6, 2012. The meeting will start at 10:00am in the church fellowship hall with a picnic to follow. Hamburger Bar-B-Q and drink will be provided. Bring a covered dish if you wish.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL-GAME

Adult Ministry and Children's Ministry are sponsoring a picnic and a night game at the Barnstormers Stadium on July 20. We will be sitting and eating in the Amelias's Home Run Picnic Pavilion. Menu includes smoked pulled pork, smokehouse chicken, smoked sausage/brats, baked beans, ranch hand potato salad, creamy cole slaw, Italian pasta salad, southwest cornbread, sweet tumbleweed tea, sodas, water, mouthwatering fruit and assorted desserts—all for \$30 per person, \$22 for children from 5 to 12, under 5 is free. Please use the sign-up sheet on the secretary's window to indicate number of tickets. Payment must be received by July 1. (We have 50 tickets at this point.) We will meet at the church by 5:00 pm on July 20 to carpool.



RECREATION

Re-Creation, a group of dynamic young people cited as "*America's Ambassadors to Hospitalized Veterans*" will present their sacred program, **Hallelujah** at the 9:00 church service on Sunday, July 1. Be sure to be in attendance to enjoy this lively celebration of God's great joy and His potential in our lives.

A free-will offering will be received in addition to the regular Sunday morning offering.

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING

~~May 8, 2012~~

June 10, 2012

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, Mike Madara, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Jay Burkey, Fred Romich, Jim Moser, Bobbi Porter-Kunkel, Chuck Lightcap, Pat Hall, Fran Hollen Ray Wolverton, Jill Kegerise, Jack Bernstel, and Bev Madara.

Excused: John Haldeman, Fran Hollen, Pat Acebo and James Anthony.

Pastor Bill Hoch brought the Church Council meeting to order on Tuesday, June 13, 2012 due to the emergency absence of John Haldeman. Devotions were followed by prayer.

Review of last month's minutes—The minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting were reviewed. One correction was noted. The Mission Trip to Kentucky will take place between June 17 and June 23, not July 17 and July 23. Motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Jill Kegerise and seconded by Pat Hall. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report –

Mike Madara noted that the Elderberry account has been transferred in to the general fund money market account. U. S. Foods will be reimbursing us for money paid for the barbeque chicken, as the bill had been previously paid. The Capital Campaign total is \$27,300. The treasurer's report was accepted.

Account balances as of 5/31/12	
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
Money Market	(\$7,883.40)
CHECKING ACCT	\$1,492.75
GENERAL FUND (combined)	(\$6,390.65)
CD (12 month – restricted use)	\$5,014.99
ELDERBERRY FUND (MMA)	\$1,794.12
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$7,540.81
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$1,280.68
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA)	\$26,205.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$35,444.95
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INVEST. (LIMITED USE)	\$27,940.28
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INVEST (RESTRICTED USE)	\$5,018.03
ENDOWMENT FUND INVEST (RESTRICTED)	\$312,091.53
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$380,569.79

Administrator's report- The new roof is finished, but due to some terrific storms prior to completion, some ceiling damage occurred. Parts of ceilings fell in a few areas,

dehumidifiers were used to help things dry out. Carpet will be cleaned and some ceilings will be replaced. The nursery ceiling will be redone and insulation added. Insurance (contractor's and church's) will cover repairs. In the future, if ceiling needs to be replaced, insulation will be added at that time. (There is no insulation between the ceiling and the roof.) A computer printer and monitor will have to be replaced and lights that had water in them will be inspected by the manufacturer before we approve the roofing job for payment. The bronze plaques in the hallway have been removed for cleaning.

Pastor's report –Pastor Bill thanked the council for prayers, support, flowers, and cards sent on behalf of his mother. On June 24, Candace Simmons' baby girl will be baptized. She is the grandchild of Bobby and Jody Freeman and the great-grandchild of Bob and Vaye Freeman and the great-great-grandchild of Paul and Elizabeth Freeman. The mission trip is upcoming—June 17-24th and several youth are going to the National Youth Event from July 10-14. RECREATION will perform on Sunday, July 1. Lifeline Screening will be held here on July 20.

Spiritual Council—Jill Kegerise made a motion that anyone working with the youth of our church must have a background check. If they already have clearances from their place of employment or another source, we will accept that. Pat Hall seconded the motion. A sample letter of thanks was approved that will be sent when gifts are left to the church through an estate. Discussion was held regarding changing the worship service time to 10:15 instead of 10:30 (member request). Council decided to maintain the current time.

Benevolence Committee- The committee met on June 12. \$2,000 was requested for the Peace youth mission trip. \$500 was requested for Colleen Acebo, Pat's grand-

daughter, who will be going to Ecuador, and \$500 for Marie Acebo who will be going to Thailand on their respective mission trips. Vicki Garner-Sweigart made a motion to approve the requests. Jill Kegerise seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Budget and Finance—No meeting

Health and Welfare- The committee will prepare a meal for Recreation. Jim Gress recently shared his patriotic slide show with residents of Colonial Lodge who were also treated to a red, white and blue craft and root beer floats!

Outreach- No report.

Adult Ministry- There is a sign-up sheet on the secretary's window for the Barnstormers Baseball Game Night on Friday, July 20, 2012. Tickets include dinner and fireworks. We need 50 people!! A chili cook off will be held on Oct. 13, 2012.

Altar Guild- The altar guild will be having a meeting/picnic on August 6, 2012.

Stewardship Report – The \$27,000 given for the new roof is actually closer to \$29,000 due to recent checks received.

Old Business- No old business at this time.

New Business- Kristine Butz asked for approval to continue holding Girl Scout meetings at the church on Monday evenings 6:00-8:00 PM for the 2012-2013 school year. Other requests from the Butz family were made for Saturday, October 27th from 9AM-1PM for the Annual Blood Drive and Saturday, January 5, 2013 for the Spaghetti Dinner. Jim Moser made the motion to approve the requests. Pat Hall seconded. The motion carried.

Next meeting – Tues, **August 14, 2012** at 7:00P.M.

Bobbie Porter-Kunkel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bev Madara seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbie Porter-Kunkel, substitute Council Secretary

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER

June 24	Heidi McDonough
July 1	Recreation
July 8	Audra Fryberger
July 15	Michael Tod Good
July 22	Tyler Rutt
July 29	Ladies Trio
August 5	Donna Holland
August 12	Ladies Chorus
August 19	Dan and Pat Hall
August 26	Sheree Wolf
September 2	Eric Schweitzer
September 9	Cindy Anthony

LIFE LINE SCREENING

On Friday, July 20th, Peace Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening Event. Five different health screenings will be offered. The screenings include: Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Atrial Fibrillation and Osteoporosis. These screenings are offered at substantial savings. Plus, if you use the registration from in this Newsletter the church will receive a \$10.00 donation from Life Line Screening.

Please continue to keep **Olivia Moyer** in your prayers as she continues her mission work in Maytown, Kentucky this summer. If you want to keep in touch, her address is: CrossRoads Missions
Attn: Olivia Moyer
83 S. Front Street
Langley, KY 41645

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Worship <i>Recreation</i> Emily Harting	2 Bill & Margaret Harting	3 Erla Hartranft	4 Lori Hartranft	5 Ruth Hasenauer	6 Allan Hassler	7 Candice Hassler
8 9 am Worship <i>Audra Fryberger</i> Cody Hassler	9 Craig Hassler	10 National Youth Event NO Church Council Randall & Tina Hassler	11 National Youth Event Adam Heaps	12 National Youth Event Kristen Heaps	13 National Youth Event Deb Hedrick	14 National Youth Event Nicholas Heil
15 9 am Worship <i>Michael Tod Good</i> Tim & Valerie Heil	16 Cassie Heil	17 Gary & Diane Hertzog	18 Ryan Hertzog	19 Tyler Hertzog	20 5:30 Barnstormers Game Dennis & Connie High	21 Joshua High
22 9 am Worship <i>Tyler Rutt</i> Judy High	23 Kayla High	24 Megan High	25 Bill & Janis Hoch	26 Keith & Barb Hoffert	27 Michael & Kristi Hoffert	28 Aralyn Hoffert
29 9am Worship <i>Ladies Trio</i> Grace Hoffert	30 Emma Hoffert	31 Fran Hollen				

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July Events

July 20th—Barnstormers Game
July 10-14---National Youth Event

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