



PEACENOTES



August

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Bob Kaylor, Senior Writer for Homiletics Magazine, was asked to offer the opening invocation for a session of the Colorado State Senate. There are certain restrictions for such an occasion and prayer. The prayer must be open and non-sectarian so as not to offend anyone and to possibly appeal to people of all faith traditions. It cannot push any particular agenda, especially one being voted on during that particular session. It must not be biased towards a particular political party. So what does one pray?

He thought about Jesus' politics and as he did the *Sermon on the Mount* came to mind, particularly the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes offer a vision of life that calls all people, no matter their political persuasion, to live a life in service to others. Here's what he prayed:

Lord, at the beginning of the day we come before you to ask your blessing on the work to be done in this chamber. As these senators and staff begin their busy day, may they not only be blessed by the strength of your wisdom, guidance and presence, but may they also be a blessing to those whom they serve and to each other. May these servant leaders model the kind of blessedness and character that was taught on a hillside long ago:

May they be poor in spirit, for their humility serves your kingdom.

May they mourn over the brokenness of the world and seek wholeness and change.

May they be the meek who stand for not power over others, but who stand beside others to lift them up.

May they hunger and thirst for righteousness and justice.

May they be merciful to those they serve and to each other.

May they be pure in heart, in motive, and intention.

And may they be peacemakers, standing in the gap for those who have no voice

Strengthen them for the work ahead and grant them your peace. Amen.

In this election year, perhaps this, or something like it, should be our prayer for our leaders and those who will be our leaders following the November elections. It is a prayer that would unite us rather than divide us as a nation. It is a prayer that lifts up unity and cooperation rather than partisanship. It is the kind of prayer that our leaders and this nation needs!

► Check it out!

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ACOLYTES

August 5 Emily Woods
August 12 Nichole Burkey
August 19 Allyson Butz
August 26 Emily Harting

HEAD USHER
 Ray Wolverton

ALTAR GUILD

Lillian Messner
 Mardel Lausch

GREETERS

August 5 Mel and Maarian Gerhart
August 12 Ken and Nancy Leshner
August 19 Dan and Pat Hall
August 26 Sheree Wolf

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 5 Dale and Donna Rinehart
August 12 The Butz family
August 19 Jack and Linda Long
August 26 Stella Weaver



The deadline for submitting articles for the August issue of Peace Notes is August 20th. Please put your information in the hanging folder labeled "Peace Notes" located on the Secretary's desk or email it to: secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org

Thank you!

Note: this email address can also be used for information to be printed in the Sunday Bulletin.

August Birthdays

August 1	Ardel Garner Mardel Lausch
August 2	Robert Freeman Sara Stober Doris Fultz Michael Youtz
August 3	Shirley Kring Rachel Kurtz
August 4	Robert Harting Brian Leshner
August 6	Jean Youndt** Corinne Zerfoss
August 8	Barbara Hoffert Claudia Hess
August 11	Elizabeth Freeman**
August 12	Eleanor Bailey Kristen Delewski
August 13	Mary Jane Steely
August 15	Karli Little
August 17	Linda Coventry Brian Strouse
August 19	Beth Sipe
August 22	Ronald Burky
August 24	Ethyl Youndt
August 25	Arthur Gehman Teresa Youtz
August 27	Melvin Gerhart
August 29	Andrea Moore Craig Bixler Ryan Hertzog
August 30	Marian Gerhart
August 31	Taylor Patterson

** Special Care and Concern Member

Please remember these members with a card that can be placed in the birthday box in the Narthex

August Anniversaries

August 3	Keith and Barb Hoffert
August 5	Mike and Karen Sweigart
August 6	Tim and Kristine Butz
August 13	Duane and Yinell Good
August 16	Gregory and Kathy Strunk
August 23	Ray and Carolyn Wolverton Matt and Kendra Sauder
August 29	Kenneth and Helen Youndt

Thank You's

Carolyn and I would like to thank the Peace Church members for their cards, expressions of sympathy and prayers following the passing of my father. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Ray Wolverton

Thank you to everyone who sent cards and expressed sympathy following the recent passing of my stepmother. All were greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Pat Hall

We thank those in the congregation who sent sympathy cards to us following the passing of our mother, Beatrice Stauffer. We give special thanks to Pastor Bill, who visited Beatrice and us (often traveling long distances to do so) during the first half of this year while she was critically ill, and who supported us with advice and prayer. We also thank Pastor Bill for providing a comforting funeral service, and Virginia Tobias for providing the accompanying organ music.

Fred and Randy Stauffer

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Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all who helped and contributed through donations. ReNew VBS would not have been possible without all of your help.

Children's Ministry

Thank you to the Peace Church members who donated money for the purchase of flowers to beautify Peace UCC. We have had many compliments, especially during Bible School. It would not have been accomplished without your help. Thanks, again.

The Wednesday Workday Crew

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will be having their Annual Meeting/Picnic on Monday, August 6, 2012. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM 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.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Health and Welfare Committee will be meeting Tuesday, September 4 at 5:30pm at Erla Hartranft's home. Bring a covered dish if you wish.

The Health and Welfare Committee will be going to the Denver Nursing Home on Thursday August 9th at 5:30pm. Virginia Tobias will be providing music for a sing along and root beer floats will be served. If interested in going please meet at the Denver Nursing Home at 5:30.

COMING EVENTS

Monday August 6th - Altar Guild Meeting/Picnic - 10:00am Church Fellowship Hall

Thursday August 9th - Health and Welfare visit to Denver Nursing Home 5:30pm

Tuesday September 4th - Health and Welfare Meeting/Picnic 5:30pm - Erla Hartranft's Home

BAKING BUNCH

For 23 years women of our church have gathered monthly to bake dozens of cookies for use by the Denver Meals on Wheels (MOW) program. The director of the Denver Meals on Wheels program is retiring and the number of people being served is declining. Therefore, MOW will not be hiring a new director and all meals will now be prepared at the Ephrata Location. As a result, there is no longer a need for the cookies that have been prepared here at Peace Church.

THANK YOU to everyone who through the years have been faithful members of the Baking Bunch and for your faithfulness to the MOW program. I know that the people receiving the meals only received a few cookies each day, but those cookies prepared at Peace Church gave the meals a little taste of home! Thank you, again, for your faithfulness!

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

August 5	Donna Holland
August 12	Jonathan Lightcap
August 19	Dan and Pat Hall
August 26	Sheree Wolf
September 2	Eric Schweitzer
September 9	Cindy Anthony

AUTUMN SCHEDULE and EVENTS

Soon school will be back in session and Peace Church will be gearing up for a new year of Sunday School, Choir, Bible Study, meetings along with other activities and events. Here is a beginning list of things to look forward to:

- *We return to our regular worship hours on Sunday, Sept. 9—Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 and worship at 10:30. Worship will be followed by a Church Picnic!
- *Adult Sunday School will be taking a new look, with new eyes, at some of the very familiar and well known Bible stories
- *Bible Study will gather beginning on Thursday, September 20th. We will be looking at a series of the
- *World Communion will be observed on October 7th.
- *A chili Cook Off on October 13th.
- *Trunk or Treat on October 27th.

Chili Cook-Off

Yes, it's only August, but we would like you to start thinking about Peace Church's Chili Cook-Off" to be held on Sunday, October 14th. This will strictly be a 'people's choice' competition so that you—the attendees—will also be the judges! Those competing for the "King of Chili" crown will have to be active church members. The number of entrants will be limited to the first eight registrants; details and registration forms will be made available in September.

The Adult Ministry committee is planning this as a family event and admission will be one side dish or dessert per family. So—mark your calendars now for a fun, exciting evening of food fellowship, and entertainment.

ROOF PROJECT/CAMPAIGN UPDATE--FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Well, at last the roof replacement is complete, has been inspected and we are once again water tight. However there are still some loose ends to tie up. The nursery will get a new insulated drop ceiling with the cost being covered by our insurance. The Pastor's office will receive the same and repairs will be made to the ceilings in the sacristy and hallway outside the choir room. All these areas incurred water damage prior to or during the roofing project.

The campaign has been relatively successful but we still have a way to go. Commitments as of June 30th totaled \$58,000. As of the same date we have received \$29,359. That means we have a shortfall of \$50,000 to reach our goal of \$108,000. I am well pleased with the numbers and thank those who have participated with generous hearts. I wish to encourage those who have not yet considered participating to give thought to and make plans to help support us in the best fashion they can. Everyone's participation and generosity is needed to assist us in reaching our goal and securing the future of our church

Most importantly, I need to present an overview of where we stand financially as a church. As of June 30th, we had a deficit of (\$14,000) in our general operating fund. Capital improvements had a balance of \$26,384 and as mentioned previously we received a total of \$29,359 through the campaign. The total roof cost was \$55,300. Upon signing the contract we made a 10% deposit, leaving us with a balance of \$49,770 due upon completion of the roof. To pay this we did the following---We used \$16,000 of the campaign money toward the roof and transferred the remaining \$13,359 to the general operating fund to offset the deficit we were carrying. That means we start July with \$0.00 in the general fund. I think you would agree this is not where we want to be. We took \$22,000 from the capital improvements fund and put it toward the roof. The remaining \$4,384 remains in the capital improvements fund to cover any unexpected costs to maintain the building and property. Again, not very much breathing room. The remaining \$12,000 needed to cover the roof cost was borrowed from the benevolence fund. As additional campaign monies are received they will be used to pay off the loan to benevolence and maintain some stability in our general operating fund. Needless to say, we are not quite in a doom and gloom situation, but we are walking on very thin ice. We are in a position where we cannot afford to be running a deficit in our general operating fund by year's end and we need to keep our fingers crossed that we do not incur any major expenses in maintaining our building. A heating or plumbing problem can chew up those funds in a hurry. Obviously we do not want to have to draw monies from benevolence fund to operate and maintain our church. That in my opinion would be a downward spiral we do not want to experience. How you support your church financially is very personal and differs for each of us. Our economy continues to challenge us and most of us reading this article live on fixed incomes. I realize the difficulties that presents when making financial decisions. All I can do is present the facts and encourage everyone to support the campaign and the future of your church relative to your comfort zone. Again, I thank you for your continued support and generosity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

John E. Haldeman, Council President

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Kenneth and Anna Hopkins	2 P. Michael Hornberger	3 Evelyn Hurst	4 Gene and Mary Ellen Huston
5 9 am Worship Communion Donna Holland Helen Johnson	6 Rosemary Johnston	7 Jon and Jill Kegerise	8 Ben Kegerise	9 Jon Kegerise	10 Alverta Kilhefner	11 Mark Kline
12 9 am Worship Jonathan Lightcap Arthur Klink	13 Jessica and Kevin Klinkner	14 7 PM Church Council Harold and Ann Kohl	15 Janice Kohl	16 Mildred Krick	17 Paul and Shirley Kring	18 Russell and Julie LaSalle
19 9 am Worship Dan and Pat Hall Austin Ruzika- Porter	20 Christopher and Jessica Lausch	21 Clair and Mardel Lausch	22 M. Scott and Lise Lausch	23 Betty Leisey	24 Ken and Nancy Leshner	25 Pierce and Ethel Leshner
26 9am Worship Sheree Wolf Sam and Nancy Leshner	27 Brad Lewis	28 George Lewis	29 Kathryn Light	30 Chuck and Beverly Lightcap	31 Christopher Lightcap	

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