



PEACENOTES



January

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

There are many traditions and superstitions associated with the New Year. Some of these traditions and superstitions are well known such as eating pork and sauerkraut on New Year's Day. Some are less well known. An example would be "**First Footing**".

The first person to enter your house, set foot in your house for the first time in the New Year, ideally should be a tall, dark, good looking man. And it would be best if he were to bring a gift, a small gift – a silver coin, a bit of bread or salt. This would set the precedence for a prosperous year. He should knock and be let in, rather than use a key to let himself in. And, after he has walked through the house – visiting each room – he should exit using a different door than the one he entered through. No one should leave your house, even to take out the trash, until the first footer arrives. This person should not have crossed eyes, flat feet or eyebrows that meet in the middle. Tradition says a first footer with blonde or red hair brings bad luck. Female first footers bring disaster – they should be shooed away even if you have to aim a gun at them. The person who is well prepared will station a first footer outside their door just before midnight to that they can enter in just after the stroke of 12!

Now this may all sound a bit silly to you, it does to me. But tradition is tradition and superstition is superstition!

Scripture tells us that we should seek first the Kingdom of God and God's righteousness. In many mealtime prayers I have heard words that invite Christ "to come and

be our guest."

So, rather than relying on tradition and superstition begin our New Year; why not begin with and in faith? Rather than waiting to welcome a first footer, let's welcome Christ into our new year and ask that Christ be the one who guides us and leads us in all we do.

While we are at it, let's not limit this idea to just the New Year. This could become a part of each new day where we invite Christ to dwell within us being our strength and our guide.

And here is the big difference – a first footer will come and go. Christ dwells with us always! May you have blessed New Year filled with grace, mercy and faith!

Pastor Bill

A Reminder – the names that appear at the bottom of each date box on the calendar are there as an opportunity to be in prayer for one another. Please remember to pray for each other whether there is a known need or not. Thank You!

► Check it out!

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2013

John Haldeman, *Council President*
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ELDERS

John Haldeman484-2510
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 Jim Moser.....484-2284
 Vaye Freeman.....445-5659
 Janice Kohl.....391-2890
 Nancy Reese.....484-4659
 Vicky Schweitzer.....808-9823

ACOLYTES

TBA

HEAD USHER

TBD

ALTAR GUILD

Erla Hartranft
 Deb Hedrick

GREETERS

January 6 Keith and Barb Hoffert
January 13 Fran Hollen
January 20 Claude and Bertha Adair
January 27 Jack and Linda Long

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 6 Mary Getz
January 13 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graff
January 20 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palsgrove & Family
January 27 Family of Paul & Jane Hornberger



The deadline for submitting articles for the February issue of Peace Notes is January 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.

January Birthdays

January 1	Jane Schweitzer Shirley Endy** David Bixler
January 2	Jaclyn Anderson
January 3	James Moser Audrey Youndt Patricia Harting
January 4	Kathi Good
January 8	Alicia Good
January 10	Donna Reinhart Julie LaSalle
January 13	Stewart Mohn** Margret Harting Clifford Youndt Shawn Burky
January 16	Randy Stauffer
January 18	Janet Mattis Charles Graff Margaret Gress
January 19	Ashley Moore
January 20	Marian Trostle
January 21	Erla Hartranft Allison Fisher
January 22	Donald Sunday
January 24	Pierce Leshner Karen Dorsey
January 25	Kendra Sauder
January 28	Staci Tobias
January 29	Vicki Garner-Sweigart Brady Sipe Ethan Sipe
January 30	Alverta Kilhefner**
January 31	Jerry Lee Englert

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

PEACE PANTRY

During the month of January we will be collecting **NEW WHITE SOCKS** for the homeless veterans throughout Pennsylvania. These socks will be distributed by John and Mary Getz to the homeless veterans' shelters.

January Anniversaries

January 2	Scott M and Lise Lausch
January 5	Claude and Bertha Adair
January 9	Galen and Georgean Bixler
January 10	Clair and Mardel Lausch

Thank You's

Thanks to Peace Church for the beautiful fruit basket at Thanksgiving time. Lester would like to thank everyone for all his 92 Birthday cards. Also thanks to all for the beautiful Christmas Cards and all the good homemade cookies. They were delicious. Thanks to Jim Gress for the cute train engine. Thanks to all for everything. We appreciate to be remembered

Lester & Dolly Youndt

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Thank You so much for the basket filled with beautiful cards and delicious cookies and wooden train by Mr. Gress

Sincerely,
Catherine Youndt

Thank you to Karli Little, all the parents, teachers, youth and children who presented the highly entertaining "**A Rocking' Royal Christmas**" on Sunday December 16. The children did a great job following Sherlock and the Librarian as they studied the prophecies in the Holy Scriptures, reviewed first-hand stories of the shepherds, marveled at the wisdom of the wise men and were amazed by the angels' announcements. In the end they found the facts-Unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given...And He will be called...Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, **Jesus...THE KING OF KINGS!**

The Health and Welfare Committee would like to thank the congregation for their contributions to the December Peace Pantry for the Colonial Lodge Christmas Party on December 4th. All the residents had a great time singing, making a craft, eating cookies and ice cream and of course opening their gifts from Santa. Thank you to Eric and Dan Schweitzer for their entertaining music, Santa Clause and all members at Peace Church who helped make this a blessed Christmas evening of sharing His love with the Colonial Residents.

Health and Welfare Committee

Janis and I thank everyone for their support during this past year and for the gifts, cards and well wishes at Christmas. May our New Year be bright and full of loving service to our neighbors through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastor Bill

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Health and Welfare Committee will be meeting Tuesday, February 5

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Children Ministry

hello everyone, childrens ministry meeting is being held at fellowship hall at 8:00 am january 12, 2013. please bring a breakfast item to share.....see u there...

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**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING**

December 11, 2012

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Pat Acebo, Mike Madara, Mary Getz, Jay Burkey, Jim Moser, Bobbi Porter-Kunkel, Bev Madara, Ray Wolverton, Jack Bernstel, Fran Hollen, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Jill Kegerise and Pat Hall. New council members that attended were Vaye Freeman and Janice Kohl.

Excused: James Anthony
Unexcused: Chuck Lightcap and Fred Romich

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. Pastor Bill started the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – The amount \$1,620.00 was repaid to benevolence not \$1,600.00. Jill Kegerise made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Bobbi Porter-Kunkle second the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The profit from the bazaar was \$1,221.00. We are saving approximately \$20.00 to \$30.00 per month on our electric bill because of the program we are on from PPL. \$1,000.00 was given to Love Inc. that was approved at a previous meeting. Jim Moser made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Francis Hollen second the motion. Motion carried.

Account balances 11/30/12	
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
Money Market	\$13,709.27
CHECKING ACCT	\$3,618.45
GENERAL FUND (combined)	\$17,327.72
CD (12 month – restricted use)	\$5,023.41
ELDERBERRY FUND (MMA)	-----
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$6,640.81
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$197.67
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$29,815.00	\$1,160.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$30,349.61

PETTY CASH	\$75.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INVEST.(LIMITED USE)	\$5,640.80
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENTS (RESTRICTED USE)	-----
ENDOWMENT FUND INVEST. (RESTRICTED)	\$299,097.29
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$335,162.70
BALANCE GENERAL FUND LOAN	\$10,500.00

Administrator's report- Jack Bernstel reported on several items. He reported there is an electrical problem in the air conditioning/heating unit in the Pastor's room and council room. The estimate to repair the problem would be \$1,330.00 with no guarantee how long it would last. The estimate to put a new unit is \$2,384.00 with a warranty. Jim Moser made a motion to get a new unit and Ray Wolverton second the motion. Motion carried. There is a problem with the star at the manger scene outside. Work crew will take care of it. The bench at the flag pole cannot be safely repaired. Jack will get an estimate for light at front of church. We received estimates on the safety rubber mats that are at the doors. The cheaper ones with no warranty are \$50.00 a piece and the higher grade mates that are eco friendly are \$99.85 and up for each mat. Council decided to remove the mats and make a decision in the spring.

Pastor's report – We received thank you notes from UCC Home, Wider Church Ministries and Global Ministries. On February 10, 2013 the Lions Club will help with the church service. February 13, 2013 will be Ash Wednesday. DecemverLifeline screening has asked to use our fellowship hall in March 14, 2013. Jill Kegerise made a motion to allow them to use the hall and Pat Hall second the motion. Motion carried.

The company that prints our church envelopes is having trouble with their system and we will get the envelopes as soon as possible. Communion and installation of new council members will be held Sunday, January 6, 2013.

Spiritual Council – Pastor Bill is working with somebody about doing a blended service.

Benevolence Committee- No report.

Children and Youth Ministry Report- Fran Hollen reported practice for the Christmas pageant is going very well. She also reported that attendance for Sunday School is growing. There a lot of adults volunteering with the program.

Health and Welfare-The group went to Colonial Lodge to hold a Christmas party. The residents enjoyed the evening.

Outreach – Fellowship hour will be held January 20, 2013 and Feb, 10, 2013.

Adult Ministry- There was about 40 people who helped at the hanging of the greens.

Altar Guild- The items for the Peace pantry for the month of January will be white socks. These will be given to homeless veterans and veteran's hospitals.

Budget and Finance-No report.

Youth Report- Ben Kegerise will be the new youth representative at council meetings. Ben reported the youth had a good time bowling after their last meeting. They discussed different places to go to for their mission trip next summer. There were 10 youth who attend the meeting and bowling. The youth will be selling Redner's sub tickets.

Stewardship Report – John Haldeman reported on the progress of our capital campaign.

Old Business- John Haldeman stated he needed 8 ushers for the Christmas Eve service. He has volunteers helping with getting everything ready for that evening. Council discussed the Conditional Attendance Agreement form. The council felt that particular form was right for our church. Pastor Bill will make some changes with the form and present it at next meeting.

New Business- The new elected and appointed officers for council for 2013 were elected. The officers will be: President – John Haldeman, Vice-President – Bobbi Porter-Kunkle, Bev Madara – Secretary, Mike Madara – Treasurer, Jack Bernstel – Administrator and Ben Kegerise – Youth Representative. Jill Kegerise made a motion to accept the elections and appointments and Pat Hall second the motion. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00P.M.

Jim Moser made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ray Wolverton second the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Getz, Council Secretary

Youth group news

"Souper" Bowl Sunday,
February 3, 2013

The youth will be hosting the annual soup and sub sale this year on Super Bowl Sunday. We are switching it up a little this year. Instead of soup, we will be offering homemade chili. The subs are from R&K Subs. They are 12 inch subs. All the fixins are packaged individually. Cost will



be \$5.50 per sandwich. Please keep your eye out for the sign-up sheets on the secretary's office windows.

You're invited...



to the 6th annual spaghetti dinner in memory of Abigail Kristine Butz, on Saturday, January 5th, 2013, from 4:30 to 6:30, at the Peace UCC Fellowship Hall.

The dinner is "free" for the entire community. We welcome dessert donations!

We will also be accepting donations for the Histio Society which organizes research for rare blood diseases like HLH, AI duPont Hospital for Children, and the Ronald McDonald House of DE. You may write a check directly to the organization for your 2013 tax deduction. Sign-up can be done either by telling the Butz family, sign-up at Peace UCC office, or by e-mailing us at ktbutz@yahoo.com or online at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wxOAm6Rvi8fOOJx6jTwndrj13UR2oISRjXhYZS0sC24/edit?hl=en_US However, you do not need to sign up to attend. Feel free to invite friends and family.

Last year, we had a great turnout. We look forward to spending time with you at the spaghetti dinner as we support those in need and honor Abigail's life. Thank-you so much for your support.

Sincerely,

Abigail's Family
Matthew, Michael, Allyson, Kristine, and
Timothy

January 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			7p Choir Rehearsal	7p Children's Ministry		
		Kevin Wickel	Todd & Karen Wickel	Stephanie Williams	Alan & Marlene Wilson	Bradley Wolf
6 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship – Communion and Install council members	7	8	9	10	11	12
Daniel & Sheree Wolf	Devon Wolf	6:30 Spiritual Council 7p Church Council Patricia Wolf	7p Choir Rehearsal Raymond & Carolyn Wolverton	Catherine Youndt	Clifford & Audrey Youndt	Connie Youndt
13 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
Ethyl Youndt	Jean Youndt		7p Choir Rehearsal			
		Kenneth & Helen Youndt	Kerry Youndt	Lester & Dolly Youndt	William & Martha Young	Michael & Teresa Youtz
20 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
Raymond Ziemer	Patricia & Joe Acebo		7p Choir Rehearsal	7p Bible Study		
		Claude & Bertha Adair	Jaelyn Anderson	Michael & Cindy Anderson	Tyler Anderson	Wesley Anderson
27 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship	28	29	30	31		
Matthew & Cindy Anthony	Shirley Arnold		7p Choir Rehearsal	7p Bible Study		
		Danelle Bailey	George & Eleanor Bailey	C. Richard & Dorothy Beam		

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

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