



PEACE NOTES



February

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

It is now Tuesday night. It has been a long day and a scary day at the hospital with Pam. But things are looking better right now. With the grace of God things will continue to improve and all will return to normal. I thank you for all your prayers, thoughts and concerns.

But as I look back and reflect on this day there is one thing I can say! Through it all, as frightening as it was, I can honestly say that I never asked the question – Where is God. I found it hard to pray at times. And at times I could not. But I know that countless prayers were being lifted by members of this church and friends all across this county and country. And I know that the Spirit intercedes with prayers too deep for human understanding.

But I also know that God was present in some very amazing ways and in some amazing people. God was present in team of 4 specialists who had Pam in an OR in five minutes after discovering the clot. They were compassionate and gifted with the skills needed.

God was present in a shorter black woman who stood before me and told me to have faith and hold on to faith and to speak words of life because God gives us what we speak. Her words and her spirit were a bright light of hope in a very dark moment. When I saw her later and updated her, her smile and her continued admonition to have faith were all a manifestation of God – God present in human flesh.

God was present in a woman whose 71 year old husband had had a stroke. I don't think she shed a tear, but she understood ours and

it was a reminder that what our hearts are hurting so is the heart of God.

It is not that my faith is any stronger or better than anyone else's, but I was fortunate enough to be aware and see God present in so many ways and in so many people.

In the dark times, my encouragement to you is to look for those people – God in human flesh – speaking words of love and encouragement.

At the same time, my encouragement and challenge to you is that you be that light shining in someone else's darkness. Speak words of love, speak words of hope, speak words of encouragement, speak words of faith, speak words of grace wherever you are. You never know when you will manifest the presence of God for someone in the greatest moment of their need.

Again, thanks you and may the blessings of God rest upon you!

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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 Vaye Freeman.....445-7601
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ACOLYTES

TBA

HEAD USHER

TBD

ALTAR GUILD

Erla Hartranft
 Deb Hedrick

GREETERS

February 3 Janice Kohl
February 10 Erla Hartranft &
 Vaye Freeman
February 13 Vicki Garner-Sweigart &
 Jean Trostle
February 17 Jody & Barb Becker
February 24 Jon & Jill Kegerise & Family

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 3 Butz Family
February 10 Clara Roland
February 17 Ann Englert and Family
February 24 Alice Binns



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

February Birthdays

- February 2** Frederick Stauffer
February 5 Mary Bernstel
February 7 Carole Good
February 8 Robinette Palsgrove
 Grace Hoffert
February 9 Janet Mawhinney
 Courtney Hall
February 11 Jack Long
 Beverly Fisher
 George Bailey
February 14 Joanne Hassler
February 15 Richard C. Beam
 Frances Hollen
February 16 Pauline Whitehead
 Kathy Garner-Wilson
February 17 Patricia Wolf
February 22 Martha Young
February 25 **Stella Weaver****

**** 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.

February Anniversaries

- February 15** Richard and Robinette Palsgrove
 David and Jane Walmsley
February 20 Jody and Barbara Becker
February 23 Richard and Leonore Fitterling
February 24 Ronald Parker

Thank You's

TO MY FAMILY AT PEACE

I've always said that I am not a real religious man, Yet I am a man of faith The past few months have tested my true feelings going from the excitement of being a month from start of operations to repair my joints, to finding out your teeth are the most important object in the human body, and then a seizure which either caused or was the cause of 2 mild strokes. This inevitably has put everything on a part time holding pattern. At this time although my faith is stronger than ever With thanks to friends, family, and especially my family at Peace Church for your thoughts, prayers, and generous gifts. Thank you all so very much.

Again Thanks,
Jeff Moyer

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Health and Welfare Committee will be meeting Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30pm in the church council room

The February Coffee Hour will be Sunday February 10th following worship. The East Cocalico Lions Club will be worshipping with us on this Sunday and this will be a wonderful opportunity to fellowship with them.

Youth group news

The Youth Group would like to thank the Congregation for the continued support with the annual "Soup"er bowl and sub sale. it was a huge success. The proceeds are going to be used towards the mission trip this summer. Preliminary plans are for the youth to go to New York City.



**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING**

January 08, 2013

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbi Porter-Kunkle, Mike Madara, Bev Madara, Jack Bernstel, Fred Romich, Jay Burkey, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Jim Moser, Pat Hall, Janice Kohl, Nancy Reese, Vickie Schweitzer
Excused: Fran Hollen, Vaye Freeman.
Unexcused: Jill Kegerise, Ben Kegerise.

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – The amount of \$1620.00 was paid to Benevolence, not \$16,200.00. December Lifeline Screening was corrected to read Lifeline Screening in the Pastor's report. Jim Moser made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The capital improvement investments are not entered because the statements from Morgan Stanley did not arrive before the council meeting. A mistake was made in June when transferring money from the Elderberries fund to the general fund. The money was added to the total money market account, but not to the general fund so the balance of the total money market account was correct but the balance of the general fund was \$1794.12 off. The mistake was corrected in the December report. The budget deficit was expected to be \$19,000.00 but ended up being \$11,972.00. The electric bill was \$4157.00 under budget for the year. Bobbi Porter-Kunkel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Account balances as of 1/08/2013	December
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCT	\$2,214.25
MONEY MARKET	\$8,813.93
GENERAL FUND (combined)	\$11,028.18
CD (12 month – restricted use)	\$5024.24
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$6690.81
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	780.04
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$29,815.00	\$24,860.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$48,383.27
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENTS (LIMITED USE)	-----
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENTS (RESTRICTED USE)	-----
ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENTS (RESTRICTED)	\$135,480.63
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$183,938.90
BALANCE GENERAL FUND LOAN	\$10,500.00

Administrator's Report – Jack Bernstel reported the following items. The HVAC unit in the Pastor's office was replaced. There were some installation problems that were corrected by Cocalico Plumbing and Heating. High winds blew the manger apart and it was badly damaged. It can be repaired. Thanks to John Haldeman, Rick Schweitzer and Fred Glass for getting it out of the bushes. The manger star has been saved and electrical changes are in the process for the nativity display for next year. The work crew started to remove the Christmas decorations last week and set up for the spaghetti dinner on January 5, 2013. A representative from the East Cocalico Township Water Authority stopped by the church today (January 8th) and reported that since January 2nd the church has used 1000 gallons of water. Bobby Freeman is coming tomorrow (January 9th) to check into the situation.

Pastor's report – Pastor Bill and 5 other local clergy members went to Cocalico High

School to talk to the students after one of the students was involved in a fatal car accident.

On February 9th the Girl Scouts will be using the building for a health fair. On February 10th the East Cocalico Lions Club will be present for the worship service and there will be a fellowship hour afterwards. February 13th is Ash Wednesday. February 26th is the student fair at the seminary. Lifeline Screening will be using the fellowship hall on March 14th. The Easter egg hunt will be held on March 23rd. March 28th is Maundy Thursday, March 29th is Good Friday, March 30th is the Easter vigil and March 31st is Easter.

Our sound system is 15 years old and we need a new mixer, 2 microphones, a cd burner, connectors, and surge protectors. Jim Anthony researched and recommends a 32 channel digital soundboard (the old one was a 26 channel.) The estimate for the new equipment is \$3100. Memorial Committee is willing to cover the cost of the new system and Jim Anthony will do the entire installation. Jim Moser made a motion to approve the purchase of the sound system and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The copier in the council room needs toner and a cartridge would cost \$128. There is a printer/copier/fax on sale at Staples for \$90 and ink cartridges are \$13. Council discussed replacing the copier in the council room. Pat Hall made a motion to approve the purchase of the printer and Jay Burkey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Children and Youth Ministry Report – They will meet on January 13th.

Spiritual Council – No report.

Budget and Finance – Did not meet.

Benevolence Committee – No report.

Stewardship Committee – No report.

Adult Ministry – Did not meet. Bobbie Porter-Kunkel will be the council representative.

Health and Welfare – Did not meet. Vaye Freeman will be the council representative.

Outreach – No report. Nancy Reese will be the council representative.

Altar Guild – Peace Pantry will be collecting white socks for veterans in January and they will be given to homeless veterans and hospitals. The pew envelopes are restocked 3 times a year, let Vicki Garner-Sweigart know if they are running low. If members use the pew envelopes they need to put their name or envelope number on the pew envelope in order to get credit for their donation. Vicki Garner-Sweigart will be the council representative.

Youth Report - No report.

Old Business – We still have not received a refund from US Foods.

New Business – There will be a communion run through practice for the new council members after the next council meeting on February 12th.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2013. Being no further business, Jim Moser motioned to adjourn and Vicki Garner-Sweigart seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Madara
Council Secretary



February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Arlene Beck- er	2 Jody & Bar- bara Becker
3 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Ronald Becker	4 John, Jr. & Mary Bernstel	5 Alice Binns	6 7p Choir Re- hearsal Craig Bixler	7 Galen & Georgean Bixler	8 Jacob Bleacher	9 Linnea Bleacher
10 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Melvin Bowman	11 Sylvia Breneman	12 6:30 Spiritu- al Council 7p Church Council Jay & Stacy Burkey	13 7p Choir Re- hearsal Glenn Burky	14 Melissa Burky	15 Robert Burky	16 Ronald & Maxine Burky
17 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship George & Lila Butz	18 Timothy & Kristine Butz	19 Don & Sue Calhoon	20 7p Choir Re- hearsal Rebecca Calhoon	21 Linda Coven- try	22 Jean Dehart	23 Kristen Delewski
24 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Jimmy & Karen Dorsey	25 M. Eugene & Shirley Endy	26 Ann Englert	27 7p Choir Re- hearsal Jerry Lee & Diane Englert	28 Yuri Evans		

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