



PEACE NOTES



April

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

In the last month we have been witness to a couple of historic events in the life of the wider church – the world wide church. We have witnessed the resignation/ retirement of one Pope and the call or election and installation of a new Pope.

We can only begin to imagine what changes might transpire as Pope Francis begins to work and take on the challenges of a VERY LARGE church with a VERY DIVERSE membership. There are many challenges and potential changes for and in the life of the Roman Catholic Church. It will be interesting as we watch and as we witness all the possible transitions.

What this does for us is remind us that it is the responsibility of every church member to discover for themselves the core value or values of the faith and church in our own personal lives. What do you value most about the church?

Is it the choir? Is it being in the choir or hearing the choir that moves you to your very core? Is it the fellowship that you have with other people? It is the fact that other people in the life of the church have had such an influence on you that you have to give back in same way shape or form? Is it that the church offers you an opportunity to serve others – to give because you have been given to? Does it have something to do with the knowledge that you can sleep at night knowing that you are not alone, that God is with you? Is it being able to look at a flower and see something of God's hand in

creation? Is it being involved in Sunday School and having the opportunity to help shape a young life? Is have the opportunity to just be in prayer for some in need whether you know that person or not? Does it have something to do with the fact that this church is open to all people?

Take a moment to discover that core of meaning or purpose that you find in the church and then and then discover some way to live it out in a new way, a more meaningful way in a way that says to the world – THIS IS WHY I AM A CHILD OF GOD!

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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ACOLYTES

TBA

HEAD USHER

Fran Hollen

ALTAR GUILD

Shirley Kring

Linda Coventry

GREETERS

April 7 Dick and Robinette Palsgrove

April 14 Ed & Sue Mcimoyle

April 21 Pat Acebo and
 Bobbie Porter-Kunkel

April 28 Rosie Johnston and
 Tyler Hertzog

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 7 Richard and Virginia Tobias

Greg and Diane Tobias

April 14 Judy High and Family

April 21 Melvin Bowman

April 28 Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Leshar



The deadline for submitting articles for the May issue of Peace Notes is April 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.

April Birthdays

April 1	Katie Jo Sunday
April 2	Michael Madara
April 3	Mary Jane Grote Charles Lightcap
April 4	Barbara Becker
April 5	Audrey Priga
April 6	Kenneth Leshner Connie Youndt
April 7	Betty Good** Kathy Palsgrove Mark Anthony
April 8	Andrea Youndt
April 10	Linda Shollenberger
April 11	Daniel Little
April 12	Christopher Lausch
April 14	Helen Youndt Linda Fitterling Brianna Little
April 16	Chris Fitterling Madison Gress Cole Patterson
April 18	Hazel Fichthorn**
April 20	Michael Tobias
April 21	John Bernstel, Jr.
April 22	Whitney Sunday William Harting
April 24	Clara Roland Polly Moser Michael Anderson Beverly Lightcap
April 25	Yuri Evans
April 28	Benjamin Kegerise Patricia Acebo Jane Walmsley Heidi McDonough Kristine Butz
April 29	Ryan McIlmoyle

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

April Anniversaries

April 1	Steven and Rebecca Priga
April 5	Wes and Karli Little
April 9	Richard and Virginia Tobias
April 10	Edward and Susan McIlmoyle
April 21	John and Heidi McDonough
April 23	Jeffrey and Sherry Moyer
April 25	Ralph and Carole Good
April 27	Jimmy and Karen Dorsey

PEACE PANTRY

The items for the Peace Pantry for April are personal care items. Toothpaste, toothbrush, body soap and shampoo.

Thank You's

Thank You for the donations that filled all the eggs for the Egg Hunt. Also thank you to all the people who came out to help. Without everyone's generosity this would not have happened

Thanks Again

Barb Becker

Thank you to all the members who ordered Eater Lilies.

Thanks

Vicki

HEALTH AND WELFARE SUNDAY

Sunday May 5th Tim Brown a speaker from Lancaster County VOAD will be with us during the church worship hour for Health and Welfare Sunday. VOAD (Volunteer Organization in Active Disaster) is a Lancaster County based group who aid people ONLY in Lancaster County after a disaster. There are National and State VOAD procedures and guidelines which the Lancaster County VOAD adheres to. After the insurance company and FEMA are exhausted, Lancaster VOAD case managers meet with the survivors, gathers their information and establishes what their needs are, being it financially, spiritually or with a physical helping hand. VOAD's goal is to leave a place safe, sanitary and secured upon completion of a project.

Presently the priorities for VOAD are the roughly 50 cases who have not yet returned to their homes from Tropical Storm Lee in 2011. Peace Church is hoping to help VOAD in 3 ways. 1) A collection of Home Depot and Lowes gift cards from members in an amount of their choice will be collected from April 28 - May 19. These cards will be presented to VOAD and they will use them to buy the supplies for the volunteers when they go out to a work sight. 2) Benevolence Committee will be donating money to help pay for the projects. 3) Peace Church members also hope to lend a helping hand for a specific project.

The Health and Welfare Committee feels this is a worthy local organization and a great opportunity to help a neighbor in need. The Health and Welfare Committee will be serving the May Coffee Hour on Sunday May 5th. This will be a wonderful time for fellowship with our VOAD speaker and to have any questions answered.

Health and Welfare Committee will be meeting Saturday April 20 at 9:00am at the church to assemble the Special Care and Concern member's spring gifts



GIFT CARDS FOR VOAD

Look for the rainbow in the church narthex and place your Lowes or Home Depot gift cards in the bucket of gold at the end of the rainbow



CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE

There are currently two cemetery plots that need to be sold. They are priced below the rate that is currently being charged by the cemetery. If interested in these lots or for more information, please contact the church office.



YOUTH GROUP CHICKEN BBQ

This Annual Youth Fundraise will be held on Saturday, April 27th! This year the dinner will include a baked potato along with a salad such as Coleslaw and beverage! Please mark the date and help the youth as they prepare for this mission with YSOP in NYC!



BAKE SALE

There will be a Peace Church bake sale on Saturday April 27 to go along with the Youth Chicken Bar-B-Que. The funds raised will go toward the roofing project. If you would like to bake any items or help on Saturday the 27th please see Lillian Messner



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our 2013 Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 23-June 27th. We are already in the planning stages and encourage you to set the dates in your calendar and begin inviting family members, friends and neighbors so that we can have a full and exiting VBS.



**“SECURING OUR FUTURE” CAM-
PAIGN UPDATE**

On March 4th, we celebrated the 1st anniversary of our “Securing Our Future” campaign. Although we have not reached 100% of our goal yet, I am quite pleased with the progress we have made in the 1st year. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their support and generosity.

To date we have campaign commitments totaling \$78,000. As of the end of February, we have received approximately \$61,000. That figure includes nearly \$3,000 of various miscellaneous contributions not included in our commitment totals. If you do the math, that means we should realize an additional \$20,000 in commitment monies over the next two years. That also brings us up to a 75% success level. I am confident we can obtain the remaining 25% over the next two years with your continued support. We are currently accepting this year’s commitment contributions. Additional campaign envelopes are available if you need them.

All contributions were distributed to our various funds on a quarterly basis including payment of our loan from Benevolence Committee. The following is a brief outline of how the monies were distributed in 2012:

MARCH - JUNE 2012

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$29,359

DISTRIBUTIONS

\$16,000 – ROOF PAYMENT

\$13,359 – GENERAL FUND

JULY – SEPT. 2012

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$2,790

DISTRIBUTIONS

\$ 120 – 1ST YR. LOAN INTEREST

\$1,500 – LOAN PRINCIPLE

\$1,170 – GENERAL FUND

OCT – DEC 2012

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$24,860

DISTRIBUTIONS

\$3,000 – LOAN PRINCIPLE

\$6,860 – GENERAL FUND

\$5,000 – CAP. IMPROVEMENTS
(UNRESTRICTED FUNDS)

\$10,000 – CAP. IMPROVEMENTS
(RESTRICTED FUNDS)

Contributions received in the 1st quarter of 2013 will be distributed at the end of March.

Distributions to the General Fund allowed us to erase deficits from 2011 and provided some cushion to operate quarterly more comfortably.

Distribution to our loan principle lowered our balance to \$7500 which puts us two quarters ahead on our payments. Paying this loan back to the Benevolence Fund as quickly as possible was a committee priority.

Distribution to the unrestricted Capital Improvement fund allows us to keep up with our building upkeep rather than falling behind. Efforts are being made by the work crew to reduce some maintenance items, particularly landscaping.

Distributions to the restricted Capital Improvement funds afford us an opportunity to be better prepared for future major and necessary projects. These funds can only be released by a vote of Council and possibly the congregation.

If you are following fund balances posted by our treasurer, you will see that we are in a more stable condition financially than we were at this time last year, but we must not let these figures mislead us. As I have already shared with Church Council, we must be cautious and use the utmost discretion with our spending, dealing with the needs of the church first and weighing the wants of the church. It is imperative that we spend wisely, continue the success of our campaign and meet our monthly expenses with our normal monthly giving. The purpose of

the campaign was to pay for our roof replacement and build some cushion for our various funds. Our monthly giving is what helps us meet expenses and stay financially stable.

If you have any questions, you may address them to any of our committee members which include Pat Wolf, Chris Fitterling, Keith Hoffert, Jack Long, Tim Butz and Pastor Bill.

Again, on behalf of the committee and myself, I would like to say thank you and encourage your continued support and generosity to Peace Church in SECURING OUR FUTURE.

Respectfully, John Haldeman, Chairperson

**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING**
March 12, 2013

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

Excused: Ben Kegerise, Jack Bernstel.

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, March 12, 2013. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – A correction was made to February's minutes. Under Adult Ministry, the rally day picnic side dishes will be made by people with last names starting with A-M (not A-L) and deserts by people with last names starting N-Z. Jill Kegerise made a motion to accept the

minutes as corrected and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The \$1,143.89 refund from US Foods was placed in the Youth Fund and should have been placed in the Benevolence Fund. Mike Madara will move it to Benevolence. Jim Moser made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Fran Hollen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 02/28/2013	FEBRUARY
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$3,795.21
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$12,005.50
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$15,800.71
GENERAL FUND INVESTMENT (12 MONTH CD)	\$5,025.94
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$3,880.85
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$2,328.87
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$62,860.00	\$7,210.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$34,321.37
CAPITAL IMPROVE CHECKING (LIMITED)	\$5,000.09
CAPITAL IMPROVE LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED)	\$10,000.00
CAP. IMPROVE MS MONEY MARKET (LIMITED)	\$5,640.82
CAP. IMPROVE FUND TOTAL	\$20,640.91
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED)	\$11,572.31
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED)	\$25,000.00
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED)	\$101,101.23
ENDOWMENT MS MONEY MARKET (RESTRICTED)	\$89,506.84
ENDOWMENT MS STOCKS (RESTRICTED)	\$8,503.90
ENDOWMENT MS CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$40,005.00
ENDOWMENT MS MUTUAL FUNDS	\$27,250.06

(RESTRICTED USE)	
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$302,939.34
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$357,901.62
GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE	\$7,500.00

Administrator's Report – All clocks and timers were changed to reflect daylight savings time. New wheels and a tow bar were placed on the portable sign to make it easier to move around. Jack is in the process of setting a date with the Adamstown Fire Company to change the burned out light bulbs in the Narthex. Cement benches were found to replace the broken ones in the Memorial Garden. The seller was asking \$75 per bench but when he found out they were for a church, he decided to donate them. Flood lights behind the pipe organ will be replaced when the work crew gets a chance to do it.

Pastor's report – The new flag is up. The ceremony was attended by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, VFW members, and a reporter from the Ephrata Review. One of the plastic clips that attached to the flag broke and will be replaced.

Pastor Bill and Jill Kegerise went to the student fair at Lancaster Theological Seminary. They talked to 10 students. There were several stand-outs that will be looked into for a student pastor starting in September.

Pastor Bill went to a UCC cluster meeting of ministers. There is a new paper instrument that helps student pastors identify where they are in their preparation for ministry and what their strengths and weaknesses are. It will be a helpful tool to help us evaluate the student pastors.

There will be a plaque placed on or near the sound system that reads:

Sound system upgrades have been presented by the Altar Guild with a donation from the Memorial Fund and given in memory of church members and friends.

Wreaths Across America is an organization that sells evergreen wreaths with a red bow that are placed on military cemeteries at Christmas. We would like to sell these wreaths from Memorial Day until just before Veterans Day. They will be placed at Fort Indiantown Gap. The wreaths will cost \$20 each and church members may be able to help place these wreaths if interested.

Children and Youth Ministry Report – The Sunday school curriculum is going well and there are 11-12 kids there every week. We are looking into dividing the kids into 2 age groups for Sunday school next year if we get enough kids. We are collecting money in Sunday school for the Lenten project each week.

Spiritual Council – No report.

Budget and Finance – Did not meet.

Benevolence Committee – Benevolence would like to donate \$250 to the American Cancer Society for Dick Palsgrove's and Stephanie Shahade's participation in Relay for Life and \$500 to the CWS Lenten blanket project. Motion was made by Fran Hollen to donate these funds and seconded by Pat Hall. Motion carried.

Benevolence would also like to donate \$1000 to the local branch of VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters). Tim Brown will be talking to the church on Health and Welfare Sunday about VOAD and the work that they do. They are currently helping over 300 residents in Lancaster County who are still trying to return to their homes that were flooded during tropical storm Lee 2 years ago. Motion was made by Jill Kegerise to donate \$1000 to VOAD and seconded by Bobbi Porter-Kunkle. Motion carried.

Stewardship Committee – Stewardship Committee is looking into new ways to

market our church. There will be a detailed update on the capital campaign in the next issue of Peace Notes. We will pursue discussions about a blended service if we get a student pastor that has the skills to do it.

Adult Ministry – Adult ministry will host a fellowship hour on April 21st. They will also be helping the Youth make the chicken BBQ on April 27th.

Health and Welfare – Health and Welfare Sunday will be May 5th. Tim Brown will be speaking to the church about the local chapter of VOAD. Donations of Lowes and Home Depot gift cards will be accepted to give to VOAD. They will also host a coffee hour after the service. Health and Welfare is also considering collecting donations of gift cards from Lowes and Home Depot throughout the summer to be donated to VOAD.

The Special Care and Concern members will be receiving spring baskets with pansies planted in them.

Outreach – No report.

Altar Guild – Altar guild will be placing the Easter Lilies in the sanctuary after the Good Friday service. On March 23rd at 8 am, Altar Guild members will be preparing the palms for the Palm Sunday service.

Youth Report – The youth sold out of peanut butter eggs and made almost \$500. On March 23rd the Youth will meet at 5:30 for a meeting and then will go roller skating afterwards. They will be hosting a secret dinner at 5 pm on April 6th. It will be a

beach/Hawaiian theme. The date for the chicken BBQ is April 27th. The Youth will be going to New York City to feed the homeless with YSOP on their mission trip this year. The trip will be from July 7th to the 11th and they may stay in NYC until the 12th or 13th to do some sightseeing.

Old Business – Council discussed a new child safety policy. A motion was made to accept the new policy by Jay Burkey and seconded by Jill Kegerise. Motion carried.

New Business – Currently the administrator is allowed to spend \$100 a month without council approval. Jack Bernstel requested that the amount be increased. A motion was made to increase this amount to \$300 a month by Fran Hollen and seconded by Jill Kegerise. Motion carried.

Jim Moser regrettably resigned from Council, effective immediately. He will be moving to South Carolina in April.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Being no further business, Jim Moser motioned to adjourn and seconded by Fran Hollen. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Madara,
Council Secretary

APRIL 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Mary Jane Grote	2 Harold & Mindy Gruber	3 7p Choir 7p Stewardship John & Lois Haldeman	4 Courtney Hall	5 Daniel & Patricia Hall	6 5 pm Youth Mystery Dinner Gretchen Hall
7 9a Sunday School 10:30 Worship Jon & Selina Hamilton	8 Barry & Patricia Harting	9 6:30 Spiritual Council 7:00 Church Council Robert Harting	10 7p Choir William & Margret Harting	11 7p Bible Study Erla Hartranft	12 Lori Hartranft	13 Allan Hassler
14 8a Children Ministry 9a Sunday School 10:30 Worship Craig Hassler	15 Joanne Hassler	16 Kristen & Adam Heaps	17 7p Choir Deborah Hedrick	18 7p Bible Study Nicholas Heil	19 Timothy & Valerie Heil	20 9a Health & Welfare making Spring Gift Diane & Gary Hertzog
21 9a Sunday School 10:30 Worship Connie & Dennis High	22 Judy High	23 Kayla High	24 7p Choir Megan High	25 7p Bible Study William & Janis Hoch	26 Keith & Barbara Hoffert	27 Youth Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale Michael Hoffert
28 9a Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:30 Youth Frances Hollen	29 Kenneth & Anna Hopkins	30 Michael P. Hornberger				

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April Events

April 6th - Youth Mystery Dinner 5pm
April 27th - Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

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