



PEACE NOTES

May



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

PASTOR'S PAGE

It is hard to believe that it has happened again. A moment of celebration, a place that should be safe, a gathering of people filled with joy has been shattered by a moment of evil and violence.

Questions abound. The first question is always, "why?" This first question is soon followed by the question of what could we have done to prevent this and what can we do to prevent the same kind of thing in the future? There are also questions of – who? Who would do such a thing? Who was the guy on the roof top and did he have anything to do with it?

There is a sense of hopelessness and helplessness when we realize that in today's world there may be no satisfactory answer to any of these questions.

There are also questions of what if? What if I had been there? What if someone I loved had been there? Personally, I think back to waiting for Pam at the end of the Disney Marathon and the thousands of people who were there waiting for a loved one to cross the finish line. The realization of what could have happened is staggering.

And then there is the response of countless people using social media to express their love and concern. We hear reports of runners crossing the finish line and running to hospitals to donate blood.

What we need to remember, even though the events of evil dominate the news, GOOD always outweighs evil. Love will always

triumph over hate. And this will always continue to be true as long as we act on and act out of goodness and love. We cannot stop it, but we can always respond to it out of love.

We need to remember the words of our neighborhood friend, Mr. Rogers - *When I was a boy and I saw scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."* Fred Rogers

We must also remember the words of our Savior – Love one another as I have loved you. Love your enemy and those who would persecute you. And, as you have done it to the least of these, so you have done it unto me.

We may not be in the place of the tragedy to express our concerns directly, but let us show our love daily, so that it might be seen over and above whatever evil may come!!!! It is a response of faith!!!

► Check it out!

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May 5 Alice Binns and
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May 12 Dale and Donna Reinhart
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May 26 Harvey and Esher Schlouch

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 5 Erla Hartranft and Family
May 12 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fasnacht
May 19 Mr. and Mrs. Galen Bixler
May 26 Ike and Dawn Gerhman



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

May Birthdays

May 1	Robert Freeman
May 3	Danelle Bailey Bryanna Hartranft
May 5	Cynthia Anthony
May 6	Raymond Ziemer Glenn Burky
May 7	Carol Sanders Adam Good
May 8	Eugene M. Endy Edward McIlmoyle
May 10	Richard Tobias Chad Pannebecker
May 13	Mildred Krick
May 14	Allan Hassler**
May 15	Dennis Moore
May 17	Max Murphy
May 18	Connie High Leah Sipe
May 19	Susan Sensenig** Michael Butz
May 23	Gregory Strunk Jill Kegerise Matthew Butz
May 25	Linnea Bleacher
May 27	Sarah Priga
May 28	Valerie Heil Christopher Lightcap
May 29	James Gress
May 30	Hazel Sweigart

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

May Anniversaries

May 3	Chad and Cindy Pannebecker
May 5	Donald and Heidi Sunday
May 9	Arthur and Dawn Gehman Randy and Jean Good Jon and Jill Kegerise
May 10	Pierce and Ethel Leshar
May 11	Michael and Cindy Anderson
May 14	Terry and Susan Fasnacht
May 15	Dennis and Andrea Moore
May 20	Jerry Lee and Diane Englert
May 22	Charles and Beverly Lightcap
May 23	Harold and Marian Trostle
May 29	Marvin and Kathryn Fitterling

PEACE PANTRY

Our **HOME of HOPE** has a new family, a mother with a brand new infant. For the month of May the Peace Pantry will be collecting disposable diapers, sizes newborn - 20lbs

Thank You's

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards and kind thoughts during my recent hospitalization. Your kindness is so greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the Health and Welfare Committee for the Prayer shawl and Pastor Bill for his visits.

George Butz

would like to express my heart felt appreciation for the birthday cards and prayer from the congregation of Peace Church. Your prayers are important to us as Bob and I adjust to living at Ephrata Manor.

Hazel Fichthorn

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, a priority 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. Please place your Lowes or Home Depot gift cards in the bucket of gold at the end of the rainbow in the Church Narthex. 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.

On Tuesday May 21 the Health and Welfare Committee will be going to Colonial Lodge for an evening of singing, crafts and root

beer floats with the residents. If you would like to join the fun meet at Colonial Lodge at 6:15pm. The residents always appreciate our visit.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Muddy Creek Lutheran and Peace UCC churches are going to "Tell it on the Mountain" this summer! VBS is scheduled for June 23-27 from 6:15-8:15 p.m. at Muddy Creek Lutheran Church.

Dinner will be served, in the chapel, to all families attending VBS from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.

Children ages 4yrs-6th grade are invited to hear God's word. Look for registration forms in the newsletter and upcoming bulletins.

VBS Help Wanted

Group leaders and activity site assistants are needed for Vacation Bible School, June 23-27 from 6:15-8:15. People are needed to help decorate the church for this year's theme "Go tell it on the Mountain." Creative ideas are welcome. Please let us know if you are interested in helping in anyway:-)

GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

Kristen Wenrich, a Girl Scout in Kristine Butz's troop which meets here at Peace Church, is working toward her Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouts. Her current project is to collect toys for the children at the Hershey Children's Hospital. There is a collection box in the narthex if you would like to help Kristen with this project. Along with the box is a list of suggested items. Because of the various health issues facing these children, all toys must be new. Kristen will be gathering toys for the next couple of weeks

LENTEN PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who supported the Children's Ministry's Lenten Project "BLANKET THE WORLD IN LOVE" through Church World Service's BLANKETS. A total of \$506.00 was collected throughout Lent. The Benevolence Committee will be contributing an additional \$500 which will allow us to send a total of 202 blankets to transform lives and communities when they are faced with an emergency in the wake of a disaster through Church World Service. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING April 9, 2013

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

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer. Pat Wolf was installed as a deacon to replace Jim Moser.

Review of last month's minutes – A correction was made to last month's meeting minutes. Under Administrator it was stated that Jack was working with the fire department to schedule a time for them to change the light bulbs in the narthex, but should have said sanctuary. Vicki Garner-Sweigart made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – No Report.

Administrator's Report – Repairs to the stone wall will begin when the mason is available to do the work. We may be able to save \$350-\$500 on the quoted price of \$2400 because Jack found somebody who can loan us a generator and we won't have to rent one.

We are looking into replacing the floodlights in front of the church where the cross is. The seals are leaking and bulbs are starting to burn out frequently.

During hurricane Sandy we lost a piece of aluminum siding that blew off near the cross above the sanctuary. This will be replaced and the stained glass windows will be caulked before May 5th because we have a coupon for a lift rental for \$450 for a full day that expires on May 5th.

John Haldeman and Jack Bernstel will be meeting with Jay Horst from Horst Signs to talk about making some improvements to the sign and to price some replacements to see if it's more cost effective to repair the sign or purchase a new one.

Work crew removed a lot of shrubs last year and will be working on tilling and planting grass seed in the areas they didn't get to last summer. They are still deciding if they are going to be mulching this year. It may not be needed.

Pastor's report - Pastor Bill has been in contact with a possible student pastor for next year.

May 2nd is the National Day of Prayer. There will be a breakfast at Weaver's Banquet Hall starting at 7 am, followed by prayer time and a few speakers. Cost for this event is \$10 and Vicki Garner-Sweigart is selling tickets.

Summer worship hours will begin on June 16th at 9 AM.

The mission trip will be July 7-11 and the youth would like to stay an extra day to do some sightseeing. They will be taking the train to NY and most likely will be sleeping in a church with a kitchen available so they can make their own meals.

We will be responsible for the community meal on July 25th. There were 16 people at the 1st community meal and 50 at the 2nd. We anticipate it to grow to about 100-125 people.

Greg and Cindy Grill will be joining the church in May.

The Cocalico Ministerium is looking into a program called Power Pack as an addition to the summer lunch program. Parents would pick up a package of food on a Friday. Each package would include the ingredients for 1 main meal, peanut butter, snacks, cereal and a recipe card which will tell them how to use the ingredients to make the main meal. They will also be given a binder to store the recipes. The recipes are designed to provide dinner for around \$1 per person so the people will be able to make them again.

Children and Youth Ministry Report – The kids are really absorbing the Sunday school lessons and most of them are coming every week.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Muddy Creek Lutheran Church this year from June 23-27 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Dinner will be served in the chapel from 5:30-6:15 and bible school will run from 6:30-8:30. The theme will be, Tell it on the Mountain. A volunteer signup sheet will be displayed in the secretary's window. They will need artificial Christmas trees to use as props for the week. They will be accepting donations for VOAD during the week as the mission project.

Spiritual Council - No report.

Budget and Finance – Did not meet.

Benevolence Committee – Did not meet.

Stewardship Committee – Will be sponsoring a lecture series monthly from August through November.

Adult Ministry - Will be hosting the coffee hour on April 21st and helping the youth with the chicken barbeque on April 27th.

Health and Welfare – They will be using a rainbow theme for the VOAD display. The recognition dinner for volunteers at Wernersville State Hospital will be held April 16th. Four people from Peace UCC will be attending. The next meeting is April 20th.

Outreach – No report.

Altar Guild – Will be hosting a bake sale during the chicken barbeque sale. Proceeds from the bake sale will be donated to the capital campaign fund. Drop off will be at the church on Friday, April 26th from 4-7 pm. If you have any questions see Lillian Messner.

Peace pantry will be collecting diapers, size newborn to 6 months, for the Love, Inc. family in May.

Youth Report – The Mystery Dinner was a success and a lot of fun was had by all who attended. The youth made nearly \$200, \$30 of it on the rental of utensils at \$1 each.

Youth are selling chicken barbeque tickets for \$5 for a half a chicken or \$8 for a meal that includes half a chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, and a roll.

Youth are still selling Redners sub tickets.

Youth had an Easter egg hunt for the younger kids and they made Resurrection Buns on Easter morning.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Being no further business, Vicki Garner-Sweigart motioned to adjourn and Pat Hall seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Madara
Council Secretary



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7p Choir Evelyn Hurst	2 Gene & Mary Ellen Huston	3 Rosemary Johnston	4 Jon & Jill Kegerise
5 9a Sunday School 10:30 Worship Jon R. Kegerise	6 Alverta Kilhefner	7 Mark Kline	8 7p Choir Shirley Kline	9 7p Bible Study Arthur Klink	10 Kevin & Jes- sica Klinkner	11 Harold & Ann Kohl
12 9a Sunday School 10:30 Worship Janice Kohl	13 Mildred Krick	14 6:30 Spiritual Council 7:00 Church Council Paul & Shirley Kring	15 Russell & Julie Lasalle	16 7p Bible Study Chirstopher & Jessica Lausch	17 Clair & Mardel Lausch	18 Scott & Lise Lausch
19 9a Sunday School 10:30 Worship Betty Leisey	20 Kenneth & Nancy Lesher	21 Pierce & Eth- el Lesher	22 Samuel & Nancy Lesher	23 Brad Lewis	24 Kathryn Light	25 Charles & Beverly Lightcap
26 9a Sunday School 10:30 Worship Christopher Lightcap	27 Jonathan Lightcap	28 Lindsay Lightcap	29 Brianna Little	30 Daniel & Ma- rianna Little	31 Wes & Karli Little	

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