



# PEACE NOTES



## July

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

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

*This is what God asks of you: only this, to act justly, love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.*

These are the ideals, the virtues or the characteristics that mark a person of faith. It is who we are or who we should be at the very core of our being. They seem pretty straight forward, but often it is difficult to incorporate these virtues into our daily living. It is difficult because these are not the virtues of our society or culture. It is difficult because we do not see them being demonstrated on any regular basis. But recently we have seen these virtues demonstrated in a couple of very powerful images. On Maundy Thursday 2013 Pope Francis washed and then kissed the feet of several female prison inmates. I could not do this. Yet it stands as a powerful image of justice, of tender love and humility before God. A second image is of the pope kissing a severely disabled man on the forehead. This man is cradled in the arms of a friend who had carried this man to this place where he might encounter the pope. This is an image right out of the scriptures where friends carry a dying man to the roof of the home in which Jesus is teaching. They open the roof and lower the man down that he might be touched and healed by our Savior. This is an example of justice, of tender, sacrificial love and humility. As is the pope's action, for he stopped and did what most of us would not. I wish I had a still photo of one of these images that I could post on my wall. It may not fully change what I do, but it would be a constant reminder of who I am and what I

am called to do and be. It would also be an image of hope for me.

Beginning late this summer and extending into the fall we will be offering a Faith Exploration series that will give to us several opportunities to explore who we are as people of faith. Perhaps we will discover those times when we acted on those core values which will then present us with a challenge or the encouragement to try one more time.

Our first gathering is tentatively scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. In our time together we will be exploring our faith autobiography. I have personally done this a couple of times. It is eye opening and fun and I hope you will join us. Please invite your family and friends for a n evening of great fellowship and faith. And, as always, refreshments will be served.

Pastor Bill

#### ► Check it out!

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# Church Council Officers

2013

John Haldeman, *Council President*  
Bobbi Porter-Kunkel, *Council Vice-President*  
Bev Madara, *Council Secretary*  
Margaret Harting, *Financial Secretary*  
Mike Madara, *Treasurer*  
Jack Bernsel, *Administrator*

## ELDERS

John Haldeman .....484-2510  
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Bev Madara.....484-0895  
Vicki Garner-Sweigart.....336-2307

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Jay Burkey.....336-0142  
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Fran Hollen.....725-0751  
Pat Wolf.....484-2284  
Vaye Freeman.....445-7601  
Janice Kohl.....391-2890  
Nancy Reese.....484-4659  
Vicky Schweitzer.....808-9823

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## HEAD USHER

**Vickie Schweiter**

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## ALTAR GUILD

**Erla Hartranft**  
**Deb Hedrick**

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## GREETERS

**July 7** John & Lois Haldeman  
**July 14** Jack & Mary Bernstel  
**July 21** Mel & Marian Gerhart  
**July 28** Sheree Wolf

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

**July 7** Pauline Whitehead  
**July 14** Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hoffert  
**July 21** Ernest Shupp and Family  
**July 28** Mr. and Mrs. Allen Garner

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**The deadline for submitting articles for the August issue of Peace Notes is July 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](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)

Thank you!

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

## July Birthdays

<b>July 1</b>	Kimberly Evans Tyler Anderson
<b>July 2</b>	Jeffrey Moyer
<b>July 4</b>	Dale Reinhart
<b>July 7</b>	Rosemary Johnston Robert Burky Jessica Fitterling
<b>July 9</b>	Emily Steffy
<b>July 10</b>	Brent Porter
<b>July 12</b>	Margaret Robinson
<b>July 13</b>	<b>Dolly Youndt**</b>
<b>July 14</b>	Sarah Romich Keith Shollenberger
<b>July 15</b>	Hans Shollenberger
<b>July 18</b>	<b>Melvin Bowman**</b> Mary Lou Simmers Deborah Hedrick
<b>July 20</b>	Raymond B. Wolverton
<b>July 22</b>	Dixie Schweitzer Olivia Evans
<b>July 23</b>	Megan Fisher
<b>July 24</b>	Oliver Simmers Jr. Nathan Moyer
<b>July 25</b>	Kayla High
<b>July 29</b>	Ava Wolf

### \*\* Special Care and Concern Member

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

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## July Anniversaries

<b>July 2</b>	Paul and Shirley Kring
<b>July 10</b>	Adam and Kristen Heaps
<b>July 12</b>	Casey and Sondra Murphy
<b>July 13</b>	Raymond and Roberta Porter-Kunkel
<b>July 15</b>	Dale and Donna Rienhart
<b>July 17</b>	Allen and Ardel Garner

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### AMERICAN TREASURE TOUR

Please mark your calendars for August 24th and make plans to join in search of TREASURES. Experience treasures spanning the nineteenth and twentieth century. Tens of thousands of items to view over three acres on a 1.5 hour guided tram tour. (No walking required.) The total experience is divided into three areas: The Vintage Car Collection, The Toy Room and Kaliaope Annex and the Nickelodeon Room. These are world-class collections. There are advertising signs of bygone eras and remote controlled airplanes, and much more. Amazing.

After the tour we will enjoy a lunch buffet of Roast Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Ziti and Vegetables, Desserts, fountain drinks, coffee and tea.

The price of \$63 includes motorcoach transportation, admission to Treasure Tour, the buffet lunch and gratuity to driver.

Please sign up by August 1<sup>st</sup>. We need 47 sign-ups to fill the bus so invite neighbors, relatives, friends. A wonderful trip for school children. I will plan to advertise the tour outside if we don't get enough sign-ups from our church, so don't wait. You have first choice. Sign up on secretary's window. Payment can be made to me, checks made out to Peace UCC.

Pat Acebo

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### CALLING ALL CHOCOLATE AFICIONADOS

(AND THOSE WHO WILL EAT ANYTHING CHOCOLATE)

ADULT MINISTRY'S SECOND ANNUAL COOK-OFF

MAKE IT CHOCOLATE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

Please keep this date open now and check your recipes. More information will be coming

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**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Council Meeting June 11, 2013**

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Mike Madara, Bev Madara, Fred Romich, Jay Burkey, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Pat Wolf, Fran Hollen, Jill Kegerise, Ben Kegerise, Vaye Freeman, Janice Kohl, Vickie Schweitzer

Excused: Bobbi Porter-Kunkle, Jack Bernstel, Nancy Reese, and Pat Hall.

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

**Review of last month's minutes** – Jill Kegerise made a motion to accept the minutes as is and Vaye Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Fran Hollen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Vicki Garner-Sweigart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 05/31/2013	May
<b>FUNDS SUMMARY</b>	<b>ENDING BAL</b>
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$976.21
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$9,214.98
<b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)</b>	<b>\$10,191.19</b>
GENERAL FUND INVESTMENT (12 MONTH CD)	\$5,028.40
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$4,085.85
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$1,795.49
CAP. CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$67,390.00	\$1,840.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$23,015.93</b>
CAP. IMPROVEMENT CHECKING (LIMITED USE)	\$7,465.51
CAP. IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$10,004.88
CAP. IMPROVEMENT MS MONEY MARKET (LIMITED USE)	\$5,490.84
<b>CAP. IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,961.23</b>
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$12,619.29
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$25,012.19

ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$101,353.20
ENDOWMENT MS MONEY MARKET (RESTRICTED USE)	\$129,813.90
ENDOWMENT MS STOCKS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8,304.35
ENDOWMENT MS CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$0
ENDOWMENT MS MUTUAL FUNDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$27,750.53
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$304,853.46</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$350,830.62</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>

**Administrator's Report** – Repairs to the stone wall are complete and the cost came in a few hundred dollars less than the quoted price because of the generator we were able to borrow.

The 4 floodlights located in front of the church at the cross, at the flag, and in the prayer garden need to be replaced. Council looked over and discussed the 3 estimates that were received. The new lights will be LED lights which will help us save money on the electric bill. A motion to hire DS Burkholder to replace the lights at a cost of \$1184 was made by Janice Kohl and seconded by Fran Hollen. Motion carried.

A second estimate was received for repairing or replacing the sign in front of the church. After much discussion council decided at this time it was better to replace the inside of the 2 signs instead of purchasing new signs. Vaye Freeman made a motion to hire Horst Signs to rebuild the signs at a cost of \$887.95 and Jay Burkey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Haldeman and Jack Bernstel bought tools for the church at a cost of approximately \$150.

**Pastor's report** - The church collected \$653 in cash and gift cards for VOAD and Benevolence committee donated \$1000 for a total donation of \$1653.

Ameila Grace Klinkner will be baptized on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

New members were received in May and there is at least one more person interested in joining.

Pastor Bill has been in contact with Josh Fitterling, who will be our student pastor beginning in September.

**Children and Youth Ministry Report** – Next year’s Sunday school materials will be ordered in a week or two. They will be using the same curriculum as this past year. Next year they would like to incorporate the youth in with the younger kids once a month.

**Spiritual Council** - No report.

**Budget and Finance** – Did not meet.

**Benevolence Committee** – Two of the people that signed up for the mission trip have dropped out which reduces the mission trip donation to \$2200 from \$2600. Mike Madara met with the committee to discuss moving money from Morgan Stanley and investing it with Mike Weinhold at Weinhold, Nickel & Company.

**Stewardship Committee** – Did not meet.

**Adult Ministry** – Adult ministry is making plans to have a cookoff on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The contest will involve making a dessert, but they haven’t decided what it will be yet.

**Health and Welfare** – The Denver Nursing Home would like us to do a program there like we do at Colonial Lodge. It will be sometime in July.

**Outreach** – No report.

**Altar Guild** – A summer picnic/meeting will be held Monday August 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am with lunch at 11 am.

**Youth Report** – No report.

**Old Business** – None.

**New Business** – Council discussed filling the secretary position that is being vacated by Olivia Moyer. Jill Kegerise made a motion to appoint Bev Madara to the position with Nancy Reese serving as a substitute if needed and Vicki Garner-Sweigart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2013. Being no further business, Ben Kegerise 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



### **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

The Health and Welfare Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the **VOAD** gift cards. The Benevolence Committee contributed \$1000.00 and the bucket collected \$653.00 in cash and gift cards.

The Health and Welfare Committee will be having a summer picnic and meeting on Tuesday July 16th at Erla Hartranft's home starting at 5:30pm



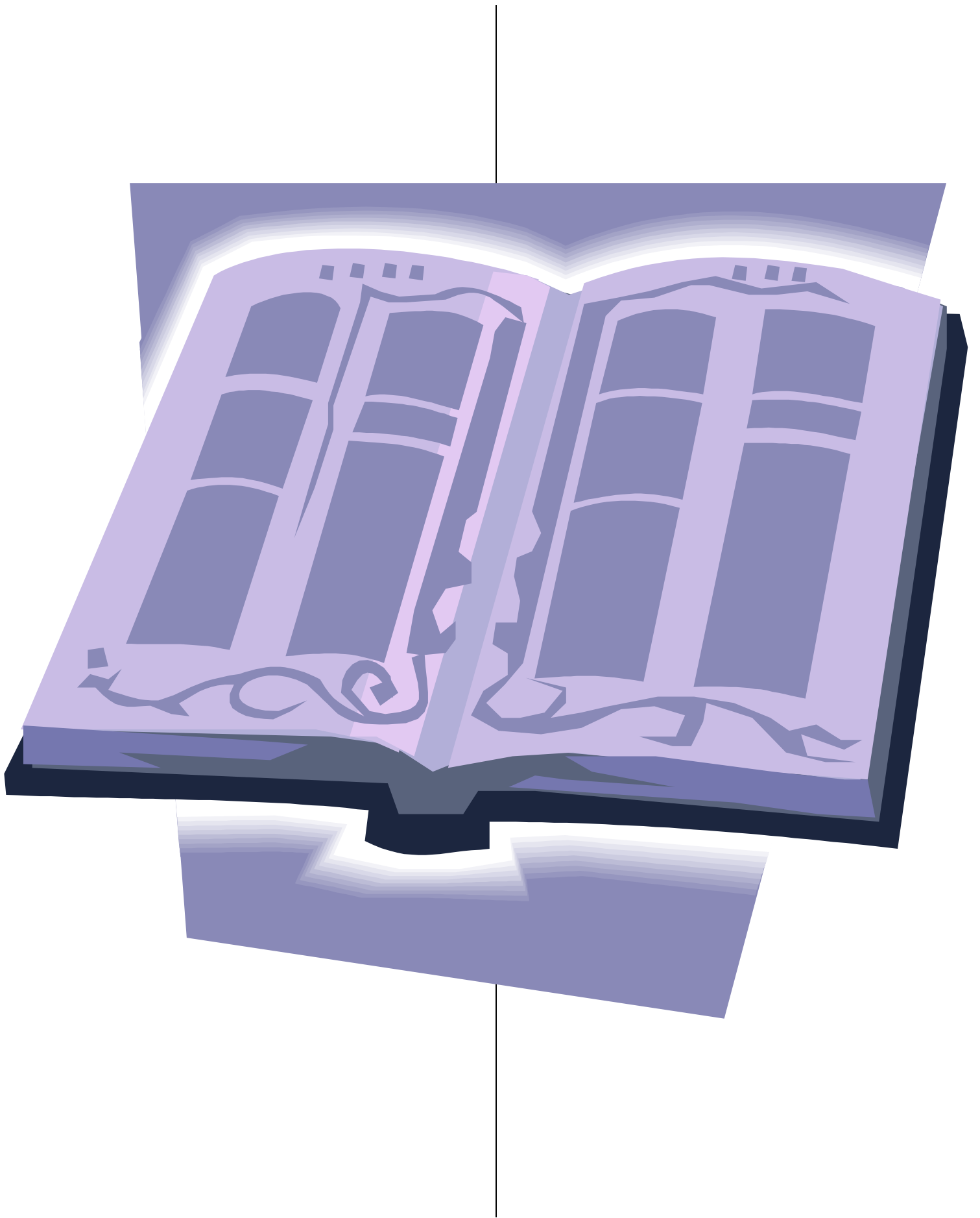
### **ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild will be having their Annual Meeting/Indoor Picnic on Monday August 5, 2013 at 10:00am in the church fellowship hall. Hamburger Bar-B-Q and drink will be provided, bring a covered dish if you wish.



### **MARK YOU CALENDARS**

The music group Re-Creation will be at Peace Church on Sunday August 18 presenting their sacred program for our morning worship hour at 9:00am. Re-Creation is a non-profit organization whose main service is to America's Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes. A free will offering will be taken which will go directly to the group's service to America's hospitalized veterans.



# July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1          <b>Tim &amp; Lori Patterson</b>	2          <b>Brent Porter</b>	3          <b>Roberta &amp; Raymond Porter-Kunkel</b>	4          <b>Audrey Priga</b>	5          <b>Ben Priga</b>	6          <b>Sarah Priga</b>
7 9 am Worship <b>Youth on Mission Trip</b>          <b>Steven &amp; Rebecca Priga</b>	8 <b>Youth on Mission Trip</b>          <b>Nancy Reese</b>	9 <b>Youth on Mission Trip</b>          <b>Dale &amp; Donna Reinhart</b>	10 <b>Youth on Mission Trip</b>          <b>Margaret Robinson</b>	11 <b>Youth on Mission Trip</b>          <b>Clara Roland</b>	12          <b>Fred &amp; Sally Romich</b>	13          <b>Carol Sanders</b>
14 9 am Worship          <b>Matthew &amp; Kendra Sauder</b>	15          <b>Allen Schlouch</b>	16       <b>5:30 p Health and Welfare Picnic</b>       <b>Harvey &amp; Esther Schlouch</b>	17          <b>Benjamin Schweitzer</b>	18          <b>Betty Schweitzer</b>	19          <b>Daniel Schweitzer</b>	20          <b>Dixie Schweitzer</b>
21 9 a Worship          <b>Eric Schweitzer</b>	22          <b>Jane Schweitzer</b>	23          <b>Richard, Jr. &amp; Vicki Schweitzer</b>	24          <b>Betty Seiscio</b>	25          <b>Susan Sensenig</b>	26          <b>Andrew &amp; Stephanie Shahade</b>	27          <b>Keith &amp; Linda Shollenberger</b>
28 9 a Worship          <b>Ella Mae Shupp</b>	29          <b>Ernest Shupp</b>	30          <b>Oliver, Jr. &amp; Mary Lou Simmers</b>	31       <b>Serving Community Meal at Trinity UMC in Denver</b>       <b>Robert &amp; Beth Sipe</b>			

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**July Events**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>-Youth Mission Trip**  
**July 31<sup>st</sup>- Serving Community Meal @Trinity UMC**

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