



PEACE NOTES



August

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Constitution of the United Church of Christ recognizes that it is *“The responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God.”*

The United Church of Christ was established in 1957. The Cold War was in its infancy. The Korean War had ended, yet we were still stationed in the southern regions of that nation. Vietnam was in its earliest stages and would soon escalate. And, the Civil Rights Movement was on the horizon. Those who were laying the foundations of this new church had no idea of the other changes we would face as a people, nation or church, but they understood that the world was changing rapidly. Therefore, as time marched on this church would need to discover new expressions if it were to remain relevant to the people! And so the charge to *“make this faith our own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression, and in purity of heart before God”* was set before us.

The church is at another crossroad. While many people outside of the church value a sense of spirituality, they question the value of the institutional church. What do we have to contribute?

First we have a rich history. The church today stands only because of the grace of God and the dedication of countless people who worked to live their faith and leave behind a legacy or an example for others to follow. Because of the work of our ancestors we not only have the church but we have academies and colleges to educate young people, we have homes to care for and serve young people who have no home or need to be removed from a risky home environment and we have homes to care for and serve our elderly population. Because of the work of those who came before us, we have missions that provide food, clean water and faith the

world over. We desire to honor and continue that legacy.

We understand that to continue and build upon this foundation we need to discover new ways to strength our own personal relationship with God through Personal Devotion. We need to grow in our faith as we face the challenges of an increasingly technological society.

To that end we are offering, once a month, a faith exploration series. The first will be held on August 18, Jim Hahn Spiritual autobiography. The second will be on Sept __. The focus on this evening will be on prayer, specifically vocational prayer, prayers that we might speak when we think of the various roles we will in life. This will be led by Pastor Bill. A third being planned for Oct and a Jesuit Priest for Nov.

As a way to make this faith our own, Peace United Church of Christ is offering and invites you to join us for a series of faith explorations.

► Check it out!

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August 4 Judy High
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 August 18 Janis Hoch
 August 25 Chris and Linda

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 4 Dale and Donna Reinhart
 August 11 Jim and Margret Gress
 August 18 Jack and Linda Long
 August 25 Stella Weaver



The deadline for submitting articles for the September issue of Peace Notes is August 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.

August Birthdays

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| August 1 | Ardel Garner Mardel Lausch |
| August 2 | Robert Freeman Doris Fultz Michael Youtz |
| August 3 | Shirley Kring Rachel Kurtz |
| August 4 | Robert Harting Brian Leshner |
| August 6 | Jean Youndt** |
| August 8 | Barbara Hoffert |
| August 11 | Elizabeth M. Freeman** |
| August 12 | Eleanor Bailey |
| August 13 | Mary Jane Steely |
| August 15 | Karli Little |
| August 17 | Linda Coventry Brian Strouse |
| August 19 | Beth Sipe |
| August 22 | Ronald Burky |
| August 24 | Ethyl Youndt** |
| August 25 | Arthur Gehman Teresa Youtz |
| August 27 | Melvin Gerhart |
| August 29 | Craig Bixler Ryan Hertzog |
| August 30 | Marian Gerhart |
| August 31 | Taylor Patterson |

** Special Care and Concern Member

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

August Anniversaries

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| August 3 | Keith and Barbara Hoffert |
| August 6 | Timothy and Kristine Butz |
| August 13 | Duane and Yinell Good |
| August 16 | Gregory and Kathy Strunk |
| August 23 | Raymond B. and Carolyn P. Wolverton Matthew and Kendra Sauder |
| August 29 | Kenneth and Helen Youndt |

Thank You's

Thank you for the cards, prayers, flowers and to Pastor Bill for the Hospital visits.

Toby

I received the prayer shawl on Friday and wish to thank you! That took a lot of time and thoughtfulness to make. Amazing how a piece of yarn can be made into something so beautiful. (I used it on Friday night)

Thank you for having me on the prayer list. I find out on Tuesday if I am accepted for a transplant.

Terry Fasnacht

I would like to thank everyone for sending me beautiful birthday cards on my birthday. Lester is now home from the Nursing Home. Thank you to Pastor Bill for his visits.

Dolly Youndt

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Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during my recent surgery. Special thanks to Pastor Bill for his visits to the hospital and to my home. May God bless you all.

Pauline Firestone

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING

There was no Council Meeting in July

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Health and Welfare Committee will be going to the Denver Health and Rehabilitation Center on Monday Evening August 12. There will be a sing-a-long, the question game and root beer floats for the residents. There are quite a few Peace Church members at Denver and they always enjoy talking with friends from the congregation. If you would like to join the fun meet at the Denver Rehab between 6:15 and 6:30 on the ground floor in their social gathering room.

The Health and Welfare Committee will be having a meeting Tuesday September 3, at 6:30 in the church council room

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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

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RECREATION

Recreation will be presenting their newest Sacred Program during worship on Sunday, August 18th. The primary ministry of Recreation is to bring comfort and support to US Veterans in Veteran's Hospitals and Care Facilities across the country. The group raises the needed funds for their ministry by singing in local churches and gathering a free will offering. We look forward to their being with us on August 18th,

REMINDER

We will return to our fall/winter worship schedule beginning on Sunday, September 8th. Sunday School will being at 9:00 with morning worship at 10:30.

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WE ARE.....

Maytown in Langley, KY has a special place in our(The Moyers) family's hearts, and this year we traveled in two separate trips to visit and serve with CrossRoads. We would like to share our experience and thank the church for their support.

Each day was focused on a different devotion. The Theme this year was

WE ARE....

- 1)MADE FOR EACH OTHER (Genesis 1:26-31 and 2:7-25)
- 2) BROKEN (Genesis 37:2-28 and 45:1-8)
- 3) LOVED (Hosea 1:1-3 and 3)
- 4) ACCOUNTABLE (1Corinthians 8 and 10:25-31)
- 5) FAMILY (Ephesians 4)

Olivia: My week down in Kentucky was different than any week I have spent down there as a participant. Due to scheduling for me as well as weeks that Crossroads had groups the only week it worked for me to go down was a week where there was no participant groups and it was the interns second week of orientation. I spent my week interacting with the group of interns for this summer as well as keeping important connections with some of the kids and people in the surrounding communities. For me this trip was more about keeping the connections and proving to the kids after last summer that I would still come back after spending an entire summer there last year. Some of the kids of the community really struggle with this because there are constantly new sets of interns coming in and they get really close to them and then come August they all leave and say they will return or keep in contact and some just don't get there in the years after and the kids get an attitude that everyone just leaves us. Just seeing the kids' expression that week as they saw I was there was heartwarming, they would look at me and say what are you doing here, your back this summer. Then I would have to tell them I'm not able to stay for the whole summer this year but am visiting for the week which was typically followed by a hug or some other action on their part expression there excitement to see me. When I had to say my goodbyes it's just as hard every year or harder it never gets easier. Having to say goodbye to the interns who kindly included me all week long as well as saying goodbye to the kids who most of their responses were you don't have to go home just stay the summer again. The connection Peace Church and I have made in this commu-

nity are so important to the growth of these kids both in faith and just in the way they act. I look at kids now and think to myself without groups there and people that have made these connections with these kids and not only make but keep and continue returning and showing them our love where would they be. They would be in a whole lot more trouble and a whole lot worse off than they are now, some even accepting God this summer and being Baptized which is awesome. Thank You Peace for continuing our connection with Maytown even after the leaving of our good friends the Chauncy family it means a great deal to me and means even more to those kids in the small community.

Sherry: Becky, Nathan and Sherry joined two churches, one from Ohio that had about 20 youth group members and one from Kansas with about 8 adults and two teenagers, by the end of the week we considered ourselves one big group. When we arrived we were greeted with hugs from Crossroads staff and the local kids(now teens) that we have grown to know over the years(the kids could not believe that they all remembered their names!) Maytown is going through many changes and we hope Peace will keep them in our prayers. The local youth are now taking on roles as leaders for the day camps and Meridzo has taking over Maytown Center. There is a partnership with Meridzo and CrossRoads for the mission trips. As in any change there will be lots of ups and downs. We did things like ripping out floors, mowing, cleaning out storage closets, painting, cleaning out briars from community members yards, and pulled chicken off the bone for upcoming weeks... but the best part was making new friends. Peace church has taught us how to interact and work with others. Several people approached me at the end of the week with compliments of Becky and Nathan and how they became a part of the larger group instead of segregating themselves. Thanks to our church it was another great trip. If you want to hear more just see Becky, Nathan, Olivia and Sherry for some fun stories.

Nathan: I have been going down to Maytown for my 5th year now. Not having a group down there this year was awkward because we had nobody to interact with the first night other than ourselves. Throughout the week some of the local kids came around the center and I didn't have to tell them my name they remembered me from years before and it just puts a smile on my face getting to talk to them

every year. Also, throughout the week I got to interact with the other groups from Ohio and Kansas and just getting to hear their story was the best part of the trip for me. After the week is over the good byes' are the hardest part off the week. As we start as complete strangers we become a family after one week.

Becky: I saw God in a man who was unlike me. His mental state was below average yet he saw God just like me. He touched my heart specially one night when we were sitting in the rec room and he handed me his notebook to write my address in it. On the top of the notebook it said my best friends. We learned about the importance of relationships throughout the week and how we are made for each other. The relationship I made with Howard will forever have a special place in my heart.



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