



PEACE NOTES



September

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

On Sunday, August 18th about 25 people were present for the first gathering of our Faith Exploration Series. We talked about journaling and the value of writing about our thoughts and experiences and then spent a little time creating a title for a personal spiritual autobiography. We also created 10 – 12 chapters that would be a part of that biography. The evening was guided by Rev. Jim Hahn of St. Luke UCC in Lititz.

The next gathering of our Faith Exploration Series will be on September 15th at 6:00. We will be exploring the idea of prayer – what it is, what it does for us, how it draws us closer to God. And, we will be exploring different ways to pray.

Questions we might reflect upon might include: how do you usually pray, what or who do you pray for, when do you usually pray and what have you learned so far in life concerning prayer? We will talk about new ways to pray and new focuses for our prayers.

Prayer is an age old practice of the Christian faith. Can we make it better, stronger and more meaningful for us and our life today? We encourage you to join us for an evening of fellowship and faith!

Additional sessions are scheduled for October and November. Some details are still in progress. However, in November we will we have a guest from the Jesuit Center in Wernersville to talk about what it means to have a Pope from the Jesuit tradition. Come grow with us!

► Check it out!

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ACOLYTES

TBA

HEAD USHER

Fred Romich

ALTAR GUILD

Mardel Lausch
 Janet Mattis
 Mary Getz

GREETERS

September 1 Charles & Patricia Kitlow
September 8 John & Heidi McDonough
September 15 Pat Acebo
September 22 Mike & Bev Madara
September 29 TBD

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 4 Rosie Johnston
September 8 Bill & Margaret Harting
September 15 George & Eleanor Bailey
September 22 Ella Mae Shupp
September 29 John & Lois Haldeman



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

September Birthdays

September 3 Ronald Parker
September 3 Michael P. Hornberger
September 5 Claude Adair
September 5 Casey Murphy
September 6 **Dorothy Nye****
September 7 Natalie Livergood
September 7 Kenneth Youndt
September 7 Kerry Youndt
September 8 Sidney Evans
September 9 Susan Strouse
September 10 Kristen Heaps
September 10 Emily Harting
September 11 Tim Patterson
September 11 Aralyn Hoffert
September 12 **Lori Hartranft****
September 12 Eric Schweitzer
September 12 Daniel Schweitzer
September 13 Paul Kring
September 13 Wesley Sweigart
September 13 Gary Gress
September 14 **Mary Ellen Huston****
September 14 Rebecca Priga
September 19 Ida Franks
September 20 Sondra Murphy
September 20 Ethel Leshar
September 23 Mary Getz
September 23 William Simmon
September 24 David Walmsley
September 25 Jon R. Kegerise
September 26 Heidi Garner-Ulrich
September 27 Warren Trostle
September 28 Tyler Hertzog
September 29 Galen Bixler
September 29 Jon Kegerise
September 29 Candace Simmon

** Special Care and Concern Member

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

September Anniversaries

September 1 Ron and Maxine Burkey
September 6 Jason and Pamela Getz
September 7 Art and Karen Pannebecker
September 8 Kenneth and Nancy Leshar
September 10 Robert and Beverly Martin
September 15 Gary and Diane Hertzog

September 16 John and Lois Haldeman
September 17 Carl and Vicki Garner-Sweigart
 Dennis and Connie High
September 22 Eugene and Shirley Endy
September 30 John and Mary Bernstel

Thank You's

Thank you to the Wednesday work crew for keeping our church grounds so well groomed. The colorful flowers are so **BEAUTIFUL!**

Thank you for your gift of \$586. Your donation will be used to support the One Great Hour of Sharing Fund as per your request.

Susan Sanders, One Great Hour of Sharing

Thank you for your gift of \$1,653 and for designating the Lancaster County VOAD and its Long-Term Recovery Committee as the recipient of your Health and Welfare Committee outreach donations by your members. The donation of both cash and gift cards will be used exclusively for recovery expenses related to disasters in Lancaster County.

Robert Walton, VOAD

Thank you for your recent gift of \$250 which was placed into our Benevolent Fund. Without congregations like yours, so many people would not be able to receive the assistance they need.

Victoria Velez, UCC Homes

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 13, 2013

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

Excused: Bobbi Porter-Kunkle, Jill Kegerise, Jack Bernstel, Ben Kegerise

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting to order on Tuesday, August 13, 2013. Pastor Bill offered devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – Vicki Garner-Sweigart made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Pat Hall. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Donations are down approximately \$15,700 for the year and expenses are up \$1,868. Mike will be meeting with Mike Weinhold from Weinhold, Nickel and Co. to talk about investing the money that is currently invested with Morgan Stanley. Fran Hollen made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 07/31/2013	July
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,581.83
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$524.33
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$2,106.16
GENERAL FUND INVEST (12 MONTH CD)	\$5,030.08
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$3,585.85
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$827.25
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$68,260.00	\$2,710.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$14,334.34
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING (LIMITED USE)	\$3,938.15
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$10,008.22
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MS MONEY MARKET (LIMITED USE)	\$5,490.84
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19,437.21
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED)	\$10,271.07
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED)	\$25,020.55
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$101,526.50
ENDOWMENT MS MONEY MARKET (RESTRICTED USE)	\$130,132.12
ENDOWMENT MS STOCKS (RESTRICTED)	\$8,058.75
ENDOWMENT MS MUTUAL FUNDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$27,675.34
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$302,684.33
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$336,455.88
GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE	\$6,000.00

Administrator's Report – There was a \$150 donation made to cover the cost of the tools that were purchased for the church. The lighting for the front wall and the cross in the prayer garden has been installed and is working fine. The work crew is looking for more help with the many projects that need attention. The baseball field has been cleaned up by the organization that uses the field. The condensate pump in the kitchen needed to be replaced at a cost

of \$308. A small handrail will be installed in the sanctuary off the altar steps in the next week or two. The manger sustained major damage in a windstorm last winter and needs to be replaced. The work crew will be building a new one. Clair Lausch, Ray Wolverton and John Haldeman cleared the shrubs out of the circle that were damaged last winter. Clair also knocked over two dying pine trees. The work crew will be cleaning them up.

The sign refurbishing has been completed, but due to a miscommunication with Horst Signs, the plywood backboard was not replaced and there were no vent holes drilled in the bottom of the sign. These repairs need to be made. Horst Signs will drill the vent holes at no cost to us, saving us \$48. A motion was made by Pat Hall to replace the plywood backboard with a PVC backboard at a cost of \$376 and seconded by Janice Kohl. Motion carried.

Pastor's report – The student pastor has decided to accept a position with another church so there will be no student pastor this year. Bob and Penelope Wolf are interested in joining the church. Fall worship hours will begin on September 8th. Bradyn Shahade will be baptized on September 22nd. Harvest Home is September 29th. The Home of Hope auction will be on October 5th. World Communion is on October 6th. In November, Pastor Bill will be attending a Hospice seminar about end of life care giving, focused on veterans. We will be hosting a craft show on November 11th.

Children and Youth Ministry Report – Children and Youth had their first meeting to discuss the new Sunday school curriculum and ways to bring new kids in. The Sunday school room is cleaned up and ready to go. There is a need for new Sunday school teachers for the Youth class.

Spiritual Council – No report.

Budget and Finance – No report.

Benevolence Committee – No report.

Stewardship Committee – Will be hosting "Exploring Our Faith" gatherings this fall. The first one was held on Sunday August 18th at 6pm.

Adult Ministry – The Chocolate Affair was a success. \$81 was collected and donated to the Capital Campaign.

Health and Welfare – They were at the Denver Nursing home on August 12th. Re-creation was here on August 18th.

October 6th is Health and Welfare Sunday and communion for the Special Care and Concern members.

Outreach – Outreach provided refreshments for the “Exploring Our Faith” gathering on August 18th.

Altar Guild – There will be several opening for altar flowers available in the coming year.

Peace Pantry will be starting up again on September 29th for Harvest Home. Peace Pantry will be accepting donations of food and money for the Ephrata Area Social Services.

Youth Report – Some of the members are interested in doing some rock climbing.

Old Business – Council reviewed money counting procedures, ushering, and communion responsibilities.

New Business – Kristine Butz will be using the Fellowship Hall on October 26th for the blood drive and January 4th for the spaghetti dinner.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, 2013. Being no further business, Vicki Garner-Sweigart motioned to adjourn and Fran Hollen seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bev Madara
Council Secretary

A CHOCOLATE AFFAIR



Thank you to everyone who attended the evening of August 4 and voted on the 7 chocolate desserts presented for voting. Peace UCC Chocolatista is Lori Patterson who received the most quarters for her chocolate dipped cake balls. Second prize went to Heidi McDonough for her mini chocolate cookies with icing. Third prize winner was Cindy Anthony for her banana chocolate cake. Fran Hollen contributed mint chocolate brownies, Erla Hartranft made a chocolate chiffon cake, Pastor Bill Hoch

made a delicious chocolate custard brulee, and Pat Acebo made chocolate toffee fudge. \$81 was received in the form of quarters (each vote cost a quarter) and contributed to the campaign fund.

Thank you to the Adult Ministry committee who setup, cleaned up, and prepared the beef stroganoff with noodles and the church members who brought the side dishes that complimented our meal.

Thank you to the Dances with Chocolate Dancers, Michaela Cosgrove (12), Eryn Cosgrove (8) and GraceAnne Acebo, (10) who provided the Irish dance entertainment.

A good chocolate time was enjoyed by all.

Pat Acebo

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 19. One major change this year is that we will meet in the morning at 10 am. This will eliminate night time driving and we hope will make it possible for more to attend. We will continue our study of the general Epistles picking up 2nd John.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir rehearsal will resume on Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00 pm. Our first Sunday to sing will be on September 15. If you like to sing, please join with us! We always have a good time at rehearsal and when we sing in church. As we have always said, if everyone knew how much fun we had at rehearsal, everyone would be in the choir! Remember – All God’s Creatures Got a Place in the Choir!

PENNY JAR

Do you have any extra pennies lying around at home? Why not put them in the Peace Church penny jug in the church narthex. The penny jar has been emptied and is ready to be refilled for the 2013-2014 Sunday School year. A total of \$157.25 was collected for the Capital Campaign through last year’s penny jar. Let’s see if we can exceed that amount for the 2013-2014 Sunday School year.

SPECIAL CARE AND CONCERN COMMUNION WORSHIP AND DINNER

Sunday October 6th is World Communion Sunday. On this day we offer a special 3:00 afternoon communion service for our Special Care and Concern members, their Sponsors and anyone else who might like to attend. A dinner with entertainment will follow the service. Please RSVP to Erla Hartranft at [717-484-4573](tel:717-484-4573) by September 29th or to the church office if you would like to attend or need transportation at [717-484-4400](tel:717-484-4400).

HARVEST HOME

Peace Church will celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday, September 29. This year we will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services' food bank. We invite you to place your food items in the Peace Pantry any time during the month of September or bring them to the church prior to 10 a.m., Saturday, September 28. On that Saturday morning the Altar Guild will be arranging these items around the Chancel area so on Sunday morning the congregation might have a visible reminder of God's many blessings which are a part of our lives.

As another option, the Harvest Home envelope, which can be found in your packet of church envelopes, can be used to make a financial contribution. This year the monies collected will be given to the Ephrata Area Social Services' **"Fuel and Energy Assistance Program"** for families in the Cocalico and Ephrata School Districts. Each year it gets more difficult to designate funds for heat and electricity to eligible families. Ephrata Area is equipped with the personnel and resources to do this well and equitably.

Harvest Home is truly a beautiful time of the year and we are blessed to live in a part of the country where God's beauty is so evident and we have resources to share.

PEACE PANTRY FOR SEPTEMBER

The Peace Pantry items for September will be non-perishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services' food bank. These items will be used to decorate the Chancel area for Harvest Home on Sunday September 29th. Please bring these items to church any time before 9:00 am Saturday morning September 28th.

ALTAR GUILD

Saturday September 29, at 9:00am the Altar Guild will place the Harvest Home items in the church sanctuary and restock the church pews with visitor cards, communion cards and general envelopes.

REMINDER

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

September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Worship Daniel & Sheree Wolf	2 Devon & Michelle Wolf	3 6:30 pm – Health & Welfare Meeting Patricia Wolf	4 Ray & Carolyn Wolverton	5 Cliff & Audrey Youndt	6 Connie Youndt	7 Ethyl Youndt
8 8 am Children’s Ministry 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Jean Youndt	9 Kenneth & Helen Youndt	10 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Kerry Youndt	11 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Lester & Dolly Youndt	12 William & Martha Young	13 Michael & Teresa Youtz	14 Raymond Ziemer
15 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 6 pm Faith Exploration Gathering Joe & Pat Acebo	16 Claude & Bertha Adair	17 Michael & Cindy Anderson	18 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Matthew & Cindy Anthony	19 10 am Bible Study James Anthony	20 Mark Anthony	21 Danelle Bailey
22 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship George & Eleanor Bailey	23 Richard & Dorothy Beam	24 Jody & Barb Becker	25 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Justin Becker	26 10 am Bible Study Brittany Becker	27 John & Mary Bernstel	28 9-10 am Drop off Harvest Home offerings Alice Binns
29 9am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Harvest Home Craig Bixler	30 Galen & Georgean Bixler					

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September Events

September 8th – Fall/Winter Worship Hours Begin

Worship at 10:30 am

September 29th – Harvest Home

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

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