



PEACE NOTES



October

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

We have already hosted two of our first four SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION events. In the first we explored our Spiritual Autobiographies and in the second we talked about our thoughts and experiences with prayer and explored new way to pray, new things to pray about and new ways to be in communication with our God. While we have had an attendance of only 18-20 people, it has been an enriching experience.

We will continue these events on October 20th as we look into the issue of forgiveness and the various challenges associated with our desire to forgive as we have been forgiven. And then on November 17th we will hear from a Jesuit priest on what it means for the Catholic Church and the Wider Church to have a Jesuit, who is greatly influence by Saint Frances, serve as Pope.

We will take a brief break during December and resume our Faith Exploration in January. Possible topics might include issues surrounding death and dying, particularly with a focus on the caregiver. All of us have been in that role or one day will be serving as a caregiver to someone we love. So, one event might be The Role of the Caregiver – caring for yourself as you care for others. A second topic might be Healing the Caregivers Heart – Healing and Wholeness when death has come.

If you have ideas or thoughts of other directions for our Faith Exploration Series, please speak with me.

And then as you read through this Newsletter, you will see that we have revisited our conversation on Contemporary Worship. New thoughts and ideas of how we can offer a contemporary service that is both meaningful and practical have come forth and

we will be working in that direction so that we can launch a second service in the near future. Join us as we walk together into the future as members and friends of Peace United Church of Christ. Even with the challenges facing the wider church in today's society, we have an exciting opportunity to serve God and grow as a church.



► 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 Haldeman484-2510
Bobbi Porter-Kunkel.....610-678-0543
Jill Kegerise.....336-2421
Pat Hall.....484-4658
Bev Madara.....484-0895
Vicki Garner-Sweigart.....336-2307

DEACONS

Jay Burkey.....336-0142
Fred Romich.....484-4420
Fran Hollen.....725-0751
Pat Wolf.....336-2272
Vaye Freeman.....445-7601
Janice Kohl.....391-2890
Nancy Reese.....484-4659
Vicky Schweitzer.....808-9823

ACOLYTES

TBA

HEAD USHER

Bobbi Porter-Kunkle

ALTAR GUILD

Audrey Youndt
Sally Romich

GREETERS

October 6 Allen Schlouch & Cheryl Clark
October 13 Harvey & Esther Schlouch
October 20 George & Eleanor Bailey
October 27 Fran Hollen

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 6 Warren Trostle
October 13 Shirley Kline & Family
October 20 James & Polly Moser
October 27 Clair & Mardel Lausch



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

October Birthdays

- October 1 Devon Wolf
- October 4 Terry Fasnacht
- October 5 Shirley Kline
- October 6 Diane Englert
- October 7 **S. Robert Fichtorn****
- October 8 Richard Schweitzer, Jr.
Megan High
- October 10 Barbara Tobias
- October 11 Joshua High
- October 14 **Leonore Fitterling****
James Anthony
- October 17 Gretchen Hall
- October 18 Anna Hopkins
- October 19 Harold Kohl
- October 20 **Kathryn Fitterling****
- October 22 William Young
- October 27 **Richard Fitterling****
Tiffany Strouse
- October 28 Jean Trostle
- October 29 Willie Stober
- October 31 Susan Fasnacht

** Special Care and Concern Member

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

October Anniversaries

- October 1 Robert and Vaye Freeman
- October 7 Robert and Jodi Freeman
- October 10 Charles and Edith Graff
- October 12 Lester and Dolly Youndt
- October 13 Samuel and Nancy Leshner
- October 14 Daniel and Marianne Little
- October 15 William and Margaret Harting
- October 21 Chris and Linda Fitterling
- October 27 Mark and Trina Weaver
- October 30 Michael and Beverly Madara

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING

September 10, 2013

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, Bobbi Porter-Kunkle, Mike Madara, Bev Madara, Jack Bernstel, Jay Burkey, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Pat Wolf, Jill

Kegerise, Pat Hall, Janice Kohl, Nancy Reese, Vickie Schweitzer

Excused: John Haldeman, Vaye Freeman, Fran Hollen, Ben Kegerise

Unexcused: Fred Romich

Vice-President Bobbi Porter-Kunkle brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – In the Pastor's report, the Craft Show was listed with a date of November 11th. The correct date should be November 23rd. Under Altar Guild, it was listed that there will be several opening for altar flowers next year. It should read that there will be several openings for altar flowers next year. Jill Kegerise made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – With higher than expected expenses for the year and lower than expected giving, we are currently over budget by almost \$18,000. Mike Weinhold will be setting up an account for us so we can transfer the Benevolence money from Morgan Stanley. Mike Madara will be on a business trip for 2, possibly 3, weeks in October. Bev Madara will cover for him while he is gone and Barb Hoffert will be available to help Bev if she has any questions. Vicki Garner-Sweigart made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 08/31/2013	AUGUST
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$3,751.56
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$1,190.58
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$4,942.14
GENERAL FUND INVESTMENT (12 MONTH CD)	\$5,030.93
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$3,585.85

YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$877.25
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$68,800.75	\$900.75
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$15,411.92
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING (LIMITED USE)	\$2,329.31
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$10,009.92
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MS MONEY MARKET (LIMITED USE)	\$5,490.84
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$17,830.07
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$11,331.95
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$25,024.80
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$101,614.75
ENDOWMENT MS MONEY MARKET (RESTRICTED USE)	\$130,265.17
ENDOWMENT MS STOCKS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8,074.10
ENDOWMENT MS MUTUAL FUNDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$27,196.34
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$303,507.11
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$336,749.10
GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE	\$5,000.00

Administrator's Report – The condensate pump in the kitchen was not properly fixed. The company has been back twice to fix it. We won't receive another bill.

The small handrail hasn't been installed. It will be installed when we can find a suitable way to do it.

There was a \$254 donation made to cover the costs of replacing the plexiglass on the dual sign in front of the church.

Jack Bernstel wrote a thank-you letter to Brian Ruffner to show our appreciation for the great job he did cleaning the church this summer.

Pastor's report – Bob & Penelope Wolf will be taken in as new members on September 15th.

Bradyn Shahade will be baptized on September 22nd. There will be another baptism on October 13th. The Faith Exploration meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 15th will focus on prayer. Harvest Home is on September 29th. World Communion Sunday is on October 6th. Totenfest Sunday is November 3rd, and the congregational dinner will be held on November 10th.

Council discussed the possibility of holding a contemporary service in the Fellowship Hall simultaneously with our traditional service. Pastor Bill's message could be filmed and shown in the Fellowship Hall. This solves the problem of having two services at two different times. Members would be able to choose which service they want to attend each Sunday. Jim Anthony will look into pricing the needed video equipment, which can also be used for pageants and other events. The sound can be controlled with the current soundboard in the Narthex by somebody with a cell phone or a tablet computer in the Fellowship Hall.

Children and Youth Ministry Report – Next meeting is September 15th to discuss the Christmas pageant. Courtney Hall and Gretchen Hall are teaching the youth Sunday School class.

Spiritual Council – No report.

Budget and Finance – No report.

Benevolence Committee – Met on September 9th. It's time to make the 3rd installment of our promised donation to the Eshelman family who are missionaries in Albania. Benevolence would like to donate \$250 to the Ephrata Area Social Services for the "Fuel for Families" project. Harvest Home money will also be donated to the "Fuel for Families" project. They would also like to donate \$250 to Homes of Hope for paint and supplies for the new house. A motion was made by Jill Kegerise to make the requested donations and seconded by Vicki Garner-Sweigart. Motion carried.

Stewardship Committee – Will be hosting the Explore Our Faith gathering on September 15th at 6 pm.

Adult Ministry – Thirty-three people went on the American Treasure Tour. Adult Ministry will be helping with the Craft Show on November 23rd and

the Congregational Dinner on November 10th.
Hanging of the Greens will be December 8th.

Health and Welfare – The Denver Nursing Home program was a success and the residents really enjoyed the snack consisting of root beer floats and pretzels. They will be making fruit baskets for the Special Care and Concern members for Thanksgiving. October 6th is the Special Care and Concern Communion Dinner at the church and they are trying to get the bus from Ephrata Manor so that more people can attend.

Outreach – No report.

Altar Guild – Harvest Home is September 29th, they will be setting up the sanctuary on September 28th at 9 am. October food pantry items will be used for the Health and Welfare Thanksgiving boxes. Items needed include non-perishable items such as cereal, spaghetti and sauce, soup, canned vegetables and fruits, peanut butter, stuffing, mashed potatoes, pudding, etc.

Youth Report – No report.

Old Business – Council needs members to replace Fred Romich and Jay Burkey.

New Business – Jim Anthony showed Nancy Reese and Vickie Schweitzer how to update the website. All council members should make sure they are signed up on the church website. The council portion of the website will be used to post council related business and messages to council members. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, October 8th. Being no further business, Jill Kegerise motioned to adjourn and Pat Hall 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 will be meeting Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30pm in the church council room.

**SPECIAL CARE AND CONCERN
COMMUNION WORSHIP AND DINNER**

Sunday, October 6th is World Communion Sunday. On this day we offer a special 3:00 pm 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) or to the church office at [717-484-4400](tel:717-484-4400) if you would like to attend or need transportation.

BINGO AT WERNERSVILLE

On Tuesday, October 22nd the Health and Welfare Committee will be going to Wernersville State Hospital to play Bingo with the residents. Anyone who would like to go shall meet at the church by 6:00 pm to depart by 6:15 pm. There is a box in front of the secretary's office for bingo prizes to be used for the residents that evening. Suggestions for these prizes are crackers, candy, personal care items, stuffed animals and clothing (especially larger sizes.)

PEACE PANTRY

In early November the Health and Welfare Committee will be assembling food boxes to go to families within the congregation and local community. During the month of October the Peace Pantry will be collecting food items to be used in these boxes. The Health and Welfare Committee will be supplying a canned ham for each of these boxes and will be looking to the congregation for some canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, canned potatoes, pasta, sauce, cereal and anything else a family could use for a nice meal. If you know of anyone in need of a food basket please contact Erla Hartranft at [717-484-4573](tel:717-484-4573) or Pastor Bill.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth group is meeting on October 5th at 4 pm. We are going golfing at Springside Golf Course in Reinholds, weather permitting. Cost is \$8. Please bring your own golf balls or be prepared to buy your own. Afterwards, we will be going back to the church to discuss a number of items, including mission trip Sunday. Please bring ideas of what we want to do accomplish this year, mission trip ideas,

fundraisers, activities, etc. All youth in grades 6-12th are welcome.

ABIGAIL BUTZ MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

You're invited to donate blood on Saturday, October 26th from 9 am to noon. There will be a sign up sheet on the window outside of the secretary's office in October. Walk-ins are also welcome. You are also welcome to donate blood at the PA Central Blood Bank ([1-800-771-0059](tel:1-800-771-0059)) and have it count towards the blood drive throughout the year. If you are unable to donate, you are welcome to donate a baked good for those to eat after donating blood. Please contact Kristine and Timothy Butz with any questions. Please give by donating blood for others!

SPECIAL CARE AND CONCERN MEMBERS

It may seem early but Christmas will be here before we know it and each year Peace Church remembers their Special Care and Concern Members with a Christmas and birthday care package.

At Christmas we always include a bag of homemade cookies with their Christmas cards. Christmas cards for each SCC Member can be placed in the Christmas box in the Narthex. We also invite you to bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 8th to share with our SCC members when the Health and Welfare Committee packs their Christmas bags.

We also remember our SCC Members on their birthdays. We ask you to sign a card for each of them and place it in the birthday card box in the Narthex so that their sponsor may deliver the cards in time for their birthdays. Again, no postage or stamp is needed, place your cards in the box and the Health and Welfare Committee will separate and pack them.

Christmas Card List

- Melvin Bowman
- Jean DeHart
- Sally Fasnacht
- Bob & Hazel Fichthorn
- Marvin & Kathryn Fitterling
- Paul & Elizabeth Freeman

- Betty Good
- Lori Hartranft
- Allen Hassler
- Gene & Mary Ellen Huston
- Alverta Kilhefner
- Betty Leisey
- Stewart Mohn
- Dorothy Nye
- Betty Schweitzer
- Jane Schweitzer
- Ernie Shupp
- Arlene Styer
- Dianne Tothero
- Stella Weaver
- Ethyl Youndt
- Jean Youndt
- Lester & Dolly Youndt

Birthday Card List

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| Jane Schweitzer | January 1 |
| Stewart Mohn | January 13 |
| Alverta Kilhefner | January 30 |
| Stella Weaver | February 25 |
| Betty Schweitzer | March 14 |
| Arlene Styer | March 28 |
| Gene Huston | March 30 |
| Betty Good | April 7 |
| Hazel Fichtorn | April 18 |
| Allen Hassler | May 14 |
| Marvin Fitterling | June 22 |
| Dolly Youndt | July 13 |
| Melvin Bowman | July 18 |
| Jean Youndt | August 8 |
| Elizabeth Freeman | August 11 |
| Ethyl Youndt | August 24 |
| Dorothy Nye | September 6 |
| Lori Hartranft | September 12 |
| Mary Ellen Huston | September 14 |
| Robert Fichtorn | October 7 |
| Leonore Fitterling | October 14 |
| Kathryn Fitterling | October 20 |
| Richard Fitterling | October 27 |
| Ernie Shupp | November 7 |
| Sally Fasnacht | November 18 |
| Dianne Tothero | November 19 |
| Lester Youndt | November 26 |
| Jean Dehart | December 1 |
| Paul Freeman | December 25 |
| Betty Leisey | December 31 |

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:00 pm Bible Study Melvin Bowman	2 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Jay & Stacy Burkey	3 Tiffany Burkey	4 Nichole Burkey	5 5:00 pm Homes of Hope Auction Glenn Burky
6 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 3:00 pm SCC Communion service & dinner Melissa Burky	7 Robert Burky	8 1:00 pm Bible Study 6:30p Spiritual Council 7pm Church Council Ronald & Maxine Burky	9 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Shawn Burky	10 George & Lila Butz	11 Tim & Kristine Butz	12 Allyson Butz
13 8:00 am Children's Ministry 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Don & Sue Calhoon	14 7:00 pm Bell Choir Linda Coventry	15 1:00 pm Bible Study Jean DeHart	16 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Kristen Delewski	17 Jimmy & Karen Dorsey	18 Eugene & Shirley Endy	19 Ann Englert
20 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Jerry Lee & Diane Englert	21 7:00 pm Bell Choir Kimberly Evans	22 1:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Bingo at Wernersville Olivia Evans	23 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Sidney Evans	24 Yuri Evans	25 Larry & Sally Fasnacht	26 9:00 am Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive Terry & Susan Fasnacht
27 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Robert & Hazel Fichthorn	28 Grace Firestone	29 1:00 pm Bible Study Pauline Firestone	30 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal Beverly Fisher	31 Chris & Linda Fitterling		

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October Events

October 5th – Homes of Hope Auction

October 6th – Special Care & Concern Communion & Dinner

October 22nd – Bingo at Wernersville

October 26th – Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive

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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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