



# PEACE NOTES



## November

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

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

We are about to enter the Holiday Season! I know a lot of people don't like the reference to a holiday season, but that is what it is. We begin with Thanksgiving. This is a uniquely American holiday, but what I like about it is that it is a holiday for all people. It is a time to set aside differences, squabbling within our families, and recognize that we have much to be thankful for.

Whether we are thankful to a God for the care, compassion and salvation that our God offers, or whether we are simply thankful for the food we have on the table or for what another person has done for us, we can all find reasons to give thanks!

I think about the immigrant people who have migrated to this nation from all over the world, escaping oppression and hunger and finding here what they might not find anywhere else on the face of this earth – we and they have reason to be thankful. I also think about a people who we call illegal immigrants. Wherever we stand on the issue of illegal immigration, think how better it is to live here in poverty, than in another nation of poverty. They have reason to give thanks.

When you sit down on that day look around the table, whether it is one or two or more people, and discover your reason to give thanks. Whether we worship the God of creation – Yahweh, and whether we worship this God in the Jewish or Christian tradition or whether we worship any other God or no God, we need to recognize our need to give thanks!

We then enter into the season of Advent – a journey towards Christmas and the remembering and

reliving of the birth of our Savior. Again we have reason to give thanks. Everything was changed by that birth. Even the telling of time was altered according to that birth. Nothing was ever the same again and from the moment when we recognized our need for that God and that Savior, our own lives have been forever changed.

Then there are holidays that are not ours, but they have meaning for our neighbors. As we expect our celebrations to be respected, so let us respect the observances of our neighbors. And even if it feels as though ours is not respected, let us show respect as a people of faith.

It is a Holiday Season – Rejoice and be glad in the Lord and all the blessings that God has bestowed upon us!



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# Church Council Officers

## 2013

John Haldeman, *Council President*  
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John Haldeman .....484-2510  
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Janice Kohl.....391-2890  
Nancy Reese.....484-4659  
Vicky Schweitzer.....808-9823

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### ACOLYTES

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### HEAD USHER

Janice Kohl

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### ALTAR GUILD

Shirley Kring  
Linda Coventry

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### GREETERS

**November 3** Ed and Sue McIlmoyle  
**November 10** Ronald and Carol Parker  
**November 17** Rosie Johnston and Tyler Hertzog  
**November 24** Tim and Valerie Heil

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

**November 3** Bobbi Porter-Kunkle & Family  
**November 10** Mr. & Mrs. Randy Good  
**November 17** Jean Trostle  
**November 24** Pauline Firestone

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

## November Birthdays

- November 2** Kenneth Hopkins  
Kathryn Light  
Gregory Good  
Bradley Bixler
- November 3** Richard Palsgrove
- November 7** **Ernest Shupp\*\***  
Grace Firestone
- November 9** Keith Hoffert  
Janet Stork
- November 11** Sherry Moyer
- November 12** Sheree Wolf  
Drew Wolf
- November 13** Myles Shollenberger
- November 14** Fred Romich
- November 17** Marianne Little
- November 18** **Sally Fasnacht\*\***
- November 19** **Dianne Tothero\*\***  
Bradley Wolf
- November 20** Bobbi Porter-Kunkle
- November 21** Jodie Weiler
- November 23** Barry Harting  
Jodi Freeman
- November 24** Michael Hoffert
- November 25** Mark Weaver
- November 26** **Lester Youndt\*\***
- November 30** Pauline Firestone

### \*\* 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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## November Anniversaries

- November 7** Gene and Mary Ellen Huston
- November 14** Gregory and Kathi Good
- November 17** Clifford and Audrey Youndt

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# Thank You's

Thank you to the people of Peace Church and Pastor Hoch for being so thoughtful. Thank you also for the prayer shawl, cards, phone calls and visits.  
Pierce and Ethel Leshner

To the Congregation,  
Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl and for your many prayers. I have truly been blessed. I thank God for letting me have my sight. I get tired, but I can still live my life.

Sallie Deichert

The family of Paul and Elizabeth Freeman would like to thank you for her birthday cards and his get well cards. Thank you to Pastor Bill for his visits and to the congregation for all their prayers.

The Freeman Family

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and wonderful meals. This has been a challenging journey and has been made easier because of you. When we took our vows 57 years ago, to love and to cherish, in sickness and in health, has a whole new meaning. Pastor Bill has been such a help with his visits. God bless, miss you

Ronald and Maxine Burky

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## SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

Sunday, November 17 – 6:00 pm

This will be the fourth exploration event. Father Joseph Currie will join us to share what it means to the Roman Catholic Church to have a Pope from the Jesuit tradition and a man who is inspired by St. Francis. Please join us as we understand what implications with has for the wider church as we all strive to serve our God.

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## Holiday Craft Show



Find the perfect gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list at the Holiday Craft Show on Sat., November 23, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The many crafters will be displaying a variety of homemade items, including

jewelry, wood crafts, baskets, tatting, sewn items, needlework, travel accessories, paper crafts, glass art, handbags, crocheted hats, and much more! Food and baked goods will be available for purchase.

(All proceeds from the table rentals, food, and baked goods sales will benefit the Capital Campaign.)

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## Baked Goods Wanted

The Adult Ministry Committee is looking for baked goods donations to be sold at the Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Baked goods donations can be dropped off at the church on Friday evening (Nov. 22) from 6:00-7:30 p.m., or at the home of Dick & Robinette Palsgrove during the day on Friday.



Crack open your cookbooks and recipe boxes and fill the tables with goodies!

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### PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING October 8, 2013

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

Excused: Pat Wolf, Janice Kohl, Nancy Reese

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2013. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

**Review of last month's minutes** – Fran Hollen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Jill Kegerise seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Barry Harting audited the 2012 financial records and the financial report for 2012 is fairly stated. He would like the church to

get a CPA to do the audit next year because it has become more complicated and is beyond his area of expertise. Jill Kegerise made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Jay Burkey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES 09/30/2013	SEPTEMBER
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,416.25
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	(\$1,203.16)
<b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)</b>	<b>\$213.09</b>
GENERAL FUND INVESTMENT (12 MONTH CD)	\$5,031.79
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$3,585.85
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$877.25
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$69,835.75	\$1,935.75
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$11,718.73</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING (LIMITED USE)	\$2,329.40
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$10,011.62
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MS MONEY MARKET (LIMITED USE)	\$5,490.84
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,831.86</b>
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$11,332.80
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$25,029.05
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$101,703.12
ENDOWMENT MS MONEY MARKET (RESTRICTED USE)	\$130,478.44
ENDOWMENT MS STOCKS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8,074.10
ENDOWMENT MS MUTUAL FUNDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$27,477.18
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$304,094.69</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$333,645.28</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

**Administrator's Report** – Jack Bernstel would like to thank those who helped move the stage and chairs to Swamp Lutheran and back, for the Homes of Hope auction.

Signs have been finished and they look great. They are sealed up and there are no more moisture leaks on the inside. There was an anonymous donation made to cover the cost of the work.

The work crew will start concentrating on the interior work this month.

The Manger was repaired so the work crew will not have to build a new one.

There was a suggestion made to angle the lights in front of the church differently. Jack Bernstel will look into it.

**Pastor's Report** - Totenfest will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Congregational Meeting will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Thanksgiving eve service will be held at Muddy Creek Lutheran Church. Advent begins December 1<sup>st</sup> and Hanging of the Greens will take place on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Children and Youth Ministry Report** – 6-10 kids are coming to Sunday school every week and they are doing well.

Children's Ministry is providing an opportunity to support Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services thru Baby Bottle Boomerang – if you would like to help take one of the bottles in the Narthex, add your change or gift and return it to the church.

**Spiritual Council Report** – Pastor Bill's evaluation was done and he scored pretty well. He was given a few items to focus on for next year and asked to continue focusing on the items he was given last year. Overall we were very pleased.

**Budget and Finance Report** – Council reviewed the budget for 2014. General donations are down approximately 6% this year and the 2014 budget reflects that. Some committee budgets were cut, depending on usage from this past year. Bobbi Porter-Kunkle made a motion to accept the 2014 budget as presented and Jill Kegerise seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Benevolence Committee Report** – No report.

**Stewardship Committee Report** – Did not meet.

**Adult Ministry Report** – The menu for the congregational dinner is pork loin, mashed potatoes, and mixed vegetables. Adult Ministry will set up for the dinner and make desserts. Church council will cleanup.

The craft show is November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am to 2 pm. Karen Pannebecker and Lois Haldeman will put up a signup sheet to ask for donations of baked goods. They will be serving hotdogs and possibly pulled pork sandwiches if there are leftovers from the congregational dinner.

December 8<sup>th</sup> is Hanging of the Greens. They will be making turkey noodle soup and want the congregation to bring sides and desserts.

The Ash Wednesday service is March 5<sup>th</sup> and Adult Ministry will be providing refreshments after the service.

The chicken barbeque will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>. VBS will be held at Peace this year and Adult Ministry will be serving tacos for dinner one night.

**Health and Welfare Report** – There were 45 people at the special care and concern communion and dinner, 14 were SCC members.

Health and Welfare will be making Thanksgiving baskets for SSC members and local families in need. If anybody knows of a family in need let Erla Hartranft know. SSC bags will be made at the hanging of the greens. The Christmas party at Colonial Lodge will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Outreach Report** – No Report.

**Altar Guild Report** - \$489 was raised for the fuel fund and with the \$250 donation from Benevolence the total raised was \$739.

Peace Pantry is accepting non-perishable food items for the Health and Welfare Thanksgiving boxes.

Poinsettias have been ordered and will be delivered to the church on December 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost will be \$7 each.

A set of white inserts for the vases was ordered to replace the set that is missing. Cost was \$83.

**Youth Report** – Youth had a golf outing and then met back at the church to discuss activities for the year. 4 kids committed to going back to NYC with YSOP for their mission trip and they will work on finding a date that works for everybody. They also discussed some fund raising ideas.

**Old Business** – A motion was made by Jill Kegerise to approve for nomination Cindy Anthony and Amy Miller to church council next year, to approve Pat Wolf for her first term, and to approve Pat Hall, Fran Hollen, and Bobbi Porter-Kunkle for first year, second terms. Motion was seconded by Jay Burkey. Motion carried.

**New Business** – Congregational dinner is November 10<sup>th</sup> and council members will be in charge of cleanup.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Being no further business, Pat Hall 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

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**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP**

Thanksgiving Eve Worship will be held on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Muddy Creek Lutheran Church. We are invited to join with the people of Muddy Creek and St. Paul’s Lutheran Church as we give thanks in fellowship with one another.

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**ALTAR GUILD**

Altar Guild will be taking orders for red Christmas poinsettias before and after worship on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$7.00 for a 5 bloom plant. The poinsettias will be in the church sanctuary on Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> and for the Christmas Eve Service on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The poinsettias should be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.

There is one available date for Altar flowers for July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. If interested see Vicki Sweigart or call 336-2307.

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**Peace Pantry for November**

On Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 at 6:30 pm the Health and Welfare committee, and anyone else who would like to join us, will be going to Colonial Lodge for a Christmas party and a fun evening of crafts and entertainment with the residents. For the month of November the Peace Pantry will be collecting small gift items for the residents at Colonial Lodge, some suggestions may be tissues, socks, gloves, candy, snacks, jewelry or any personal items such as shampoo or soap.

The Health and Welfare committee will be wrapping items collected in the November Peace Pantry for Colonial Lodge on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> after church in the fellowship hall and putting them into Santa bag.

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**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD**

Adult Ministry is asking you to help make a joyful noise unto the Lord this Christmas by bringing in ornaments shaped like musical instruments or musical signs to decorate our trees. Virginia is loaning us a large box of musical ornaments and we thought it would be fun to use them on the tree this year with your own ornaments. Check your ornament collection and pick one or more to help decorate our trees this year. If we have enough, we may be able to do both the sanctuary and the narthex trees. Any ornament you bring in should have some identification so that you will be able to retrieve them after the holidays are over.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

As we move closer to the holidays, please mark these dates on your calendar that together we might fellowship together, give thanks and celebrate the grace and the gifts of God:

- Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Totenfest
- Sunday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Meeting and Dinner

- Sunday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> Spiritual Exploration – Father Joseph Currie
- Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – Craft Show – 8am – 2pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Community Service at Muddy Creek – 7:00
- Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – First Sunday of Advent – Communion Served
- Sunday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Hanging of the Greens
- Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Caroling
- Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Candlelight Service – 7:30

- Betty Leisey
- Stewart Mohn
- Dorothy Nye
- Betty Schweitzer
- Jane Schweitzer
- Ernie Shupp
- Arlene Styer
- Mary Lou Sweigart
- Dianne Tothero
- Stella Weaver
- Ethyl Youndt
- Jean Youndt
- Lester & Dolly Youndt

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**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

We always remember our SCC Members at Christmas and on their birthdays. 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 8<sup>th</sup> to share with our SCC members when the Health and Welfare Committee packs their Christmas bags.

We also invite you to sign a birthday card for each SCC member and place it in the 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. ***This is the most recent list and contain correction from last month's newsletter!***

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**CHRISTMAS CARD LIST**

- Melvin Bowman
- Jean DeHart
- Sally Fasnacht
- Bob & Hazel Fichthorn
- Marvin & Kathryn Fitterling
- Richard & Leonore Fitterling
- Paul & Elizabeth Freeman
- Betty Good
- Lori Hartranft
- Allen Hassler
- Gene & Mary Ellen Huston
- Alverta Kilhefner

**BIRTHDAY CARD LIST**

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
Mary Lou Sweigart	June 6
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

## Holiday Word Search

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  <b>Marvin &amp; Kathryn Fitterling</b>	2  <b>Richard &amp; Leonore Fitterling</b>
3 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship - Totenfest  <b>Ida Franks</b>	4  <b>Paul &amp; Elizabeth Freeman</b>	5 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Health and Welfare  <b>Robert &amp; Jodi Freeman</b>	6 7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Robert &amp; Vaye Freeman</b>	7  <b>Doris Fultz</b>	8  <b>Allen &amp; Ardel Garner</b>	9  <b>Carl &amp; Vicki Garner-Sweigart</b>
10 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30am Congregational Meeting and Dinner  <b>Heidi Garner-Ulrich</b>	11  <b>Kathy Garner-Wilson</b>	12 1 pm Bible Study 6:30pm Spiritual Council 7pm Church Council  <b>Arthur &amp; Dawn Gehman</b>	13 7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Melvin &amp; Mar-ian Gerhart</b>	14  <b>Jason &amp; Pamela Getz</b>	15  <b>John &amp; Mary Getz</b>	16  <b>Alicia Good</b>
17 8 am Children's Ministry 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  <b>Betty Good</b>	18  <b>Duane &amp; Yinell Good</b>	19 1 pm Bible Study  <b>Gregory &amp; Kathi Good</b>	20 7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Adam Good</b>	21  <b>Ralph &amp; Carole Good</b>	22  <b>Randy &amp; Jean Good</b>	23 Craft Bazaar 8 am – 2 pm  <b>Charles &amp; Edith Graff</b>
24 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship  <b>Gary Gress</b>	25  <b>James &amp; Margaret Gress</b>	26 1 pm Bible Study  <b>Madison Gress</b>	27 7pm Community Thanksgiving Worship at Muddy Creek  <b>Mary Jane Grote</b>	28 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>  <b>John &amp; Lois Haldeman</b>	29  <b>Courtney Hall</b>	30  <b>Dan &amp; Pat Hall</b>

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**November Events**

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Totenfest Sunday

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – Spiritual Exploration 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Holiday Craft Show 8 am.-2 pm.

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at Muddy Creek 7 pm.

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