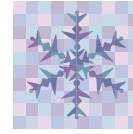




# PEACE NOTES



## January

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

*The following was inspired by reading an article by Timothy Merrill*

"I get it" is a common phrase today. It is most often used when it seems that someone doesn't think that they have been heard and so they ask, "Do you get it? Do you understand?" And we reply with the words, "Yes, I get it. I hear you. I understand."

I think most of us would agree that there are things that we get and things that we do not get. Here are a few examples:

*I get that e-mail is too slow for kids today and that texting is faster than email.*

*I do not get that picking up the phone is slower than either one.*

*I get that my wife values my opinion of her fashion choices.*

*I don't get that she thinks my answer will be anything but – it looks lovely.*

*I get reality.*

*I don't get reality TV.*

*I get that we should go green.*

*I don't get why people buy bottled water.*

I think there are things that God gets about us and some things that God does not get about us.

*God gets that we are using the brains that God gave us.*

*God does not get why we use those brains to blow each other up.*

*God gets that we believe that God loves us.*

*God doesn't get why we cannot love one another.*

*God gets that there are times when we are tired of*

*eating at home.*

*God doesn't get how we can spend billions of dollars each year on casual and fine dining and \$110 billion dollars on fast food, while there are children in our own community who are hungry and suffering from malnutrition.*

*God gets that we want to follow Jesus.*

*God doesn't get how we easily lose our way...Is Jesus so hard to follow? Does Jesus run on ahead of us and hide? Do we lose him in a fog or does he play a cosmic game of hide and seek?*

*God gets that we love the church.*

*God doesn't get that there are people who hate the church and say – Jesus hated it too. God doesn't think so.*

Now, here is my number one "I don't get it" – I don't get how people, Christians, can say hateful and hurtful things about other people and justify it by saying that is what my faith teaches me. Our faith does not teach us to hate and to judge, it teaches us to love and forgive and serve our neighbors. Even if we think they are sinners, it is not up to us to judge or condemn.

Think about this: How many times in scripture did Jesus say to someone, "Go on your way, your sins are forgiven, sin no more"? The words, "You are forgiven" were always spoken without the person ever asking for forgiveness and without ever confessing a single sin. It was a gift. Also, Jesus never withheld forgiveness until that person promised to change their ways and he never stopped back to check up on them. It was a free gift.

I get that we have received that gift. I don't get why we have withheld it from others.

Pastor Bill

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# Church Council Officers 2014

- 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

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

## DEACONS

- Cindy Anthony.....335-2643
- Vaye Freeman.....445-7601
- Fran Hollen.....725-0751
- Janice Kohl.....391-2890
- Amy Miller.....484-1948
- Nancy Reese.....484-4659
- Vicky Schweitzer.....808-9823
- Pat Wolf.....336-2272

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## HEAD USHER

**Jill Kegerise**

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## ALTAR GUILD

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

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## GREETERS

- January 5** Bob and Vaye Freeman
- January 12** Claude and Bertha Adair
- January 19** Nancy Reese
- January 26** Ralph and Carole Good

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

- January 5** Mary Getz
- January 12** Charles and Edie Graff
- January 19** Richard and Robinette Palsgrove
- January 26** John Kegerise Family

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**The deadline for submitting articles for the February issue of Peace Notes is January 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.

## January Birthdays

- January 1** Jane Schweitzer\*\*  
Shirley Endy  
David Bixler
- January 3** James Moser  
Audrey Youndt  
Patricia Harting
- January 4** Kathi Good
- January 8** Alicia Good
- January 10** Donna Reinhart  
Julie LaSalle
- January 13** **Stewart Mohn\*\***  
Margaret Harting  
Clifford Youndt  
Shawn Burky
- January 16** Randy Stauffer
- January 18** Janet Mattis  
Charles Graff  
Margaret Gress
- January 19** Ashley Moore
- January 20** Marian Trostle
- January 21** Erla Hartranft  
Allison Fisher
- January 22** Donald Sunday
- January 24** Pierce Leshner  
Karen Dorsey
- January 28** Staci Tobias
- January 29** Vicki Garner-Sweigart  
Ethan Sipe  
Brady Sipe
- January 30** **Alverta Kilhefner\*\***
- January 31** Jerry Lee Englert

### \*\* 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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## January Anniversaries

- January 2** Scott and Lise Lausch
- January 5** Claude and Bertha Adair
- January 9** Galen and Georgean Bixler
- January 10** Clair and Mardel Lausch

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# Thank You's

Another year has come and gone and once again we feel so blessed to be a part of Peace Church. Janis and I thank you for your love and support, your gifts and your cards and the many different ways that you have expressed your love and support for us. May this New Year bring Joy, Peace, Love and Happiness to you and yours. May God bless us all as we begin this New Year together!

*Pastor Bill*

Dear friends, the words thank-you hardly seem enough, but they are coming from my heart, a heart uplifted by your kindness. Please let me thank everyone for thinking of me.

My special thanks,  
*Betty Seiscio*

We would like to thank all who sent Lester birthday cards. We'd also like to thank-you for the beautiful fruit basket, Christmas cookies and Christmas cards.

Thanks to all,  
*Lester and Dolly Youndt*

The Health and Welfare Committee would like to thank the congregation for their contributions to the December Peace Pantry for Colonial Lodge and the cookies for the Special Care and Concern members' bags. Peace Church helped make this a blessed Christmas for many.

Thank you  
*Health and Welfare Committee*

Thank you to all the congregational members who ordered Christmas Poinsettias. The church sanctuary looked beautiful.

*The Altar Guild*

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## Peace United Church of Christ Council Meeting December 16, 2013

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbi Porter-Kunkle, Mike Madara, Bev Madara, Jay

Burkey, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Pat Wolf, Pat Hall, Vaye Freeman, Janice Kohl, and Vickie Schweitzer.

Excused: Jill Kegerise, Ben Kegerise, Jack Bernstel, Nancy Reese, and Fran Hollen.

Unexcused: Fred Romich.

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Monday, December 16, 2013. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

**Review of last month's minutes** – Jay Burkey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Donations exceeded expenses by roughly \$3600 in November allowing us to decrease our deficit a little bit, but it is still approximately \$25,000. Pat Hall made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Jay Burkey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 11/30/2013	NOVEMBER
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	(\$2,371.07)
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$8,883.14
<b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)</b>	<b>\$6,512.07</b>
GENERAL FUND INVEST (12 MONCD)	\$5,033.47
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$3,952.85
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$927.25
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$71,050.75	\$4,070.21
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$20,570.85</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING (LIMITED USE)	\$2,190.53
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$15,016.01
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,206.54</b>
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$9,834.68
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$25,037.42
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$101,877.39
ENDOWMENT MS MONEY MARKET (RESTRICTED USE)	\$130,705.07

ENDOWMENT MS STOCKS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8,304.35
ENDOWMENT MS MUTUAL FUNDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$28,304.18
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$304,063.09</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$341,840.48</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>

**Administrator's Report** – DS Burkholder Electrical made repairs to the pole light in the corner of the parking lot, the light over the main entrance had a short, and the electric heater in the garage was replaced. All problems were caused by old wiring.

The work crew set out the decorations and set up tables for the Hanging of the Greens. This week they will set up the portable steps in the sanctuary for the poinsettias.

The lot was not plowed on December 15<sup>th</sup> because it was determined between Jack and the person who does the plowing that it would be best to keep the snow cover on the lot because of the prediction for ice and freezing rain.

**Pastor's Report** - The next communion will be held on January 5<sup>th</sup>. On January 12<sup>th</sup> new council members will be ordained and installed, and Tanner Gantz will be baptized.

The next Faith Exploration event will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> and will focus on spirituality for the caregiver. February 16<sup>th</sup>'s event is called spirituality for the caregiver's heart, and we will discuss what happens after the person who is being cared for passes away.

Peace UCC will be hosting the community meal at Trinity United Methodist Church on February 27<sup>th</sup> and August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Jim Gress made a cross and a stand for a plaque, and Jack Bernstel made a table, all for the contemporary service. We still need a projector (\$319.99), a video camera (\$199.00), and a small control board for the fellowship hall. There was an anonymous gift of \$750 made for the contemporary service which will hopefully cover the cost of these items. There is also an anonymous person who is willing to build us a professionally built stage for the service.

Peace UCC was named in the estate of Virginia C. Miller, a \$5000 gift was given in the name of Pastor Joseph H. Miller who served as a supply pastor.

Pastor Bill will be on vacation on December 29<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Children and Youth Ministry, Spiritual Council, Budget and Finance, Benevolence Committee Report, Outreach and Youth had No Reports.**

**Stewardship Committee Report** – The next meeting of the Stewardship Committee will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Pastor Bill took pictures of the church which can be made into cards and distributed to potential members.

**Adult Ministry Report** – Adult Ministry served soup and hotdogs, and had a bake sale at the craft show. They also made turkey noodle soup for the Hanging of the Greens.

**Health and Welfare Report** – The next meeting is scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup> after worship.

**Altar Guild Report** – Altar Guild sold poinsettias and will be placing them in the sanctuary on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Peace Pantry will be collecting white socks for homeless veterans in January.

**Old Business** – Neighbors of the church saw a person in our pavilion and called the police. The police chased the person, but did not catch him. We are hoping that the problem has now been resolved as no other instances have been reported.

**New Business** – John Haldeman read the nominees for church council officers for 2014, John Haldeman – President, Bobbi Porter-Kunkle – Vice-President, and Bev Madara – Secretary. Vicki Garner-Sweigart made a motion to accept these nominations as presented and Vaye Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jay Burkey made a motion to continue the appointment of Mike Madara as Treasurer and Jack Bernstel as Administrator. Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2014. Being no further business, Vicki Gar-

ner-Sweigart motioned to adjourn and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bev Madara  
Council Secretary

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**Peace Pantry**

During the month of January the Peace Pantry will be collecting **new white** men's socks for the homeless veterans throughout Pennsylvania. These socks will be distributed by John and Mary Getz to the homeless veterans' shelters.

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**You’re invited...**

to the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner in memory of Abigail Kristine Butz, on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014, from 4:30 to 6:30, at the Peace UCC fellowship hall. The dinner is “free” for the entire community. We welcome dessert donations! We will also be accepting donations for the Histo Society which organizes research for rare blood diseases like HLH, AI duPont Hospital for Children, and the Ronald McDonald House of DE. You may write a check directly to the organization for your 2014 tax deduction.

Sincerely,  
Abigail’s Family  
Michael, Allyson, Matthew, Kristine, and Timothy

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## Bible Names Word Search

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# January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1          <b>Alverta Kilhefner</b>	2 7 pm Choir Re- hearsal          <b>Mark Kline</b>	3          <b>Shirley Kline</b>	4 Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner 4:30- 6:30 pm          <b>Arthur Klink</b>
5 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Health and Welfare meeting          <b>Kevin &amp; Jessica Klinkner</b>	6          <b>Harold &amp; Ann Kohl</b>	7 1 pm Bible Study          <b>Janice Kohl</b>	8 7 pm Choir Re- hearsal          <b>Mildred Krick</b>	9          <b>Paul &amp; Shirley Kring</b>	10          <b>Russell &amp; Julie Lasalle</b>	11          <b>Chris &amp; Jes- sica Lausch</b>
12 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Installation of New Council Tanner Gantz Bap- tism          <b>Clair &amp; Mardel Lausch</b>	13 6:30p Spiritual Council 7p Church Council          <b>Scott &amp; Lise Lausch</b>	14 1 pm Bible Study          <b>Sylvia Leach</b>	15 7 pm Choir Re- hearsal          <b>Betty Leisey</b>	16          <b>Kenneth &amp; Nancy Leshner</b>	17          <b>Pierce &amp; Ethel Leshner</b>	18          <b>Samuel &amp; Nancy Leshner</b>
19 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship   6 pm Faith Explora- tion – Spirituality for the Caregiver          <b>George Lewis</b>	20          <b>Kathryn Light</b>	21 1 pm Bible Study          <b>Charles &amp; Beverly Lightcap</b>	22 7 pm Choir Re- hearsal          <b>Brianne Little</b>	23          <b>Daniel &amp; Mari- anne Little</b>	24          <b>Wes &amp; Karli Little</b>	25          <b>Jack &amp; Linda Long</b>
26 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship          <b>Charlotte Macleod</b>	27          <b>Michael &amp; Bev- erly Madara</b>	28 1 pm Bible Study          <b>Robert &amp; Bev- erly Martin</b>	29 7 pm Choir Re- hearsal          <b>Janet Mattis</b>	30          <b>Janet Mawhinney</b>	31          <b>John &amp; Heidi McDonough</b>	

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January 19<sup>th</sup> – Faith Exploration – Spirituality for the Caregiver – 6:00 pm

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