



PEACE NOTES



April

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

For centuries, for thousands of years the human race has been in search of something that would provide them with eternal life.

In the 16th century, Ponce De Leon traveled Florida in search of the fountain of youth. It was believed that anyone who bathed in or drank from its waters would be rejuvenated and returned to their youth!

Alchemists beginning in the third century were searching for, or trying to create what they called the Philosopher's Stone or the Magnum Opus. This was a key ingredient for turning base metals into silver or gold. But also it was thought to be a key to rejuvenation and long life. It was believed by many, both inside of the Christian faith and outside, that the long life span recorded for the patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Noah – was due to effects of the Magnum Opus. In fact, there are some who believe that the white stone referred to in Revelation 2:17 is the Opus Magnum.

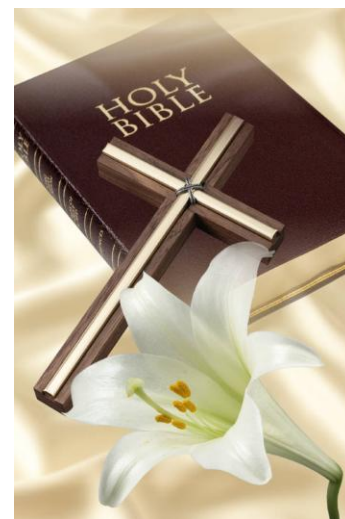
Ponce De Leon never discovered the fountain of youth! Scientists have never discovered or created the Magnum Opus. The key to long and youthful life on the face of the earth continues to elude all those who go in search. And yet, they still go in search of that which does not exist or cannot be found!

But, soon we will celebrate an event so incredible, so amazing, so unexplainable; an event that fills the hopes of so many and is the fulfillment of that one desire that has followed us down through the centuries, and yet so many have fail to recognize its truth and its value. And that is the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is the key and it is the door to eternal life! It may not be the eternal life in the physical form that we know, but it is eternal life in the Kingdom and in the presence of our God.

How do we know this? We know by the word and the promise of our Savior. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go to prepare a place for you, then I will return and take you to myself, that where I am there you may be also. This is the promise of god this Easter Season – let us rejoice and be glad!

Pastor Bill



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HEAD USHER

Vickie Schweitzer

ALTAR GUILD

Sylvia Leach
Linda Coventry

GREETERS

April 6 Janice Kohl and Jean Trostle
April 13 Ray and Bobby Kunkel
April 20 Jeff Miller Family
April 27 TBD

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 6 Richard and Virginia Tobias
Greg and Diane Tobias
April 13 Judy High and Family
April 20 Melvin Bowman
April 27 Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Leshar



The deadline for submitting articles for the May issue of Peace Notes is April 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.

April Birthdays

April 1 Katie Jo Sunday
April 2 Michael Madara
April 3 Mary Jane Grote
 Charles Lightcap
April 4 Barbara Becker
April 5 Audrey Priga
April 6 Kenneth Leshner
 Connie Youndt
April 7 **Betty Good ****
 Kathy Palsgrove
 Mark Anthony
April 10 Dorothy Beam
 Linda Shollenberger
April 11 Daniel Little
April 12 Christopher Lausch
April 14 Helen Youndt
 Linda Fitterling
 Brianne Little
April 16 Chris Fitterling
 Madison Gress
 Cole Patterson
April 20 Michael Tobias
April 21 John Bernstel, Jr.
April 22 Whitney Sunday
April 24 Clara Roland
 Polly Moser
 Michael Anderson
 Beverly Lightcap
 Yuri Evans
April 25 Benjamin Kegerise
April 27 Matthew Anthony
April 28 Patricia Acebo
 Jane Walmsley
 Heidi McDonough
 Kristine Butz

**** Special Care and Concern Member**
 Please remember these members with a card that
 can be placed in the birthday box in the Narthex



April Anniversaries

April 1 Steven and Rebecca Priga
April 2 Larry and Sally Fasnacht
April 5 Wes and Karli Little
April 9 Richard and Virginia Tobias
April 10 Edward and Susan McIlmoyle
April 21 John and Heidi McDonough
April 23 Jeff and Sherry Moyer
April 25 Ralph and Carole Good
April 27 Jimmy and Karen Dorsey

Thank You's

We would like to thank Pastor Bill and the people
 of Peace Church for all their prayers, cards and
 condolences after our recent loss of Shirley. Also,
 thank-you to the ladies for their fine set up in the
 Fellowship Hall after the service. A GIANT thank-
 you to all.

The Paul Kring Family

PEACE PANTRY

The items for the Peace Pantry for April are
 personal care items. Toothpaste, toothbrush,
 body soap and shampoo.

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If you are still receiving Peace Notes in the mail and
 you have access to e-mail or can pick it up at the
 church, please e-mail Bev Madara at secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org
 or place a note in the
 Peace Notes folder on my desk with your e-mail
 address or preference to pick it up at church. If you
 are receiving Peace Notes via both e-mail and mail,
 please let me know so we can remove you from the
 mailing list.

SENIOR CITIZEN SOCIAL

Saturday April 12th there will be a senior citizen social at the Cocalico High School from 6-9 pm. Join them for free music, games, food, prizes and fun!!

PEACE CHURCH'S ANNUAL EGG HUNT

When: Saturday April 12th, 2014 at 10:00 am.
This is a rain or shine event and everyone is welcome! A light lunch will be provided to everyone after the hunt. Hope to see you there. Any questions contact Barb Becker at 738-1856.

PRAYER VIGIL

Once again, Peace Church will be holding its annual Prayer Vigil on Saturday, April 19th, 2014. The vigil has become a bit of a tradition and serves to allow individuals, couples, or families to spend time in the quietness and solitude of the sanctuary in Bible reading, prayer, or meditation.

If you have never participated in this spiritually meaningful time, please consider doing so. Blocks of 1/2-hour time periods are chosen for you to be in the sanctuary to meditate, pray, or read in preparation for the coming of the Easter Resurrection. Individuals are also needed to sit for 2-hour time periods in the Council Room to make sure the vigil runs smoothly.

As in the past, the vigil will run from 6:00 am until 12:00 am – a total of 18 hours. Please consider participating in this worthwhile and spiritually-enriching event. A sign-up sheet can be found on the office window. Should you have any questions, please see Pastor Bill of Lois Haldeman.

HEALTH AND WELFARE NEWS

Health and Welfare Sunday will be May 4th. Pat Hall and Cindy Golden, guest speaker from the Cocalico Homes of Hope, will be with us during the

church worship. Many Peace Church members are familiar with the Affiliated Ministry of LOVE INC's Homes of Hope Transitional Housing Program through volunteering and serving on mentoring, cleaning and inventory teams.

The program offers families a minimum 4-month stay in a church-sponsored, fully furnished home. Once in the home, families are connected to Church Care Teams offering mentoring and hands-on assistance and Professional Case Management Services. Additionally, families are connected with existing community and church based resources that will further assist them as they work towards self-sufficiency.

The Health and Welfare Committee feels this is a worthy local organization and a great opportunity to help a neighbor in need. A donation bucket for the Cocalico Homes of Hope home will be in the narthex and the Health and Welfare Committee will be serving a Coffee Hour after the service. This will be a wonderful time for fellowship with our Homes of Hope speakers.

Next Health and Welfare meeting will be Tuesday, May 6th at 6:30 pm at church.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will be taking orders for Easter Lilies on Sunday, March 30th, April 6th and April 13th before and after worship. The cost is \$7.50 for a 5-6 bloom plant. The Easter Lilies will be in the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday April 20th and should be taken home after the service.

The Altar Guild will be placing the Easter Lilies in the church after the April 18th Friday evening service.

The Altar Guild will be preparing the palms for Palm Sunday on Saturday April 12th at 8:00 am

BAKE SALE

There will be a Peace Church bake sale on Saturday April 26th during the Youth Chicken Barbeque. The

funds raised will go toward the roofing project. If you would like to bake any items or help on Saturday the 26th please see Lillian Messner. Baked goods may be dropped off Friday evening from 4:00-6:00 pm or early Saturday morning.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT

This year the Peace Church Sunday School Lenten Project is **The Family Village Farm(FVF)** through the United Church of Christ's Global Ministries. The **Family Village Farm** was founded in 1969 by Dr. Pauline E. King for orphans and the destitute elderly in Kasam, India. The Village brings together children from extremely poor families, some having no parents or one parent who is not able to support them, with elderly and poor adults who would otherwise be homeless. There are ten to twelve children, a mother, and grandparents living in each cottage in a family-type group. At any given time there are 150-200 children, 15 or more mothers, as well as grandparents residing at FVF. These adults provide "families" for the children and help to care for them while benefiting from the housing and support.

The **Family Village Farm** includes staff housing, a bakery, poultry farm, a feed mixing unit and a dairy for the supply of milk to the residents. Young boys are trained to tend crops and fruit trees and the girls are trained in sewing. These activities help support the FVF. Additional training at school helps the children learn skills that will enable them to be self-supporting in the future.

Global Ministries assists the **Family Village Farm** in their capital improvements and other needed infrastructure items. This support includes funds to upgrade the FVF restrooms, food and the purchase of used buses for transportation of the children and staff. Global Ministries seeks to support FVF on an on-going basis with special gifts in order to meet needs and increase the quality of life for the children there.

The project goal is to raise a total of \$525.00 for the **Family Village Farm** community of orphans and elderly impoverished. \$375.00 would be used for upgrading a restroom and \$150.00 would be used to provide food for 3 family group homes.

Watch the front bulletin board as money is raised and our Sunday School children send it to the India FVF. Place your money for this project in the basket by the bulletin board as this service project is separate from the Church Lenten envelopes

PEANUT BUTTER EGGS

The youth will be making peanut butter eggs on April 5th at 9:00 am. We plan to make almost 2000 eggs. Everyone is welcome to come and help make the eggs. Orders for the eggs can be place on the signup sheet on the secretary's window or they can be emailed to youth@peaceunitedchurch.org. The cost of a 1 pound box is \$6.00.

CHICKEN BARBEQUE

The annual chicken barbeque will be held April 26th. Tickets are now available. See any youth member. Cost is \$6 for half of a chicken, or \$9 for a dinner which also includes a baked potato, cole-slaw, roll and butter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our combined 2014 Vacation Bible School with Muddy Creek Lutheran Church, held this year at Peace Church, will be the week of Sunday, June 22nd to Thursday, June 26th. We are already in the planning stages with most committees and leaders in place. We encourage you to set the dates in your calendar and begin inviting family members, friends and neighbors so we can have a full and exciting VBS. Supper will be served in the fellowship hall from 5:15-6:15 pm with the **VBS JUNGLE SAFARI** opening starting at 6:15 pm. The next VBS meeting is April 1st at 7:00 pm. Watch for upcoming sign up sheets on the secretary's window.

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING March 11, 2014

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbi Porter-Kunkle, Mike Madara, Bev Madara, Cindy Anthony, Pat Wolf, Pat Hall, Vaye Freeman, Jill Kegerise, Ben Kegerise, and Amy Miller.

Excused: Fran Hollen, Janice Kohl, Vickie Schweitzer, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Jack Bernstel.

Unexcused: Nancy Reese.

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report – We received \$3490 in capital campaign contributions in February. Mike Madara presented 2 investment proposals from Mike Weinhold to the Benevolence Committee. The more conservative of the two proposals was chosen and Mike will work on transferring the money from Morgan Stanley to the new investment fund. Jill Kegerise made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Account Balances as of 02/28/2014	February
Funds Summary	Ending Balance
Checking Account	\$1,540.47
Money Market Account	(\$2,975.36)
General Fund Account (combined)	(\$1,434.89)
General Fund Investment (12 month cd)	\$5,036.00
Memorial Fund (mma)	\$6,967.85
Youth Fund (mma)	\$1,538.78
capital campaign (mma) \$81,895.96	\$5,700.00
Petty Cash	\$75.00
Account Balances	\$17,882.74
Capital Improvement Checking	\$2,190.80

Capital Improvement Liquid CD	\$16,023.75
Capital Improvement Fund Total	\$18,214.55
Endowment Checking (restricted use)	\$9,837.10
Endowment Liquid CD (restricted use)	\$31,050.22
Endowment CDs (restricted use)	\$102,141.16
Endowment MS Money Market (restricted use)	\$131,132.05
Endowment MS Stocks (restricted use)	\$8,473.20
Endowment MS Mutual Funds (restricted use)	\$28,688.82
Endowment Fund Total	\$311,322.55
Total Funds Balance	\$347,419.84
General Fund Loan Balance	\$4,000.00

Administrator's Report – East Cocalico Township is requesting that we have our water meters calibrated. Jack is looking into it.

Pastor's Report - April 17th is Maundy Thursday, April 18th is Good Friday, April 19th is the Easter Vigil, and April 20th is Easter. There will be communion at both Easter services this year.

We received a request of transfer for Roxanne Welsh to the Reamstown Church of God.

Lifeline Screening has requested to use our Fellowship Hall July 9th, 10th or 11th. The Fellowship Hall is free all 3 days so Lifeline will be scheduled one of those days.

This year's summer lunch program will begin the week of June 16th. Lunches will be served on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Reamstown, Denver and Reinholds parks.

Mardel Lausch is directing Vacation Bible School this year. We're in pretty good shape with volunteers this year who will teach, run games, play music, give the lesson, and we also have a mad scientist.

The remnants of the telephone pole from the accident will be removed when the snow is gone.

Pastor Bill talked to 4 students at seminary this year. We are hoping to find a student pastor who can help with the contemporary service.

The school district provided a training event to the members of the Cocalico Ministerium. This event provided guidelines for handling the kids after the death of one of their classmates. They also received cards which will allow them to go right into the schools to talk to the kids, without having to fill out paperwork first.

Children and Youth Ministry, Spiritual Council, Budget and Finance, Outreach – No report.

Benevolence Committee Report – The Benevolence Committee would like to contribute \$1000 to the UCC disaster fund, \$1000 to the Eshelman family to support their mission in Albania, and would like to match the Lenten Project donations. Bobbi Porter-Kunkle made a motion to approve these donations as requested, and Jill Kegerise seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Benevolence Committee received \$5000 from the estate of Virginia Miller, wife of Pastor Joseph Miller.

Stewardship Committee Report – Did not meet. Joint Planning Committee did not meet but the cards are ready to be sent out to our long term inactive members. The phone guidelines are finished and will be used to call our short term inactive members. Pastor Bill is looking at putting articles in the Lancaster and Reading papers. Articles are already appearing in the Ephrata Review and the Grapevine.

Adult Ministry Report - Did not meet. Adult Ministry served refreshments for 45-50 people after the Ash Wednesday Service and will be helping with the youth chicken barbeque sale on April 26th. They will also be holding a geocaching event on May 10th.

Health and Welfare Report – The shut-ins will be receiving plaques with painted sheep on them for their birthdays, made by Ann Englert and Erla

Hartranft. May 4th is Health and Welfare Sunday and the focus will be Homes of Hope. Speakers will be Cindy Golden and Pat Hall. May 17th will be their event at Colonial Lodge. The residents will be making butterflies as their craft and there will be a small carnival as well. Health and Welfare will be serving grilled cheese sandwiches and soup for the Wednesday meal at Vacation Bible School.

Altar Guild Report – Altar Guild will be taking orders for Easter Lilies on March 30th, April 6th and April 13th before and after worship. The cost will be \$7.50 for a 5-6 bloom plant. The Easter Lilies will be in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 20th and should be taken home after the service. The lilies will be placed in the church after the Good Friday Service on April 18th.

Altar Guild will be preparing the palms for the Palm Sunday service on Saturday, April 12th at 8:00 am.

Peace Pantry is collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly for March.

Youth Report – The youth will be having a Red-neck Mystery Dinner on March 22nd. They also will be making Peanut Butter Eggs on April 5th at 9 am. The chicken barbeque is on April 26th.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Mike Madara asked to get the latest version of QuickBooks. He is currently using QuickBooks 2005 and has to upgrade since support for Windows XP will be ending in April.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Being no further business, Pat Hall motioned to adjourn and Cindy Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Madara
Council Secretary

Books of the Old Testament

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SAMUEL
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ZEPHANIAH

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm VBS Meeting Tiffany Strouse	2 7:30 pm Lenten Service – Gehman’s Menonite Church Gregory & Kathy Strunk	3 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Arlene Styer	4 Donald & Heidi Sunday	5 9 am Youth making peanut butter eggs. Karen Sweigart
6 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Wesley & Hazel Sweigart	7 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Helen Timpson	8 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Charles & Patricia Titlow	9 Barbara Tobias	10 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Richard & Virginia Tobias	11 Staci Tobias	12 Dianne Tothero
13 Palm Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Harold & Marian Trostle	14 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Jean Trostle	15 1 pm No Bible Study Warren Trostle	16 David & Jane Walmsley	17 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service Mark Weaver	18 7:30 pm Good Friday Service Mark & Trina Weaver	19 Easter Vigil Donald & Fern Weber
20 Easter Sunday 7 am Early Morning Worship 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Pauline Whitehead	21 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Stephanie Williams	22 1 pm Bible Study Alan & Marlene Wilson	23 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Bradley Wolf	24 Daniel & Sheree Wolf	25 Devon & Michelle Wolf	26 Chicken barbeque and bake sale Patricia Wolf
27 8 am Children’s Ministry 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Robert Wolfe	28 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Raymond & Carolyn Wolverton	29 1 pm Bible Study Clifford & Audrey Youndt	30 Connie Youndt			

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Return Service Requested

April Events

April 17th – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:30 pm

April 18th – Good Friday Service – 7:30 pm

April 19th – Easter Vigil – 6:00 am – 12:00 am

April 20th – Easter Early Service – 7:00 am

April 20th – Easter Service – 10:30 am

April 26nd – Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale

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