



PEACE NOTES



May

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

He is Risen and He is Lord!

But why did the people of Israel not see it or recognize the reality? And why do the Jewish people today still not acknowledge that Jesus is the Messiah?

The simple answer is that he was not the Messiah that they expected.

The Messiah of Jewish expectation was not a divine being; he was not the son of God. The Messiah of Jewish expectation was to be a human being. He would fill the role of warrior and King, much like David. He would lead his people. He would conquer their enemies. His reign would be one of peace. People would build their houses and live in them, they would plant their gardens and eat from them, they would be free to live and worship as dictated by the Laws of the Old Testament. The Messiah would do all these things. And the idea that the Messiah would die before he accomplished these things was and is simply unthinkable. So, Jesus could not be the Messiah.

How do they know that Jesus is not their Messiah? Their Messiah would come at a time or usher in an era of world peace, a time when all people and all nations lived in peace and all people and all nations would know and believe in the law of God as prescribed in the Torah.

In the history of the world there has never been a time when all people and all nations lived in peace, when all people and all nations followed one law as prescribed by God. Therefore, Jesus could not be the Messiah of their expectation.

Another tradition associated with the coming of the Jewish Messiah is that there is a Messiah, or a person who could be the Messiah, born in every generation! But this person would only be revealed as Messiah if and when we were deemed worthy.

But Jesus is Risen and He is Lord. He came at a time when he was not expected. God did not wait for a moment when we were worthy or deserving. God did not wait for us to bring about any degree of peace. In fact, in His coming God did not give us any assurance that peace would follow, other than a personal and spiritual peace. But God did promise – I am with you always, to the very end of this age and far beyond. I am with you now and I am with you for all eternity!

He is Risen and He is Lord! ALLELUIA!

Pastor Bill



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2014

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HEAD USHER

Amy Miller

ALTAR GUILD

Audrey Youndt
Sally Romich

GREETERS

May 4 Health and Welfare Sunday
May 11 Lori Patterson and Pat Wolf
May 18 Harold and Ann Kohl
May 25 Harvey and Esther Schlouch

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 4 Erla Hartranft and family
May 11 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fasnacht
and family
May 18 Mrs. Galen Bixler
May 25 Ike Gehman



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

May Birthdays

May 1	Robert Freeman
May 5	Cindy Anthony
May 6	Glenn Burky
May 7	Carol Sanders
May 8	Eugene Endy Edward McIlmoyle
May 10	Richard Tobias
May 13	Mildred Krick
May 14	Allan Hassler**
May 15	Dennis Moore
May 18	Connie High
May 19	Michael Butz
May 23	Gregory Strunk Jill Kegerise Matthew Butz
May 26	Nichole Burkey
May 28	Valerie Heil
May 29	James Gress
May 30	Hazel Sweigart

** Special Care and Concern Member

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

May Anniversaries

May 5	Donald and Heidi Sunday
May 9	Randy and Jean Good Jon and Jill Kegerise
May 11	Michael and Cindy Anderson
May 15	Dennis and Andrea Moore
May 20	Pierce and Ethel Leshar Jerry Lee and Diane Englert
May 22	Charles and Beverly Lightcap
May 23	Harold and Marian Trostle
May 29	Marvin and Kathryn Fitterling

Did we miss your birthday or anniversary this month? Was your information incorrect? If so, please send the correct information to secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org or place it in the Peace Notes envelope on the secretary's desk.

Thank You's

Thank you to Peace Church's pastor and members for your concern for Pierce the last six months. He is home now and doing therapy. Rev. Hoch, you and all the people at Peace did so much for us. Thank you for the prayers, cards, flowers and all kinds of favors. Last week, we received a shawl with butterflies from the church. The plaque of the sheep is on the kitchen wall. We will always remember the people at Peace, plus others.

Pierce and Ethel Leshar

In our recent loss, we deeply appreciate all of your kind expressions of sympathy. We would especially like to thank Pastor Bill, and everyone that participated in the memorial service and luncheon. Your kindness and sympathy will always be treasured by a grateful family. Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

The family of Galen Bixler

Thank you for the support and encouragement as we continue to minister to the youth and children of Peace Church. Because of your generosity, the youth had another successful Mystery Dinner and a great Peanut Butter Egg Sale. Thank you!

Thank you, also, for supporting the Lenten Project – **The Family Village Farm** - \$763.00 was raised to renovate a bathroom and provide food for the "families" at the Family Village Farm. Thank You!

Children and Youth Ministries

Thank-you for all the white socks. We donated them to Coatesville VA. The veterans said it was great to have dry socks to wear!! They appreciated your kindness. Thank-you again and God Bless all of you!!

John and Mary Getz

PEACE PANTRY

The items for the Peace Pantry for May are cereal and noodle helpers.

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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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE:

Acts of Love

Peace Church will be serving free lunches in the Parks, through the Acts of Love – Summer Lunch Program, the week of July 14th. We will be serving lunch at the Parks in Reamstown, Denver and Reinholds between 12 noon and 1 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. We will add Adamstown if the need arises.

We will need 3 to 4 people to serve at each location for each of the three days. We will need one member from each team to pick up the lunches at the Reamstown School and deliver those meals to the park where you will be serving.

If you are interested in helping, please watch for the signup sheet on the secretary's window.

Community Dinner

We will also be serving the Denver Community Meal on Thursday, August 28th. We will need people to help prepare, serve, clean up and provide cupcakes for dessert. Again there will be a sign up sheet on the Secretary's window. We will prepare the meal at Peace Church and bring it to the Methodist Church in Denver by 5 pm so that the meal can be served by 6. We need 3-4 people to prepare the meal and 3-4 people to help serve.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Theme: Jungle Safari

Where: Peace United Church of Christ

37 East Swartzville Road (Route 897)

Denver

When: Sunday, June 22 – Thursday, June 26

Times: Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15

VBS gathers and begins at 6:15

Vacation Bible School is open to the children of our community. We look forward to celebrating with the children of our Church and Muddy Creek Lutheran Church and children from our community. Invite you neighbors and friends. Bring your children and grandchildren for our **JUNGLE SAFARI!!!!**

HEALTH AND WELFARE NEWS

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

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

On Saturday, May 17 the Health and Welfare committee will be visiting Colonial Lodge for a carnival type celebration. Pretzels and root beer floats will be served along with some games and lots of fun. If

you would like to join the fun meet at Colonial Lodge at 1:00 PM. The residents always appreciate our visit.

Thursday May 1 is National Day of Prayer. There will be a community breakfast buffet at Weaver's Banquet Facility from 7-9 am. Cost of the event is \$10.00 and tickets may be purchased from Pastor Bill or Vicki Garner-Sweigart. Please join us as we unite our voices in prayer for our country and community.

**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING
April 8, 2014**

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbi Porter-Kunkle, Bev Madara, Cindy Anthony, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Pat Wolf, Pat Hall, Vaye Freeman, Janice Kohl, Jill Kegerise, and Nancy Reese.

Excused: Ben Kegerise, Jack Bernstel, Mike Madara, Fran Hollen, Amy Miller and Vickie Schweitzer. Unexcused: None

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – Nancy Reese was listed as unexcused and should have been listed as excused. Jill Kegerise made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Cindy Anthony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – No report. We received \$7,565 in capital campaign donations in the first quarter of 2014. \$1000 will be placed in the capital improvements account, \$1000 will be put towards the Benevolence loan leaving a balance of \$3000, and \$5,565 will be placed in the general account.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 03/31/2014	MARCH
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$(7,197.27)
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$(4,747.38)
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	\$(11,944.65)

(COMBINED)	
GENERAL FUND INVESTMENT (12 MONTH CD)	\$5,036.78
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$8,657.85
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$1,734.51
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$83,760.96	\$7,565.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$11,124.49
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$2,190.90
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16,026.21
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$18,217.11
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$9,837.94
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$31,054.87
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$102,231.38
ENDOWMENT MS MONEY MARKET (RESTRICTED USE)	\$131,250.35
ENDOWMENT MS STOCKS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8,488.55
ENDOWMENT MS MUTUAL FUNDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$28,812.40
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$311,675.49
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$341,017.09
GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE	\$4,000.00

Administrator's Report - We will have to put in a new water meter because of new regulations from the East Cocalico Township Water Authority. Bob Freeman will install it and cost is estimated to be between \$300-\$350. As the weather gets nicer the work crew will start on the outside cleanup.

Pastor's Report - All major leadership roles for VBS have been filled. Mardel Lausch is the director. Vicki Garner-Sweigart and Mary Bernstel are in charge of decorating, Lois Haldeman is in charge of snacks, Lori Patterson will be doing the games, Bobbi Porter-Kunkel will be doing the lessons, Sue McIlmoyle is in charge of crafts, Greg Gehman and Amy Miller will be doing the music, Cindy Anthony will be the mad scientist and Barb Becker is organizing the dinners. We still need 8 people to lead the kids from learning center to learning center. Jim Anthony set up online registration for VBS on the

church's website. The offering will be donated to the summer lunch program, Acts of Love.

Paul Flickinger from The Art Institute of Berks County has requested to use our fellowship hall for a 10 week oil painting class on Fridays for \$500 per 10 week sessions, 3 times a year. They will need space to store their easels. Vaye Freeman made a motion to allow the art class and Jill Kegerise seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cocalico Ministerium is looking for a church where they can store some food and assemble food packs for their Power Pack Ministry. This is currently done at Trinity United Methodist in Denver but they are adding another elementary school to the program this year and will need more space. They will supply 2 refrigerators and a freezer to store the food from Wednesday when it is delivered until Friday when the packs are assembled and distributed to the 2 elementary schools. The program runs from October through May. Council discussed whether there would be heat or electrical issues due to having 2 refrigerators and a freezer in one room. A motion was made by Bobbi Porter-Kunkel to allow the Power Pack Ministry to use the old youth room as their storage/staging area if there are no electrical or heat issues. Pat Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor Bill will be on vacation on June 15th and June 29th. Glenn Beard and Jack Esbenshade will fill in.

Children and Youth Ministry Report – Amy Miller is teaching the younger group and in the fall Lori Patterson will take over the older kids. The next meeting will be on April 27th at 8 am.

Spiritual Council Report – No report.

Budget and Finance Report, Benevolence Committee Report and Stewardship Committee Report - Did Not Meet.

Adult Ministry Report – Adult Ministry met on March 31st to discuss the geocaching event which will be held on May 10th. We will meet at the church at 1:15 for a quick geocaching tutorial and then from 2-5 we will spend some time geocaching in the local area. We will meet back at the church afterward for a light meal.

Health and Welfare Report and Outreach - Did Not Meet.

Altar Guild Report – Altar Guild will be preparing the palms on Saturday April 12th at 8 am. Lilies will be delivered on Good Friday and placed in the Sanctuary after the service. The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 1st. There will be a community prayer breakfast at Weaver's from 7-9 am. Tickets are \$10. If you are interested see Vicki Garner-Sweigart or Pastor Bill. Tickets can also be purchased at the service counter at Weaver's. Lillian Messner will be operating the bake sale during the youth chicken barbeque. The Peace Pantry items for May are cereal and noodle helpers.

Youth Report – The youth sponsored a mystery dinner which was a lot of fun and raised over \$300 for their mission trip to New York City this summer. They made 2500 Easter Eggs and raised about \$700 from the egg sale which will also support their trip to NYC. Youth will meet on April 13th for pizza and games and they will clean up the area around the chicken barbeque pit. The chicken barbeque and bake sale will be on April 26th. The mission trip will be July 27th to August 1st this year and they are looking for at least 1 adult male chaperone.

Old Business – Quick Books 2014 is on sale at Costco. Jill will pick a copy up for Mike.

New Business – The soap dispenser in the ladies room fell off the wall again. Penn Central Conference is June 13-15 this year and Jim Anthony would like to go. Cost is \$165 for the weekend and we can save \$15 if we register before April 28th. A motion to approve Jim was made by Nancy Reese and seconded by Pat Hall. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Being no further business, Jill Kegerise motioned to adjourn and Nancy Reese seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Bev Madara, Council Secretary

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 am National Day of Prayer Breakfast Ethyl Youndt	2 Jean Youndt	3 . Kenneth & Helen Youndt
4 Health and Welfare Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Kerry Youndt	5 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Lester & Dolly Youndt	6 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Health and Welfare Meeting William & Martha Young	7 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Michael & Teresa Youtz	8 Raymond Ziemer	9 Joe & Pat Acebo	10 1:15 pm Adult Ministries Geocaching Event Claude & Bertha Adair
11 Mother's Day 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Michael & Cindy Anderson	12 Matt & Cindy Anthony	13 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Danelle Bailey	14 7 pm Choir Rehearsal George & Eleanor Bailey	15 Richard & Dorothy Beam	16 Jody & Barb Becker	17 Jack & Mary Bernstel
18 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Alice Binns	19 Craig Bixler	20 1 pm Bible Study Georgan Bixler	21 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Melvin Bowman	22 Jay & Stacy Burkey	23 Glenn Burky	24 Maxine Burky
25 8 am Children's Ministry 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Worship Melissa Burky	26 Memorial Day Robert Burky	27 1 pm Bible Study George & Lila Butz	28 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Tim & Kristine Butz	29 Don & Sue Calhoon	30 Linda Coventry	31 Jean DeHart

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Return Service Requested

May Events

May 1st – National Day of Prayer Breakfast – 7:00 am
May 4th – Health & Welfare Sunday
May 10th – Adult Ministry Geocaching Event – 1:15 pm

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