



PEACENOTES



July

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Hoping to glean some ideas to help our church grow from where we are to where God would like us to be, I recently began reading a book entitled "Real Good Church – How our church came back from the dead and yours can, too."

This is the story of what was a small, struggling, inner city church as it progressed from being a church of 35 people with constant deficit budgets, to a church of 150-180 and finally passing its first balanced budget in several decades. It is the story of a church that had many crippling factors to deal with – a decaying church building, in the middle of a decaying community with little vibrancy, many hurdles and what appeared to be little hope.

My first assessment after browsing through this book is that we do not have nearly the number of hurdles to jump, we have a great facility (it may need a little tweaking here and there), and we are not living in a dying community. So much of what is in this book does not really apply to us, but there is much that does. So, in this newsletter and in newsletters to follow, in worship and other communications we are going to look at where we need to focus and what we need to do as the people of God in this place!!!

As we explore and talk and share there may be a few toes being stepped on. There is nothing personal here, simply an attempt to look honestly at ourselves and our church and grow from where we are to where we can be. So let us begin our journey!!

There are many reason people use for not going to church. The list includes someone hurt my feelings, the church is only after my money, in a hectic busy

world I don't have the time, the church is filled with hypocrites, I would rather go out for brunch than go to church – are a few of the many reasons/excuses (the word excuses may touch a few toes – sorry) for not going to church!

What we need to do is be able to communicate the importance of church, faith and worship in our lives and understand the reasons that we go, so that you can share those with your neighbors. I keep using the word we because today, more than ever, growth in the church is directly related to the people in the pews. If visitors to the church, or someone outside of the church, cannot see that you value this church, that you're being here is not terribly important to you (toes?), then it is not going to be important to them.

So what is the importance or the value of Sunday morning, Sabbath or Worship? So many people say – I just don't have the time. Others say it is just too much to get the kids up and dressed and ready for church. It is my day to do or finish up the things I didn't get done during the week. (toes?)

First we need to accept that not everything is going to be finished by Sunday morning. And coming to church is not about our having finished our weekly tasks. It is not about church being convenient or easy. It is not about the kids being dressed up in their Sunday finest any more.

Taking a break from our hectic schedules or pausing our schedules for a few hours so we can come before God says something incredibly important to us and those around us. It says that there is something more important than all the busyness and foolishness that we work through and deal with through the course of the week. There is something more important than the paperwork, more important than whether or not

the lawn has been mowed or the car washed and whether or not we have finished our honey-do-list. It says that there is something more important than a few extra hours of sleep or the extra cup of coffee or even brunch. We don't come to worship because we have finished our work, even God was not finished when God took that 7th day break, on the 8th day God went back to work.

The Sabbath is a gift for us and to us. It is a gift from God because we need to stop, rest, reflect and give thanks to God for all the blessings that we have in our lives. A lot of people say that they don't come to church because they think they have everything they need, what more do I need? You need to stop and give thanks to the one who gave those blessings in the first place!

Reality is this – all that God asks for is a couple of hours, one day a week to be set aside for us to gather as a community of faith that we might worship.

The question I would have you struggle with is this: What does our refusal to do this one little thing, or our denial of the gift we have been offered say about our faith and our relationship with our God? And what truth does our refusal and denial say to those who watch us?

God calls us to stop, rest, reflect, worship and give thanks. Therefore, we need to stop. We need to rest. We need to worship. We need to be in Church! See you there!!!

Pastor Bill

► Check it out!

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secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org

Thank You's

Many thanks to Peace Church's members for your prayers, cards, flowers, and concerns as well as many acts of kindness for Charles Graff during his surgery and stay at Denver Rehab Services. Pastor Bill and Janis are always there for us. A special thank-you to Erla for the prayer shawl. Edie sends thanks also for your concerns for her. God Bless all of you.

Charles and Edie Graff



Thank-you to everyone for your support and participation during our Jungle Safari Vacation Bible School, June 22-26. The weather was awesome, the food deli-

cious, and the help was great. We watched kids from all ages working together to serve God as Creator, Provider, Protector, Savior, and King. We served close to 50 people each night for dinner, had 35 children attending and over 40 staff volunteers throughout the week. Our work as a team really helped to provide fun and a wonderful week. See you all in 2015 at Muddy Creek Lutheran Church for another great year. Thank-you!!

Mardel Lausch, Bible School Chairperson

Thank-you to everyone for all the wonderful meals, songs, stories, games, snacks, and crafts. We loved visiting with Cooper every night before walking on eggs and making bubbles. Thank-you to everyone who helped. We had a "roaring" good time!!

The Preschool Crew

Asia, Carter, Chase, Elena, Fae, Jencile, Matthew, and Lillee

Church Council Officers

2014

John Haldeman, *Council President*
 Bobbie Porter-Kunkel, *Council Vice-President*
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 Nancy Reese.....484-4659
 Vicky Schweitzer.....808-9823
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HEAD USHER

Pat Wolf

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Bernstel
 Deb Hedrick

GREETERS

July 6 Ken & Nancy Lesher
July 13 Jim & Margaret Gress
July 20 John & Heidi McDonough
July 27 John & Lois Haldeman

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 6 Fran Hollen
July 13 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hoffert
July 20 Ernest Shupp and Family
July 27 Mr. and Mrs. Allen Garner



The deadline for submitting articles for the August issue of Peace Notes is July 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.

July Birthdays

July 1	Kimberly Evans
July 2	Jeffrey Moyer
July 4	Dale Reinhart
July 7	Rosemary Johnston Robert Burky Jessica Klinkner
July 9	Emily Steffy
July 10	Brent Porter
July 12	Margaret Robinson
July 13	Dolly Youndt**
July 14	Sally Romich Keith Shollenberger
July 15	Hans Shollenberger
July 18	Melvin Bowman** Mary Lou Simmers Deborah Hedrick
July 20	Raymond Wolverton
July 22	Dixie Schweitzer Olivia Evans
July 23	Megan Fisher
July 24	Oliver Simmers, Jr. Nathan Moyer
July 25	Kayla High
July 29	Ava Wolf

** Special Care and Concern Member

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



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 a note in the Peace Notes envelope on the secretary's desk.

July Anniversaries

July 10	Adam and Kristen Heaps
July 11	Richard and Dorothy Beam
July 12	KC and Sandra Murphy
July 13	Bobbie and Raymond Kunkel
July 15	Dale and Donna Reinhart
July 17	Allen and Ardel Garner

PEACE NOTES

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.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

Did you or a family member graduate from high school or college this year? We'd love to feature you in a future newsletter. Tell us what school you graduated from, what activities you were in, what your future plans are, etc. Send any graduate information to secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org or place it in the Peace Notes folder on the secretary's desk.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR SCHEDULING GREETERS

Judy High is resigning after 12 years of obtaining greeters before the church service. It is not a difficult job and the people you call are very happy to be asked to greet. Please get in touch with Pastor Bill, John Haldeman or Judy if you would be willing to take on this enjoying and valuable job. Thank you.

FAITH EXPLORATION

On Sunday, July 20th at 6pm, we will begin a new series of faith explorations. Churches all use the same language when talking about God and faith. We do not always mean the same thing by those words. Even within a congregation we use the same words but those words have different meanings or nuances. As a result we do not always understand each other. This has the potential to lead to misunderstandings. Join us as we explore our faith and our faith language so that we might better understand one another and draw closer together in faith.

PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Thank-you to Allyson and Emily for volunteering to be on the Youth Service Team at the Penn Central Conference. They represented Peace UCC well as they helped as guides and welcomed people to all the sessions as well as doing a lot of little things behind the scenes to help the conference run smoothly.



Thank-you, also for supporting our delegates (Jim and Tim) to attend the annual meeting. We always enjoy learning what the wider church is doing and listening to the various speakers and workshops as well as the worship experiences. We purchased several books written by a couple of the speakers at the annual meeting as well as books that just looked neat. If you are interested in borrowing any of them, please let us know. We also have information on other programs including Hartman Center's prayer calendar for the summer as well as their summer offerings.

Thank-you for supporting the delegates to conference each June,

Tim and Kristine Butz

LOOKING AHEAD

The Altar Guild will be having their Annual Summer Picnic/Meeting Monday, August 4, 2014 at 10:00 in the church fellowship hall

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Health and Welfare Committee will be meeting Sunday, July 6th after Church.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The music group Re-Creation will be at Peace Church on Sunday August 17th presenting their sacred program for our morning worship hour at 9:00am. Re-Creation is a non-profit organization whose main service is to America's Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes. A free will offering will be taken which will go directly to the group's service to America's hospitalized veterans. Invite your friends and neighbors.

GRADUATE

Jennifer Ruffner, a senior at Cocalico High School, graduated with honors and many academic accomplishments. She plans to further her education at Wilson College in Chambersburg, majoring in Veterinary Science, starting this fall.

Jennifer is the daughter of Brian and Terri Ruffner and sister of Samuel who is in culinary school at York Technical Institute, Lancaster Campus, and Danielle who will enter 9th grade in the fall.

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING June 10, 2014

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbie Porter-Kunkle, Mike Madara, Bev Madara, Cindy Anthony, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Pat Hall, Vaye Freeman, Janice Kohl, Nancy Reese, Amy Miller and Vickie Schweitzer.

Excused: Jill Kegerise, Ben Kegerise, Pat Wolf, Fran Hollen, Jack Bernstel.

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tues-

day, June 10, 2014. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – Pastor's report should be updated to reflect that there were 4 tattered paperback books accidentally thrown into the fire ring during the library sale/chicken BBQ when the boxes were being burned. This was an accidental, unintentional event that does not reflect on the library's purposes or activities and we look forward to continuing in a relationship with them as they continue to hold their book sales at Peace Church. Pat Hall made a motion to accept the updated minutes as presented and Cindy Anthony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Money has been withdrawn from Morgan Stanley and will be invested with Mike Weinhold. Mike Madara will schedule a meeting so that they can set up the signers for the new account. Expenses have exceeded giving by \$19,300 for the first 5 months of the year. Mike asked that when receipts are submitted to him the event and committee name be written on the receipts to make it easier for him to budget and get things charged to the right place. Vaye Freeman made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Vicki Garner-Sweigart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 05/31/2014	MAY
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$(2,808.02)
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$6,607.37
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$3,799.35
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25,038.46
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10,192.85
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$2,813.70
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$87,435.96	\$3,675.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$45,594.36
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3,191.13
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16,031.57
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$19,222.70

TOTAL	
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$178,537.80
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36,565.25
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$102,428.39
ENDOWMENT MS MONEY MARKET (RESTRICTED USE)	\$.85
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$317,532.29
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$382,349.35
GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE	\$3,000.00

Administrator's Report – No report.

Pastor's Report - Muddy Creek Village will be using the pavilion on June 21st. VBS will be held June 22nd-26th. Lifeline Screening will be using the Fellowship Hall July 10th for their health screening event. Peace Church will be responsible for the summer lunch program July 14th, 16th, and 17th at Reamstown, Denver and Reinholds parks. Recreation will be here on August 17th. Peace Church will be serving the community dinner at Trinity United Methodist Church on August 28th.

Power Packs Ministry – All people have taken a look at the room and think it will work for them. They will let us know when they are starting and we will get the electric outlet installed. The Lancaster Food bank will also do a small inspection before they start using the room.

Request – Homes of Hope auctions have been held at Swamp Lutheran Church for the past two years. They feel they would like to use a more central location and would like to use our Fellowship Hall for their auction on Saturday, October 4th. A motion was made by Vicki Garner-Sweigart to allow Homes of Hope to use the Fellowship Hall on October 4th and Bobbie Porter-Kunkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Children and Youth Ministry, Spiritual Council, Out Reach – Had no reports.

Budget and Finance Report, and Stewardship – Did not meet.

Benevolence Committee Report – Benevolence would like approval to donate \$1000 to the Acts of Love summer lunch program, \$3,000, or \$300 per person, for the 8 people going to NYC and for the 2 people going to Africa, and \$525 to match the kids Lenten Project donations. Vicki Garner-Sweigart made a motion to approve these donations and Cindy Anthony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joint Planning Committee – Did not meet. The first attempt at sending out letters and phone calls got no response so the committee is being disbanded.

Adult Ministry Report - Did not meet. They will be serving tacos one night at VBS.

Health and Welfare Report - Did not meet. There will be a meeting on July 6th after church to decide what to feed Re-creation. They will be putting posters at local campgrounds to advertise for Re-creation. Erla Hartranft is having a knee replaced on Monday June 16th and will need meals for a few weeks. www.takethemameal.com username is hartranft and password is 4573.

Altar Guild Report – The annual picnic meeting will be held August 4th at 10 am.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Next communion will be held on August 3rd. John will call people a week or two beforehand to get volunteers. There will be no council meeting in July.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, August 12, 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

VBS Word Search

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July 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1 pm – Bible Study Betty Good	2 Duane & Yinell Good	3 Greg & Kathi Good	4 Adam Good	5 Ralph & Carole Good
6 9:00 am - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service 10 am – Health & Welfare Meeting Randy & Jean Good	7 Charles & Edith Graff	8 1 pm – Bible Study No Church Council Meetings Gary Gress	9 James & Margaret Gress	10 Lifeline Screening in Fellowship Hall Madison Gress	11 Greg & Cindy Grill	12 Mary Jane Grote
13 9:00 am - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service John & Lois Haldeman	14 11:30 am – Lunch Program Courtney Hall	15 No Bible Study Dan & Pat Hall	16 11:30 am – Lunch Program Gretchen Hall	17 11:30 am – Lunch Program Jon & Selina Hamilton	18 Barry & Pat Harting	19 Emily Harting
20 9 am - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service 6 pm – Faith Exploration Margaret Harting	21 Robert Harting	22 1 pm – Bible Study Erla Hartranft	23 Lori Hartranft	24 Allan Hassler	25 Craig Hassler	26 Joanne Hassler
27 9 am - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service Mission Trip Adam & Kristen Heaps	8 Mission Trip Deborah Hedrick	29 Mission Trip 1 pm – Bible Study Tim & Val Heil	30 Mission Trip Gary & Diane Hertzog	31 Mission Trip Dennis & Connie High		

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Return Service Requested

July Events

July 10th – Lifeline Screening
July 14th, 16th, and 17th – Summer Lunch Program
July 20th – Faith Exploration – 6 pm
July 27th – August 1st – Mission Trip

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