



PEACENOTES



September

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

On judgment, grace and mercy.

It is easy to judge other people. When we pass judgment on another person we are not only saying something about them we are, at the same time, saying something about ourselves. What we are typically saying about ourselves is: I am better than them. Judging others means that we put ourselves in a position of superiority. We are saying something like I am a better singer, dancer, or cook. Often little harm is done, they are minor judgments. But when it comes to behaviors or judging the morals or the character of another person, we begin edging our way down a slippery slope because none of us are perfect. At the same time it is important to understand that we are all in the same boat and all in need of grace.

There is a story about three men whose plane crashes into the ocean. No one knows the plane has gone down. There they are, treading water, hundreds of miles from land.

One of the crash victims is a very poor swimmer. Another is a fairly good swimmer. The third is an Olympic gold-medalist.

The gold-medalist may well judge his two companions to be less-than-perfect swimmers. He may even give them a few pointers on stroke and breathing techniques, before setting off on his impossible journey toward land.

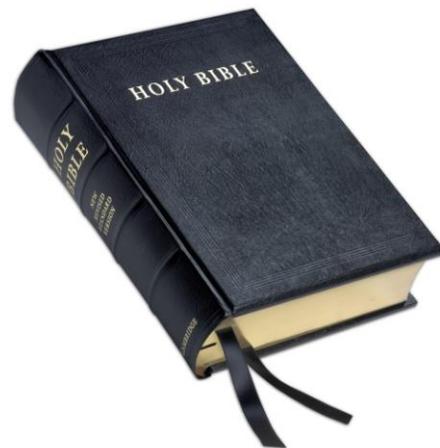
What does it matter? The poor swimmer will drown in 20 minutes; the average swimmer in two hours or so; the Olympian in 15. All of them, left to their own devices in that vast ocean, are bound to die.

What these men need -- all three of them -- each one of us -- is not a judge or a coach. We need a Savior. They need a helicopter or ship to come by and pluck them from the waves. We need a Messiah.

If then, we are all in the same boat and in need of the same thing, what sense does it make to judge others?

So rather than judge, let us understand. Rather than look down on someone, let us help lift them up. Rather than criticize, let us encourage. Rather than cause grief, let us share peace.

Pastor Bill



► Check it out!

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Mary Getz

GREETERS

September 7 Jim and Margaret Gress
September 14 Judy High
September 21 Allen and Cheryl Schlouch
September 28 Sylvia Leach

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 7 Rosie Johnston
September 14 Margaret Harting
September 21 George and Eleanor Bailey
September 28 Ella Mae Shupp



The deadline for submitting articles for the October issue of Peace Notes is September 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.

September Birthdays

September 3	Ronald Parker Michael Hornberger
September 5	Claude Adair
September 6	Dorothy Nye**
September 7	Kerry Youndt Kenneth Youndt
September 8	Sidney Evans
September 9	Susan Strouse
September 10	Kristen Heaps
September 12	Lori Hartranft**
September 13	Paul Kring Wesley Sweigart Gary Gress
September 14	Rebecca Priga
September 19	Ida Franks
September 20	Ethel Leshar Sandra Murphy
September 23	Mary Getz
September 24	David Walmsley
September 26	Heidi Garner-Ulrich
September 27	Warren Trostle
September 29	Jon Kegerise

** 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.

September Anniversaries

September 6	Jason and Pam Getz
September 7	Art and Karen Pannebecker
September 8	Ken and Nancy Leshar
September 10	Robert and Beverly Martin
September 15	Gary and Diane Hertzog
September 16	John and Lois Haldeman
September 17	Carl and Vicki Sweigart Dennis and Connie High
September 22	Eugene and Shirley Endy
September 25	George and Eleanor Bailey
September 30	Jack and Mary Bernstel

Thank You's

Peace Church is not a building, a meeting or a program. Peace church is people and I am blessed to be part of a church family who surrounded me with prayers, cards, flowers and visits following my recent fall and surgery. I am so thankful for all your support, love and encouragement. A special thank you to the Health and Welfare Committee for my prayer shawl which warmed me with comfort and peace the entire time. Thank you.

Vicki Garner-Sweigart

Thank you to the Wednesday work crew for keeping our church grounds so well groomed. The colorful flowers are so **BEAUTIFUL!**

Thanks to all who donated money to enable us to buy flowers. The flowers have truly beautified Peace Church.

The Work Crew

PEACE PANTRY

The Peace Pantry will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services' food bank in September. These items will be used to decorate the Chancel area for Harvest Home on Sunday September 28th.

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 send an e-mail to secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org or place a note in the Peace Notes folder 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.

Your Continued Support is Needed and Very Much Appreciated!!

As together we prepare for another year of serving God and our neighbors as the people of Peace United Church of Christ, we invite you to look at the many opportunities we have to learn, grow and participate in the fellowship of Church life. The community of people that is Peace Church is a vital resource to you. Together we laugh in times of joy and celebration and together we cry in times of sorrow, loss or tragedy. The fellowship and support that we find here and the fellowship and support that we are able to offer as brothers and sisters in Christ has a value that is far beyond measure. Please give time and consideration to all the events you will read about in this edition and future editions of Peace Notes and plan to join in whenever we gather.

Also remember that your continued financial support is needed and greatly appreciated. We will soon wind down our Secure our Future Financial Campaign, and your gifts were and are vital to the life of this church. As we were able to give that little bit extra, please consider continuing that support so that we can be a continued vital presence, offering meaningful ministry to our community.

Please remember you are Peace Church and Peace Church is YOU!

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Health and Welfare Committee will be holding a Picnic/Meeting on Tuesday, September 2nd at 5:30 pm at Erla Hartranft's home.

HARVEST HOME

Peace Church will celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday, September 28th. This year we will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services' food bank. We invite you to place your food items in the Peace Pantry any time during the month of September or bring them to the church prior to 9 am, Saturday, September 27th. On that Saturday morning the Altar Guild will be arranging these items around the Chancel area so on Sunday morning the congregation might have a visible reminder of God's many blessings which are a part of our lives.

As another option, the Harvest Home envelope, which can be found in your packet of church envelopes, can be used to make a financial contribution. This year the monies collected will be given to the Ephrata Area Social Services' "Fuel and Energy Assistance Program" for families in the Cocalico and Ephrata School Districts. Each year it gets more difficult to designate funds for heat and electricity to eligible families. Ephrata Area is equipped with the personnel and resources to do this well and equitably. Harvest Home is truly a beautiful time of the year and we are blessed to live in a part of the country where God's beauty is so evident and we have resources to share.

ALTAR GUILD

Saturday September 27, at 9:00 am the Altar Guild will place the Harvest Home items in the church sanctuary and restock the church pews with visitor cards, communion cards and general envelopes.

SPECIAL CARE AND CONCERN COMMUNION WORSHIP AND DINNER

Sunday October 5th is World Communion Sunday. On this day we offer a special 3:00 pm communion service for our Special Care and Concern members, their Sponsors and anyone else who might like to attend. A dinner with entertainment will follow the service. Please RSVP to Erla Hartranft at [717-484-4573](tel:717-484-4573) or to the church office at [717-484-4400](tel:717-484-4400) by September 28th if you would like to attend or need transportation.

UPDATE FROM ADULT MINISTRY
APPLE COOK-OFF COMING

First we did chili, then chocolate. This year we're focusing on apples. Go through your recipes and pick a good one for the competition. It can be a dessert or a main dish, appetizer or snack. Entry blanks can be gotten from Pat Acebo and should be turned in by October 12th. Everyone of any sex or age can participate.

This year we are not asking for anyone to bring side dishes for the meal, but we do encourage you to wear some kind of a costume, holiday tie, hat or dress. It isn't a mandate, but it would add to the festivities.

We are having another contest this year in addition to the apple dish.

Holiday arrangement or centerpiece. It could be anything from a carved pumpkin to flower arrangement or a craft: Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas motif. If it is a craft, it would be nice to provide instructions on how someone else could duplicate it if they like it. Use your imagination!

In addition, we are asking for the kids to come in and paint a pumpkin in the 4:30 to 5:30 time. Prizes for that too.

We are suggesting that apple dishes and holiday arrangements be brought in around 4:30. Dishes will have to put into small cups for tasting. (provided) A meal will be provided at 5:30 and the judging and awarding of prizes will be done at 6:30 pm.

Mark your calendar now for October 26!

**Cocalico Area Home of Hope
Fundraising Auction**

Auctioneer: Art Pannebecker
When: Saturday, October 4, 2014
Time: Auction begins at 5:00 PM
Doors open at 4:00 PM
A light dinner will be available.
Where: Peace UCC
37 E. Swartzville Road, Denver, PA

All proceeds will be used to support the Cocalico Homes of Hope—a ministry that assists individuals and families by providing shelter for 3 to 6 months and time to begin overcoming the obstacles that lead to homelessness.

Special NOTE!!!! This is a “new goods” and services auction. If you have a special service or new item to auction, please contact
Pat Hall (484-4658)
Mary Bernstel (484-4491)
or Vicki Schweitzer

**Peace United Church of Christ Council Meeting -
August 12, 2014**

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

Excused: Fran Hollen, Jack Bernstel, Nancy Reese, Pat Wolf, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Ben Kegerise, and Vickie Schweitzer.

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report – Expenses exceeded income in June by \$5,645 and in July by \$1693. All money has been removed from Morgan Stanley accounts and re-invested with Cetera through Mike Weinhold. 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 07/31/2014	JULY
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,832.17
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$(6,556.08)
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$(4,723.91)
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25,044.09
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10,432.43
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$2,863.70
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$88,690.96	\$4,930.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$38,621.31
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3,191.39
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16,036.93
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19,228.32
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$174,611.98
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36,577.24
ENDOWMENT CDS	\$102,626.03

(RESTRICTED USE)	
ENDOWMENT MS MONEY MARKET (RESTRICTED USE)	\$9.39
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$313,824.64
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$371,674.27
GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE	\$3,000.00

Administrator's Report - Everything has been approved by the inspectors from the Power Pack program. Jack will hire Burkholder Electric to put the new outlet in the room and work crew has been cleaning out the room for them.

Work crew removed 4 trees near the memorial garden and one by the shed. There were also 2 trees professionally removed and one tree was trimmed at a cost of \$1,650.

There is an AC unit in the Sanctuary that is leaking. Cocalico Heating and Plumbing will be hired to fix it. A leak has been found in the roof. The company that installed the roof came to take a look at it and they found that the leak is coming from the Sanctuary roof and not the new flat roof. Work crew will take a look at it to see if they can patch it.

Reminder for those on committees when using the kitchen please make sure that the air conditioner is turned off when finished.

Pastor's Report - Re-Creation will be here on Sunday, August 17th. We'll be serving the community dinner on August 28th. Sunday School starts on September 7th.

September 28th will be Harvest Home. Cash donations will be given to the Ephrata Area Social Services Fuel for Families program and food donations will be given to the Ephrata Area Social Services.

The Homes of Hope Auction will be at Peace on October 4th. October 5th is World Communion Sunday and the Special Care and Concern members and sponsors dinner.

Power Pack will be bringing shelving and supplies next week.

Children and Youth Ministry Report – No report. Amy Miller will be teaching the children's Sunday School class this year. Lori Patterson will teach the youth and Gretchen Hall will back her up as needed. A Sunday School teacher is still needed for the nursery. Pat Wolf will eventually be taking over the chairmanship for Children's Ministry.

Spiritual Council Report – Spiritual Council would like to place another flier in the Shopping News to promote the church, Sunday School, Faith Exploration events, and the mission trips. A motion was made by Jill Kegerise to put the flier in the Shopping News at a cost of approximately \$635. Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The church picnic is tentatively scheduled for September 14th.

The Pastor's evaluation forms were handed out and are due back by next month's meeting.

We will be looking for people to replace the 3 elders that are going off council and will ask the 5 deacons, that are finished with their 1st terms, to serve 2nd terms.

Budget and Finance Report – Did not meet. Budget requests for next year are due at the end of August.

Benevolence Committee Report – Did not meet. Next meeting is September 8th.

Stewardship Committee Report – Did not meet.

Adult Ministry Report – Next meeting is August 18th at 6:30 pm to make plans for the apple cook off which will be held on October 26th. Adult Ministry will set up for, and clean up after, the picnic.

Health and Welfare Report – Re-creation will lead worship on August 17th. The Special Care and Concern dinner is on October 5th.

Outreach Report – Did not meet.

Altar Guild Report – They had their annual picnic meeting on August 4th. Thank-you to Pastor Bill for running the meeting.

We are looking for 4 new flower sponsors, 1 for February, 1 for June and 2 for December. The cost of the flowers is \$25. See Vicki Garner-Sweigart if interested.

Harvest Home will be September 28th. Peace Pantry will be collecting non-perishable food items in September for Harvest Home to be donated to the Ephrata Area Social Services food bank. Harvest Home envelopes will be given to the Ephrata Area Social Services fuel and energy assistance program. Saturday, September 27th at 9:00 am Altar Guild will re-stock the church pews and place the collected food in the church sanctuary.

We have been receiving memorial contributions in memory of Ethyl Youndt, acknowledgements have been sent.

Youth Report – The youth had a great time on their mission trip. The highlight of the week was the 9/11 Museum.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Kristine Butz would like permission for the Girl Scouts to meet once a month at the church. Kristine would also like to use the fellowship hall on January 10th for the annual spaghetti dinner and would like to hold the annual blood drive on October 25th. Pat Hall made a motion and Cindy Anthony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cindy Anthony mentioned that the youth might be interested in hosting a pancake breakfast during the blood drive to raise money for their next mission trip.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 9, 2014. Being no further business, Jill Kegerise motioned to adjourn and Pat Hall seconded. Motion carried.

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



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September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Pierce & Ethel Leshner	2 5:30 pm – Health and Welfare picnic meeting Sam & Nancy Leshner	3 George Lewis	4 Kathryn Light	5 Charles & Beverly Lightcap	6 Brianne Little
7 9 am – Sunday School 10:30 - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service Daniel & Marianne Little	8 7 pm – Benevolence Committee Meeting Wes & Karli Little	9 1 pm – Bible Study 6:30 pm – Spiritual Council 7 pm – Church Council Jack & Linda Long	10 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal Charlotte Macleod	11 Mike & Bev Madara	12 Robert & Beverly Martin	13 Janet Mattis
14 9 am – Sunday School 10:30 - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service 12 pm – Church Picnic Janet Mawhinney	15 John & Heidi McDonough	16 1 pm - Bible Study Edward & Susan McIlmoyle	17 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal Lillian Messner	18 Jeff & Amy Miller	19 Stewart Mohn	20 Dennis & Andrea Moore
21 9 am – Sunday School 10:30 - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service Jim & Polly Moser	22 Jeff & Sherry Moyer	23 1 pm – Bible Study Becky Moyer	24 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal Nate Moyer	25 Olivia Moyer	26 Ruth Mumma	27 9 am – Set up for Harvest Home KC & Sandy Murphy
28 Harvest Home 9 am – Sunday School 10:30 - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service Margo Murphy	29 7 pm – Bell Choir Rehearsal Max Murphy	30 1 pm – Bible Study Dorothy Nye				

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Return Service Requested

September Events

September 2nd – Health and Welfare picnic/meeting – 5:30 pm
September 14th – Church Picnic – 12 pm
September 28th – Harvest Home – 10:30 am

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