



PEACENOTES



October

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

What's a Church to do? or, the Phantom Churchgoer.

October is the month for ghosts and goblins, tricks or treats! We really don't believe in ghosts and goblins and other kinds of spirits, we know that they are just little ones dressed up and in search of their next sugar fix. But Bob Kaylor in a recent editorial reminds us that our churches are filled with those who attend in spirit but not in body.

What he means by that is this: There are a many people who think they should be in church; they just never quite get there. The Public Religion Research Institute did two surveys – one by phone and one online. They asked the same questions but the answers were different. Over the phone people answered the questions in the way they thought they should. 36% said they attended church weekly and 30% said they rarely or never attend. Online the response was more honest. Those who say they attend weekly dropped to 31% and those who attend rarely or never rose to 43%. So our churches are filled with phantom churchgoers. They mean to be there but they are at home eating Reese's Peanut Butter Cups for breakfast. So what is a church to do?

If we approach someone, encouraging them or inviting them to church, we will most likely get a well intentioned answer. "Yeah, I really should get back to church?" How many will follow through? If we contact them on line, our online queries can be easily ignored. So what is a church to do?

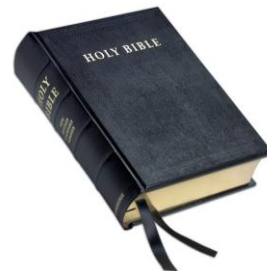
1. Never stop speaking, never stop putting out that invitation to come before God to worship

and rejoice. Sometime, someone will respond!!!

2. Never stop worshipping and serving your God. We will be here every Sunday Morning! We will be here saying, warmly, and in the name of Jesus Christ – Welcome! We will be here to proclaim and welcome!

Whenever and wherever you are, extend a warm invitation to worship at Peace Church. And when you are here, extend a warm and sincere welcome to everyone who comes! You may be the way through who someone may go from worshipping in spirit alone to worshipping with their whole presence before the Lord!

Pastor Bill



► Check it out!

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secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org

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2014

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GREETERS

October 5 Deb Hedrick
October 12 Tim & Valerie Heil
October 19 Clair & Mardel Lausch
October 26 Mike & Bev Madara

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 5 Warren Trostle
October 12 Shirley Kline and Family
October 19 Dan and Pat Hall
October 26 Clair and Mardel Lausch



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

October Birthdays

October 1	Devon Wolf
October 5	Shirley Kline
October 6	Diane Englert
October 7	Robert Fichthorn**
October 8	Richard Schweitzer, Jr. Megan High
October 10	Barbara Tobias
October 11	Joshua High
October 12	Jay Burkey
October 14	Leonore Fitterling** Jim Anthony
October 16	Dennis High
October 17	Gretchen Hall
October 18	Anna Hopkins
October 19	Harold Kohl
October 20	Kathryn Fitterling**
October 22	William Young
October 27	Tiffany Strouse
October 28	Jean Trostle

**** 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.

October Anniversaries

October 1	Robert and Vaye Freeman
October 7	Robert and Jodi Freeman
October 10	Charles and Edith Graff
October 12	Lester and Dolly Youndt Robert and Beth Sipe
October 13	Samuel and Nancy Leshner
October 14	Daniel and Marianne Little
October 21	Chris and Linda Fitterling
October 27	Mark and Trina Weaver
October 30	Mike and Bev Madara

Thank You's

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$250.00 to the United Church of Christ Homes Benevolent Fund. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated. Truly the residents benefit from your generous gifts.

Heather Brand

Thank you for your prayers and your support of our ministries to the Albanian people and children from all parts of the world. You are an encouragement to us through your investment in us, the ABC Family Health Center and the GDQ International Christian School – two organizations that have an impact in Albania.

Guy & Carolyn Eshelman

Thank you for preparing the food for my mother's funeral (Ethyl Youndt). Everything was very good and displayed well.

Sheryl Hassler

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.

PEACE PANTRY



In October, the Peace Pantry will be collecting canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, canned potatoes, pasta, sauce, cereal and anything else a family could use for a nice Thanksgiving dinner.

WELCOME SUSIE STROUSE



I am pleased to inform the congregation that Susie Strouse has accepted the position of getting greeters for our church services every Sunday. Please be willing, as you have been with me for the past 12 years, and say "Yes" when she calls and asks

for you to greet. It has been a pleasure on my part to do this and I want to thank everyone who has been gracious in taking a turn as a greeter. I have enjoyed talking to all of you. Thank-you Susie for accepting the call. I know everyone will be eager to take their turn.

ABIGAIL BUTZ MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE



You're invited to donate blood on Saturday, October 25th from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be a sign up sheet on the window outside the secretary's office in October.

You can also sign up online

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1f7eBzRhBleU5sXuJF2WEQ1akNCTnKGQXSIKcBBCpa0/edit>.

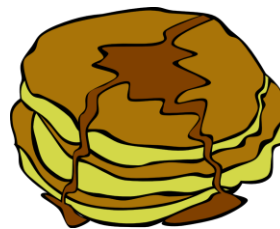
Walk-ins are also welcome.

You are also welcome to donate blood at the PA Central Blood Bank (1-800-771-0059) and have it count towards the blood drive throughout the year. We have started donating every 8 weeks with our donation counting toward the blood drive each time.

If you are unable to donate, you are welcome to donate a baked good for those to eat after donating blood. We are also excited that the youth group will be serving breakfast the morning of the blood drive so everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy breakfast.

Please see Kristine and Timothy Butz with any questions. (ktbutz@windstream.net) Thank-you for giving the gift of life by donating blood for others!

YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Peace UCC Youth Group is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on October 25th, from 8 am to 11 am during the Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive. Cost is by donation. Blood donation is not required in order to enjoy

delicious homemade pancakes and sausage. Come out and enjoy some fun and fellowship while supporting our Youth and the Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Health and Welfare Committee will be meeting Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30 pm in the church council room.

We always remember our SCC Members at Christmas and on their birthdays. Christmas cards for each SCC Member can be placed in the Christmas box in the Narthex. We also invite you to bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 7th to share with our SCC members when the Health and Welfare Committee packs their Christmas bags.

We also invite you to sign a birthday card for each SCC member and place it in the box in the Narthex so that their sponsor may deliver the cards in time for their birthdays. Again, no postage or stamp is needed, place your cards in the box and the Health and Welfare Committee will separate and pack them.

CHRISTMAS CARD LIST

- Melvin Bowman
- Jean DeHart
- Sally Fasnacht
- Bob Fichthorn
- Marvin & Kathryn Fitterling
- Leonore Fitterling
- Paul & Elizabeth Freeman
- Betty Good
- Lori Hartranft
- Allan Hassler
- Gene Huston
- Alverta Kilhefner
- Betty Leisey
- Pierce & Ethel Leshar
- Stewart Mohn
- Dorothy Nye
- Betty Schweitzer
- Jane Schweitzer
- Betty Seiscio
- Ernie Shupp
- Arlene Styer
- Mary Lou Sweigart
- Dianne Tothoro
- Lester & Dolly Youndt

BIRTHDAY CARD LIST

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|--------------------|--------------|
| Jane Schweitzer | January 1 |
| Stewart Mohn | January 13 |
| Pierce Leshar | January 24 |
| Alverta Kilhefner | January 30 |
| Betty Schweitzer | March 14 |
| Arlene Styer | March 28 |
| Gene Huston | March 30 |
| Betty Good | April 7 |
| Allan Hassler | May 14 |
| Betty Seiscio | June 3 |
| Mary Lou Sweigart | June 6 |
| Marvin Fitterling | June 22 |
| Dolly Youndt | July 13 |
| Melvin Bowman | July 18 |
| Elizabeth Freeman | August 11 |
| Dorothy Nye | September 6 |
| Lori Hartranft | September 12 |
| Robert Fichtorn | October 7 |
| Leonore Fitterling | October 14 |
| Kathryn Fitterling | October 20 |
| Ernie Shupp | November 7 |
| Sally Fasnacht | November 18 |
| Dianne Tothoro | November 19 |
| Lester Youndt | November 26 |
| Jean DeHart | December 1 |
| Paul Freeman | December 25 |
| Betty Leisey | December 31 |

HEALTH AND WELFARE FOOD BASKETS



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

In early November the Health and Welfare Committee will be assembling food boxes to go to families within the congregation and local community. During the month of October the Peace Pantry will be collecting food items to be used in these boxes. The Health and Welfare Committee will be supplying a canned ham for each of these boxes and will be looking to the congregation for some canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, canned potatoes, pasta, sauce, cereal

and anything else a family could use for a nice meal. If you know of anyone in need of a food basket please contact Erla Hartranft at [717-484-4573](tel:717-484-4573) or Pastor Bill

APPLE COOK-OFF



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!

SPECIAL CARE AND CONCERN COMMUNION WORSHIP AND DINNER



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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.

Cocalico Area Homes 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 -
September 9, 2014**



Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, Bobbie Porter-Kunkle, Mike Madara, Bev Madara, Cindy Anthony, Janice Kohl, Jill Kegerise, and Vickie

Schweitzer.

Excused: John Haldeman, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Pat Wolf, Pat Hall, Vaye Freeman, Amy Miller, Nancy Reese, Fran Hollen, Ben Kegerise, and Jack Bernstel.

Vice-President Bobbie Porter-Kunkle brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, September 9, 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 Cindy Anthony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – All investments have been moved from Morgan Stanley to Cetera. August's income was higher than expenses by \$875. Janice Kohl made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Vickie Schweitzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 08/31/2014	AUGUST
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	(\$791.07)
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$981.83
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$190.76

CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25,048.34
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10,882.43
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$803.80
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$88,860.96	\$885.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$37,885.33
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3,191.53
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16,039.65
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19,231.18
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$10,657.20
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36,583.45
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$102,726.72
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5,352.02
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$161,590.75
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$316,910.14
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$374,026.65
GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE	\$2,000.00

Administrator's Report - Work crew ground the stumps left from the trees that were removed and they cleared drains on the roof and removed branches near the roof. The electrical outlet was placed in the classroom that the Power Pack program will be using. The leak in the roof has been fixed by the company that installed the flat roof. Initially it was believed that it was the sanctuary roof that was leaking but it turned out to be the flat roof.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Bill found that for the same amount of money as it would cost to put 1 flyer in the Shopping News, we could place 4 smaller ads in the Ephrata Review on the Cocalico page. The ads will be placed the 1st week of September, October, November and December.

We need to contact Guy Fultz to see if he can plow the lot for us this winter. In case of inclement weather cancellation information will be put on the website, Facebook, WGAL, and Twitter.

Harvest Home will take place on Sept 28th. Courtney and Gretchen will do their Mission Trip presentation on September 28th at 6 pm.

World Communion is Oct 5th. Reid and Lydia Little will be baptized on October 26th. Cole Thomas Bailey will be baptized on November 16th. Totenfest will be on November 2nd, and the congregational meeting/dinner is November 9th.

Children and Youth Ministry Report - No Report. They are starting the new Sunday School Curriculum this week.

Spiritual Council Report – The church picnic is this coming Sunday. November 9th is the congregational dinner and church council members will be doing the cleanup. We need 6 new members for council, 4 elders and 2 deacons. We also need a new administrator.

We have a flyer about our church for the crafters to hand out at the craft show. The Power Pack people have begun to bring their things into the room and will be starting the program in October.

Budget and Finance Report – No report. Mike is working on the budget for next year.

Benevolence Committee Report – No report.

Stewardship Committee Report – No report.

Outreach Report – No report.

Adult Ministry Report - Hamburgers and hotdogs will be served at the picnic on September 14th. There will be a hymn sing in the sanctuary right after church to give the food preparers time to get ready. Sign-up sheets are posted for sides and desserts.

Apple cook off is October 26th. There will also be a holiday arrangement/centerpiece contest and pumpkin painting for the kids. The holiday arrangements will be auctioned off after the contest. Tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches will be served for dinner. Entrances for Apple judging need to be turned in by

Oct 12. It will be similar to chili cook off and quarters will be used to place the votes.

Adult Ministry also discussed having a strawberry festival in May. Adult Ministry will help with food at craft fair in November.

Health and Welfare Report - The event at the Denver Nursing home went very well. The “Do you remember when...” question and answer game was fun and the residents really enjoyed the hymn sing. The Special Care and Concern dinner will be held on October 5th and they will be serving homemade chicken pot pie, coleslaw, apple juice, sherbet and cookies.

Altar Guild Report – The setup for Harvest home will be September 27th at 9 am, and Harvest Home will be on September 28th. Non-perishable food donations will go to the Ephrata Area Social Services. Money gathered will go to the Ephrata Area Social Service's Fuel for Families Fund.

Youth Report – The youth will be hosting a pancake breakfast Oct 25th during the Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive. Cost will be by donation.

Old Business – None.

New Business – None.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

Being no further business, Cindy Anthony motioned to adjourn and Jill Kegerise seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Madara, Council Secretary

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal Bruce & Kathy Palsgrove	2 Richard & Robinette Palsgrove	3 Art & Karen Pannebecker	4 5 pm - Homes of Hope Auction Candy Pannebecker
5 9 am – Sunday School 10:30 - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service 3 pm – SCC Dinner Ron & Carol Parker	6 Tim & Lori Patterson	7 1 pm – Bible Study Brent Porter	8 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal Bobbie & Ray Kunkel	9 Audrey Priga	10 Steven & Rebecca Priga	11 Nancy Reese
12 9 am – Sunday School 10:30 - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service Dale & Donna Reinhart	13 Margaret Robinson	14 1 pm - Bible Study 6:30 pm – Spiritual Council 7 pm – Church Council Clara Roland	15 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal Fred & Sally Romich	16 6:30 pm – Holocaust Survivor Joseph Hirt Carol Sanders	17 Matt & Kendra Sauder	18 Allen & Cheryl Schlouch
19 9 am – Sunday School 10:30 - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service Harvey & Esther Schlouch	20 Betty Schweitzer	21 1 pm – Bible Study Daniel Schweitzer	22 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal Dixie Schweitzer	23 Eric Schweitzer	24 Jane Schweitzer	25 9 am-1 pm - Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive 8 am-11 am- Youth Pancake Breakfast. Richard & Vicki Schweitzer
26 9 am – Sunday School 10:30 - Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service 5 pm – Apple Cook-off Betty Seiscio	27 Andrew & Stephanie Shahade	28 1 pm – Bible Study Mary Shober	29 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal Keith & Linda Shollenberger	30 Ella Mae Shupp	31 Ernest Shupp	

PEACE NOTES

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Return Service Requested

October Events

October 4th – Homes of Hope Auction – Doors open at 4:00 pm, auction begins at 5:00 pm

October 16th – Holocaust Survivor Joseph Hirt shares his experience – 6:30 pm

October 25th – Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive – 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

October 25th – Youth Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 -11:00 am

October 26th – Apple Cook-off – Festivities begin at 4:30 pm

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