



PEACENOTES



January

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

I was reading an article where the author was relating stories from his time spent in Turkey. He spoke of the sage, the holy one - Nasrudin Hodja.

A group of people had gathered in a local mosque to hear him teach and speak. Addressing the gathered people, he asked, "Do you know what I am going to say to you?" The people responded, "No, we do not know." "Well, if you do not know, I have nothing to say to you."

The next time the people gathered in the mosque to hear him speak and teach, he asked, "Do you know what I am going to say to you?" This time the people answered, "Yes, we know what you are going to say to us." "Well, if you already know, then I have nothing to say to you."

A third time the people gathered in the mosque to hear him speak and teach. He asked them, "Do you know what I am going to say to you?" This time half the gathered people said, "Yes, we know" while the other half said, "No, we do not know." And so Nasrudin said, "Let those of you who know, tell those of you who do not."

There is a hymn in our hymnal entitled, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations". That story is the story of God's love, God's grace, God's mercy and God's salvation. And the reality of that story is if we do not tell it then no one else will.

Here at Peace Church we have a story to tell of how God is at work in our midst and through our Church. We have story of how through this church people are fed. Through this church working in

conjunction with other churches families are housed. And here the Good News is preached.

The best way for people to learn what is happening here is for them to be told. But who is going to do the telling? If we don't tell the story, if we don't invite others to experience the grace and the mercy of our God, who will?

Pastor Bill



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2015

John Haldeman, *Council President*
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HEAD USHER

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Erla Hartranft
Deb Hedrick

GREETERS

January 4 Tiffany Strouse
January 11 Brian and Susie Strouse
January 18 Fran Hollen
January 25 Vicki Garner-Sweigart

ALTAR FLOWERS

January 4 Mary Getz
January 11 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graff
January 18 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palsgrove & family.
January 25 Jon Kegerise Family



The deadline for submitting articles for the February issue of Peace Notes is January 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.

January Birthdays

January 1 Jane Schweitzer**
Shirley Endy
David Bixler

January 3 Jim Moser
Audrey Youndt
Pat Harting

January 4 Kathi Good

January 8 Alicia Good

January 10 Donna Reinhart
Julie LaSalle

January 13 Margaret Harting
Cliff Youndt
Shawn Burky

January 14 Stewart Mohn**

January 16 Randy Stauffer

January 18 Janet Mattis
Charles Graff
Margaret Gress

January 19 Ashley Moore

January 20 Marian Trostle

January 21 Erla Hartranft

January 22 Donald Sunday

January 24 Pierce Lesher**
Karen Dorsey

January 25 Kendra Sauder

January 27 Harvey Schlouch

January 28 Staci Tobias

January 29 Vicki Garner-Sweigart
Brady Sipe
Ethan Sipe

January 30 Alverta Kilhefner**

January 31 Jerry Lee Englert

** 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.

January Anniversaries

January 2 Scott and Lise Lausch
January 5 Claude and Bertha Adair
January 10 Clair and Mardel Lausch

Thank You's

To everyone at Peace UCC,
Thank you so much for everything sent throughout the year. Fruit baskets, gifts, cookies, and we enjoy all the cards. Thank you to Jim Gress for the Santa. Thanks to Pastor Bill and Margaret Harting for your visits.

Lester and Dolly Youndt

To Pastor Hoch and the Members of Peace UCC,
My sister and I want to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness, support and blessings you have given to our father Ernie Shupp. An era has indeed come to an end. I have many rich memories from my time at Peace Church and many of you have remained as lifelong friends. Thank you to Pastor Hoch for the hospital visits and his role in the funeral service. You can be very proud of your rich heritage as a church and the impact you have had on many families. We count it as a great blessing to have you as friends.

Chuck Shupp & Linda Snader

Janis and I thank everyone at Peace Church for all the love, gifts and support that you have once again offered throughout the year. Peace Church is a very special congregation and the members have many gifts to offer our community. We hope that everyone had a blessed Christmas and we look forward to another year together in service to Christ and our community.

Pastor Bill

Thank you all of thinking of me and for all you do.

Betty Leisey

Thank you to all the congregational members who ordered Christmas Poinsettias. The church sanctuary looked beautiful.

The Altar Guild

The Health and Welfare Committee would like to thank the congregation for their contributions to the December Peace Pantry for Colonial Lodge and the cookies for the Special Care and Concern members' bags. Everyone at the Colonial Lodge had a merry time singing carols, unwrapping gifts and candy from Santa and eating Christmas cookies. Peace Church helped make this a blessed Christmas for many. Thank you.

The Health and Welfare Committee

TURNING THE TIDE

It doesn't or it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone, but Church is changing. This is a phenomenon that is being experienced in this church and almost every church in our region.



Attendance is down. Giving is down. This trend is being felt by churches large and small. The question is: What can we do?

On Sunday, January 18, at 6:00 pm we are having a Faith Exploration event to look at the trends, examine what we have done as a church in response to these trends and what options lay before us – and there are options.

We would like to see everyone at this gathering! If you are interested in the future of the Church – Peace Church in particular, join us on the 18th for an evening of exploration and conversation as we look at TURNING THE TIDE.

Join us because, as a church, we have something, a message of grace and great joy to offer the people of this community.

ABIGAIL BUTZ MEMORIAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

You're invited to the 8th annual spaghetti dinner in memory of Abigail Kristine Butz, on Saturday, January 10th, 2015, from 4:30 to 6:30, at the Peace UCC Fellowship Hall.



The dinner is "free" for the entire community. We welcome dessert donations!

We will also be accepting donations for the Histo Society which organizes research for rare blood diseases like HLH, AI duPont Hospital for Children, and the Ronald McDonald House of DE. You may write a check directly to the organization for your 2015 tax deduction. Sign-up can be done either by telling the Butz family, sign-up at Peace UCC office, or online at <http://peaceunitedchurch.org/spaghetti-dinner>. No sign up is required. Walk ins are welcome!!

Last year, we had a great turnout. We look forward to spending time with you at the spaghetti dinner as we support those in need and honor Abigail's life. Thank-you so much for your support.

Sincerely,
Abigail's Family
Matthew, Michael, Allyson, Kristine, and Timothy

BOXTOPS AND CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS



Thank-you to everyone who continues to save Boxtops and Campbells Soup Labels to support our local schools.

LIFE LINE SCREENING



Life Line Screening will be hosting a health screening event in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 26th. Please look for details in future Peace Notes and Sunday Morning Bulletins.

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING

Peace United Church of Christ Council Meeting - December 09, 2014

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbie Porter-Kunkle, Mike Madara, Vicki Garner-Sweigart, Vaye Freeman, Jill Kegerise, Fran Hollen, and Vickie Schweitzer.

Excused: Bev Madara, Cindy Anthony, Nancy Reese, Pat Hall, Pat Wolf, and Janice Kohl.

Unexcused: Amy Miller.

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

Review of last month's minutes – Vickie Schweitzer should be marked as excused instead of unexcused. She e-mailed John before the meeting but he didn't see the e-mail until afterwards. Fran Hollen made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Vaye Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – No report because the bank statements have not arrived. Capital campaign money from the 3rd quarter has been distributed and \$500 was paid on the Benevolence loan which brings the balance down to \$1500. Weinhold, Nickel, & Co. will be reviewing the books for the year. Jill Kegerise made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Bobbie Porter-Kunkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report - All work is caught up and there will be no work crew this week. The fan in the fellowship hall has been fixed. The church will run into some lighting issues down the road. We use 2 different sizes of fluorescent bulbs, 1" and 1½". The 1½" bulbs will no longer be manufactured and have almost doubled in price. John got a case at Lowes and was told it might be the last case he can get. In the future we will need to change the ballasts in the lights that use the 1½" bulbs. The ballasts cost \$16 each. The lights in the fellowship hall and most of the classrooms use the 1½" bulbs. Chris Fitterling suggested we contact PP&L to see if there is any financial assistance available for not-for-profits to help with the costs of changing the ballasts. John is going to contact PP&L.

John Haldeman has been organizing and cleaning up around the church. He found 7 4'x8' sheets of 1" thick T-111 siding, 300 4"x4" tiles and a box of mosaic mats (small tiling with netting on the back) that the church no longer needs. John would like to offer it to the members of the congregation for a donation.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Bill will be off on December 28th and Megan Malick will be preaching in his absence. New Council members will be installed on January 4th. The Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner will be held on January 10th. The next communion will be on January 11th. Matt Miller will begin his confirmation classes on January 11th.

Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Life Line Screening changed their date from February 24th to February 26th.

The next Faith Exploration night will be held on January 18th to discuss the future of the church. There will be a presentation called Turning the Tide which will explain about what we have tried in the past and what we will need to do in the future. Pastor Louis Butcher from Bright Side Baptist Church in Lancaster is doing a Doctoral program at the seminary about the decline in church attendance in Lancaster County. Pastor Bill will be sharing some information about our experience with him and will hear what other churches in Lancaster County are doing about it.

Cocalico Ministerium News - The United Way is changing the way they are allocating their community outreach and action funds. They want to work with community collaborations – groups within communities that are concerned and want to see renewal in their communities. Real Youth Ministry, Cocalico Ministerium and Denver Boro are looking into forming a collaboration group. Denver Boro is going to apply for grants which would allow them to purchase and remodel The Denver House. It could then be leased to the Ministerium and used to help members of the community.

Children and Youth Ministry Report – Amy Miller's class is using their new curriculum. A DVD was ordered to go with it. They are looking at different curricula for Lori Patterson's class.

Spiritual Council Report - Spiritual Council discussed getting Jack Bernstel a plaque and a \$50 gift certificate in recognition and appreciation for his years of service to the church.

Barry Chaffee approached John about doing another church directory. 10% of purchases would go to the church, and members would get a free 8x10 if they purchase a package. Council discussed it and decided to visit the issue again in January.

Budget and Finance Report, Outreach Report, Stewardship Committee Report, Youth Report – Did not meet.

Benevolence Committee Report – The Benevolence Committee would like approval to donate \$500 to the Zambia library project. Jill Kegerise made a motion to approve the funds and Vickie Schweitzer seconded. Motion carried.

Adult Ministry Report – Adult Ministry served about 50 people at the Hanging of the Greens luncheon. They will host the Fellowship Hour on January 25th. On February 18th Adult Ministry will serve snacks after the Ash Wednesday service.

Health and Welfare Report – Health and Welfare will have their Christmas program at Colonial Lodge on December 11th. Margaret Robinson is making bags that attach to walkers. These bags will

be given to our Special Care and Concern members for their birthdays. Tie-string bags will be given to those SCC members that don't use walkers.

Altar Guild Report – Poinsettias will be placed in the church on December 20th. Vicki Garner-Sweigart made a motion to donate \$500 from the Memorial Fund to the Zambia library project. Jill Kegerise seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Vicki Garner Sweigart made a motion to nominate John Haldeman for President, Bobbie Porter-Kunkel for Vice-President, and Jim Anthony for Secretary. Fran Hollen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bobbie Porter-Kunkel made a motion to appoint Mike Madara as Treasurer and John Haldeman as Administrator. Jill Kegerise seconded. Motion carried. John Haldeman has decided to forfeit the Administrator's salary for next year.

Margaret Harting asked for permission for the Adamstown Library to use our church from April 13th to April 17th for their annual book sale. Kristine Butz would like permission to use the Fellowship Hall on April 26th for a Girl Scout Tea. Vaye Freeman made a motion to allow both organizations to use the church on those dates. Fran Hollen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, January 13, 2014. Being no further business, Vicki Garner-Sweigart motioned to adjourn and Jill Kegerise seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bev Madara
Council Secretary

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 George & Lila Butz	2 Tim & Kristine Butz	3 Don & Sue Calhoon
4 Installation of Council 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service Health & Welfare – after worship Linda Coventry	5 Jean DeHart	6 1 pm Bible Study Kristen Delewski	7 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Jimmy & Karen Dorsey	8 Eugene & Shirley Endy	9 Ann Englert	10 4:30 pm Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner Jerry Lee & Diane Englert
11 Communion 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service Kimberly Evans	12 Olivia Evans	13 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Sidney Evans	4 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Yuri Evans	15 Larry & Sally Fasnacht	16 Terry & Susan Fasnacht	17 Robert Fichthorn
18 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service 6 pm – Faith Exploration Grace Firestone	19 Pauline Firestone	20 1 pm Bible Study Beverly Fisher	21 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Chris & Linda Fitterling	22 Marvin & Kathryn Fittering	23 Leonore Fitterling	24 Ida Franks
25 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am – Contemporary Service Paul & Elizabeth Freeman	26 Robert & Jodi Freeman	27 1 pm Bible Study Robert & Vaye Freeman	28 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Doris Fultz	29 Allen & Ardel Garner	30 Carl & Vicki Sweigart	31 Arthur Gehman

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Return Service Requested

January Events

January 4th – Installation of New Council Members
January 10^h – Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner – 4:30 pm
January 11th – Epiphany Communion
January 18th – Faith Exploration – Turning the Tide – 6:00 pm

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