



PEACENOTES



February

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Our bible contains 4 gospels each written by a different person with a different idea of what was important and what should be recorded for posterity's sake. So the stories of Jesus in each of the 4 Gospels are a little bit different. They all agree on the essentials that Jesus is Lord and the Son of God. They all talk about the significance of his dying on a cross and his being resurrected. The consensus is that he was merciful and loved others. People mattered to him, not their sins – the sins could be forgiven.

Some of the other details vary. The names of the disciples vary from Gospel to Gospel. The ways that the disciples were called, the miracles that he performed, the parables he told and the order in which all these things took place vary from Gospel to Gospel.

But there is one thing that was abundantly clear – people mattered. If someone was dragged before him with the expectation that he would condemn that person, he would squat down and doodle in the dirt. If he was confronted by someone who was violent and threatening, someone that others always tried to avoid or feared or hated, Jesus sat with them and asked their name. People made a big deal if he sat and ate a meal with the “wrong” people. Jesus said he was where he needed to be. He was less concerned with the rules and more concerned with the people.

I like this Jesus.

Today we would probably find him hanging out in homeless shelters – not preaching, not trying to save souls – but wondering if they had had enough to eat. We would not only find him with recovering drug

addicts, but binding up their wounds both spiritual and physical. He would be hanging out with people who were tattooed and pierced and never ever notice. He would be equally at home with republicans and democrats. He would be with people in their struggles and never question or worry about their sexual identity.

His presence transformed the hearts of many. When one tax collector recognized how he had cheated and robbed so many people, he chose to make things right – he would repay all those he had harmed.

I still really like this Jesus! But I suspect that we are not as comfortable with this Jesus. We are more comfortable keeping Jesus in the pages of our bible. We like him as our Savior, but this other stuff makes us nervous.

Still we cannot deny the truth. People mattered and people still matter today. Not just certain people – all people – and especially people who look like they have been a bit roughed up by life and even the church.

I hope you like this Jesus too! This is the Jesus that we, the people of Peace United Church of Christ, need to unveil and reveal to the world!

Let's show that people mattered to Jesus and people still matter to us today!!

Pastor Bill

► Check it out!

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 Nancy Reese

GREETERS

February 1 Mardel Lausch
February 8 The Schweitzer Family
February 15 Keith and Barb Hoffert
February 18 Alice Binns and Linda Coventry
February 22 Deb Hedrick

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 1 Ray and Carolyn Wolverton
February 8 Carl and Vicki Sweigart
February 15 Ann Englert and family.
February 22 Alice Binns



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

February Birthdays

- February 2 Frederick Stauffer
- February 5 Mary Bernstel
Tiffany Burkey
- February 7 Carole Good
- February 8 Robinette Palsgrove
Grace Hoffert
- February 9 Janet Mawhinney
Courtney Hall
- February 11 George Bailey
Jack Long
Beverly Fisher
- February 13 Penelope Wolfe
- February 14 Joanne Hassler
- February 15 Fran Hollen
- February 16 Pauline Whitehead
- February 17 Pat Wolf
- February 22 Martha Young

** 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.

February Anniversaries

- February 15 Richard and Robinette Palsgrove
David and Jane Walmsley
- February 20 Jody and Barb Becker
- February 24 Ronald and Carol Parker



PEACE PANTRY



During the month of February and March the Peace Pantry will be collecting new white men's socks for the homeless veterans throughout Pennsylvania. These socks will be distributed by John and Mary Getz to the homeless veterans' shelters.

thank you

A NOTE OF



Thank you to everyone at Peace Church for all the prayers offered for my eye surgery. Also thank you to Pastor Bill for the visit. Everything so far is going well.

The family would also like to thank the members for all the Christmas Cards and gifts for Paul and Elizabeth. Thank you also for Paul's Birthday Cards.

We are all blessed to have such a caring church family.

The Freeman Family

Thank you for the fruit baskets. We have been blessed so much this past year with cards and helping with car service. This is a wonderful church.

Pierce and Ethel Lesher

We feel like you have been our guardian Angel over the past year. You helped us out financially and with generous boxes and bags of food. Somehow the timing was always during our struggling times. We cannot express how grateful we are. It is such a blessing to have found our "family" at Peace.

The Moyers

We just wanted to send a huge thank you to our Peace Church family for all the Christmas wishes and for remembering us during the holidays. We appreciate and always look forward to our visits with Pastor Bill, Vicki Garner-Sweigart and other church family members. Being remembered on our birthdays, receiving the fruit baskets, cards and gifts is just another way to remind us that we are still part of a caring and loving church family. May God bless each and every one of you this New Year!

Marvin & Kathryn Fitterling

COMMUNITY DINNER

Volunteers!



Peace Church is scheduled to serve this dinner on Thursday, February 26th. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm which means we need to have the food there and be set to serve

a little after 5. We will be looking to see if the Lancaster County Council of churches has a meat product that we can use as the base of our dinner and will then plan accordingly. Depending on what is being served we usually gather between 2 and 3 to being the meal prep. If you would like more information or would like to help, please speak with Pastor Bill.

FAITH EXPLORATION/TURING THE TIDE



We will gather again on February 15th to continue our discussion on how we move forward in reaching out to our community and helping our church to Grow – remembering that growth happens in so many different ways. Please bring your ideas. Also, please think about why you come to Peace

Church. What brought you here and why you continue? What do you find meaningful? WE look forward to seeing you on the 15th at 6:00 pm.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Health and Welfare will be meeting Tuesday March 5, 2015 at 6:30 in the church council room.

LENTEN Mid Week Community Worship



The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.

Tentative Schedule is as follows:

- February 18th – Peace United Church of Christ
- February 25th – Trinity United Methodist
- March 4th – St. John’s United Church of Christ
- March 11th – Swamp Christian Fellowship
- March 18th – Gehman’s Mennonite Church
- March 25th – Emmanuel E.C. Church, Adamstown

Theme will be The Psalms are for Lent. Services will begin at 7:30; ashes and communion will be offered on Ash Wednesday. Hope to see you there!

EASTER EGG HUNT



Our annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 28th beginning at 10 am. As always this is an open event so please invite your extended family—grandchildren, great grandchildren, cousins, friends and neighbors. Soon there

will be a basket in the narthex if you would like to donate packages of individually wrapped pieces of candy. These will then be place in plastic eggs for

our hunt!! Refreshments will follow in our Fellowship Hall.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR.....

Valentines day is just around the corner...Need plans??? Invite your friends and family or just bring that special someone to Peace UCC for a special Valentine's, Love is in the Air, Mystery Dinner, Saturday, February 14 at 5pm. The cost of the dinner is by donation. Come join the fun and fellowship while trying to figure out what is for dinner.....it's a mystery!



Please sign up on the secretary's window or follow the link from the website to ensure we will have enough of the surprise dinner for everyone.

LIFE LINE SCREENING



Life Line Screening will be hosting a health screening event in our Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 26th. Their mission is to make people aware of unrecognized health problems and encourage them to seek follow-up care with their personal physician.

They are the leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings in the United States.

Life Line Screening uses a finger-stick blood screening that identify important risk factors for heart disease and diabetes.

They test for cholesterol, glucose, cardiovascular disease, and elevated liver enzymes. The test results are ready in 10 minutes.

**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING**

January 13, 2015



Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbie Porter-Kunkle, Pat Hall, Chris Fitterling, Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Vaye Freeman, Cindy Anthony,

Art Pannebecker, Amy Miller, Greg Grill, Vickie Schweitzer, Jim Anthony, Mike Madara.

Excused: Fran Hollen

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, January 13, 2015. If you cannot attend a council meeting for any reason, please let John Haldeman or another council member know before the meeting so we can mark you as excused. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

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

Treasurer's Report – November and December's reports were presented due to November's statements coming in late.

November: Income exceeded expenses by over \$2000. There is a youth fund donation that reflects the donation from the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank for cooking breakfast.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 11/31/2014	NOVEMBER
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1687.5
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	(\$3532.39)
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	(\$1844.89)
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25060.97
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10812.19
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$955.65
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$93392.72	\$5416.76
PETTY CASH	\$75.00

ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$40475.68
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3191.93
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16047.74
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19239.67
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$7589.60
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36601.89
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$103026.49
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5251.79
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$160378.66
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$312848.43
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$372563.78
GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE	\$2000

December: Approximately \$10,000 of expenses from 2014 were paid in January 2015 due to changed due dates.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 12/31/2014	DECEMBER
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$2644.73
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	(\$339.41)
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$2305.32
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25065.09
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$11237.19
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$955.65
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$96032.72	\$6231.76
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$45870.01
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3192.06
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16050.38
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$310408.39
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$6590.28
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36607.91
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$103124.55
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$8715.02
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$155370.63
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$310408.39
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$375520.84
GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE	\$1500

Bobbie Porter-Kunkle made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Cindy Anthony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report - The work crew is up to date with all work. A repair on the pole light in the parking lot was completed. The socket was fried. The heater in garage was replaced. This was a fire safety issue. Memorial fund purchased \$37 of tools for the work crew. Paper supplies will be needed soon. John is looking into a BJ's membership. There is a leak in hallway by the narthex. Repair will be made by the work crew as soon as weather permits. New insect control contract -Tomlinson & Bomberger-increase of \$9 per quarter. Total of \$300.50 per quarter. We will receive 4% discount if paid by end of February. New lawn fertilizer contract -increase of \$23 in spring and \$18 in the fall. This is treatment of 6 of our 11+ acres of property. Will receive 4% discount if paid by end of February for a total of \$1964.71 (with the discount). Cindy Anthony made a motion to accept the administrator's report as presented and Vickie Schweitzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report - Background checks-new regulations. \$10 for state police and \$10 for child abuse checks. Contemporary service changes will be coming. The service will be held in the sanctuary. Summer is at 9:00 and Traditional worship will stay at 10:30. In the fall, contemporary will move to 8:30, Sunday school will be 9:30 and traditional will be 10:30. Pastor Bill will be preaching at both services. We are looking into purchasing large screen that will come up behind the altar. Prices and types of screens are being looked at. The piano in choir room needs to be repaired. The hammers need sanded down. Money is coming from music fund memorials.

Ash Wednesday service - Feb 18th
Maundy Thursday Service - April 2nd
Good Friday Service - April 3rd
Easter Vigil - April 4th
Easter -April 5th

Children and Youth Ministry Report - The new curriculum for the Sunday School classes has shipped. The number of kids in Sunday School each week is hit or miss. Amy Miller is looking into options to increase attendance.

Spiritual Council Report - The Stewardship committee is being replaced with the Turning the Tide committee. Spiritual Council will take future responsibility for financial campaigns. We received an anonymous donation of \$1000 to help compensate Courtney Hall. Vaye Freeman made a motion to add \$200 from the general fund to give Courtney a total of \$100 a month for the year 2015 and Cindy Anthony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget and Finance Report, Turning the Tide Committee Report, Outreach Report - No report

Benevolence Committee Report -The Home of Hope has a new resident. Benevolence made a request to donate \$1000 to help pay off the debt of the new resident. Cindy Anthony made a motion to proceed with this donation and Chris Fitterling seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adult Ministry Report - Adult Ministry is serving fellowship hour after worship on January 25th and after the Ash Wednesday worship service.

Health and Welfare Report - Approximately 30 people went along to Colonial Lodge. The residents really enjoyed the visit. There were 28 bags were distributed to Special Care and Concern members at Christmas. Health and Welfare is looking into the Power Pack lunch program to serve as the speaker for Health and Welfare Sunday.

Altar Guild Report - There is no Peace Pantry for the month of January. In February, we will be collecting white sock for homeless veterans.

Youth Report - The youth are hosting a Mission Trip Sunday on January 25th. Sub and Chili orders are also due on the 25th. The youth will be hosting a Mystery Dinner on February 14th. Peanut Butter eggs will be made on March 21st. The Chicken BBQ will be held on April 25th.

Old Business - We will be doing a picture directory. We will need a minimum of 35 individuals to participate. An estimated time for this is April - May 2015. We will need 1-2 volunteers to help with the process. 10% of all sales go directly back to the church.

New Business - None

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, 2015. Being no further business, John Haldeman motioned to adjourn and Cindy Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Anthony, Council Secretary

Lenten Word Search

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- APOSTLES
- ASHWEDNESDAY
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- CROSS
- EASTER
- FASTING
- FORTYDAYS
- GOODFRIDAY
- GRATITUDE
- HOLYWEEK
- JESUS
- LASTSUPPER
- LENT
- MAUNDYTHURSDAY
- PENANCE
- PRAYER
- REFLECTION
- REPENTANCE
- SACRIFICE
- SERVICE

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service Melvin & Marian Gerhart	2 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Jason & Pam Getz	3 1 pm Bible Study John & Mary Getz	4 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Adam Good	5 Alicia Good	6 Betty Good	7 Duane & Yinell Good
8 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service Greg & Kathi Good	9 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Ralph & Carole Good	10 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Randy & Jean Good	11 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Charlie & Edie Graff	12 Gary Gress	13 Jim & Margaret Gress	14 5 pm Youth Mystery Dinner Greg & Cindy Grill
15 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service 6 pm Faith Exploration Mary Jane Grote	16 John & Lois Haldeman	17 1 pm Bible Study Courtney Hall	18 Ash Wednesday Service Dan & Pat Hall	19 Gretchen Hall	20 Jon & Selina Hamilton	21 Barry & Pat Harting
22 First Sunday of Lent Communion 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service Emily Harting	23 Margaret Harting	24 1 pm Bible Study Robert Harting	25 Erla Hartranft	26 5 pm Community Dinner Life Line Screening Lori Hartranft	27 Allan Hassler	28 Craig Hassler

PEACE NOTES

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Return Service Requested

February Events

February 14th – Youth Mystery Dinner – 5:00 pm
February 18^h – Ash Wednesday Service at Peace UCC – 7:30 pm
February 26th – Life Line Screening at Peace UCC
February 26^h – Community Dinner – Ready to serve at 5:00 pm

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