



PEACENOTES



March

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Coming to a Church near you- Your Church- Change!

Change is an inevitable part of life. We don't always like change; the problem is we cannot avoid it. One of the best things we can do is embrace it!!

At the same time, our goal is to implement these changes in such a way that we limit the disease that often accompanies change. Some of the changes may include:

- Changes to our Sunday Morning Schedule
- Changes to what you see in our Narthex
- Changes to how we think and talk about church
- New ways of inviting and welcoming people into the life of our Congregation!

About a year ago we implemented a second, more contemporary styled worship service. While it has not grown by leaps and bounds it is time to take it to a new level. This will involve changes to our morning worship schedule. Traditionally, in the summer we have changed our worship service to begin at 9:00 am. Some people like this change, some do not. This year we will offer our Contemporary Service at 9:00 am and our Traditional Worship will remain at 10:30. I will be present at both services. For those who attend the Contemporary style worship, the Sanctuary will offer a more worshipful atmosphere and a warmer sense of welcome.

We need to better communicate what we offer in terms of services opportunities. Therefore, we will be developing a welcome and information area where people will be able to see what we do over

the course of the year rather than only at those times when the service is being offered.

We need to understand and talk not only about what the church has to offer, but what we have to offer the church. To understand more about what this might entail, we invite everyone to be a part of our next Exploration nights. These gatherings are typically held on the 3rd Sunday of each month beginning at 6:00 pm. Please come to hear and share your ideas.

And then we need to be more active in how we reach out and welcome and embrace people who visit our worship services. I know we worry about saying the wrong thing and it is hard to put ourselves out there, but it is better than ignoring someone who has worked up the courage to walk into a strange new place to worship with a bunch of new people. If they can make that step toward us, we can make a bold step toward them.

None of these changes are radical, but they are hard. Join us on the journey as we become more the church Christ is calling us to be today!

P.S. – for those who are concerned please know that there will always be a traditional style worship service at Peace Church!

Pastor Bill

► Check it out!

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John Haldeman, *Council President*
Bobbi Porter-Kunkel, *Council Vice-President*
Jim Anthony, *Council Secretary*
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HEAD USHER

Bobbie Porter-Kunkel

ALTAR GUILD

Edie Graff
Dixie Schweitzer

GREETERS

March 1 Pat Acebo
March 8 Alice Binns and Linda Coventry
March 15 Melvin and Marian Gerhart
March 22 Dixie Schweitzer and Lori Ream
March 29 Mike and Bev Madara

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 1 Mrs. Richard L. Fisher
March 8 Robert and Beverly Martin
March 15 Betty Leisey
March 22 Robert Fichthorn
March 29 Mildred Krick



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

March Birthdays

March 1	Lois Haldeman
March 2	Jimmy Dorsey
March 4	Heidi Sunday
March 5	Allen Garner Susan McIlmoyle
March 6	Stephanie Shahade Olivia Moyer
March 8	Karen Sweigart
March 10	Kathy Strunk
March 12	Ann Englert Cindy Anderson
March 13	Carolyn P. Wolverton Pat Hall
March 14	Bertha Adair Ralph Good Betty Schweitzer**
March 15	Melissa Burky Allyson Butz
March 17	Daniel Wolf
March 18	Karen Pannebecker
March 20	Maxine Burky Jean Good
March 26	Stacy Burkey
March 28	Arlene Styer** Virginia Tobias
March 30	Gene Huston** Ella Mae Shupp
March 31	Dan Hall

** Special Care and Concern Member

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

March Anniversaries

March 4	Harvey and Esther Schlouch Brian and Susan Strouse
March 8	Jay and Stacy Burkey
March 16	Paul and Elizabeth Freeman
March 17	Don and Sue Calhoon

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.

thank you

To our Friends at Peace Church,
Thank you for Pierce's Birthday Cards. He enjoyed them and we are both thankful for being remembered by our Church Family.

Pierce and Ethel Leshner

The youth would like to say a big THANK YOU to all who ventured out in the cold to attend the Valentine's Day Mystery Dinner. It was a huge success. We collected \$710 and had a profit of \$390 that will go towards our mission trip.

Peace UCC Youth Group

Adult Ministry would like to thank all the members who so generously contributed to the Ash Wednesday fellowship. We always set a bountiful table and this year was no exception. Our church members always come through. Thank you again.

Adult Ministry

Thank-you...

For supporting the 8th annual spaghetti dinner in memory of Abigail Kristine Butz, on Saturday, January 10th. We had a wonderful time in fellowship and a wonderful dinner as we raised money for the Histio Society, which organizes research for rare blood diseases like HLH, AI duPont Hospital for Children, and the Ronald McDonald House of DE.

Thank-you so much for your continued support and allowing us to use the fellowship hall.

Sincerely,

Abigail's Family

Matthew, Michael, Allyson, Kristine, and Timothy



PEACE PANTRY

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Health and Welfare Committee will be meeting Tuesday March 3 at 6:30 in the church council room

Health and Welfare Sunday will be held in April. Representatives from Power Pack Ministries will share the work they are doing in our community on behalf of those are in need of some food assistance. A freewill offering will be gathered.

ALTAR GUILD



The Altar Guild will be taking orders for Easter Lilies on Sunday March 15th, 22nd, and 29th before and after worship. The cost is \$7.50 for a 5-6 bloom plant. The Easter Lilies will be in the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 5th and should be taken home after the service.

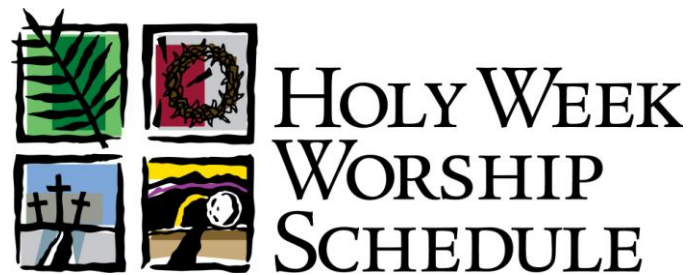
The Altar Guild will be preparing the palms for Palm Sunday on Saturday March 28th at 8:30 am and will be placing the Easter Lilies in the church sanctuary on Friday April 3rd after the Good Friday evening services.

LENTEN Mid Week Community Worship



LENTEN Schedule All Services begin at 7:30

- March 4th – St. John's United Church of Christ, 4th Street Denver
- March 11th – Swamp Christian Fellowship, Swamp Church Road, Reinholds
- March 18th – Gehman's Mennonite Church, Witmer Road outside of Adamstown
- March 25th – Immanuel E.C. Church, Main Street Adamstown



Maundy Thursday Communion Worship, April 2nd, 7:30 pm

Good Friday Service, April 3rd, 7:30 pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday April 4, 6 am – 12 midnight. You are invited to sign up for a half hour time period to be in the Sanctuary to pray and reflect on the grace of God in Christ Jesus. If you would like you could serve as a coordinator for a two hour time period.

EASTER MORNING, April 5th

Early Morning Worship at 7:00 am

Traditional Service at 10:30 am

Contemporary Service at 10:45 am

Communion will be served at all services.



It is once again time to plan our Easter Prayer Vigil. This year the vigil will take place on Saturday, April 4th from 6:00 am until 12:00 am.

For those of you who may not have participated in the vigil in previous years, participants sign up for half-hour time slots to sit in the sanctuary in quiet meditation, prayer, or Bible reading. You may sign up as an individual, couple, or family. Coordinator positions are also needed to sit in the Council Room (directly across from the sanctuary) to make sure all time slots are filled or to answer any questions. These positions are for two-hour periods.

Please consider participating in this year's vigil. It is both a very rewarding and meaningful experience and helps set the tone for the following day – the priceless Easter celebration!

The sign-up schedule will be posted on the church office window. Please take time from your busy schedule to participate. Should you have questions, please see Pastor Bill or Lois Haldeman.

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. Refreshments will follow in our Fellowship Hall. There is a basket in the narthex if you would like to donate packages of individually wrapped pieces of candy.

PEANUT BUTTER EGGS



The youth are going to be making Peanut Butter Eggs on March 21st. We are looking for volunteers to help make the eggs. We are planning on making 25

batches of eggs. That equals out to 2500 eggs that need to be shaped, coated in chocolate, trimmed and boxed. We will be gathering at 9 am to start. Volunteers are needed throughout the day so if 9 am doesn't suit, come at noon.

Another way to help the youth is by providing some of the ingredients for the peanut butter eggs. Please see the sign-up sheet on the secretary's window for items needed.

Peanut Butter eggs (16 eggs, approximately 1 lb) will be available for purchase on Sunday, March 22. The cost is \$7 a box. Please place your order on the sign-up sheet on the secretary's window or order online at <http://peaceunitedchurch.org/youth/eggs/>

Thank you for supporting the youth in our congregation.



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING February 10, 2015

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Pat Hall, Chris Fitterling, Mary Getz, Vaye Freeman,

Cindy Anthony, Art Pannebecker, Amy Miller, Greg Grill, Vickie Schweitzer, Jim Anthony. Excused: Bobbie Porter-Kunkel, Pat Acebo, Fran Hollen, Mike Madara
Unexcused:

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, February 10th, 2015. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – Cindy Anthony made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Vickie Schweitzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – No report

Administrator's Report – The work crew is up to date with all work. We receive 1 inside and 3 outside pest control treatments a year. John was able to save the church \$125.50 a quarter by talking to the technician. The new price will be \$175 a quarter. John will walk through with the fertilization company in the spring to determine the area that is treated, and will be looking around for prices for other options to determine if we are getting a good price.

Pastor's Report - Mike Marti from Boy Scout Troop 214 requested the use of the building for meetings and activities on Tuesday nights. Greg Grill made a motion to approve this and Vaye Freeman seconded. Motion carried.

The library will be having their annual book sale on April 13-18th.

We will be adding a welcome area in the Narthex to showcase the church to visitors. The outreach committee is currently being reactivated. The choir has been asked to sing the National Anthem at a Barnstormers game. Dates are to be determined. There is a couple interested in joining the church.

Pastor Bill requested April 12th for vacation and is looking into a supply pastor.

Children and Youth Ministry, Spiritual Council Report, Budget and Finance Report –No report

Benevolence Committee Report - There will be a meeting on March 9th at 6pm

Turning the Tide Committee, Adult Ministry Report, Health and Welfare Report, Outreach Committee – No report

Altar Guild – Peace Pantry will be collecting white socks for our homeless veterans through the month of March. The Altar Guild will be taking orders for Easter Lilies on Sunday, March 15th, 22nd, and 29th before and after worship. The cost is \$7.50 for a 5-6 bloom plant. The Easter Lilies will be in the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 5th and should be taken home after the service.

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Youth Report - The youth had a successful soup and sub sale. The youth will be having a mystery dinner on February 14th.

Old Business - We are meeting with the company that is doing the picture directory on Feb 12th to discuss details. The photo sessions would be held on April 30th, and May 1st and 2nd.

New Business – None

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Being no further business, Art Pannebecker motioned to adjourn and Vaye Freeman seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Anthony, Council Secretary

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service 6:00 Turning the Tide Joanne Hassler	2 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Adam & Kristen Heaps	3 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Health and Welfare Meeting 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Deb Hedrick	4 7:30 pm Lenten Service Tim & Val Heil	5 Gary & Diane Hertzog	6 Ryan Hertzog	7 Tyler Hertzog
8 Daylight Savings 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service Dennis & Connie High	9 6 pm Benevolence Meeting 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Josh High	10 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Judy High	11 7:30 pm Lenten Service Kayla High	12 Megan High	13 Pastor Bill & Janis Hoch	14 Keith & Barb Hoffert
15 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service Michael Hoffert	16 Fran Hollen	17 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Ken & Anna Hopkins	18 7:30 pm Lenten Service Mike Hornberger	19 Gene Huston	20 Rosemary Johnston	21 9 am Youth making peanut butter eggs Jon & Jill Kegerise
22 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service Ben Kegerise	23 J.R. Kegerise	24 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Alverta Kilhefner	25 7:30 pm Lenten Service Mark Kline	26 Shirley Kline	27 Arthur Klink	28 10 am Easter Egg Hunt Kevin & Jess Klinkner
29 Palm Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service Harold & Ann Kohl	30 Janice Kohl	31 Mildred Krick				

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Return Service Requested

March Events

March 1st – Turning the Tide – 6:00 pm
March 22nd – Turning the Tide – 6:00 pm
March 28th – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am
March 29th – Palm Sunday

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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