



PEACENOTES



April

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

If we knew nothing about the Christian faith other than one of its two primary Holy Days – Christmas and Easter – what might we know about this faith?

If we only knew about Christmas then we would know something about his birth. We would know something about angels and shepherds and wise men and a star in the sky. We would know something about the names or titles he would carry: Immanuel - God with us, Savior, Lord, King of Kings, Prince of Peace, the anointed one, Messiah, the Christ.

But the path his life would take, what he would do in order to fulfill all those roles and expectations would still be a mystery to us. We might know that he came to redeem his people but that process of redemption would be a mystery.

We would have to take a wait and see attitude. We would have to be something like Mary, “who pondered all these things...”

On the other hand, if the only thing we knew about the Christian faith was Easter, then we would know, basically, everything we needed to know about God, Christ, faith and redemption. We would know all this because we would know about the cross and the redemptive power of God. We would know that on Friday Christ hung on the Cross, by that evening he was in the grave and by Sunday there was nothing but an empty cross and an empty Tomb for He had Risen!

Christmas is an exciting time. Christmas is about the birth of one – Easter is about the rebirth of many! Christmas tends to focus on the gifts we give and get to and from one another. Easter is about the gift of God, with no strings attached, given to us and in that gift is life!

Easter is the power of God's grace. Easter is the depth of God's love. Easter is our redemption and life!! Rejoice and give thanks for EASTER Morning has dawned upon us!!

Pastor Bill

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John Haldeman, *Council President*
Bobbi Porter-Kunkel, *Council Vice-President*
Jim Anthony, *Council Secretary*
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Mike Madara, *Treasurer*
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GREETERS

April 5 Brad and Amy Wolf and Family
April 12 Deb Hedrick
April 19 Bob and Bev Martin
April 26 Bill Young

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 5 Richard and Virginia Tobias
April 12 Judy High and Family
April 19 Melvin Bowman
April 26 Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Leshner



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

April Birthdays

April 1 Katie Jo Sunday
April 2 Michael Madara
April 3 Mary Jane Grote
 Charles Lightcap
April 4 Barbara Becker
April 5 Audrey Priga
April 6 Kenneth Leshar
 Connie Youndt
April 7 **Betty Good****
 Kathy Palsgrove
 Mark Anthony
April 10 Linda Shollenberger
April 11 Daniel Little
April 12 Chris Lausch
April 14 Helen Youndt
 Linda Fitterling
 Brianne Little
April 16 Chris Fitterling
 Madison Morgan
 Cole Patterson
April 21 John Bernstel, Jr.
April 22 Whitney Sunday
April 24 Clara Roland
 Polly Moser
 Michael Anderson
 Beverly Lightcap
 Yuri Evans
April 25 Ben Kegerise
April 27 Matthew Anthony
April 28 Pat Acebo
 Jane Walmsley
 Heidi McDonough
 Kristine Butz

** 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.

April Anniversaries

April 1 Steven and Rebecca Priga
April 2 Larry and Sally Fasnacht
April 5 Wes and Karli Little
April 9 Richard and Virginia Tobias
April 10 Edward and Susan McIlmoyle
April 21 John and Heidi McDonough
April 23 Jeffrey and Sherry Moyer
April 25 Ralph and Carole Good
April 27 Jimmy and Karen Dorsey

thank you

I want to say thanks to everyone who helped in some way with the peanut butter eggs, whether it was donating some of the ingredients, putting the boxes together, shaping the eggs, coating the eggs in chocolate, washing dishes or purchasing a box of the finished product. We made 2700 eggs in less than 9 hours. This is only made possible because of you. Thank you!!

Cindy Anthony





PEACE PANTRY

During the month of April the Peace Pantry will be collecting rice, instant potatoes and baked beans.

ATTENTION PLEASE



If you have a graduating Senior please contact the church office so that they might be recognized in their achievement! Thank you.



**HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE**

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.

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Thursday, May 7th is the National Day of Prayer. There will be a community breakfast buffet at Weaver's Banquet Facility from 7-9 am. Cost of the event is \$10.00 and tickets may be purchased from Pastor Bill or Vicki Garner-Sweigart. Please join us as we unite our voices in prayer for our country and community.

BAKE SALE

There will be a bake sale fund raiser during the youth's Chicken BBQ on Saturday, April 25th. Baked items can be dropped off at the church fellowship hall on Friday after 1 pm or Saturday morning before 8 am. If you would like to donate a baked item there will



be a sign up sheet on the office window. If you would like to help at the sale on Saturday please see Mary Getz or Lillian Messner.



It's that time of year again! Come out between 10 am and 1 pm on April 25th to get your chicken bbq. The youth are selling half chickens for

\$6 and chicken dinners for \$9. The dinner includes a half chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, ATV roll and butter, and a Clover Farms drink.

HEALTH AND WELFARE SUNDAY

Our annual Health and Welfare Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. Representatives of Power Pack Ministries will share the work that is being done to serve families with children as they struggle with issues of food insecurities. On the local level, we have learned a great deal about the needs and families in our community. A free will offering will be gathered in support of this vital ministry. Thank you for your support.



**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COUNCIL MEETING**

March 10, 2015

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbie Porter-Kunkel, Pat Hall, Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Vaye Freeman, Cindy Anthony, Art Pannebecker, Amy Miller, Greg Grill, Vickie Schweitzer, Jim Anthony, Mike Madara.

Excused: Chris Fitterling, Fran Hollen

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

Review of last month's minutes – The next month's meeting should be listed as March 10 instead of February 10. Art Pannebecker made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The January report was presented and the February report was not presented as some bank statements have not yet arrived. Approximately \$2500 in expenses that show in January were actually from December. The Benevolence fund loan was paid in full in February. Bobbie Porter-Kunkel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Pat Acebo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 01/31/2015	JANUARY
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$(2,457.34)
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$(4,830.56)
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$(7,287.90)
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25,069.35
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10,847.19
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$268.27
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$96,652.72	\$6,851.76
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$35,823.67
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3,192.20

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16,053.10
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19,245.30
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$7,590.93
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36,614.13
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$103,226.05
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$6,640.64
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$157,177.63
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$311,249.38
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$366,318.35
GENERAL FUND LOAN BALANCE	\$1,500.00

Administrator's Report - There were 2 roof leaks, in the Library and the yellow Sunday School room. This was caused because there was a large amount of ice in the downspouts. Both rooms lost a few ceiling tiles. They will be replaced by the work crew. The work crew will check the roof when the snow melts. There will be a wood polishing party held on Saturday April 11. The wood in the Sanctuary, narthex, doors, and the kitchen will be polished. The contract for spraying the pine trees will be \$337. This includes a 5% discount. John is looking into getting other estimates for future comparison. The offer reported last month for the pest control was inaccurate. The technician was not authorized to offer this type of discount. John called and was offered a reduction to \$235 from the original \$300 as a result of this incident.

Pastor's Report - The ministerium will be holding a seminar on the new Criminal Background Check laws in the state and we will be participating. Details will be available soon. The National Day of prayer breakfast will be held on May 7th at Weavers. Pastor Bill spoke to a few student pastor candidates at the Seminary and Gabby Kennedy will visit the church on March 15.

Children and Youth Ministry Report, Spiritual Council Report, Budget and Finance Report - No Report.

Benevolence Committee Report - Held a meeting on March 9. Benevolence would like to donate \$250 to the Power Pack program on Health and Welfare Sunday. Pat Hall made a motion to approve this

expenditure and Vaye Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Turning the Tide Committee Report - Will meet on March 22 for the Faith Exploration event.

Adult Ministry Report - Adult Ministry will be meeting soon. A date is not yet set.

Health and Welfare Report - The Health and Welfare meeting was canceled due to snow.

Outreach Report - The Outreach committee is in the process of reforming.

Altar Guild Report - Thank you for your support with the white sock collection. Peace Pantry for the month of April will be rice, instant mashed potatoes, and baked beans.

Youth Report - The youth served 70 people for their Mystery dinner. The snow and ice held off until the dinner was finished. The dinner brought in \$710 with a total expenses of \$320 so the profit made for the youth is \$390. The youth are making peanut butter eggs on March 21. The Chicken BBQ will be held on April 25. The youth are looking into the Old First UCC church in Philadelphia for their mission trip. They offer weekend trips. Since our group is small and the age range of the kids, Cindy is trying to find something where everyone can participate. She thinks that Old First UCC will be able to accommodate our needs.

Old Business - If assistant ushers cannot make a Sunday, please inform both your chosen replacement and the head usher.

New Business - None

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Being no further business, Pat Acebo motioned to adjourn and Vaye Freeman seconded. Motion carried.
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Anthony
Council Secretary

Easter Word Search

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 LAST SUPPER
 LILY
 MARY MAGDALENE
 MAUNDY THURSDAY
 PALM SUNDAY
 REDEMPTION
 RESURRECTION
 RISEN
 SALVATION
 SAVIOR
 SPRING
 TOMB
 VIGIL

April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Paul Kring	2 7:30 pm Maundy Ser- vice Russell & Julie Lasalle	3 7:30 pm Good Friday Service Chris & Jessi- ca Lausch	4 Easter Vigil Clair & Mardel Lausch
5 Easter Sunday 7 am Early Service 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contempo- rary Service Scott & Lise Lausch	6 Sylvia Leach	7 No Bible Study 6:30 pm Health and Welfare Meeting Betty Leisey	8 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Ken & Nancy Leshner	9 Pierce & Ethel Leshner	10 Sam & Nancy Leshner	11 George Lewis
12 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contempo- rary Service Kathryn Light	13 Charles & Bev- erly Lightcap	14 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Library Book Sale Chris Lightcap	15 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Library Book Sale Lindsay Lightcap	16 Library Book Sale Jonathan Lightcap	17 Library Book Sale Brianne Little	18 Library Book Sale Daniel & Mari- anne Little
19 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contempo- rary Service Wes & Karli Little	20 Jack & Linda Long	21 1 pm Bible Study Charlotte Mac- leod	22 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Mike & Bev Madara	23 Robert & Beverly Mar- tin	24 Janet Mattis	25 Chicken BBQ Janet Mawhinney
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PEACE NOTES

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Return Service Requested

April Events

April 2nd – Maundy Service – 7:30 pm

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

April 4th – Easter Vigil – 6:00 am - Midnight

April 5th – Easter Sunday Services – 7 am, 10:30 am, 10:45 am

April 14th – 18th – Library Book Sale

April 25th – Chicken BBQ

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