



PEACE NOTES



May

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

The importance of Church – Peace Church!

Many years ago, when I was between churches, a friend and colleague said to me, “When you need a place to sing your songs and you need a place to pray your prayers, my church is always open to you.” I don’t know if John knew just how important that invitation was to me. I don’t know if I understood how important that invitation was to me until this moment as I sit and type out the words. I needed it then and I need it today – a place to sing my songs and pray my prayers. It is the God’s honest truth.

Sunday just isn’t complete if I don’t go to church. I don’t know how I would get through the week, most weeks, if I didn’t have the foundation from going to worship on Sunday Morning! I just need it! Many of us, most of us, if not all of us have said this or something like it at some point! And it expresses that need of having a place to sing our songs and pray our prayers and connect with God.

And I don’t think most of us truly understand those words or the value of being somewhere, in community with others, to sing our songs and pray our prayers. Even when we get away from the discipline of Sunday morning attendance, and it seems that we are doing just fine without it, we realize what we are missing or we just don’t think about it until some moment when someone offers the invitation to come and sing our songs and pray our prayers.

Here is another truth to remember: movies make great entertainment, but they make lousy theology.

Movies have produced so many memorable lines that sound good but do not ring true. From LOVE STORY we had the line, “Love means never having to say you are sorry.” And from FIELD OF DREAMS we have, “Build it and they will come.”

No one is just going to come just because we are here and we have a building, especially in today’s world. People are only going to come if they receive an invitation to something that has value and meaning. There is value and meaning in worship and in faith. We simply need to understand what that value or meaning is and how to express it. As we better understand the value and meaning of our faith we will be better able to share the invitation to someone to join us as we sing our songs and pray our prayers.

Therefore, I encourage you to take some time to think about what church, this church, means to you. How is this church and your faith a vital, life giving, life affirming force for you?

Pastor Bill

► **Check it out!**

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2015

John Haldeman, *Council President*
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HEAD USHER

Fran Hollen

ALTAR GUILD

Audrey Youndt
Sally Romich

GREETERS

May 3 Alice Binns and Vaye Freeman
May 10 Pat Wolf, Lori, Cole and Taylor
Patterson
May 17 Jody and Barb Becker
May 24 Robert and Jodi Freeman
May 31 Robert and Vaye Freeman

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 3 Erla Hartranft and Family
May 10 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fasnacht
and Family
May 17 Georgan Bixler
May 24 Ike Gehman
May 31 Robert and Vaye Freeman



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

May Birthdays

May 1 Robert Freeman
May 3 Danelle Bailey
 Bryanna Hartranft
May 5 Cindy Anthony
May 6 Raymond Ziemer
 Glenn Burky
May 7 Carol Sanders
 Adam Good
May 8 Eugene Endy
 Edward McIlmoyle
May 10 Richard Tobias
 Chad Pannebecker
May 13 Mildred Krick
May 14 **Allan Hassler****
May 15 Dennis Moore
May 17 Max Murphy
May 18 Connie High
 Leah Sipe
May 19 Michael Butz
May 22 Ken Wilson
May 23 Gregory Strunk
 Jill Kegerise
 Matthew Butz
May 26 Nichole Burkey
May 28 Valerie Heil
May 29 Jim Gress
May 30 Hazel Sweigart

**** 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.

May Anniversaries

May 2 Ken and Kathy Wilson
May 5 Donald and Heidi Sunday
May 9 Randy and Jean Good
 Jon and Jill Kegerise
May 11 Michael and Cindy Anderson
May 15 Dennis and Andrea Moore
May 20 Pierce and Ethel Leshar
 Jerry Lee and Diane Englert
May 22 Charles and Beverly Lightcap
May 23 Harold and Marian Trostle
May 29 Marvin and Kathryn Fitterling
May 31 Brad and Amy Wolf

thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for this year's egg hunt. It snowed but we still had a great turn out hunting eggs inside. Also thanks to everyone who helped serve at the hunt. Everyone's time and donations make this a great event every year.

*Thank-you,
Barb Becker*





Pantry Needs

PEACE PANTRY

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

ATTENTION PLEASE



Do you know a graduate that wasn't honored in this issue of Peace Notes? If so, please send their information to the secretary's e-mail address or leave a note in the office! Thank you.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

If you have recently changed your address or phone number, please contact the church office so that we might update our records.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The year is winding down. Our last Sunday of Sunday School will be June 7th. We will end our year with a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS



The Outreach Committee is in the process of being reactivated. Two primary responsibilities have been identified.

One is to attract, invite and welcome new people to Peace Church. The second is to build fellowship within our church. What follows are some of the ideas that are being generated by this new committee. We are in the process of creating a Welcome Center or Table. This is a location where information about Peace Church will be displayed and available. A new Welcome book is being designed with new information about who we are and what we do. There is a video monitor that currently displays information about events; eventually it may include pictures of church activities.

It is everyone's responsibility to be a part of welcoming people to Peace Church. If you see someone who is new to you, please take a moment to approach that person, introduce yourself and introduce them to someone else. Encourage them to sign the guest register and invite them to visit the Welcome Center. Ask if they would like a tour of the church or if you can answer any questions they might have.

We all have people within the church that we know and have known for a long time. These are the people we spend our time with on Sunday Morning. There are also people we don't know as well as we could or should. In order to promote fellowship within our church, we encourage everyone to take time on a Sunday morning to greet and speak with someone you may not know very well. This will build fellowship within the church and help us build up our confidence for when we greet a visitor. We also tend to sit in the same place every week. To build fellowship, please consider, from time to time, sitting in a new location. This will give you the opportunity to meet and worship with someone new.

Thank you for supporting Peace Church as we strive to move into the future.

HEALTH AND WELFARE AT COLONIAL LODGE



On Tuesday May 5th at 6:15 pm the Health and Welfare committee, and anyone else who would like to join us, will be going to Colonial Lodge to host a program with entertainment, a craft and refreshments. The guests at Colonial Lodge always enjoy and appreciate our visits, come and join the fun.

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.

PRAYER SHAWLS



Prayer shawls are available to share with people going through a difficult time. It may be illness, loss of a loved one or some other situation. If you know of

someone who might be comforted by the gift of a prayer shawl, they are available in the Church Narthex. Please take and share the love and prayer support of Peace Church.

ADULT MINISTRY

Adult Ministry will meet on Monday, May 4th, at 6:30 pm. Anyone that would like to participate in the planning of events is invited to attend.



HEALTH AND WELFARE SUNDAY

Our annual Health and Welfare Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. Representatives of Power Packs Project 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 of families in our community. A free will offering will be gathered in support of this vital ministry. Thank you for your support.



Dick Palsgrove and Stephanie Shahade will be participating in Relay For Life. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please see Dick or Stephanie.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



Our Peace UCC choir will be singing God Bless America at the June 12th Barnstormers game. As a congregation it would be nice to attend the game and support them. Therefore, we have reserved 50 seats in the picnic pavilion, a good place to view the game and enjoy the buffet picnic dinner. (Dinner includes barbecue pork, chicken, brats, several salads, baked beans, cornbread, fruit, desserts and a drink for \$30 for adults and \$22 for children under 12, children under 4 are free.) It should be a great time to enjoy each other and root for the Barnstormers. There will also be fireworks after the game.

Please sign up on the sign-up list on the office window. Payment will be due before the end of May. Checks should be made out to the church as we will pay in a lump sum. Payment can be given to any of the adult ministry members (Pat, the McDonoughs, the Haldemans, Mary Bernstel, Bobbi Porter-Kunkel, the Baileys).

PEACE GRADUATES

Cocalico High School

Mark Anthony, son of Matt and Cindy Anthony, plans on attending Penn State - Berks campus in the fall, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Besides being involved in baseball, Mark is an active member of the Stevens Fire Co Auxillary, and was a member of the Leo Club and Spanish club while at Cocalico.

Tiffany Burkey, daughter of Jay and Stacy Burkey, was in chorus and National Art Society at Cocalico. She also stayed after school working one on one with the 2D and 3D art teachers. Tiffany plans to attend Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) in the fall where she will major in Illustration with a studio concentration in game art. She hopes to work for the gaming community doing illustration.

Josh High, son of Dennis and Connie High, will attend Penn State DuBois Campus in the fall and will major in Accounting. While at Cocalico Josh was on the baseball and football teams and was a member of Future Business Leaders of America.

Ben Kegerise, son of Jon and Jill Kegerise, will be attending Millersville University in the fall and majoring in Secondary Education - Mathematics with a minor in Secondary Education - Physics. Ben played lacrosse and football at Cocalico and was a member of the symphonic band. He is also a member of National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America.

Garden Spot High School

Nate Moyer, son of Jeff and Sherry Moyer. Nate is on the honor roll and is captain of the baseball team at Garden Spot. He will attend Penn State – Berks Campus in the fall.

Kutztown University

Kayla High, daughter of Dennis and Connie High, is graduating with a BS in Education and Concentration in Special Education. She was a member of

the KAPPA DELTA PI Honor Society and is graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Pennsylvania State University

Olivia Moyer, daughter of Jeff and Sherry Moyer, is graduating with Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science from the College of Agricultural Sciences. Olivia participated on the club cheering squad while at Penn State.



PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING April 14, 2015

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbie Porter-Kunkel, Pat Hall, Chris Fitterling, Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Vaye Freeman, Cindy Anthony, Art Pannebecker, Greg Grill, Fran Hollen, Vickie Schweitzer, Jim Anthony.

Excused: Amy Miller, Mike Madara

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. 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 Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – No report was discussed as Mike was listed as excused. The February and March reports were provided to council and will be discussed in May.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 02/28/2015	FEBRUARY
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$(2567.12)
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$(6651.70)
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$(9218.91)
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25073.61
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10847.19
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$1834.84
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$101962.72	\$5930.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$34541.73
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3192.32
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16055.83
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19248.15
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8591.52
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36620.35
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$103327.71
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$6926.97
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$159467.66
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$314934.21
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$368724.09

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 03/31/2015	MARCH
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$(10985.41)
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$899.26
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$(10086.15)
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25077.45
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10847.19
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$2518.62
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$103132.72	\$7100.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$35532.11
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3192.45
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16058.29
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19250.74
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$7592.21
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36625.97
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$103429.60

MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$7297.81
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$158623.97
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$313569.56
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$368352.41

Administrator's Report - The work crew is caught up with all inside work, and is a little behind with outside work. Extra help could be used on Wednesdays with nice weather for outside work. Trash collection currently costs \$210/quarter. John recommends switching to bi-weekly pickup for a new cost of \$135/quarter. Pat Hall made a motion to switch to bi-weekly trash collection and Bobbie Porter-Kunkel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The lawn care contract had included fertilization of the whole grove. John recommends only fertilizing the grassy areas around the church. This would give us a total area treated of 1.5 acres and this would bring the cost down to \$798 for the same type of treatment we currently receive. Art Pannebecker made a motion to reduce the area we fertilize and Vaye Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The polishing of the woodwork inside the church has been completed. We will need approximately 10 yards of mulch to cover the property and this will cost approximately \$300. Buckets will be placed outside the Sanctuary to help defray this cost.

John reminded everyone that all activities held at the church must be listed on the calendar in the secretary's office. This includes church committee meetings.

Pastor's Report - There will be a Safe Church Seminar held on May 30th at Swamp Christian Fellowship. There will be a cost of \$10 a person. Pastor Bill recommends that the church send a few representatives. Muddy Creek is doing a daytime VBS this year. Pastor Bill is looking into other churches that may wish to partner with us for VBS. Peace will serve lunch with the Acts of Love Summer Lunch program on August 3, 4, and 6. The Adamstown Library requested the use of the Fellowship Hall on July 16 and August 3. Vaye Freeman made a motion to approve the use of the hall and Pat Hall seconded. Motion Carried.

Pastor Bill will use a few Saturdays or Sundays to complete confirmation with this year's class. There will be a meeting on April 26 for those interested in joining the Church.

Children and Youth Ministry Report - A meeting will be held on Thursday April 16.

Spiritual Council Report - No Report

Budget and Finance Report, Benevolence Committee Report - No Reports

Turning the Tide Committee Report - There will be a gathering on April 19 at 6pm.

Adult Ministry Report - On June 12 the Choir will be singing God Bless America at a Barnstormers game. We reserved 50 picnic pavilion seats for the game. Cost will be \$30 for Adults, \$22 for children ages 5-12, and under 5 is free. Cost includes admission to the game and a buffet dinner. A sign-up sheet will be posted shortly.

Health and Welfare Report - Plants were given to the Special Care and Concern members for their spring gifts. Health and Welfare Sunday is May 3 and a representative from the Power Pack Lunch Program will be speaking. Health and Welfare will visit Colonial Lodge on May 5.

Outreach Report - The welcome table in the Narthex is now out and the display will have a presentation with church announcements.

Altar Guild Report - Peace Pantry will remain the same for the month of May. This includes rice, instant potatoes, and baked beans. A bake sale will be held on April 25. This will be at the same time as the chicken bbq. Baked goods can be dropped off Friday evening or Saturday morning before 8.

Youth Report - The youth will hold a chicken bbq on April 25. Reservations have been made to do a 3 day urban service camp at Old First UCC in Philadelphia for the mission trip this summer. Dates are July 27-July 29.

Old Business - The plan for the Contemporary Service moving to the Sanctuary will be shared in more detail next month. We are looking into a couple of sources for equipment that we need.

New Business - Virginia is celebrating 70 years in music. Pat Acebo made a motion to purchase a \$50 gift certificate as a thank you gift and Bobbie Porter-Kunkel seconded. Motion carried.

Council will consider updating the procedures for counting money collected at each service. The goal is to simplify the process. More information will be reported next month.

Greg Grill submitted his resignation from council effective May 1 due to personal reasons.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Being no further business, Vaye Freeman motioned to adjourn and Vicki Schweitzer seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Anthony
Council Secretary

May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Photo Sessions for Directory Lindsey Miller	2 Photo Sessions for Directory Matt Miller
3 7 am Early Service 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contempo- rary Service Photo Sessions for Directory Stewart Mohn	4 6:30 pm Adult Ministry 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Photo Sessions for Directory Dennis and An- drea Moore	5 1 pm Bible Study Photo Sessions for Directory Ashley Moore	6 7 pm Choir Rehearsal April Moore	7 Zach &Madison Morgan	8 Jim & Polly Moser	9 Jeff & Sherry Moyer
10 Mother's Day 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contempo- rary Service Becky Moyer	11 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Nate Moyer	12 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Olivia Moyer	13 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Ruth Moyer	14 KC & Sandy Mur- phy	15 6:15 pm Health and Welfare at Colonial Lodge Margo Mur- phy	16 Max Murphy
17 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contempo- rary Service Dorothy Nye	18 Marvin & Cindy Oxenreider	19 1 pm Bible Study Bruce & Kathy Palsgrove	20 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Dick & Robi- nette Palsgrove	21 Art & Ka- ren Pannebecke r	22 Ron & Carol Parker	23 Lori Patterson
24 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contempo- rary Service Brent Porter	25 Ray & Bobbie Kunkel	26 1 pm Bible Study Audrey Priga	27 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Ben Priga	28 Sarah Priga	29 Steven & Re- becca Priga	30 Nancy Reese
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Return Service Requested

May Events

May 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th – Photo Sessions for Directory
May 7th – 7:00 am – National Day of Prayer Breakfast at Weavers.
May 15th – 6:15 pm – Health and Welfare at Colonial Lodge

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
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