



# PEACENOTES



## June

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

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

As I sit to write this article it is Ascension Day – the day Jesus rose to take his place at the right hand of God. The book of Acts tells us that after he ascended the disciples just stood there looking to the heavens. Two angels appeared and asked – why are you starrng off into the heavens? Jesus had given them work to do, proclaim the Gospel, and they stood there starrng off into the distance.

The Pew Research Foundation recently came out with their latest report on the state of the church. They say it is declining. Every sector of the church is in decline – Mainline Churches, Evangelical Churches, and Roman Catholic Churches. And the numbers of those who report that they have no church affiliation is on the rise. In fact, this is the first time that those who say they claim no affiliation exceed the number of those who identify themselves as Roman Catholic.

What are we to do? Stand there like the Apostles as Jesus disappears into the heavens or do the work he called us to do? And what is that work?

The work is to be the church! The work is to be His witnesses and proclaim the Gospel. The work is to be living examples of everything that the Lord has taught us!

What has the Lord taught us? Jesus taught us love, grace, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. But how do we show love, grace, mercy, compassion and forgiveness?

One of the accusations leveled against the church is that we proclaim a God who is love, but we do not always love. We talk about forgiveness but we do not always forgive. In fact, we are perceived as judgmental rather than being grace filled.

The sad news is that it only takes one church or one bad act to create a negative image and give the church a bad name. And the act of the one poisons the water for all.

So it begins with a choice to be a person of love. It begins with a choice to be compassionate and forgiving. It begins with a concentrated effort to check our judgment at the door – both when we enter **AND** when we leave.

It begins with a choice to talk about our faith and to talk about our church. It begins with a willingness to extend an invitation to a neighbor or friend. It begins with being hospitable and extending the right hand of Christian fellowship to those who walk in our door, those whom we may not know. It begins with being us, living as best we can, the example set by our Lord in his life and in his death!

Pastor Bill

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# Church Council Officers

## 2015

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### HEAD USHER

Vickie Schweitzer

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### ALTAR GUILD

Janet Mattis  
 Mary Getz

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### GREETERS

**June 7** Fran Hollen  
**June 14** Keith and Barb Hoffert  
**June 21** Jack and Linda Long  
**June 28** Ann Englert

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

**June 7** Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins  
**June 14** The Butz Family  
**June 21** Melvin and Marian Gerhart  
**June 28** Jack and Mary Bernstel

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**The deadline for submitting articles for the July**

**issue of Peace Notes is June 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](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)

Thank you!

Note: This email address can also be used for information to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

## June Birthdays

**June 2** Arthur Klink  
**June 4** Justin Becker  
**June 6** Trina Weaver  
**June 7** Bev Madara  
**June 8** Steven Priga  
**June 10** Edith Graff  
 Mark Weaver  
**June 11** Clair Lausch  
**June 12** Diane Hertzog  
**June 14** William Hoch  
 Janis Hoch  
**June 16** Linda Long  
**June 17** Jody Becker  
 George Lewis  
**June 18** Lise Lausch  
**June 21** Nancy Leshner  
**June 22** **Marvin Fitterling\*\***  
**June 23** Pam Getz  
**June 24** John McDonough  
**June 27** John Haldeman  
**June 29** Vaye Freeman  
 Tim Butz  
 Lori Patterson

### \*\* Special Care and Concern Member

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

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**Did we miss your birthday or anniversary this month? Was your information incorrect? If so, please send the correct information to [secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org) or place a note in the Peace Notes envelope on the secretary's desk.**

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### PEACE PANTRY

There will be no Peace Pantry during the summer months.

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## June Anniversaries

**June 3** Wilson and Connie Youndt  
**June 4** Chad and Heidi Ulrich  
**June 6** Michael and Theresa Youtz  
**June 9** Melvin and Marian Gerhart  
**June 10** Bill and Janis Hoch  
**June 11** Jim and Margaret Gress  
 Bruce and Kathy Palsgrove  
 Matt and Cindy Anthony  
 Barry and Pat Harting  
**June 12** Joe and Pat Acebo  
**June 13** John and Mary Getz  
**June 15** Jack and Linda Long  
 Keith and Linda Shollenberger  
**June 19** Kenneth and Anna Hopkins  
**June 22** Jim and Polly Moser  
**June 23** Daniel and Sheree Wolf  
**June 24** Tim and Val Heil  
**June 25** Shawn and Heather Burky  
**June 28** Dan and Pat Hall

# thank you

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Thank you for all the white socks you donated to the homeless veterans. They are greatly appreciated.

*John and Mary Getz*

Thank you to all who contributed to the free will offering for the mulch, outside flowers and new church keys. Our church grounds look beautiful!! THANK YOU work crew!

Special thanks to this wonderful church family for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my very unexpected hospitalization and I truly felt the warmth and love from the prayer shawl. Pastor Bill's visits and comforting words for me and my family were so important and greatly appreciated. I continue to be blessed by Peace U.C.C.

*Linda Coventry*

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Plans for this year's VBS are well underway!! VBS will be hosted by Peace Church and St. Paul's Adamstown and will be held here at

Peace. The theme this year is G-Force and is focused on motion and movement. God wants us to Move! God wants us to Act! God wants us to Care! God wants us to Follow! God wants us to Share!

Dinner will be served from 5:15-6:00 with VBS Activities beginning at 6:00 and last until 8 or 8:15. Join us as we explore God's Love in action! Registration forms are available at the Welcome Table and on line at:

[www.peaceunitedchurch.org](http://www.peaceunitedchurch.org).

**If you would like to help with VBS, please contact Pastor Bill.**

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### HARTMAN CENTER REGISTRATION FORMS



Pick up a form at our welcome table or go online to [hartmancenter.com](http://hartmancenter.com) and discover all that is offered for you and your family!

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### FOR THE GRADUATES AND BEYOND



First let me say to the graduates, on behalf of Peace Church, congratulations on your accomplishments. A lot

of hard work; blood, sweat and tears, along with a few sleepless nights have led to this moment and you have the right to rejoice and be glad. To the parents, you too have shed a lot of blood, sweat and tears; you too have had sleepless nights. Congratulations on being able to look to a future for your child that is bright and bold and promising.

You have heard or will hear graduation speeches that have encouraged you to follow your dreams. And that is good. Some of you know where you are going to be in terms of continued education or in terms of career and some of you are wondering about where you will be in the days, weeks and months ahead. Where will I be working or going to school, where will I be living and will I be able to live up to the challenges. All of those things will be settled with time. And I am sure that you will do well in whatever you do or wherever you go. Along with following your dreams, I would like to offer you a second option. Follow your curiosity and your questions.

When we follow our dreams we end up in expected places – places we planned or at least hoped to go. When we follow the questions that reside deep within us – questions of who we are and who we are called to be and how we are to discover and serve God, we often end up in unexpected places. Following our questions or our hearts is just another way of following God.

**May your searching questions lead you into a deeper relationship with your God and Savior.**

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**CAMPAIGN IS A SUCCESS**

I would like to offer a huge heartfelt thank-you to everyone

for their generous support of our SECURING OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN. The official campaign ended March 1<sup>st</sup> but contributions kept trickling in thus the reason for waiting till now to share our final figures.

Our initial goal was to raise \$108,000 to pay for our new flat roof and build some reserve in our other various funds. We started with campaign with commitments totaling \$78,000. Due to the generosity of our congregation, profits from various church activities that were donated to the campaign and a few very generous, unexpected contributions we raised a total of \$ 104,132.72. I call that success with a capital S.

We accomplished paying for the roof and paid off the loan we established with the benevolence fund but unfortunately were not able to build reserves in our additional funds such as the general and maintenance funds. Our treasurer continues to struggle at times to pay bills and balance figures mainly when quarterly obligations become due. General, giving remains rather flat and most months we have a short fall but somehow manage by the end of the year to meet all our obligations although year end figures have been showing a deficit to carry over into the New Year. We survive but our goal is to grow as a church.

We continue to look for ways to reduce our spending and have been successful in reducing the cost of a few of our maintenance contracts, particularly lawn care and building maintenance without sacrificing our basic needs to continue to keep our property and building in pristine conditions. We have also located a new vendor for our paper goods and kitchen supplies which is considerably more economical and still suitable quality. Of course, some expenses cannot be controlled or avoided. We are focusing our efforts with new and more aggressive ideas to obtain new members and get our inactive members back into the church. It definitely is an uphill battle but I take comfort in knowing we are not the only church experiencing rough times.

In closing, I once again want to say thank you for all the financial support you have given to your church. I continue to encourage you to review your giving habits in support of the church and its missions. Your continued generosity is not only greatly needed but extremely appreciated.

John Haldeman, Church Council President

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### HEALTH AND WELFARE

The Health and Welfare Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Power Packs Project through Health and Welfare Sunday on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. \$332.00 was collected in the buckets after the service in support of this vital ministry. Thank you for your support.

The Health and Welfare Committee will be meeting Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm

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### LOOKING AHEAD

The Altar Guild will be having their Annual Summer Picnic/Meeting Monday, August 10, 2015 at 10:00 am in the church fellowship hall.



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### PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING May 12, 2015

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbie Porter-Kunkel, Pat Hall, Chris Fitterling, Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Vaye Freeman, Art Pannebecker, Jim Anthony, Mike Madara.

Excused: Amy Miller, Cindy Anthony, Fran Hollen, Vickie Schweitzer

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order



on Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

**Review of last month's minutes** – Pat Hall made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Pat Acebo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Questions from February and March can be directed to Mike. The capital campaign is officially over. There will be an update from John in the next newsletter. The \$300 raised by the bake sale is being put towards maintenance. Chris Fitterling made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 04/30/2015	APRIL
<b>FUNDS SUMMARY</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1,840.24
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$(1,2131.46)
<b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)</b>	<b>\$(10,291.22)</b>
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25,081.71
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10,847.19
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$3,598.36
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$104132.72	\$8,100.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$37,411.04</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3,192.58
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16,061.02
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,253.60</b>
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$6,592.79
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36,632.79
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$10,3542.61
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5,434.93
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$16,0517.13
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$312,719.65</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$369,384.29</b>

**Administrator's Report** - We needed a total of 14 yards of mulch for a total cost of \$688. The freewill offering to offset some of the mulch costs was \$475. The new keys and lock work cost a total of \$423. An offering offset some of those costs as well. The new keys have been distributed. The work crew is

caught up. The bushes were pulled as planned. The work crew is waiting on rain to ensure the roof leak is properly fixed.

John contacted 5 contractors for sealing the parking lot. 3 showed interest and 2 provided quotes. Both quotes had essentially identical service. Lancaster Asphalt provided a quote for \$6795 and Jimmy Robinson provided a quote for \$1150. Chris Fitterling made a motion to go with Robinson's quote and Pat Hall seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** - Pastor Bill is contacting other church's to reschedule the safe church seminar. Sunday School ends June 7. The summer schedule begins June 21. We will be welcoming 3 new members on June 7. Pat Hall made a motion to accept Gabby Kennedy as our student pastor starting in September and Pat Acebo seconded. Motion carried.

**Children and Youth Ministry Report** - There is a VBS meeting May 14. We are possibly starting a parent and small child Sunday School class. More details will be coming soon.

**Spiritual Council Report, Budget and Finance Report, Turning the Tide Committee** - No Report

**Benevolence Committee Report** - There is a meeting on June 8.

**Adult Ministry Report** - On June 12 the Choir will be singing God Bless America at a Barnstormers game.

There will be a cook off held on October 24 with the theme of pumpkin.

**Health and Welfare Report** - Health and Welfare Sunday was successful. There was also a hymn-sing held at Colonial Lodge.

**Outreach Report** - A plan has been made to make visitors feel welcome as they come to peace. The outreach committee will be doing the fellowship hour in May and will figure out a plan for who organizes it in the future.

**Altar Guild Report** - The Altar Guild would like to thank everybody who donated to our bake sale from baking, volunteers that helped the stand, the customers and the monetary donations. Our profit was \$300. It was decided that the profit would go to the maintenance fund. Peace Pantry is finished for the summer and will resume in the fall and collect for the Power Pack program.

**Youth Report** - The chicken BBQ was a huge success this year. This was the biggest fundraiser we have had. Even with having to rent a portable pit, we earned \$1144.64 in profit. With using the portable pit, we used less charcoal, cooked more chickens per rack, and cooked in less time. And the biggest time save is that we don't have to clean the racks. I believe we may be using Meadowcreek BBQ again.

The National Youth Event is being held July 26-29 2016 in Florida at Disney. There is interest of attending this event next year instead of a formal mission trip. This year's NYE is gearing towards families. Details of the trip have not been released yet. Approximate cost of a double occupancy room and meals will be about \$500 per person. This may change. Transportation is not included.

Because of the expected cost of the national youth event, we would like to do another chicken BBQ in the fall, selling only half chickens, not dinners.

**Old Business** - Chris Fitterling made a motion to accept the new counting procedures as presented in the meeting and Art Pannebecker seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business** - None

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, June 09, 2015. Being no further business, Mary Getz motioned to adjourn and Pat Hall seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Anthony  
Council Secretary

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## Summer Word Search

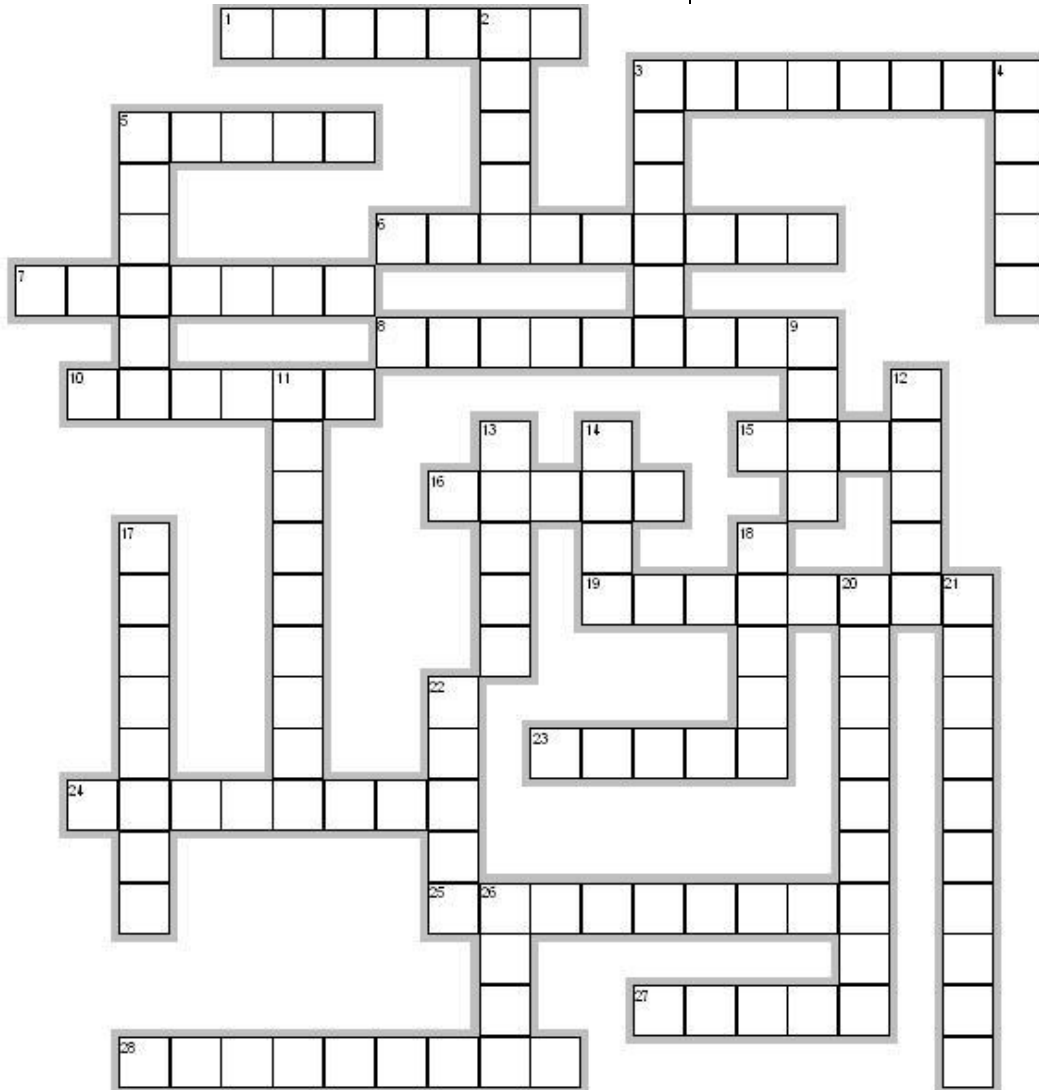
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HUMIDITY  
ICECREAM  
PICNICS  
STARGAZING  
SUMMER  
SUNSHINE  
SWIMMING  
THUNDERSTORMS  
VACATION  
WATERMELON

**Solution will be posted on the office window.**

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## The Birth of Jesus Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Angel who told Mary that she'd have a Son
3. "The holy one to be born will be called the \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_."
5. Old Testament prophet who said a ruler over Israel would be born in Bethlehem.
6. Where Joseph and Mary went to register for census
7. "Glory to God in the \_\_\_"
8. Governor of Syria when census was taken
10. Occupation of Elizabeth's husband
15. Wise men from the east
16. The angel told Mary she had found \_\_\_ with God.
19. Town in which Mary was living before the birth

23. The king of Judea at the time of Christ's birth
24. Name of the Caesar who called for a census
25. What Mary and Joseph offered at the Temple
27. The Wise Men brought gold, incense and \_\_\_ to Jesus.
28. Elizabeth's husband

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2. An angel told Joseph to flee to this country to keep the Baby safe
3. Devout man who waited at the Temple to see the Christ
4. God warned the Wise Men in a \_\_\_ to take a different route home.
5. Where Mary laid Jesus after wrapping him in cloths
9. What led the Wise Men from the east to Jesus
11. They were tending flocks when an angel told them of Christ's birth
12. Number of days after his birth when Jesus was presented at the Temple
13. "He will be great...and he will reign over the house of \_\_\_ forever..."
14. Name of Elizabeth's baby
17. Name for Jesus that means, "God with us."
18. Jesus would be given the throne of this father
20. Mary's relative who was also expecting a child
21. Elizabeth was filled with the \_\_\_ when Mary visited her.
22. Name that was to be given to Mary's son
26. Prophetess at the Temple who gave thanks for the Child

**Solution will be posted on the office window.**



# June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  <b>Margaret Robinson</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30 pm - Health and Welfare Meeting  <b>Clara Roland</b>	<b>3</b> 7 pm – VBS Meeting  <b>Fred &amp; Sally Romich</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Carol Sanders</b>	<b>5</b> 7 pm - Cocalico Commencement  <b>Matt &amp; Kendra Sauder</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Allen &amp; Cheryl Schlouch</b>
<b>7</b> Last day of Sunday School 9 am Sunday School Breakfast 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service  <b>Harvey &amp; Esther Schlouch</b>	<b>8</b> 6 pm – Benevolence Meeting  <b>Betty Schweitzer</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm – Spiritual Council 7:00 – Church Council  <b>Dan Schweitzer</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>Dixie Schweitzer</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Eric Schweitzer</b>	<b>12</b> Peace at the Barnstormers  <b>Jane Schweitzer</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>Richard &amp; Vickie Schweitzer</b>
<b>14</b> 10:30 am Traditional Worship 10:45 am Contemporary Service  <b>Andrew &amp; Stephanie Shahade</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Mary Shober</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>Keith &amp; Linda Shollenberger</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Ella Mae Shupp</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Oliver &amp; Mary Lou Simmers</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Robert &amp; Beth Sipe</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Fred Stauffer</b>
<b>21</b> Father's Day 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship  <b>Randy Stauffer</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>Mary Jane Steely</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Mike &amp; Bobbie Jo Steffy</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Ed Stork</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Brian &amp; Susie Strouse</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Tiffany Strouse</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Greg &amp; Kathy Strunk</b>
<b>28</b> 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship  <b>Arlene Styer</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Donald &amp; Heidi Sunday</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Katie Jo Sunday</b>				

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Return Service Requested

**June Events**

**June 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm – Peace at the Barnstormers Game**

**June 21<sup>st</sup> – New Worship Hours Begin**

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service 10:45 a.m.

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