



# PEACENOTES



## July

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

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

On July 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the birth of our nation. As Lincoln described it in his Gettysburg Address – a *nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men (people) are created equal*. He goes on in that address to say: *Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure*.

Lincoln's concern as to whether a *nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal can long endure* was as prophetic of the civil war as it is the ills we face as a nation today. School shootings, church shootings, hatred between races and between various groups of people within our nation today are some of the ills that threaten our nation.

And I believe that this nation has survived because of the grace of God. That grace is not based on some ill conceived thought that God likes us better or we are more faithful than others. We are not. But that grace and our endurance is based upon the fact that there have always been people dedicated to the propositions upon which this nation was founded – all people are created equal. And the truth of those propositions is stronger than the hate and the violence.

As we celebrate the birth of our nation, let us re-commit ourselves to the proposition that all people **ARE** create equal and let us strive to live out that truth here, now and always.

Pastor Bill



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# Church Council Officers

## 2015

John Haldeman, *Council President*  
 Bobbi Porter-Kunkel, *Council Vice-President*  
 Jim Anthony, *Council Secretary*  
 Margaret Harting, *Financial Secretary*  
 Mike Madara, *Treasurer*  
 John Haldeman, *Administrator*

### ELDERS

John Haldeman .....484-2510  
 Bobbie Porter-Kunkel.....610-678-0543  
 Pat Acebo.....445-9458  
 Chris Fitterling.....336-3038  
 Mary Getz.....484-2216  
 Pat Hall.....484-4658

### DEACONS

Cindy Anthony.....335-2643  
 Jim Anthony.....314-2208  
 Vaye Freeman.....445-7601  
 Fran Hollen.....725-0751  
 Amy Miller.....484-1948  
 Art Pannebecker .....336-6983  
 Vickie Schweitzer.....808-9823

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### HEAD USHER

Pat Acebo

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### ALTAR GUILD

Erla Hartranft  
 Deb Hedrick

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### GREETERS

**July 5** Jim and Margaret Gress  
**July 12** Jay and Stacy Burky  
**July 19** Ken and Nancy Leshner  
**July 26** John and Heidi McDonough

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

**July 5** Fran Hollen  
**July 12** Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hoffert  
**July 19** TBD  
**July 26** Mr. and Mrs. Allen Garner

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**The deadline for submitting articles for the August issue of Peace Notes is July 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.

## July Birthdays

- July 1 Kimberly Evans
- July 2 Jeff Moyer
- July 4 Dale Reinhart
- July 7 Rosemary Johnston  
Robert Burky  
Jess Klinkner
- July 9 Emily Steffy
- July 10 Brent Porter
- July 12 Margaret Robinson
- July 13 **Dolly Youndt\*\***
- July 14 Sally Romich  
Keith Shollenberger
- July 15 Hans Shollenberger
- July 18 **Melvin Bowman\*\***  
Deb Hedrick
- July 20 Ray Wolverton
- July 22 Dixie Schweitzer  
Olivia Evans
- July 24 Nate Moyer
- July 25 Kayla High
- July 29 Ava Wolf
- July 30 Helen Timpson

### \*\* 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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## July Anniversaries

- July 10 Adam and Kristen Heaps
- July 13 Ray and Bobbie Kunkel
- July 15 Dale and Donna Reinhart
- July 17 Allen and Ardel Garner

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# thank you

Thank-you for the cards and prayers we received during this time of loss. Elizabeth loved her church family. A special thank-you to Pastor Bill for all the help he gave us and for the beautiful memorial service. Also a special thanks to the Health and Welfare Committee who prepared a wonderful luncheon after the service.

*The Freeman Family*



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### PEACE PANTRY

There will be no Peace Pantry during the summer months.

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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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**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

There will be a Health and Welfare meeting Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> the Health and Welfare Committee will be traveling to Wernersville Hospital to play BINGO with the residents. Meet at the church at 6:15 pm if you are interested in going.

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In order to comply with new regulations all volunteers must register and apply for a child abuse background check and a criminal background check. If you are a teacher, volunteer at a school, coach a sports team or are involved with Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts you are covered by the background checks done by these organizations. If not, you need to do so.

We also need to have a church policy on how we will handle any events or accusations that could be brought up.

We will be hosting a Seminar on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 am here at Peace Church. If you are interested in learning more, if you want to have needed clearances or if you want to help us formulate our policy, please plan on attending. For more information, please speak with Pastor Bill.

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**ALTAR GUILD**



The Altar Guild will be having their Annual Summer Picnic/Meeting Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in the church

fellowship hall

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A church organist once said that our children grow up and often spend some time away from the church. In that time things happen. Loved ones die, illness sets in and a crisis may arise. If that young person is not involved in the church what do they have to hold on to? If they have the old songs like The B-I-B-L-E or Jesus Loves Me; if they have some understanding of the old bible stories, they have what they need to begin to face whatever comes!

Beginning this Fall Children's Ministry will be offering a new Sunday School Class. It is for families with children too young for our regular Sunday School Classes. This class is open to parents or parent and child or grandparent and child. It will be a time to learn and sing the songs we all remember. It will be a time to hear and learn the old, old story. It will be a time for fun and fellowship. This class will be led by Stephanie Palsgrove Shahade.

This will be an active and inter-active class. If you have a young child, please join this class. If you know a young family with small children, please extend an invitation to them. Together, families and church will grow!

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**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
COUNCIL MEETING  
June 09, 2015**

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbie Porter-Kunkel, Pat Hall, Chris Fitterling, Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Vaye Freeman, Cindy Anthony, Art Pannebecker, Amy Miller, 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. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

**Review of last month's minutes** – Jeremy Robinson was mistakenly listed as Jimmy Robinson, and for clarification the cracks in the parking lot are being sealed. An offering of \$208 was collected to offset the costs of re-keying the locks. Pat Hall made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Pat Acebo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mike contacted Cetera as council requested last month and he did not hear back. Mike will call again this month. It has been a relatively good month, but some bills from May do not show in the report. Bobbie Porter-Kunkel made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 05/31/2015	MAY
<b>FUNDS SUMMARY</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$1705.82
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$2886.08
<b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)</b>	<b>\$4591.90</b>
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25085.84
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10821.19
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$3598.36
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$104132.72	\$1000.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$45172.29</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3192.72
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16063.66
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19256.38</b>
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$6593.35
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36638.21
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$103652.18
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5720.62
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$160855.03
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$313459.39</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$377888.06</b>

**Administrator's Report** - John called Jeremy Robinson and gave approval to seal the cracks in the driveway. John contacted Heartland roofing to check the roof but he isn't concerned because there are currently no leaks in the Sunday School rooms where it leaked before. The work crew is working on the leak in the Narthex.

There are 2 dead Oak trees in the grove. One of them will damage the prayer garden and cross if it comes down. John contacted 6 removal services. 1 did not submit a bid because they could not be competitive, and 1 didn't respond. Zooks tree removal came in with the lowest bid for the exact same service. A cost of \$1800 to remove both large dead trees. John recommends we go with Zooks. Cindy Anthony made a motion to have Zooks tree removal take care of the trees and Pat Hall seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** - VBS is set up with St. Pauls in Adamstown for the week of July 19. The Acts of Love summer lunch program has begun. Peace will be serving August 3rd, 5th, and 6th. We will be serving the community dinner on August 27. The Safe Church Seminar is being figured out, and we are working on a date and presenter.

**Children and Youth Ministry Report** - The parent and child Sunday School class will be beginning in the fall.

**Spiritual Council Report, Budget and Finance Report, Turning the Tide Committee Report, Youth Report** – no report

**Benevolence Committee Report** - The benevolence committee met June 8. They request approval to donate \$1000 to the Acts of Love summer lunch program. Pat Acebo made a motion to approve the donation and Vickie Schweitzer seconded. Motion carried.

**Adult Ministry Report** - The baseball game is coming up on Friday

**Health and Welfare Report** - Health and Welfare will be serving a VBS dinner. They will be visiting

Wernersville for bingo on July 28 and Denver Nursing Home on August 10.

**Outreach Report** - Outreach will be creating gift bags for new members of the church.

**Altar Guild Report** - Altar Guild's annual meeting/picnic will be held on Monday August 10, 2015 in the church fellowship hall. Meeting will be at 10:00am and a picnic will follow. Hamburger BBQ and a drink will be provided for the picnic. Committee members who wish may bring a covered dish.

There are no donations to the peace pantry over the summer

**Old Business** - The screen from the auction is perfect for our purposes.

Chris Fitterling made a motion to approve the expenditure of \$3500 for needed equipment for the contemporary service by Jim Anthony. Additional expenses will need to be approved by council. Vaye Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**New Business** - There will be no council meeting in July

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, 2015. Being no further business, Pat Hall motioned to adjourn and Art Pannebecker seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Anthony  
Council Secretary

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# July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  <b>Whitney Sunday</b>	2  <b>Karen Sweigart</b>	3  <b>Wesley &amp; Hazel Sweigart</b>	4  <b>Helen Timpson</b>
5 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship  <b>Charles &amp; Patricia Titlow</b>	6  <b>Barbara Tobias</b>	7 1 pm – Bible Study 6:30 pm – Health and Welfare  <b>Richard &amp; Virginia Tobias</b>	8  <b>Staci Tobias</b>	9  <b>Dianne Tothero</b>	10  <b>Jean Trostle</b>	11 9 am - Safe Church Seminar  <b>Warren Trostle</b>
12 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship  <b>David &amp; Jane Walmsley</b>	13  <b>Mark &amp; Trina Weaver</b>	14 No Council Meetings 1 pm – Bible Study  <b>Mark Weaver</b>	15  <b>Donald Weber</b>	16  <b>Pauline Whitehead</b>	17  <b>Stephanie Williams</b>	18  <b>Alan &amp; Marlene Wilson</b>
19 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship 5:15 pm - VBS  <b>Brad &amp; Amy Wolf</b>	20 5:15 pm - VBS  <b>Daniel &amp; Sheree Wolf</b>	21 No Bible Study 5:15 pm - VBS  <b>Devon &amp; Michelle Wolf</b>	22 5:15 pm - VBS  <b>Pat Wolf</b>	23 5:15 pm - VBS  <b>Robert &amp; Penelope Wolf</b>	24  <b>Ray &amp; Carolyn Wolverton</b>	25  <b>Cliff &amp; Audrey Youndt</b>
26 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship  <b>Connie Youndt</b>	27 Youth Mission Trip  <b>Ken &amp; Helen Youndt</b>	28 1 pm – Bible Study Youth Mission Trip  <b>Kerry Youndt</b>	29 Youth Mission Trip  <b>Lester &amp; Dolly Youndt</b>	30  <b>William &amp; Martha Young</b>	31  <b>Michael &amp; Teresa Youtz</b>	

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Return Service Requested

**July Events**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am – Safe Church Seminar**  
**July 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:15 pm – Vacation Bible School**  
**July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup> - Youth Mission Trip**

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Contemporary Service 9:00 a.m.  
Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

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