



PEACENOTES



August

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

The Ten Commandments are typically viewed as a cornerstone element of our faith. I am the Lord your God, you will have no other gods before me. What follows are the principals that should guide our lives both spiritually and practically in terms of everyday life. What do we really understand about those commands and the depth of those commands?

One of those commands is Honor your father and your mother. As children we were typically taught that that one command in general was for us. We were to listen to and obey our parents. This is what God wants. This is what God expects. However, in its original concept that was not a command aimed at little children. It was already expected that children would obey their parents. It was expected that children would listen to and do as they were told. It was a cultural expectation that crossed almost all cultural borders and boundaries. This was a commandment directly aimed at the grown children of elderly parents. In so many of the cultures that surrounded Israel there was an attitude that when people reached a certain age, when they were no longer a contributing member of the community, when they became a burden, they were no longer honored or valued. They were often ignored and in some circumstances there were even abandoned.

This command said – you are not going to be like them. You will continue to honor and care for those who have reached that point of vulnerable. These are the people who possess the wisdom and know the history of who we are and where we have come from. Therefore, you will honor them!

We know this because this is something Jesus talked about in Mark Chapter 7. The people of

Jesus' day would have immediately seen the connection to the Ten Commandments. Jesus is speaking to people who were looking for a way to shirk their responsibilities to their parents.

When you claimed that something was corban, you were saying that this resource was now dedicated to God. Once you dedicate it to God, then it can be used for no other purpose. The people Jesus is talking to are those people who were taking what resources they would have used to support elderly parents and claiming that it was corban. And then saying to their parents, I can no longer support you. The bazaar little twist was that it never went to the service of God or the temple. They sinned against God and their parents. In our Gospel lesson Jesus is affirming the commandments and reminding the people of their responsibility to one another – to love respect and honor.

In Deuteronomy we find the Shema – it is the central tenet of the Jewish faith – The Lord your God is one and you shall love God with all your heart, mind and strength. In the NT when Jesus is asked about the greatest command – he references the Shema and says that there is a second that in many ways is equal to it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. In an interview, Rob Bell asked this question: Can you be a Christian; can you love God and at same time exclude other people or speak unkind things about them? His answer is no!

Scriptures and the teaching of our Savior calls us to strive to accept, to love and to respect others for the way they are right here right now.

May we always live to the call of our God and of our Savior.

Pastor Bill

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August 16 Jack and Linda Long
August 23 Fred and Randy Stauffer
August 30 Mr. and Mrs. John Haldeman

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

August Birthdays

- August 1 Ardel Garner
Mardel Lausch
- August 2 Robert Freeman
Doris Fultz
Michael Youtz
- August 3 Shirley Kring
- August 4 Robert Harting
- August 8 Barb Hoffert
- August 12 Eleanor Bailey
- August 13 Mary Jane Steely
- August 17 Linda Coventry
Brian Strouse
- August 25 Arthur Gehman
Teresa Youtz
- August 27 Melvin Gerhart
- August 28 Larry Fasnacht
- August 29 Lillian Messner
Craig Bixler
Ryan Hertzog
- August 30 Marian Gerhart
- August 31 Taylor Patterson

**** 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.

August Anniversaries

- August 3 Keith and Barb Hoffert
- August 6 Tim and Kristine Butz
- August 13 Duane and Yinell Good
- August 16 Greg and Kathy Strunk
- August 23 Ray and Carolyn Wolverton
- August 29 Ken and Helen Youndt

thank you

I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers and cards, and the visits by Pastor Bill while I was in the hospital. I really appreciate everything. May God bless you!

Karen Pannebecker

We would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers we received regarding my husband, Kenny's passing. Also, thank-you to Pastor Bill for a wonderful memorial service, and the ladies who prepared the nice luncheon after the service.

Anna Hopkins and Family



PEACE PANTRY

There will be no Peace Pantry during the summer months.

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



On September 13th, Sunday School at Peace United Church of Christ will officially begin at 9:00 am for the 2015-16 church year. In addition

to existing grade school and youth classes, a new interactive class will begin for infants and other preschoolers. Parents, grandparents and other caregivers are encouraged to be part of this class with their children.

Attending Sunday School is an important part of a child's spiritual and emotional development. Please reach out to church members, people in our community, family members and friends to make Sunday School at Peace Church a real success. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bill.

HEALTH AND WELFARE



On Monday August 10th the Health and Welfare committee, and anyone else who would like to join in, will be going to the Denver Health and Rehabilitation Center to host a program for the residents with a slide show by

Jim Gress, a hymn sing and refreshments. Meet at the Denver Rehab between 6:00 and 6:15 pm. The program and fun will begin at 6:30 pm



ALTAR GUILD



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

FALL CHURCH HOURS

Fall church hours will begin on September 12th. The start time for the contemporary service will be announced at a later date.



August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Joe & Pat Acebo
2 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship Claude & Bertha Adair	3 12 pm – Lunch Program Michael & Cindy Anderson	4 1 pm – Bible Study Jim Anthony	5 12 pm – Lunch Program Matt & Cindy Anthony	6 12 pm – Lunch Program Mark Anthony	7 Danelle Bailey	8 George & Eleanor Bailey
9 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship Jody & Barb Becker	10 10 am – Altar Guild picnic 6:30 pm – Denver Rehab program Jack & Mary Bernstel	11 1 pm – Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Alice Binns	12 Craig Bixler	13 Georgean Bixler	14 Jay & Stacy Burkey	15 Nichole Burkey
16 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship Tiffany Burkey	17 Glenn Burky	18 1 pm – Bible Study Maxine Burky	19 Melissa Burky	20 Robert Burky	21 Allyson Butz	22 George & Lila Butz
23 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship Tim & Kristine Butz	24 Don & Sue Calhoon	25 1 pm – Bible Study Linda Coventry	26 6:30 pm – Outreach Meeting Jimmy & Karen Dorsey	27 Serve Community Dinner Eugene & Shirley Endy	28 Ann Englert	29 Jerry Lee & Diane Englert
30 9 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Worship Kimberly Evans	31 6 pm – Benevolence Meeting Olivia Evans					

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Return Service Requested

August Events

August 10th – Altar Guild Picnic - 10:00 am
August 10th – Program at Denver Health and Rehabilitation Center - 6:30 pm
August 27th – Peace Church Serves the Community Dinner

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

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