



PEACE NOTES

October



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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Psalm 1 is a Psalm dedicated to those who studied the Torah, the law of God. It talks of who you are to become. So in its own way it asks “who are you?” Christian storyteller and Jesuit priest Anthony De Mello wrote the following parable. A woman was lying in a coma and sensed at one point that she was near death and standing before the throne of God. Everything around her was shrouded in cloud and smoke. From the cloud and smoke she heard a voice ask, “Who are you?” She thought for a moment and answered as she always had – I am the mayor’s wife. The voice said- I didn’t ask whose wife you were, who are you? I am the mother of 4 children. I didn’t ask whose mother you were, who are you? I am a school teacher – I didn’t ask what your job was, who are you? This continued on and every answer seemed unacceptable. She said – I am a Christian. I didn’t ask what religion you were, who are you? I am a person who goes to church every Sunday, teaches Sunday School and helps the poor and needy. I didn’t ask what you do, who are you. The woman later woke from her coma and continued her life, but her life was different. She was determined to discover who she was.

As I read that story I wondered how I might answer that question. Who am I? I am a husband, a father, a grandfather, a pastor and teacher. I am so many different things; the problem is my answers are no different than the woman in the story. So, at my deepest core, at the most basic level, who am I? To be completely honest with you it is a struggle to come up with an answer to that question. And I do not know if there is a complete or a perfect answer to that question. And De Mello doesn’t give us an answer. And I don’t think there is any singular

answer and maybe it has something to do with who we are becoming.

Look at the Psalm. Remember again that this Psalm is focused on the person who is a student of the Torah. And by the very nature of the faith, every Jewish person is a student of the Torah. And study of the Torah is both an individual endeavor and a communal endeavor. You don’t follow anyone else’s path. You don’t take the well worn path. You follow your path using the wise counsel and the wisdom of those who have gone before you.

And maybe it is not about what you do or produce, but it has more to do with what you are drinking in, the tree beside the living water. It has more to do with how you are nourishing your own soul that is leading you to who you will become. Maybe it is more about the journey than it is the destination.

In the end I think it has less to do with what you do in life and has more to do with how you live your life. I am a child of God and I hope that I am able to love as I have been loved. I am a child of God who hopes that I can forgive as I have been forgiven. I am a child of God and I hope that I can extend to others the same grace that has been extended to me. I am a child of God trying to live that truth as best as I am able.

Pastor Bill

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John Haldeman, *Council President*
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Mary Getz.....484-2216
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HEAD USHER

Amy Miller

ALTAR GUILD

Audrey Youndt
Sally Romich

GREETERS

October 4 Erla Hartranft
October 11 Nancy Reese
October 18 George and Eleanor Bailey
October 25 Alice Binns and Linda
Coventry

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 4 Warren Trostle
October 11 Shirley Kline and family
October 18 Dan and Pat Hall
October 25 Mr. and Mrs. Clair Lausch

The deadline for submitting articles for the November issue of Peace Notes is October 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.

October Birthdays

October 1	Devon Wolf
October 5	Shirley Kline
October 6	Diane Englert
October 8	Richard Schweitzer, Jr. Megan High
October 10	Barbara Tobias
October 11	Josh High
October 12	Jay Burkey
October 14	Leonore Fitterling** Jim Anthony
October 16	Dennis High
October 17	Gretchen Hall
October 18	Anna Hopkins
October 19	Harold Kohl
October 20	Kathryn Fitterling**
October 22	William Young
October 27	Tiffany Strouse
October 28	Jean Trostle Brielle Shahade

** Special Care and Concern Member

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

October Anniversaries

October 1	Robert and Vaye Freeman
October 7	Robert and Jodi Freeman
October 10	Charlie and Edie Graff
October 13	Sam and Nancy Leshner
October 14	Dan and Marianne Little
October 21	Chris and Linda Fitterling
October 27	Mark and Trina Weaver
October 30	Mike and Bev Madara

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.

thank you

I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards and visits. Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. It has been used many times and will continue to be used for my prayer time.

Thanks also to Pastor Bill for his visits and prayers. I still have a long way to go, but every day gets a little better.

*Thank you,
Vaye Freeman*

Penny and I would like to thank the members of Peace for the prayers and concerns expressed during Penny's recent hospital stay. We especially wish to thank Paster Bill for his visits and prayers. We continually marvel at how wonderful a congregation we have at Peace UCC.

Bob & Penny Wolfe

PEACE PANTRY



During the month of October the Peace Pantry will be collecting food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, pasta, sauce, cereal and anything else a

family could use for a nice Thanksgiving dinner. Donated items will be placed in Thanksgiving boxes for families in need within the congregation and local community.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please have your committee reports for the annual report book submitted to the church office by early October. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 8th. They can be placed on the secretary's desk or submitted by email using – secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org.



TOTENFEST



Each year Peace Church observes Totenfest, a service where we remember those who have died in the past year. If you have a friend or loved one who passed away since our last observance, please give that person's name, date of death and their relationship to you to Pastor Bill. Thank you.

SCC COMMUNION WORSHIP AND DINNER

Sunday October 4th is World Communion Sunday. On this day we offer a special 3:00 pm communion service for our Special Care and Concern members, their Sponsors and anyone else who might like to attend. A dinner with entertainment will follow the service. Please RSVP to Erla Hartranft at [717-484-4573](tel:717-484-4573) or to the church office at [717-484-4400](tel:717-484-4400) if you would like to attend or need transportation.



ALTAR GUILD

There are some open dates for sponsors for Sunday Altar flowers. The cost is \$25.00 for the two Altar vases and the dates are in February, March and July.

HEALTH AND WELFARE FOOD BASKETS



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

In early November the Health and Welfare Committee will be assembling food boxes to go to families within the congregation and local community. During the month of October the Peace Pantry will be collecting food items to be used in these boxes. The Health and Welfare Committee will be supplying a canned ham for each of these boxes and will be looking to the congregation for some canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, canned potatoes, pasta, sauce, cereal and anything else a family could use for a nice meal. If you know of anyone in need of a food basket please contact Erla Hartranft at [717-484-4573](tel:717-484-4573) or Pastor Bill.

SPECIAL CARE AND CONCERN

We always remember our SCC Members at Christmas and on their birthdays. Christmas cards for each SCC Member can be placed in the Christmas box in the Narthex. We also invite you to bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 6th to share with our SCC members when the Health and Welfare Committee packs their Christmas bags. We also invite you to sign a birthday card for each SCC member and place it in the box in the Narthex so that their sponsor may deliver the cards in time for their birthdays. No postage or stamp is needed, place your cards in the box and the Health and Welfare Committee will separate and pack them.

CHRISTMAS CARD LIST

- Jean Dehart
- Shirley Endy
- Sally Fasnacht
- Marvin & Kathryn Fitterling
- Leonore Fitterling

Paul Freeman
 Betty Good
 Lori Hartranft
 Gene Huston
 Alverta Kilhefner
 Betty Leisey
 Pierce & Ethel Leshner
 Kathryn Light
 Stewart Mohn
 Dorothy Nye
 Richard and Robinette Palsgrove
 Betty Schweitzer
 Jane Schweitzer
 Arlene Styer
 Mary Lou Sweigart
 Dianne Tothero
 Dolly Youndt

BIRTHDAY CARD LIST

Shirley Endy	January 1
Jane Schweitzer	January 1
Stewart Mohn	January 13
Pierce Leshner	January 24
Alverta Kilhefner	January 30
Robinette Palsgrove	February 8
Betty Schweitzer	March 14
Arlene Styer	March 28
Gene Huston	March 30
Betty Good	April 7
Mary Lou Sweigart	June 6
Marvin Fitterling	June 22
Dolly Youndt	July 13
Dorothy Nye	September 6
Lori Hartranft	September 12
Ethel Leshner	September 20
Leonore Fitterling	October 14
Kathryn Fitterling	October 20
Kathryn Light	November 2
Richard Palsgrove	November 3
Sally Fasnacht	November 18
Dianne Tothero	November 19
Jean DeHart	December 1
Paul Freeman	December 25
Betty Leisey	December 31

EPHRATA MANOR VISIT

On Thursday, November 5th the Health and Welfare Committee, and anyone else who would like to join in, will be going to Ephrata Manor to host a program for the residents with a patriotic slide show by Jim Gress. You can meet at the Manor by 6:30 or join the group which will be leaving the church by 6:00. If you are unable to attend and would like to bake cookies for refreshments after the slide presentation please see Erla Hartranft 484-4573.

ABIGAIL BUTZ MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

You're invited to donate blood on Saturday, October 31st from 9 am to 12 pm. There will be a sign up sheet on the window outside the office in October. You can also sign up online



<http://peaceunitedchurch.org/blood-drive>. Walk-ins are also welcome.

You are also welcome to donate blood at the Central PA Blood Bank ([1-800-771-0059](tel:1-800-771-0059)) and have it count towards the blood drive throughout the year. We have started donating every 8 weeks with our donation counting toward the blood drive each time.

If you are unable to donate, you are welcome to donate a baked good for those to eat after donating. We are also excited that the youth group will be serving breakfast the morning of the blood drive so everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy breakfast even if you are not able to donate blood the morning of the blood drive.

Please see Kristine and Timothy Butz with any questions. Thank-you for giving the gift of life by donating blood for others!

Are you wondering how you can help the youth of Peace Church in October?

We are hosting a few events that everyone is welcome to attend. After the traditional service on October 11th, we invite everyone down to the fellowship hall to share a meal with us. The menu is yet to be determined but rest assured, it will be something yummy. There is no charge for this meal, instead we are asking for a donation to be made towards our trip to the National Youth Event 2016.



Another way to support the youth in October is to come to the pancake breakfast we are having in conjunction with the Abigail Butz Memorial-Blood Drive on October 31st. From 8:00 am –

11:00 am. If you are planning on donating blood, come have breakfast first. If you are unable to donate, come out and have breakfast with us. We are asking for a donation to go towards our trip to the National Youth Event.



Save the Date:

November 14, 2015. Put this date on your calendars now. We are having a mystery dinner. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and a good meal. Leave all utensils at the door.....

**UPDATE FROM ADULT MINISTRY
PUMPKIN COOK-OFF COMING**



First we did chili, then chocolate, then apples. This year we're focusing on pumpkins. Go through your recipes and pick a good one for the competition. It can be a dessert or a main dish, appetizer or snack.

The magazines are full of pumpkin recipes right now if you feel like trying something new. Entry blanks can be gotten from Pat Acebo and should be turned in by October 15. Anyone of any sex or age is eligible to participate. Since Halloween will be coming soon, it would be great if you came in costume, not mandatory, but it would add to the occasion.

We are suggesting that pumpkin dishes be brought in around 4:30 pm. Dishes will have to be put into small cups for tasting. (provided) A meal will be provided at 5:30 and the judging and awarding of prizes will be done at 6:30 pm.

Mark your calendar now for October 24!



**Peace United Church of Christ
September 8, 2015**

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, John Haldeman, Bobbie PorterKunkle, Pat Hall, Chris Fitterling, Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Vaye Freeman, Cindy Anthony, Art Pannebecker, Jim Anthony, Mike Madara.
Excused: Vickie Schweitzer,
Unexcused: Amy Miller, Fran Hollen,

President John Haldeman brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, September 08, 2015. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – An extra zero appeared in the statement of deficit in last month's treasurers report. This should read 1200, not 12,000. Art Pannebecker made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Pat Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – No report because the bank statements only arrived the morning of the meeting.

Administrator's Report The work crew is caught up on their work at this point. The cracks in the parking lot were sealed. Work on the church grounds will begin in October. Indoor work will be taken care of over the winter.

John received bids to replace the sign in the middle of the entrance way. Signature Sign returned a bid for \$4200 but it was for work we didn't want and the bid was not in line with our request. Horst submitted 2 bids. The bids were very similar with the main difference being the lettering. Both bids include a hard plastic/rubber sign lined with aluminum mounted on aluminum tubing between the existing posts that hold up the current sign. The sign will say the same basic wording as the old sign. The first bid includes letters that are flat to the surface of the sign. The second bid is the same sign with raised letters. The raised letters are guaranteed for the life of the sign. The first bid with the flat letters was \$2236.88 and the second bid with the raised letters was \$2927.80. Their work schedule is almost 6 weeks out and we could be without a sign for 4-5 weeks while work is being done. Chris Fitterling made a motion to accept the second bid with a minimal gap between the letters and the sign and Cindy Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report The Adamstown Library has a new program for 1-3 year olds beginning September 28 and lasting for 5 weeks. They requested the use of the church for this program. Vaye Freeman made a motion to allow the use of our facility and Pat Acebo seconded. Motion carried.

October 3 is the Historical Society church tour. On October 18 there will be a faith exploration event with the topic of the child safety policy. On October 5 Pastor Bill is attending a workshop at LGH lead by hospice and LGH. The Summer worship schedule has worked well for us with 2025 for the early service and normal amounts for the late service. People enjoyed the early service for schedule reasons.

Children and Youth Ministry Report The doors have been decorated for the Sunday School classrooms.

Spiritual Council, Budget and Finance,

Benevolence, Outreach and Stewardship Committees No Reports.

Adult Ministry Report The Pumpkin Cook-off is coming up on October 24.

Health and Welfare Report October 4 is the World Wide Communion service and dinner at 3pm.

Altar Guild Report In October we will be collecting nonperishable food items for Peace Pantry. These items will be given by the Health and Welfare committee for food boxes for families in need around Thanksgiving time.

The Altar Guild members will be at the church September 26 at 9 am to set up for harvest home. Food will be given to EASS and monetary donations will be given to the power pack program.

Youth Report Chicken BBQ is Sept 26. Youth are going to Springside Golf course on September 27 after church. We will be grabbing lunch and then golf. We are inviting anyone in the church to come join us. Service project – we are going to apply for a \$250 grant from CWS. UCC is offering the matching grant. We will gather supplies to make kits. There are 4 different types of kits. Baby, hygiene, survival, and school supplies. Not sure which one we are doing yet. This project is through the CWS. First fundraising lunch will be Oct 11. Not sure of the menu at this point. Cost for the NYE will be \$549.99 for a double occupancy room.

Old Business We are finalizing a projector selection based on the budgetary constraints from last month's meeting. John approached 5 people to serve on next year's council and 2 said no so far.

New Business The next council meeting will be Tuesday, October 13, 2015. Being no further business, Pat Hall motioned to adjourn and Mary Getz seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Respectfully submitted,
Jim Anthony, Council Secretary

Rivers of the Bible



Ahava
 Arnon
 Cheba
 Euphrates
 Gihon
 Hasa
 Hiddekel
 Hisban
 Jabbok
 Jordon
 Kanah
 Kishon
 Leontes
 Mujib
 Nile
 Yarmuk
 Zered

Rulers of the Bible



Abimelech
 Agag
 Ahab
 Asa
 Balak
 Belshazzar
 Bera
 Caesar
 Darius
 David
 Herod
 Hiram
 Hoshea
 Joash
 Josiah
 Nadab
 Nahash
 Nebuchadnezzar
 Pharaoh
 Saul
 Solomon

Answer keys are on the office window.

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Gary Gress	2 Jim & Margaret Gress	3 10-4pm Cocalico Valley Historical Church Tour Greg & Cindy Grill
4 World Communion Sunday 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 3 pm SCC Worship and Dinner Mary Jane Grote	5 John & Lois Haldeman	6 1 pm Bible Study Courtney Hall	7 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Dan & Pat Hall	8 Gretchen Hall	9 Barry & Pat Harting	10 Emily Harting
11 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship Lunch served by youth Margaret Harting	12 Robert Harting	13 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Erla Hartranft	14 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Lori Hartranft	15 Craig Hassler	16 Joanne Hassler	17 Adam & Kristen Heaps
18 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 6 pm Faith Exploration Night Deb Hedrick	19 Tim & Val Heil	20 1 pm Bible Study Gary & Diane Hertzog	21 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Ryan Hertzog	22 Tyler Hertzog	23 Dennis & Connie High	24 5:30 pm Pumpkin Cook off Josh High
25 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship Judy High	26 Kayla High	27 1 pm Bible Study Megan High	28 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Bill & Janis Hoch	29 Keith & Barb Hoffert	30 Michael Hoffert	31 9 -12 Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive and Breakfast Fran Hollen

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Return Service Requested

October Events

- October 4th - Special Care and Concern Communion and Dinner – 3 pm**
October 11th – Lunch served after worship
October 11th – Faith Exploration – 6 pm
October 24th – Adult Ministry Pumpkin Cook Off – 5:50 pm
October 31st - Pancake Breakfast – 8 am – 11 am
October 31st – Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive – 9 am – 12 pm

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Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

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