



PEACE NOTES

February



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

PASTOR'S PAGE

We are about to embark on the journey we call Lent. And one of the first things that come to mind with the mention of Lent is fasting and sacrifice and it all usually takes the form of this question: What are you giving up for Lent this year?

Is it going to be sweets – cookies, cakes, pies? How about candy or chocolate? And how is giving up sweets or other simple pleasures going to bring us closer to God. That is a question we ought to consider if we are going to give something up for Lent.

In recent years people have taken this in a different direction. Rather than taking something away, they choose to add a new discipline. Every day I am going to perform an act of service or kindness. It can be as big as taking a day to serve in a soup kitchen or as simple as helping someone carry their groceries to their car. Every day it can be something different and new. In the end you are left with a feeling of doing something meaningful and doing something for God.

We now have a new twist on the Lenten front! It is a step back to giving something up, but this time it is a giving something up that can be personally and profoundly transformational!

They say that 70-90 percent of the things we worry about never ever happen. And worry has the ability to strip us of joy. It increases anxiety. So for Lent, you might consider trying to give up worry or worry just a little bit less. And in worrying less, we open ourselves to be present to God and the people around us. I am going to give up trusting in my own abilities and always doing it on my own, so

that I can trust a little bit more in the grace and mercy and provisioning of my God. I am going to fast from speeding and rushing through my life, because I miss so much of what is truly important in the people and the relationships that I cherish. I am going to let go of judgments and sensitivities that cause me to mistrust others or be suspicious of others because these actions prevent me from growing closer to other and keep me from deepening my relationship with God.

At the end of Lent we may discover that we don't want to pick these things up again. We may discover that these are things we really want to leave behind and forget, for in so doing we have gained so much more!

May your Lenten journey be filled with grace and truth.

Pastor Bill

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GREETERS

February 7 Jack and Linda Long
February 14 Deb Hedrick
February 21 Mike and Bev Madara
February 28 Keith and Barb Hoffert

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 7 Ray and Carolyn Wolverton
February 14 Jack and Mary Bernstel
February 21 Ann Englert and family
February 28 Linda Coventry and Alice Binns

The deadline for submitting articles for the March issue of Peace Notes is February 20th. Please put your information in the hanging folder labeled "Peace Notes" located on the office desk or email it to:

secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org

Thank you! This email address can also be used for information to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

February Birthdays

February 2	Fred Stauffer
February 5	Mary Bernstel Tiffany Burkey
February 7	Carole Good
February 8	Robinette Palsgrove** Grace Hoffert
February 9	Janet Mawhinney Courtney Hall
February 11	George Bailey Jack Long Bev Fisher Patricia Titlow
February 13	Penelope Wolfe
February 14	Joanne Hassler
February 15	Fran Hollen
February 16	Pauline Whitehead Kathy Garner-Wilson
February 17	Pat Wolf
February 19	Finley Wolf
February 22	Martha Young

** 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 desk in the office.

February Anniversaries

February 15	Dick and Robinette Palsgrove David and Jane Walmsley
February 20	Jody and Barb Becker
February 24	Ron and Carol Parker

thank you

Each year we ask the members of this church to provide Birthday Cards, Christmas Cards and cookies for our Special Care and Concern members. We also ask for donations of gifts for local nursing homes. We thank you for your generosity. You always come through with exactly what we need and more. Your generosity, each year, is greatly appreciated.

Health and Welfare Committee

Thanks to everyone, my church family, for your expressions of concern and prayers as well as for the cards and well wishes at the time of my recent surgeries. Your love and support are so greatly appreciated.

Sheree Wolf

To members of Peace UCC and Pastor Hoch, Mother wanted me to express her thanks for all the cards and gifts at thanksgiving and Christmas. She enjoys all the goodies and the visit from Margaret when she brings them. Feel free to call or visit mom at Garden Spot. She is in the Mountain View area in room 126B – 355-6478. She would enjoy if you called ahead to join her for lunch or supper.

The family of Dolly Youndt

Thank you so much for the cards, cookies, etc. I appreciate being remembered.

Anna Hopkins

Thank you for all the kindness you have shown me. Thank you for the joy it brought.

Betty Leisey

We just wanted to thank the Health & Welfare Committee and everyone else in our church family that takes time to remember us throughout the year.

We always appreciate the cards, cookies and the visits, they mean a lot to us and we are thankful for those who stop by to say hello!

May God bless each and every one of you this New Year!

Marvin & Kathryn Fitterling

PEACE PANTRY



will be collecting new **white** men's socks for the homeless veterans throughout Pennsylvania. These socks will be distributed by John and Mary Getz to the homeless veterans' shelters.



For my Gold Award, I am making pillowcases and doing other small activities to bring happiness and joy to the children as well as their siblings who are affected by different illnesses at A.I. duPont Hospital for Children.

There are many possible ways to help me out:

- Donating supplies to make pillowcases (fabric, thread, sewing machine use, etc)
- Making a pillowcase from scratch (using the attached design or any design you would like to use)
- Making a pillowcase from a kit that I can make for you (please contact me)
- Contacting me and setting up a group session for your troop/group
- Attending one of the planned sessions

If you are not completely sure how to help or have other ideas or questions please contact me by e-mail at allysonebutz@gmail.com or by calling me (717)-484-0817.

See this website for more information:

<https://sites.google.com/site/allysonsgoldaward/home>

This is a link to the design I used. Copies will also be available at the church.

http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/millionpillowcases/freepatterns/Pillowcase_16.pdf

Thank you everyone for your support and help!!

Allyson Butz

LENTEN SERIES

The Stations of the Cross



The Stations of the Cross are a devotional practice of the Catholic Church. It encourages us to explore and understand the path Jesus walked on his way to Golgotha. As you journey along that path there are artistic reminders of the events that happened on that day – Jesus stumbled, Simon was compelled to carry his cross. It is an opportunity to experience in a deeper way the struggle and suffering of our Lord. In our worship together we will explore many of the stations and how they might encourage us on our Lenten journey.

February 10 – Peace United Church of Christ

Dave Brumbaugh – preaching

February 17 – Trinity United Methodist,

Main Street Denver

Craig Snow – preaching

February 24 – St. John's United Church of Christ,

S. 4th Street Denver

Phil Horning – preaching

March 2 – Swamp Christian Fellowship

Swamp Bridge Road, Reinholds

Bill Hoch – preaching

March 9 – Gehman's Mennonite Church

Witmer Road, Reinholds

Jeff Hain – preaching

March 16 – Emmanuel Evang. Cong. Church,
Main Street Adamstown
Mike Roney – preaching

YOUTH LUNCHEON

Our next lunch gathering after the traditional service will be on February 28th. Stop by the fellowship hall for a hot meal and good conversation.





**PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL
MEETING -
January 12, 2016**

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, Chris Fitterling, Cindy Anthony, Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Vaye Freeman, Art Pannebecker, Amy Miller, Vicki Wissinger, Vickie Schweitzer, Dan Hall, John McDonough, Mark Kline, Jim Anthony, John Haldeman, Mike Madara.
Unexcused: Jeff Moyer
Guests: Pat Wolf

President Chris Fitterling brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, January 12, 2016. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – Jim Anthony thanked Mary Getz for taking December's minutes in his absence. There was one name omitted in the Benevolence portion of last month's minutes. It should be Andrea Malone. Cindy Anthony made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Vickie Schweitzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mike Madara presented the reports for November and December. Mike now has access to all BB&T accounts online. We received double interest on some accounts in November due to the transition from Susquehanna Bank to BB&T. Mike explained how the treasurer's report worked to the new members of Council. The biggest change in December is the payments from Benevolence and our insurance payments. We did a lot better than we had originally budgeted in 2015. We still ran a deficit, but it was much smaller than anticipated. Mike presented Council with more information on a Church credit card. The cards must have individual names on them as well as the Church name. There are no shared cards. This is a bank rule. Mike himself will not be an authorized user. We can set individual credit limits for each card. This would be a regular credit card and it would not be tied to our checking account. As of now, Council decided for the Council President, Administrator, and Youth Leader to be authorized users. Art Pannebecker made a motion for Mike to complete the application for the credit card and Mary Getz seconded. Motion carried. Mark Kline made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Vaye Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 11/30/2015	NOVEMBER
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$5419.03
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$5155.15
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT - COMBINED	\$10574.18
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25114.72
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$12013.39
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$4350.06
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$104132.72	\$0.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00

ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$52127.35
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3193.42
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16080.66
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19274.08
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$5009.08
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$36676.97
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$104328.21
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5800.19
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$156583.34
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$308397.79
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$379799.22

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 12/31/2015	DECEMBER
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$5325.48
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$3637.73
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$8963.21
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25118.99
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$6483.37
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$4966.65
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN (MMA) \$104132.72	\$0.00
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$45607.22
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3193.63
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16083.39
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19277.02
ENDOWMENT CHECKING	\$10009.60

(RESTRICTED USE)	
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$31682.90
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$104439.37
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$8321.01
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$151812.16
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$306265.04
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$371149.28

Administrator's Report - We have received our new insurance for the year 2016. There is an increase of approx. \$400. New building keys were issued. Please handle them with care. The front door lock can be a little sticky sometimes. Please exercise caution when using that lock. The work crew is working on replacing the ceiling tiles in the building that were damaged. They are painting the tiles to match the color of the existing tiles. There is a small leak in the front of the sanctuary. The work crew is looking into it. Overall, the work crew is doing well.

Pastor's Report - The Adamstown Library asked permission to begin another parent - child class in the building starting March 31. The classes will be Thursday morning and evening for 5 weeks. The library also asked to use the Church on July 18 and either August 2 or 3. The date in August would be for a creative music group. Confirmation classes will begin shortly. Courtney requested February 21 to have a Faith Exploration event to discuss a mission trip she is planning on taking this summer. She is raising money for a cause. Courtney will be paying her own way and she will be collecting sponsorships to raise money for the cause. She will be rock climbing.

Ash Wednesday will be on February 10. Our weekly community service begins that evening. The theme is "Stations of the Cross". Swamp Christian Fellowship's Interim minister will be participating.

The churches participating will be the same as last year.

Pastor Bill had communicated our questions and concerns to Horizons about the possible use of our building. We have not heard any response. We also did not hear anything back from the Boy Scout troop about whether they wanted to use us as their chartered organization or not.

Children and Youth Ministry Report - Amy Miller will report to Council for the year 2016 for Children's Ministry.

Pat Wolf (co-chair for Children's ministry) asked to share and presented a report:

Cindy Grill and Pat Wolf have served as co-chair's for Children's Ministry for the past 2 years. Overall there is a need to attract more children to our programs. Pat suggested the idea of whole family ministry instead of just children's ministry. The infant class had very little to no outside attendance. The church needs a coordinated effort to try to bring more people in. This is an issue that needs to be looked at and addressed by the Church as a whole. Pat took the time to thank the volunteers that have helped, but acknowledges that it can be frustrating to help out when few people come. Pat and Cindy are open to suggestions and encourage anyone with any suggestions to come speak to them at some point. The youth is having similar issues as well. It may be time to look into some restructuring. Some examples were suggested for things that could be done: a playground, changing the time that young people meet here, family dinner nights with breakout sessions for individual age groups, the parish resource center in Lancaster. Overall, increasing the number of individuals needs to be our number one priority. Some other ideas and suggestions were shared. Overall, we need a bigger group of people to plan and coordinate any action that we take as we move forward. Pat thanked Council for their support as we move forward.

Benevolence Committee Report - John McDonough will report to council for benevolence for 2016. There is a meeting scheduled in March.

Faith Exploration Events Report – Courtney Hall will share about her upcoming Missions Trip on February 21 at 6:30.

Adult Ministry Report - There is a planning meeting scheduled at 6:30pm on January 18.

Health and Welfare Report - Health and Welfare is gearing up for the new year. They are working on a Colonial Lodge date sometime in April or May. Recreation is in the process of being scheduled for sometime this summer. Health and Welfare is looking at doing another program at Ephrata Manor sometime in the fall. They are also looking into scheduling a program at Keystone Villa at some point.

Outreach Report, Spiritual Council, Budget and Finance Report - No report

Altar Guild Report - The Altar Guild will be collecting white socks in the month of February for homeless vets.

Youth Report - The next youth dinner is on January 24. We are still collecting supplies for the disaster kits. There is a church member who has volunteered to knit the baby sweaters, she just needs the yarn to do the knitting. There are 5 people who are definitely going with the church to Florida for the UCC National Youth Event. We also have 4-5 maybes who will be returning answers soon. Bethany UCC in Ephrata is organizing a bus through Elite Coach to transport 52 people to and from the National Youth Event. Cindy contacted Pastor Bill LaSalle and made 5 reservations for the bus, as well as 4-5 maybes for the bus. The cost for transportation will be approx. \$230 per person depending on how full Bethany is able to book the bus. The event itself at Disney will be \$549 per person for double occupancy rooms. Total cost is approx. \$800 per person which is around the cost we would spend to go to Kentucky per person.

Old Business - The projector has been purchased and installed into the sanctuary. The total final cost including all installation costs worked out to be \$5988.38 Jim Anthony thanked Bob Freeman for his help with installing the projector. Jim also thanked John Haldeman for his help as well. The projector we ended up getting is a 8000 lumen projector when we were originally looking at getting a 6500 lumen model to remain within our price range. Jim was able to get a really discounted rate for the projector. The street price of our projector setup is \$8429.15 and the MSRP is approx \$11000. We received a discount beyond the original quoted discount for another 2% off. Overall the quote to install this level projector by a professional was approx \$15000, so overall we saved about \$9000. It took a while to get the perfect price on the equipment, but it was worth the wait.

New Business - After the next council meeting, new members will be asked to stay after the Council meeting to review communion procedures, as well as the communion sign-up sheet for February 14 will be distributed.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 09, 2016. Being no further business, Mary Getz motioned to adjourn and Dan Hall seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Anthony - Council Secretary

The Season of Lent – Word Scramble

Instructions:

Unscramble the letters below to spell a special day or word related to the Lenten season.

1. TNLE -

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2. MALP YSNAUD -

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3. ARESTE DMNYOA -

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4. NYDMUA TYHRUSDA -

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5. OGDO YRIFDA -

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6. STREAE DSNYUA -

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7. SHA WAYDENSED -

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February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1 pm Bible Study Greg & Kathy Strunk	3 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Arlene Styer	4 Donald & Heidi Sunday	5 Katie Jo Sunday	6 9 am Youth making chili Whitney Sunday
7 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship Karen Sweigart	8 Wesley & Hazel Sweigart	9 No Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Helen Timpson	10 7:30 pm Lenten Service Charles & Patricia Titlow	11 Barb Tobias	12 Richard & Virginia Tobias	13 Staci Tobias
14 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship and Christmas program Dianne Tothero	15 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Jean Trostle	16 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Warren Trostle	17 7:30 pm Lenten Service David & Jane Walmsley	18 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Mark & Trina Weaver	19 Mark Weaver	20 Donald Weber
21 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 6:30 pm – Faith Exploration Pauline Whitehead	22 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Stephanie Williams	23 1 pm Bible Study Alan & Marlene Wilson	24 7:30 pm Lenten Service Brad & Amy Wolf	25 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Daniel & Sheree Wolf	26 Devon & Michelle Wolf	27 Pat Wolf
28 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 11:45 am Youth Luncheon Bob & Penny Wolfe	29 Ray & Carolyn Wolverton					

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Return Service Requested

February Events

February 10th - Lenten Service at Peace – 7:30 pm

February 21st - Faith Exploration – 6:30 pm

February 28th - Youth Luncheon – 11:45 am

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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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