



PEACENOTES

April



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

PASTOR'S PAGE

The horror of the crucifixion was behind them. The shock and confusion of the resurrection still lingered. The question that remained was what do we do now?

During our Wednesday Evening Community Services we walked the Stations of the Cross. Maundy Thursday we relived the night of our Lord's betrayal. Good Friday was a hearing again of the Passion Narrative. Saturday was a vigil of reflection. Finally, we rejoiced in the resurrection! The same question remains, what do we do now?

In some ways life returns to normal. But there is still the lingering question – Now What? Now we go to work continuing to build our faith and do the work required to reach out and build the church in the ordinary and the everyday events of life. But how, what can we do to help build the church?

Here are a few ideas.

In the words of the marketing community – we are creating our brand and we are getting the word out about who we are and what we do. We are starting a new Marketing Committee and while we have not yet met, new ideas and plans are being formulated. And during Holy Week we began a targeted advertising campaign on Facebook! Facebook? Really? Yes, really.

The first targeted ad was placed on March 14. Between then and Friday Morning, March 25 additional ads were placed. By Wednesday morning, almost 5,000 people had taken time to look at our Facebook posts – this represents an increase of over 1,333%. Over 1,000 people reacted to that post – the liked, shared or commented – this represents a 191% increase. In addition, 7 people connected to our website to learn more and several people sent email inquiries to the church through our website asking specific questions!

These 5,000 people are people who otherwise would not have seen any other outreach or information about Peace Church! This is a significant increase!

It may take some time before we see people at our door or in the pews, but it is a good and promising start! So what can you do?

You can help us increase our outreach and increase the number of people seeing, hearing and learning more about our church.

If you are on Facebook, like Peace United Church of Christ's Facebook page and then share it and like and share other Peace UCC posts on your own timeline. If you see a post about something that is happening Peace Church, click like, share or make a comment. If you do one of those things, all your friends will see the post about Peace Church! If one of your friends clicks like, all of their friends will see something of Peace Church. If you share that post with someone else who might be interested, they will continue to see more about Peace Church! Each little click you make helps us reach out just a little bit further and more people learn something of who we are and what we offer.

If you are online, but do not have a Facebook page and are thinking of creating one, let us know! We will help you. If there are enough people who want information about Facebook, we will have an evening event to help you as you help us reach further and further and to more and more people. If you are not online at all, continue to pray as we reach out so that others might come and join with us in faith and in service.

Most of all, when you see a new face – please take a moment to greet and welcome them! A simple expression of welcome will go a long way to make a vital connection with the church we all love. Easter may be behind us. But sharing Good News about God's grace and life Peace Church has just begun!

Pastor Bill



Peace United Church of Christ

Church Council Officers

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- Chris Fitterling, *Council President*
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HEAD USHER

Mary Getz

ALTAR GUILD

Sylvia Leach
Linda Coventry

GREETERS

- April 3** Barry and Pat Harting
- April 10** Linda Coventry and Alice Binns
- April 17** Jim Gress
- April 24** Rick and Vickie Schweitzer

ALTAR FLOWERS

- April 3** Richard and Virginia Tobias
- April 10** Harvey and Esther Schlouch
- April 17** John and Heidi McDonough
- April 24** Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Leshner

The deadline for submitting articles for the May issue of Peace Notes is April 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.

April Birthdays

April 1 Katie Jo Sunday
April 2 Mike Madara
April 3 Mary Jane Grote
Charles Lightcap
April 4 Barb Becker
April 5 Audrey Priga
Curt Youndt
April 6 Ken Leshar
Connie Youndt
Mark Kline
April 7 **Betty Good****
Kathy Palsgrove
Mark Anthony
April 10 Linda Shollenberger
April 11 Daniel Little
April 12 Chris Lausch
April 14 Helen Youndt
Linda Fitterling
Brienne Little
April 16 Chris Fitterling
Madison Morgan
Cole Patterson
April 17 Charles Titlow
April 21 Jack Bernstel
Vicki Wissinger
April 22 Whitney Sunday
April 24 Clara Roland
Polly Moser
Micheal Anderson
Beverly Lightcap
Yuri Evans
April 25 Ben Kegerise
April 27 Matt Anthony
April 28 Pat Acebo
Jane Walmsley
Heidi McDonough
Kristine Butz

** Special Care and Concern Member

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

April Anniversaries

April 1 Steven and Rebecca Priga
April 2 Larry and Sally Fasnacht
April 9 Richard and Virginia Tobias
April 10 Ed and Sue McIlmoyle
April 21 John and Heidi McDonough
April 22 Charles and Pat Titlow
April 23 Jeff and Sherry Moyer
April 25 Ralph and Carole Good
April 27 Jimmy and Karen Dorsey

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.

thank you

Thanks so much for the prayers for my mother. She was a part of the prayer circle for quite a long time. We so appreciate being a part of a loving church and knowing that people care.

*Pat Acebo and the
Family of AnnaBell Scofield*

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern through my ordeal of back and neck surgery. All I need is time for everything to heal. Also for the help of the food pantry and for the monetary gifts that we received through the love of God. God bless everyone at Peace Church.

Mel Gerhart

Thank you for supporting our Peanut Butter Egg fundraiser. With your support of providing most of the ingredients, helping to make the eggs, and purchasing the eggs, we have made a profit of over \$825. The Peanut Butter Eggs is one of our most

profitable fundraisers and we can't do it without your help.

Peace Youth

PEACE PANTRY



During the month of April the Peace Pantry will be collecting Hamburger Helper, Rice and Baked Beans for the Ephrata Area Social Service's Food Bank.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER BREAKFAST
THURSDAY MAY 5, 2016**

A National Day of Prayer community breakfast will be held at the Weaver's Market Banquet facility on Routes 897 and 272 in Adamstown from 7:00-9:00 am. This year, the theme is "Wake up America" and the verse is taken from Isaiah 58:1a "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet"

The schedule for the breakfast is:

7:00 to 7:45 am all you can eat breakfast buffet

7:45 to 8:00 am Worship

8:00 to 8:50 am Inspirational messages from local leaders and pastors and prayer around the tables.

8:50 to 9:00 am Closing prayer and hymn

Cost of the event is \$10.00 and tickets may be purchased from Pastor Bill, Vicki Garner-Sweigart or at the courtesy desk at Weaver's Market in Adamstown. Please join your brothers and sisters "in Christ" to pray for our nation.

YOUTH LUNCH FUNDRAISER



The next youth lunch fundraiser is April 10 after the traditional service. Our menu this month is a tortilla/taco bar. There will be both soft tortillas and hard shell tacos available with an assortment of toppings. We are asking for a donation to go towards our trip to the National Youth Event.

CHICKEN BBQ

Our annual chicken BBQ will be held on April 30th. Half chicken, \$6 and Chicken dinners, \$9, will be available. Dinner includes a half chicken, cole slaw, baked potato, roll and butter, and a drink. Pick up times are 10 am to 1 pm or until sold out. Tickets will be available after each service or email us at youth@peaceunitedchurch.org.



ADULT MINISTRY

Mark your calendars now for May 8th for an evening of fun, food, fellowship and great Blue Grass music by the Dual County Blue Grass Band! Band members include: Kenneth Barley, Colton Gotwals, William Gow, Tyler Hertzog and Conlan Kerschner. The band is a 2-time winner of the Farm Show contest and includes members from our church.

Price of admission will be \$5 and will include a chicken dinner. The community is invited to attend, as well as the congregation. You don't want to miss this. More information will be available in April when the tickets go on sale.

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Our Committee will be sponsoring Health and Welfare Sunday on April 17th. Nate Hoffer, director of the Good Samaritan Shelter, will be with us to share the work and the ministry that is carried out in Ephrata. A free will offering will be gathered in support of their ministry.

We will also be hosting a Spring Event at Colonial Lodge on Monday, May 2nd.

ATTENTION PLEASE

If you have a graduating Senior from high school or college please contact the church office so that they might be recognized in their achievement!



PEACE UCC COUNCIL MEETING March 8, 2016

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, Chris Fitterling, Dan Hall, Cindy Anthony, Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Vaye Freeman, Jeff Moyer, Vicki Wissinger, Mark Kline, Jim Anthony, John Haldeman.

Excused: Art Pannebecker, Amy Miller, Vickie Schweitzer, John McDonough, Mike Madara

President Chris Fitterling brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, March 08, 2016. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer. Jim Anthony reminded the Council that if a Council member misses a meeting that their documents can be picked up in the Secretary's Office.

Review of last month's minutes – Pat Acebo made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Vaye Freeman seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – No report

Administrator's Report - The church received the ballasts and bulbs that were approved at the February meeting. John has not yet received an invoice for them. The work crew has already converted 16 out of the 23 fixtures that we are doing right now. The work crew is going to complete outside work next because of the nice weather.

On the large commercial stove in the kitchen, there are 2 burners that consist of a flat metallic disk. One of the rings on one of these burners that holds up the metal disk is cracked. This part cannot be purchased on its own, instead the entire burner must be replaced. The burner unit costs \$192. John is trying to get the metal ring repaired, but if that cannot be done it will need to be replaced.

The glass door on the microwave in the kitchen is cracked. The plastic frame that holds the glass door is also cracked. This has the potential to become a safety issue. A new microwave would cost between \$100-\$125. Council instructed John to purchase a new microwave to replace the broken one.

Pastor's Report - The Ministerium is having their annual Acts of Love Summer Lunch program again this summer. Lunch will be served in 3 local parks to kids who are eligible to receive free and reduced lunches. Peace will be doing the week of August 1.

We will have our Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:30 and our Good Friday service, also at 7:30.

On Easter Sunday, the 7am service will have a message from Gabby. There will be a light breakfast served between the 7am service and the 8:30am service. The contemporary service will be at 8:30am and the traditional service will be at 10:30am.

Lifeline Screening will be held on March 30. The National Day of Prayer banquet will be held on May 5 from 7-9am and the cost is \$10. This will be located at the Weavers Banquet facility.

Pastor Bill spoke with Andy Gehman about the Senior Center. They would use the Church for 12-18 months until they can move into their new building in Ephrata. We are still waiting to hear from the Office of Aging on whether the kitchen will be acceptable or not. They would also contract weektime snow removal as needed. We are still waiting for more information on the Senior Center.

Chris encouraged Council members to bring any questions on the Safe Church policy to future Council meetings.

Children and Youth Ministry Report, Spiritual Council Report, Budget and Finance Report, Benevolence Committee Report, Outreach Report, Stewardship Committee Report - No report

Adult Ministry Report - The Adult Ministry is planning to host the Dual County Bluegrass Band on May 8th. There will be a dinner at 5:30pm, followed by the show.

Health and Welfare Report - Health and Welfare Sunday is going to be held on April 17. Nate Hoffer is speaking from the Good Samaritan Womens Shelter in Ephrata. The Health and Welfare committee will be organizing a visit to Colonial Lodge on May 2. Recreation will be at Peace on July 31.

Altar Guild Report - The pews have been restocked by Altar Guild members. In March the Peace Pantry will be collecting white men's socks for the homeless veterans and in April they will be collecting Hamburger Helper, rice, and baked beans for Ephrata Area Social Services.

The Altar Guild will be taking orders for Easter Lilies on Sunday March 13th, and 20th before and after worship. The cost is \$8.00 for a 5-6 bloom plant. The Easter Lilies will be in the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday, March 27th, and should be taken home after the service.

The Altar Guild will be preparing the palms for Palm Sunday on Saturday March 19th at 8:30am and will be placing the Easter Lilies in the church sanctuary on Friday March 25th after the Good Friday evening services.

The Community National Day of Prayer Breakfast will be held at Weaver's Market Banquet Room on Thursday May 5th from 7:00am-9:00am. **Youth Report** - The youth served 52 people at their February lunch fund raiser. We received \$375 in donations. our expenses were \$100.13. We made a profit of \$274.87 that will go towards the expenses for the trip this summer.

We are making PB eggs on Saturday, March 12. If anybody wants to come and help, we are starting at 9 am and probably will be there until they are completed. We do need more people to help in the afternoon. We will be making lunch for every one that helps.

Our next lunch will be April 10. The menu is yet to be determined.

The Chicken BBQ will be held on April 30.

Old Business - A discussion was held on similar topics as those presented by Pat Wolf in the January 2016 meeting of Council. It was suggested that the Church needs to get ahead with it's marketing. There was a general consensus that the Church needs to take action to continue and improve its marketing efforts. Jim Anthony shared that he is currently taking care of the digital marketing on the website and social media and he asked for help with this. Council formed a Marketing committee for Peace Church. This will handle marketing, advertisement, community outreach, and communications. This committee is being organized and more information will be shared in the April council meeting.

New Business - The Council will rehearse Communion procedure immediately following tonight's meeting.

Being no further business, Cindy Anthony motioned to adjourn and Pat Acebo seconded. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Anthony, Council Secretary

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Wendy Christie	2 Linda Coventry
3 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship Jimmy & Karen Dorsey	4 David Dowhower & Vicki Wissinger	5 1 pm Bible Study Eugene & Shirley Endy	6 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Ann Englert	7 Jerry & Diane Englert	8 Kim Evans	9 Olivia Evans
10 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional 11:45 am Youth serving lunch Sidney Evans	11 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Yuri Evans	12 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Larry & Sally Fasnacht	13 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Terry & Sue Fasnacht	14 Grace Firestone	15 Pauline Firestone	16 9:00 am Health and Welfare spring gifts Beverly Fisher
17 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship – Health and Welfare Sunday. Chris & Linda Fitterling	18 Leonore Fitterling	19 1 pm Bible Study Marvin & Kathryn Fitterling	20 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Ida Franks	21 Robert & Vaye Freeman	22 Robert & Jodie Freeman	23 Doris Fultz
24 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Worship 1:00 pm Girl Scout Tea Allen & Ardel Garner	25 Carl & Vicki Sweigart	26 1 pm Bible Study Heidi Garner-Ulrich	27 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Tyler Ulrich	28 Kenneth & Kathy Wilson	29 Arthur Gehman	30 10 am Youth Chicken BBQ Mel & Marian Gerhart



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Return Service Requested

April Events

April 10th - Youth Luncheon – 11:45 am
April 30th - Youth Chicken BBQ – 10:00 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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