



PEACE NOTES

June



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

PASTOR'S PAGE

You have heard it said, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks." My question is, "how old is too old to teach an old dog new tricks"? Now before we go too far, let me be clear - I am the old dog!

A few years ago I knew a fair bit about church growth and church development. I chaired Association Committees on Church Growth and Development. Even then things were slowly beginning to change and we did what we had to do to stay a bit ahead of it. But now the changes have spiraled and I, along with others, have been left scratching our heads. What do you do when the old stuff doesn't work anymore? You try something new, but what?

Recently, we have come upon some new ideas that are re-energizing me and, I think, have the power and the ability to re-energize the church and begin a new process of growth and development.

By using social media, Jim Anthony is taking the lead on developing strategies, and bringing promotional material up to date, we believe that we will begin to see the tide slowly shift.

We have worked to strengthen the appeal of our Facebook page and our new website will soon be active. There are still a few sections to be built, but the website has a new contemporary design and new language that speaks to who we are today! We also have presence on YouTube and Instagram. So, before people even walk in the door – there is so much about us that they can learn and then discover something about who we are and what is important to us as church.

We are also in the process of upgrading all our promotional materials. Visitors Cards will soon

disappear and new vibrant Welcome Cards will be in the racks! Other informational pieces will be available throughout the church building so that when someone comes for the library sale or a scouting event or anything else, they will see vibrant, well thought out informational materials that they can take with them. These will then guide them to the sites where they can learn more about us in the comfort of their homes and in a format that is very familiar today.

So we have things covered in terms of what people can know about us before they walk through the door. We will soon, very soon, have those materials that they can take home to explore even further. So we have things covered with people coming in and going out. What is left is that piece in the middle!

The human element! You! When you see a stranger in our midst, take a moment to say good morning and welcome. Ask if there is anything you can do for them. Sit with them in worship – we are one of the few protestant churches with kneelers. If it is a communion Sunday, help them find the liturgy! There is so much we take for granted that would be new and confusing for a visitor – you can make their time here with us better and more comfortable! Introduce them to someone else. Little things mean a lot!

I used to say that it is a scary time to be the church! Today I have changed my mind – it is an exciting time to be the church! Help us as we explore new and exciting waters of faith and service to God and others!

Pastor Bill



Peace United Church of Christ

Church Council Officers 2016

Chris Fitterling, *Council President*
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Mary Getz
Mardel Lausch

GREETERS

June 5 Jean Trostle
June 12 Pat Acebo
June 19 Tiffany and Susie Strouse
June 26 Jim and Margaret Gress

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 5 Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins
June 12 The Butz Family
June 19 Melvin and Marian Gerhart
June 26 Jack and Mary Bernstel

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

June Birthdays

June 2 Arthur Klink
June 4 Justin Becker
June 6 **Mary Lou Sweigart****
 Trina Weaver
June 7 Bev Madara
June 8 Steven Priga
June 9 Braydon Getz
June 10 Edie Graff
 Mark Weaver
June 11 Clair Lausch
June 12 Diane Hertzog
June 14 Bill Hoch
 Janis Hoch
June 16 Linda Long
June 17 Jody Becker
 George Lewis
June 18 Lise Lausch
June 20 Wendy Christie
June 21 Nancy Leshar
June 22 **Marvin Fitterling****
June 23 Pam Getz
June 24 John McDonough
June 27 John Haldeman
June 29 Vaye Freeman
 Tim Butz
 Lori 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 desk in the office.

June Anniversaries

June 3 Wilson and Connie Youndt
June 4 Chad and Heidi Ulrich
June 6 Michael and Teresa Youtz
June 9 Melvin and Marian Gerhart
June 10 Bill and Janis Hoch
June 11 Jim and Margaret Gress
 Bruce and Kathy Palsgrove
 Matt and Cindy Anthony
 Barry and Pat Harting
June 12 Joe and Pat Acebo
June 13 John and Mary Getz
June 15 Jack and Linda Long
 Keith and Linda Shollenberger
June 22 Jim and Polly Moser
June 23 Dan and Sheree Wolf
June 24 Tim and Val Heil
June 25 Shawn and Heather Burky
June 28 Dan and Pat Hall

thank you

We would like to thank everyone who donated supplies, knitted blankets and sweaters, sewed bags, assembled the disaster kits, or helped in any way. With your help, and the \$250 grant, we were awarded from the UCC Disaster Ministries, we were able to assemble 21 hygiene kits, 8 school kits, and 17 baby kits. Please join us on Sunday, June 5 to help bless the kits before we send them out to help those in need in our country and around the world.

Peace UCC Youth

Dear Peace Church,
 On behalf of the Friends of the Adamstown Library, I want to thank you for allowing us to use your Fellowship Hall and Hallway for our annual book sale. It is such a great facility for our sale and we really appreciate your continued support. The sale raised over \$11,450.00 for the Library!

Thanks Again, Jane Leshar



We will begin our summer schedule on June 12th. Our Contemporary Service will begin at 9:00 and our Traditional Service will remain at 10:30. Our last day of Sunday School will be on June 5th. We will gather for breakfast at 9:30.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We will once again share Vacation Bible School with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Adamstown. This year VBS will be at St. Paul's from July 10th through July 14th. The next planning meeting has been set for June 28th at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.



YOUTH LUNCH FUNDRAISER



The youth will be hosting a lunch fundraiser on June 19th after the Traditional Worship Service. The menu this month is fresh sausage, mashed potatoes, and corn. We will be serving lunch around 11:45. All are welcome.

Come join us for fun, fellowship, and food. There is no cost for the meal. We are only asking for a donation to go towards our NYE trip next month.

PEACE GRADUATES

Cocalico High School

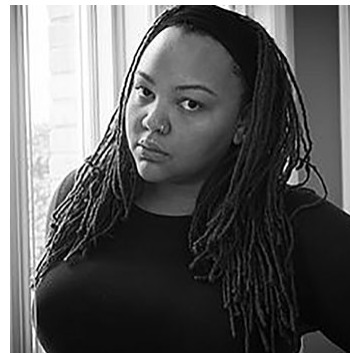
Allyson Butz, daughter of Tim and Kristine Butz, will be attending Lebanon Valley College in the fall. She has not decided on a major but she wants to work in a field where she can help children. At Cocalico, Allyson was a member of Tri-M and National Honor Society. She participated in the marching band, symphonic band, wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, and the choir. She was also the girls basketball manager. She finished up Girl Scouts as well by earning her gold award.

Allyson will have a busy summer working at Boehringer and volunteering at Al DuPont Hospital.

NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT

Another sneak peak of speakers that will be at the National Youth Event:

**Jamila Wright
Keynote Speaker - July 27**



Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois Jamila discovered her affinity for the arts at a very early age. Throughout her childhood she found happiness expressing herself through writing, music, dance, visual art

and theater. Upon graduating from high school she attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Film Production. Her time at Howard stoked her fiery passion for social justice helping her develop her artistic voice and eye. She believes that art in any

form is healing and transformative and hopes to positively inspire at least one person with her work. She is currently writing, directing, filming and photographing her own projects, working on her first book of poetry and performing spoken word around the city of Chicago. <http://www.justwild-flower.com>

**Earth Guardians
Keynote Speaker - July 26**



We are a tribe of young activists, artists and musicians from across the globe stepping up as leaders and co-creating the future we know is possible. Earth Guardians is Growing a resilient

movement with youth at the forefront by empowering them as leaders and amplifying their impact. <http://www.earthguardians.org>



**PEACE UCC COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 2016**

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

President Chris Fitterling brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – Art Pannebecker made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Vaye Freeman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mike Madara presented the financial report for the month of April. April's expenses vs. income was better, but we are still running a deficit overall, this was budgeted. We received our first bill from Total Lawn Care. It was \$350 for the month of April. BB&T has been charging us a variety of fees. Mike has contacted them about this, and has not yet heard back from the bank. The credit limits for the credit cards are incorrect on the monthly statements, but are correct on the website. Mike is straightening this out. Cindy Anthony made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and John McDonough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 04/30/2016	APRIL
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$3307.34
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	-\$689.37
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$2617.97
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25135.61
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10069.68
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$8015.53
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$45913.79
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3194.10
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16094.03
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19288.13
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8262.57
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD	\$31703.86

(RESTRICTED USE)	
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$104893.89
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5076.02
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$156288.94
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$306225.28
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$371427.20

Administrator's Report - The lighting project in the Fellowship Hall is complete. John thanked Jeff Moyer for the use of the scaffolding. The rear double door was repaired. John asked everybody to double check that all outside doors are locked.

John Haldeman and John McDonough met with Mike Marti and the discussion went well. This helped set some ground rules and expectations for both parties. The idea of an Eagle Scout project to fix up the fire ring was suggested. The Scouts must meet with John McDonough and present all future plans to Council in advance.

John received an impartial estimate on the shingle roofs. It was recommended that replacing them is something we do in 3-5 years. There is approx. 10900 square feet of shingle roof on the Church, primarily over the Sanctuary. If it would be done today, this would cost approx. \$98000. John suggests that we look into it in about 2 years. Chris suggested looking into a fundraising campaign beginning next year sometime. The consensus is that since we know that this will eventually need done, we should begin to plan ahead of time so we can be prepared.

Vaye Freeman requested permission to plant flowers near the cross in preparation for our Memorial Day Service. There was no opposition to this.

Pastor's Report - Since there is no longer a VFW in Adamstown, we are offering a Memorial Day Remembrance Service. This will be promoted to the local community and will be a way for the Church to serve those in our community.

There is a meeting for the Acts of Love summer lunch program on May 19 at 7pm at the Church to discuss logistics. We will be serving the first week in August, and we may also be helping the week of July 4. The meals will be prepared at Denver Elementary this year.

There was a VBS meeting held last night. The theme this year will be Surf Shack and will be held the week of July 10 at St. Paul's in Adamstown. The next meeting is July 11.

June 11 is the Penn Central Conference's Annual Meeting. The Butz's will be serving as delegates. Pastor Bill is going this year.

Lifeline Screening requested to use the Church on October 18.

Summer Worship Schedule begins June 12. The Contemporary Service will be at 9am and the Traditional Service will be at 10:30am.

The Senior Center voted to accept the conditions set by us. They are potentially looking at a move-in date of June 27 with program beginning July 5. They will begin at 7am each morning and be done between 1 and 2 pm. Brian is interested in doing cleaning for them as they use our building, but Horizons will need to set a salary and pay him directly. John Haldeman suggested they contact Guy Fultz for snow removal to simplify things. The details of the contract are being finalized.

Marketing Committee Report - There are several things the committee is looking to update, the visitor cards that are in the pews and the welcome folder/brochure. The visitor cards that we currently have are no longer made. The closest thing that is available has a lapel pin instead of the name tag. The current cost of 1000 cards is \$450. The welcome folders cost \$30 for 25 folders.

The committee has created 3 items to better serve our needs. For the new visitor/pew card, it will be a 2 part tear off only asking for the visitor name and an optional email address or phone number. That

portion is handed into the church. The other portion of the card will have all the church information on it and the visitor can keep it. The card quality will be similar to the tickets that were made for the Dual County Bluegrass Dinner.

We also are creating a postcard sized card to give to builders/realtors in the area to place in model homes. This will have an eye catching old picture of a distelfink, with some historical information and our church info will be on the back.

Costs:

Visitor cards

current - \$450 for 1000

revised - \$70.66 for 1000

Brochure

current - \$25 for 30

revised - \$33.63 for 250

Open house card

current – do not use

revised - \$39.60 for 500

On the order we place for the new items, we will get a 25% discount but must pay shipping. So for all 3 items, total cost would be \$107.90

The first video was posted. So far, over 5000 people viewed or shared the post. The video was viewed in its entirety by 1150 people. The next 2 videos were recorded.

The website is being redesigned to update the content and branding, reinforcing what is being advertised. We are showing who we are and how we are different. The message needs to be the same in all our areas of communication. A new video is being designed to be the first thing that someone sees that comes to our website. We will be upgrading/updating language. Our goal is to be professional with everything having the same design and say the same consistent message. We are focusing on serving the community and showing people what we do instead of the church.

Faith and Fellowship Sundays-our first will be the second Sunday in September, September 11. We

will be sending out an invite to anyone who has ever clicked/shared/liked any of our Facebook posts. There will be no Sunday school. The time between the contemporary service and the traditional service will be a time of fellowship. We will hold a moment of silence when the towers were hit. A second faith and fellowship Sunday is being planned for December 18

The next marketing meeting is May 25 @ 7pm. Location not yet determined.

Children and Youth Ministry Report - The last day of Sunday School will be June 5. There will be a simple breakfast.

Spiritual Council Report - Some of the local leads in our search for an organist/music director have not panned out. They have given us more information on other possible leads, though. We will continue our search and Council will be updated when anything comes up.

Budget and Finance, Outreach - No report

Benevolence Committee Report - There is a meeting scheduled for June 6.

Faith Exploration Report - There will be a small gathering this Sunday after the Youth's dinner with a brief discussion of the marketing of the Church and to educate the congregation about our Facebook presence. We will also work with congregation members who wish to learn/set up a Facebook account. Individuals wanting help should speak to Jim Anthony or Pastor Bill.

Adult Ministry Report - This past Sunday the Adult Ministry hosted the Dual County Bluegrass Band. There were approx. 135 people there. The money collected covered the cost of the meal, and the cost of the band. There was some extra money left over, which was given to the Youth Group. Adult Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped out and supported this event.

Health and Welfare Report - Health and Welfare Sunday was successful, and a total of \$461 was collected for the Good Samaritan Women's Shelter in Ephrata. Health and Welfare also offered another successful program at Colonial Lodge.

Altar Guild Report - The Peace Pantry for the month of May is paper products and personal care items for the women of the Good Samaritan Shelter in Ephrata. There will be no Peace Pantry for the summer months.

The Altar Guild is having their annual summer meeting on Monday August 8 at 10am.

Youth Report - The Youth Group will be hosting their next lunch this Sunday, May 15. The menu will consist of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, loaded baked potato salad, salad, and pound cake. The other 2 young adults are now registered for the National Youth Event. This means that all of our registrations are complete. The transportation is also secured and finalized.

The disaster kits will be assembled and finalized prior to the Penn Central Conference. Arrangements have been made to get them to the drop off site so that they can get where they need to go. Cindy asked Pastor Bill if we could do a blessing on the kits during the services on June 5 prior to their delivery.

The Chicken BBQ this year was a huge success. The Youth had 217 Chickens presold this year, which is over 3 times the number we presold the past several years. The Youth made a total profit of almost \$2000. We sold out of all of our extra Chickens by 11:30ish. The promotion of the BBQ on Facebook helped sell a lot of Chickens to people who otherwise would not have heard about our BBQ. We presold 25 Chickens through Facebook alone and had multiple walk up sales from Facebook too. We cooked a total of 416 Chickens and sold all of them. Overall, the BBQ was a huge success.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Being no further business, Cindy Anthony motioned to adjourn and Mark Kline seconded. Motion carried.

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



June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Dennis & Connie High	2 Josh High	3 Judy High	4 Kayla High
5 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School Breakfast 10:30 am Traditional Worship Megan High	6 6 pm Benevolence Meeting 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Bill & Janis Hoch	7 1 pm Bible Study Keith & Barb Hoffert	8 Michael Hoffert	9 Fran Hollen	10 Anna Hopkins	11 Mike Hornberger
12 9:00 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Gene Huston	13 Rosie Johnston	14 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council Ben Kegerise	15 Jon & Jill Kegerise	16 JR Kegerise	17 Gabby Kennedy	18 Alverta Kilhefner
19 9:00 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional 11:45 am Youth serving lunch Mark Kline	20 Shirley Kline	21 No Bible Study Arthur Klink	22 Kevin & Jess Klinkner	23 Buddy & Ann Kohl	24 Janice Kohl	25 Mildred Krick
26 9:00 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Paul Kring	27 Russ & Julie LaSalle	28 1 pm Bible Study 7 pm VBS Planning Meeting Chris & Jessica Lausch	29 Clair & Mardel Lausch	30 Scott & Lise Lausch		



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Return Service Requested

June Events

June 5th – Sunday School Breakfast – 9:30 am

June 19th - Youth Serving Lunch – 11:45 am

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

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