



PEACE NOTES

July



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

PASTOR'S PAGE

This month, July, we celebrate our Independence. While we do, it would be good to note our Interdependence.

In the **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE** we declare our freedom from British rule. We declared ourselves to be a free and independent Nation. But in the closing words of that document we read: *we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.* That is a statement of interdependence. In order to be a free and sovereign state, we need to be united to one another.

The **PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES** declares: *We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.*

This too is a statement of Interdependence. In order for there to be Justice, Tranquility, General Welfare and Liberty for everyone, always, we need each other and we need to be able to trust and depend on one another. We need to know that we are dedicated to the same truth.

In Lincoln's **GETTYSBURG ADDRESS** we find these words: *that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.*

The cause was the truth that all people are created equal, but that cause is dependent on our being united in understanding and working toward that truth!

While we celebrate our Independence, let also remember our dependence on the grace and the mercy of our God who from the beginning created us **ALL** in the image and after the likeness of God and called us to love one another as we have been loved by God.

Let us also remember that in order to live out the ideals of our nation and of our faith, we need, we must foster respect for all people and we must offer dignity to all people.

Every time there is a mass shooting, at a bar, a school or anywhere, someone is tearing away at the very fabric of who we are as a people, as a nation and as a people of faith – whatever faith. And let us remember that each time one of these tragedies occurs both our Independence and our Interdependence is threatened.

I wish I had an answer, a solution. I don't. But each time one of these events take place – wherever – let us go before our God in prayer asking that this not create hatred and bitterness in us. Hatred and bitterness will only erode the hopes of this nation and the values of our faith.

Let us live not only in our Independence but also in our dependence upon our God and united with each other in living God's grace, mercy and love!

Pastor Bill



Peace United Church of Christ

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Deb Hedrick
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GREETERS

July 3 Ken and Nancy Leshar
July 10 Jay and Stacy Burkey
July 17 Ann Englert
July 24 Mel and Marian Gerhart
July 31 The Moyer Family

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 3 No Sponsor
July 10 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hoffert
July 17 No Sponsor
July 24 Mr. and Mrs. John Haldeman
July 31 Mr. and Mrs. Allen Garner

The deadline for submitting articles for the August issue of Peace Notes is July 18th. 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.

July Birthdays

- July 1 Kimberly Evans
- July 2 Jeff Moyer
- July 4 Dale Reinhart
- July 7 Rosie Johnston
Robert Burky
Jess Klinkner
- July 9 Emily Steffey
- July 10 Brent Porter
- July 11 David Dowhower
- July 12 Margaret Robinson
- July 13 Dolly Yundt
- July 14 Sally Romich
Keith Shollenberger
- July 15 Hans Shollenberger
- July 18 Deb Hedrick
- July 20 Ray Wolverton
- July 22 Dixie Schweitzer
Olivia Evans
- July 24 Nate Moyer
- July 25 Kayla High
- July 29 Eva Wolf
- July 30 Helen Timpson

** Special Care and Concern Member

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

July Anniversaries

- July 10 Adam and Kristen Heaps
- July 13 Ray and Bobbie Kunkel
- July 15 Dale and Donna Reinhart
- July 17 Allen and Ardel Garner

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

Thank you for the prayers for my health while I was in the hospital, at Rehab and now at home. I appreciate all of your concerns and especially the visits of Pastor Bill and Janis. Blessings to all of you.

Charlie Graff

Thank-you everyone for all of your support during my gold award project! It became a great success because of everyone's continued support, so thanks. In April, I donated 50 pillowcases and earned my gold award. However, I am planning to continue making pillowcases and get together another donation in August. I would also like to invite everyone to my Gold Award Ceremony, which will be held at the church (Peace UCC) on Saturday, July 23rd at 10 am. Thanks again for all your continued support and I hope that I see you at the ceremony so that we can celebrate our accomplishment together!

Thanks, Allyson Butz

Thank you to the Peace church congregation for your ongoing contributions to the Peace Pantry. Throughout the year we were able to collect items for the Ephrata Area Social Service's Food Bank, our Homeless Veterans, Christmas items for Colonial Lodge residents and the Good Samaritan Woman's Shelter.



There will no Peace Pantry for the summer months.



The youth would like to say thank you to all our friends and family here at Peace Church that have supported our fundraisers throughout this past year. With your help, we have been able to raise all the funds needed for our trip to the National Youth Event.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will be holding their annual meeting Monday August 8, 2016 at 10:00am in the church council room.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Joint VBS with Peace UCC & St. Paul's Lutheran
July 10-14, 2016.

Families join us for dinner at 5:15 pm (pre-registration requested for dinner) followed by

VBS from 6:00-8:15 P.M. Ages 3 – 6th grade.

Come and join us for fun and excitement in our Surf Shack!

Our kids will explore how to put their faith into action. In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to catch the Wave with God, an exciting summer theme. We will stress mission, science, crafts and fun as we learn how Miriam cares for Moses on the Nile,

the Baptism of Jesus, Jesus calming the Storm and Breakfast on the Beach!!

Several ways to register:

email -- secsplc@windstream.net

call: 717-484-4885 (St. Paul's)

717-484-4400 (Peace)

register online here:

<http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/stpaulsandpeace/>



Come worship with Re-Creation on Sunday July 31, at 10:30 am.

Re-Creation began in 1976 when Hugh Brooks, the founder of the group, was an instructor at the Pennsylvania State University. While visiting practicum students, he realized that very few institutions have opportunity to benefit from the therapeutic value of live professional entertainment.

Concerned, he organized Re-Creation to offer this service to state centers, prisons, hospitals, nursing homes, and other care facilities. Entertainers were enlisted and Re-Creation immediately began institutional performances in Pennsylvania.

Within a very short time Re-Creation was asked to tour for the USO and Veteran Affairs Medical Centers were added to the schedule.

In 1982, the national entertainment program to the VA Hospitals was in danger of being lost altogether... there would no longer be a coordinated nation-wide effort to provide our hospitalized veterans with good entertainment, certainly not entertainment that was designed to serve as therapy.

Re-Creation assumed full responsibility for live entertainment to the VA Medical Centers in 1983 and since then has attempted to raise necessary funding and present shows for Medical Centers nationwide. Re-Creation now presents more than 300 shows annually in order to fund tours to VA Medical Centers in all 50 states!

More information about Re-Creation can be found on their website:

www.re-creationusa.org

House Band and Music Ministry at NYE

Glocal and Tribe of Judah

The collaboration of Tribe of Judah and Glocal promises innovation, diversity, and a brilliant mix of worship sounds that will come from all across the world. This fits perfectly with our NYE mission and goal to be a global platform for our youth to engage faith, service, leadership and social justice.

National Youth Event has a history of lifting up global themes with youth ambassadors and participants from North America, Europe, Asia, South America, Africa and the Caribbean respectively. As this is the first NYE in partnership with both the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, it is befitting to have a global repertoire that celebrates the two denomination's covenanted global ministry alliance.

Glocal and Tribe of Judah are highly interactive, intelligent and fun! Every worship experience will be an integral teaching moment, conscious and contemplative. Our worship teams will also host workshops which is a great resource for youth group leaders seeking to learn creative ways to engage music and worship with youth ministry.

Tribe of Judah ministered at NYE in 2012 and will return to share in their diverse mix of energetic and contemplative worship styles. Glocal, a widely known worship team that ministers in at least four

different languages, has supported Ecumenical Advocacy Days,

Glocal



Global melodies and rhythms influence Glocal's worship music style (which combines Asian, African and Latin music, the blues, hip hop beats and international rhythms). Glocal collaborates with many combinations of musicians, some that can read music and others that play by ear. Glocal Musicians were formed by the Mission Formation Team in ELCA Global Mission to provide musical leadership for the Glocal Mission Gatherings hosted by congregations and other Christian communities throughout North America and the Caribbean. Through its intentional diversity—including representation from many countries, denominations, and several cultures—the group embodies ways to stand in mutual solidarity while amplifying marginalized voices. In addition to offering worship that includes global voices, the musicians are committed to forming local leaders seeking to introduce global themes in their communities. The songs they teach are grounded in the community stories that raise awareness and inspire advocacy. The musicians embody what it means to be Glocal—simultaneously global and local—so we can accompany one another across cultures, even in our own neighborhoods.

Being a Glocal Musician is a constant reminder of finding different ways to love each other and an opportunity to be immersed in world sounds.

Tribe of Judah



Tribe of Judah is an intergenerational, energetic and diverse praise and worship ensemble. The group's name is derived from one of the great biblical tribes of Israel. The word "Judah" in Hebrew means praise. This denotation is one of the visionary goals of the ensemble filled with spirited and anointed young adults seeking to praise and worship God through music ministry.

Tribe of Judah experiments with rock, hip-hop, traditional and contemporary gospel, R&B and beyond. The group is out of the box with innovative pizzazz and flavor while also contemplative and attentive to timeless hymns and melodies. Tribe of Judah has mastered the art of fusing musical genres to create one sound of praise. The group will not co-lead NYE 2016 with its partner in musical ministry, Glocal, which makes its first NYE debut. This will be Tribe of Judah's sophomore appearance at NYE. Both groups will collaborate during plenary and worship, facilitate workshops, energizers and activities throughout the youth event.

The Theme at the NYE is Believe!

Each day has a different subtopic to reflect on:

Tuesday-Believe in the Earth!

Wednesday-Morning: Believe in Each Other!

Evening: Believe in the Unconventional!

Thursday-Morning: Believe in the Prophetic!

Evening: Believe in Justice!

Friday-Believe in Your Story!

Saturday-Believe in You(th)!

Keep us in your prayers as we travel to Florida and come together with 4000 other youth from around the country and world. We are excited to have the opportunity to experience this huge event, meet new people and make last friendships.



PEACE UCC COUNCIL MEETING June 14, 2016

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

Excused: Mary Getz, Art Pannebecker, Jeff Moyer

President Chris Fitterling brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, June 14, 2016. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – In the Administrators Report, the total for the roof estimate should be \$93000, not \$98000. Mark Kline made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Pat Acebo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mike Madara presented the financial report for the month of May. Mike has been working with the Bank to take care of the charges we have been receiving. We are going to be depositing into our checking account and will not be charged for the first 250

transactions a month. This can easily be raised to 500 transactions a month with no changes in our minimum balance or anything is needed. Overall, we are under budget for most of our expenses. Cindy Anthony made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Dan Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 05/31/2016	MAY
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$5775.57
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$1343.68
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$7119.25
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25139.87
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10069.68
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$6565.70
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$48969.50
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3194.22
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16096.76
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19290.98
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8263.33
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$31709.23
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$105012.05
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5589.47
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$156253.98

ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$306828.06
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$375088.54

Administrator's Report - The flowerbed by the entrance way (the area behind the stone pillars) is going to be removed and grass will be planted in its place. John is working to see if he can get some free fill to add to the sinkhole in the grove. The stone and cinder blocks were purchased for a donation to the Church. We will be keeping the grates off of the front of the building where we have added inserts into the holes. This will save us money on repairing the grates, but also makes the building look much nicer and more modern.

Pastor's Report - We have been approached by Soccer Shots and were asked if they could use the area near the ball field to teach soccer skills to young people. They provided an insurance certificate and copies of the child clearances for all of their volunteers. They will be starting tomorrow. The service on Memorial Day went well. There were 56 people in attendance and we had good feedback from the attendees. There was lots of interest to have the service again next year. The Office of Aging suggests that the start date for the Senior Center be moved back to August 1. It was suggested to Pastor Bill that we look into a young man from the area for the position of organist. We received a very positive recommendation for him by another minister, and Pastor Bill will approach him to gauge his interest.

Pastor Bill will be on vacation from June 22-27. Megan Malick will be preaching on the 26. Vacation Bible School will be July 10-14. Recreation will be leading worship on July 31. We will be serving the Acts of Love Summer Lunch Program on August 1, 3, and 4. The next communion will be August 7, and we will be serving the community meal on August 25.

Marketing Report - There will be a meeting on July 29 at 7pm at Javateas.

Children and Youth Ministry Report - There will be a meeting in July to discuss the upcoming year.

Spiritual Council Report - John McDonough met with an Eagle Scout candidate to discuss possibilities for an Eagle Scout Project. Council and John recommended a project to construct a vesper area near the cross in the grove. The Scout would need to present his proposal to Council for approval.

Budget and Finance Report, Faith Exploration Report, Outreach Report - No Report

Benevolence Committee Report - There was a meeting held last Monday. Benevolence requested approval to give \$500 to the Acts of Love program now and another \$500 in September, and to donate \$150 to Courtney's climb this summer. Vicki Schweitzer made a motion to approve these donations and Cindy Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

Adult Ministry Report - Adult Ministry will be serving a meal at VBS.

Health and Welfare Report - Health and Welfare are planning events at Ephrata Manor and Keystone Villa. They are also planning for the Special Care and Concern lunch and communion service.

Altar Guild Report - The Altar Guild would like to thank the congregation for their ongoing contributions to the Peace Pantry. Throughout the year they were able to collect items for the Ephrata Area Social Service's Food Bank, our Homeless Veterans, Christmas items for Colonial Lodge residents and the Good Samaritan Woman's Shelter. There will be no Peace Pantry in the summer months.

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Youth Report - The National Youth Event is in 41 days. We received a bill for the transportation totaling \$2428. The last youth lunch is this Sunday with a meal of sausage, mashed potatoes, and corn.

There was no Old or New Business

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, August 09, 2016. There will be no meeting in July. Being no further business, Cindy Anthony motioned to adjourn and John McDonough seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Anthony
Council Secretary



July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Sylvia Leach	2 Betty Leisey
3 9:00 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional 11:30 am Health and Welfare Ken & Nancy Leshner	4 Pierce & Ethel Leshner	5 1 pm Bible Study Sam & Nancy Leshner	6 George Lewis	7 Chuck & Bev Lightcap	8 Jonathan Lightcap	9 Daniel & Marianne Little
10 9:00 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional 5:15 pm VBS Brienne Little	11 5:15 pm VBS Jack & Linda Long	12 1 pm Bible Study 5:15 pm VBS Charlotte Macleod	13 5:15 pm VBS 6:30 pm Library Program Mike & Bev Madara	14 5:15 pm VBS Bob & Bev Martin	15 Janet Mattis	16 Janet Mawhinney
17 9:00 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional John & Heidi McDonough	18 6:30 pm Library Program Ed & Sue McIlmoyle	19 1 pm Bible Study Lillian Mesner	20 Jeff & Amy Miller	21 Jeff Miller	22 Lindsey Miller	23 Matt Miller
24 9:00 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Stewart Mohn	25 Zack & Madison Morgan	26 1 pm Bible Study Jim & Polly Moser	27 Becky Moyer	28 Jeff & Sherry Moyer	29 Nate Moyer	30 Olivia Moyer
31 9:00 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional worship with Re-Creation Ruth Mumma						



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Return Service Requested

July Events

July 10th – 14th – Vacation Bible School – 5:15 pm

July 31st – Re-Creation – 10:30 am

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

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