



PEACE NOTES

September



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

PASTOR'S PAGE

The 2016 Olympic Games are now a part of history and we carry with us a degree of pride knowing that the American athletes did so well! The purpose of the modern Olympic Games is to promote peace and unity within the international community through the medium of sports.

The Olympic creed stresses that ***the most important thing is not to win but to take part*** and that ***the essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.***

In other words the hope or the goal of the Olympic Games is to bring out the best in our athletes and in us! The problem is that pride and ego, selfishness and personal desire for gain sometimes gets in the way of the higher ideals. We sometimes don't think about how our actions will reflect on others.

Some athletes refused to shake hands with their competitors after a match – because of differences in their nationality and their faith. Others used performance enhancing drugs. One athlete was criticized for not putting her hand over her heart on the medal stand when our national anthem was played. People then began to criticize her for her hair and other issues of her appearance. While other athletes leave the games under the shadow of scandal.

Let's remember that they and we are human and that we must always be diligent to strive

for the higher ideals. And let us remember that our faith also, always calls us to live out those higher ideals.

But like the athletes we sometimes stumble and fall. So it is always important to hold those ideals before us. And when we fall, we get up, brush ourselves off and start over again determined to do just a little better this time.

The ideals for which we strive as the children of God can be found in Philippians 4:8 –

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.

Pastor Bill



Peace United Church of Christ

Church Council Officers 2016

Chris Fitterling, *Council President*
Cindy Anthony, *Council Vice-President*
Jim Anthony, *Council Secretary*
Margaret Harting, *Financial Secretary*
Mike Madara, *Treasurer*
John Haldeman, *Administrator*

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HEAD USHER

Pat Acebo

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Getz
Mardel Lausch

GREETERS

September 4 Fred and Sally Romich
September 11 Janis Hoch
September 18 Sylvia Leach
September 25 Art and Karen Pannebecker

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 4 Rosie Johnston
September 11 Margaret Harting
September 18 George and Eleanor Bailey
September 25 Ella Mae Shupp

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

September Birthdays

September 3 Ron Parker
 Mike Hornberger
September 5 Claude Adair
September 7 Kenneth Youndt
 Kerry Youndt
September 8 Sidney Evans
September 9 Susie Strouse
September 10 Kristen Heaps
 Emily Harting
September 11 Aralyn Hoffert
September 12 **Lori Hartranft****
 Dan Schweitzer
 Eric Schweitzer
September 13 Paul Kring
 Wesley Sweigart
 Gary Gress
September 14 Mary Ellen Huston
 Rebecca Priga
September 17 Bob Wolfe
September 19 Ida Franks
 Gabby Kennedy
September 20 **Ethel Lesher****
September 23 Mary Getz
September 24 David Walmsley
September 25 JR Kegerise
September 26 Heidi Garner-Ulrich
September 27 Warren Trostle
September 28 Tyler Hertzog
September 29 Jon Kegerise

** 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.

September Anniversaries

September 6 Jason and Pam Getz
September 7 Art and Karen Pannebecker
September 8 Ken and Nancy Lesher
September 10 Bob and Bev Martin
September 15 Gary and Diane Hertzog
September 16 John and Lois Haldeman
September 17 Carl and Vicki Sweigart
 Dennis and Connie High
September 22 Eugene and Shirley Endy
September 25 George and Eleanor Bailey
September 30 Jack and Mary Bernstel

thank you

To My Church Family at Peace,
 Words alone cannot express my gratitude for the cards and prayers I received during the past 11 months of my son's illness. I brought him to my home on July 21 and things are going well. Special Thanks to the Health and Welfare Committee for the plant and the sunshine box. It brought much joy to my life during some very trying days, also to Pastor Bill for his visit.

I am hoping Randy and I will be joining you on Sunday Mornings. I truly believe without our faith in God, Randy or I would not have survived this ordeal.

Love and Prayers, Pauline Firestone



The Peace Pantry items for September will be nonperishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services' food bank. These items will decorate the Chancel area for Harvest Home on Sunday, September 25th.

ALTAR GUILD

Saturday September 24th, at 9:00 am the Altar Guild will place the Harvest Home items collected throughout the month in the church sanctuary

There are some open dates for sponsors for Sunday Altar flowers. The cost is \$25.00 for the two Altar vases and the available dates are in February and July. Please see Vicki Sweigart if interested 336-2307.

SCC COMMUNION WORSHIP AND DINNER

Sunday October 2nd is World Communion Sunday. On this day we offer a special 3:00 pm afternoon 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) by September 25th or to the church office if you would like to attend or need transportation at [717-484-4400](tel:717-484-4400).



FALL CHURCH HOURS

Traditionally, we return to our Fall Schedule on the Sunday after Labor Day. We will continue that tradition with one small change. On Sunday, September 11 we will be having a Faith and Fellowship Sunday. Our Contemporary service will begin at 8:30 and our traditional Service at 10:30. There will be no Sunday School. Those who attend our early service are invited to stay after the service is over and those who attend the later service are invited to come a little early. At 9:30 we will have a time of fellowship together! This being the 15th anniversary of 9/11, we will take a few moments to be in reflection and remembrance.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

On Sunday, September 18th we will return to our traditional Fall Schedule:

- Contemporary Worship – 8:30 am
- Sunday School – 9:30 am
- Tradition Worship – 10:30 am

HARVEST HOME



Peace Church will celebrate Harvest Home on Sunday September 25th.

This year we will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services' food bank. We invite you to place your food items in the Peace Pantry any time during the month of September or bring them to the church prior to 10:00 am Saturday, September 24th. On that Saturday morning the Altar Guild will be arranging these items around the Chancel area so on Sunday morning the congregation might have a visible reminder of God's many blessings which are a part of our lives.

As another option, the Harvest Home envelope, which can be found in your packet of church envelopes, can be used to make a financial contribution. This year the monies collected will be given to the Power Pack Program for families with children as they struggle with issues of food insecurities. Harvest Home is truly a beautiful time of the year and we are blessed to live in a part of the country where God's beauty is so evident and we have resources to share.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School will begin again on September 18 at 9:30 a.m., with classes for children and adults. Peace Partners will return for preschoolers. There will be elementary, youth, and adult Sunday School classes. If you have any questions about Sunday School or have never attended and would like to learn more, please call Pastor Bill at the church. Also, please share this information with friends, family, and neighbors.



**PEACE UCC COUNCIL MEETING
August 09, 2016**

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

Excused: Pat Acebo, Jeff Moyer, Amy Miller.

President Chris Fitterling brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, August 09, 2016. President Fitterling distributed a list of the Head Ushers and Assistants for the remainder of 2016. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – The minutes from the June 14 meeting were presented. The minutes from the special meeting on July 31 were also presented.

Art Pannebecker made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 14 meeting of Council as presented and Cindy Anthony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mark Kline made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 31 special meeting of Council as presented and Art Pannebecker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mike Madara presented the financial report for the months of June and July. Mike stated that there wasn't really a whole lot that stands out over the last 2 months. The expenses and income between June and July about evened out. We are on track for our budget. The charges with BB&T have been worked out, and we are no longer being charged the new fees.

John McDonough made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Dan Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCT BALANCES as of 06/30/2016 and 07/31/2016	JUNE	JULY
FUNDS SUMMARY	END BALANCE	END BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$3933.59	\$8808.16
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	-\$3416.87	-\$3414.59
GENERAL FUND ACCT (COMBINED)	\$516.72	\$5393.57
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCT (LIQUID CD)	\$25143.99	\$25148.25
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10069.68	\$10069.68
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$4116.88	\$2833.76
PETTY CASH	\$75.00	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$39922.27	\$43520.26
CAP. IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3194.34	\$3194.46
CAP. IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16099.40	\$16102.13
CAP. IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$19293.74	\$19296.59
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8264.07	\$8114.83
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$31714.43	\$31719.80
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$105140.83	\$105273.90
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5889.25	\$5458.32
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$156442.88	\$163711.18
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$307451.46	\$314278.03
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$366667.47	\$377094.88

Administrator's Report - The roof leak in the Narthex is back. The work crew attempted to fix it, and we are waiting for a heavy rain to see if there are any additional leaks. The inserts on the front of the building are complete and they look nice.

The work crew removed approx. 30 large rocks from the grove that were getting in the way of the lawn mowing. There are about 28+ trees that will

need trimming around the property. John is getting bids.

John shared that there have been some dark spots appearing on the carpet in the Sanctuary. These spots reappear after cleaning, and are always in the same pattern. John will look into the cause of these spots, and will see what can be done.

Pastor's Report - We are still waiting to hear back from the Senior Center on the possibility of them coming to Peace. More information will be shared in the future about what is going on with this.

There will be a Faith Exploration event on August 21st with Taiwan from Africa speaking. Harvest Home will be on September 25th. World Communion Sunday is October 2nd. Life Line Screening requested the use of the Church on October 18th.

A quilting group that includes several members of Peace asked to use our facilities to meet. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30 until 8:30. Vaye Freeman made a motion to allow this group to meet at the Church and Vickie Schweitzer seconded. Motion carried.

Marketing Committee Report - There is a meeting scheduled for August 24 at 7pm at Javateas in Ephrata.

We are working on the next video and are planning on releasing it in September, shortly after our Faith and Fellowship Sunday.

Our Facebook and Web marketing campaigns have worked in small scale tests over the past couple of months, and we will be ramping up these efforts in the coming months.

Children and Youth Ministry Report - There will be a Confirmation Class this year with approx. 4 kids. The toddler age class requested floor pillows for the kids to sit on. There will be a family fun night on October 29. More information will be available at a later date. We are looking into the possibility

of bringing in an outside program for Christmas this year.

Spiritual Council Report, Adult Ministry Report, Outreach Report - No report.

Budget and Finance Report - They are working on setting up a date to begin the process for 2017.

Benevolence Committee Report - There will be a meeting held on September 12th.

Health and Welfare Report - The next meeting will be held on September 6th. They will be visiting the Denver Nursing Home on August 30th.

Altar Guild Report - The Altar Guild held their annual meeting on August 08. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services Food Bank in the month of September. These items will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Harvest Home. Donated food items can be placed in the Peace Pantry anytime through Saturday September 24 at 10:00am. The Altar Guild will begin decorating the Sanctuary on September 24 at 9:00am. The Harvest Home envelopes will be used for a financial contribution to the Ephrata Area Social Services Energy Fuel Assistance Program.

Youth Report - Cindy shared information about the National Youth Event in Florida. Over 3000 youth participated from Churches around the country.

There will be a Chicken BBQ held on September 24th.

Old Business - None

New Business - We have received a replacement AED. Council will be introduced to the new model at the September meeting.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Being no further business, John McDonough motioned to adjourn and Mary Getz seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

| *Jim Anthony, Council Secretary*

September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Mike & Bobbie Jo Steffey	2 Emily Steffey	3 Ed Stork
4 9:00 am Contemporary Service 10:30 am Traditional Brian & Susie Strouse	5 Tiffany Strouse	6 1 pm Bible Study 5:30 pm Health and Welfare Greg & Kathy Strunk	7 Arlene Styer	8 Don & Heidi Sunday	9 Karen Sweigart	10 Wes & Hazel Sweigart
11 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Faith and Fellowship time 10:30 am Traditional Helen Timpson	12 6 pm Benevolence Charles & Pat Tiltow	13 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7:00 Church Council Barb Tobias	14 Richard & Virginia Tobias	15 Staci Tobias	16 Dianne Tothero	17 Jean Trostle
18 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Warren Trostle	19 7 pm Children's Ministry David & Jane Walmsley	20 1 pm Bible Study Mark & Trina Weaver	21 Mark Weaver	22 Pauline Whitehead	23 Alan & Marlene Wilson	24 9 am Altar Guild decorating for Harvest Home Youth Chicken BBQ Brad & Amy Wolf
25 Harvest Home 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Dan & Sheree Wolf	26 Devon & Michelle Wolf	27 1 pm Bible Study Pat Wolf	28 7 pm Marketing Bob & Penny Wolfe	29 Ray & Carolyn Wolverton	30 Cliff & Audrey Youndt	



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Return Service Requested

September Events

September 11st – Faith and Fellowship Sunday – 9:30 am

September 24th – Chicken BBQ

September 25th – Harvest Home

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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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