



PEACE NOTES



October

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

PASTOR'S PAGE

People want to be happy. We all want to be happy. But happiness seems to sometimes be an elusive commodity.

Google "searching for happiness" and you find articles like: 9 places unhappy people search for happiness or 10 places unhappy people search for happiness. The lists include things like: in their next purchase, in their next pay-check, in their next competition, in their next job, in their next...

If you are in search of happiness and you believe these articles, then happiness always seems to be just one step ahead of you.

Martin Thielen wrote a book entitled, "**Searching for Happiness.**" Inside the book the focus shifts from happiness to contentment. Contented people are "those who are peacefully happy and satisfied with the way things are or with what has been done." The major difference is that the search for happiness seems to be one step ahead and if you catch up to it, it is momentary. Contentment tends to be a present experience.

Thielen lists 9 attitudes and behaviors that make people content.

Contented people:

- use trials as growth opportunities
- cultivate optimism
- focus on the present
- practice forgiveness
- practice generosity
- nurture relationships
- express gratitude
- care for their bodies
- care for their souls

The amazing thing is these are practices that are all under our control AND all nine of these traits are taught in the bible.

In the living of our faith may we find peace and contentment.

Pastor Bill



Peace United Church of Christ

Church Council Officers 2016

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HEAD USHER

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Audrey Youndt
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GREETERS

October 2 Mary Getz
October 9 Dave Dowhower
October 16 George and Eleanor Bailey
October 23 Jack and Linda Long
October 30 Harvey and Esther Schlouch

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 2 Warren Trostle
October 9 Shirley Kline and family
October 16 Dan and Pat Hall
October 23 Mr. and Mrs. Clair Lausch
October 30 Dixie Schweitzer

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

October Birthdays

- October 1 Devon Wolf
- October 4 Eric Flicker
Paige Heaps
- October 5 Shirley Kline
- October 6 Diane Englert
- October 8 Richard Schweitzer, Jr
Megan High
- October 10 Barbara Tobias
- October 11 Josh High
- October 12 Jay Burkey
- October 14 **Leonore Fiterling****
Jim Anthony
- October 16 Dennis High
- October 17 Gretchen Cosce
- October 18 **Anna Hopkins****
- October 19 Harold Kohl
- October 20 **Kathryn Fitterling****
- October 22 Bill Young
- October 27 Tiffany Strouse
- October 28 Jean Trostle
Brielle Shahade

**** Special Care and Concern Member**

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

October Anniversaries

- October 1 Robert and Vaye Freeman
- October 7 Robert and Jodie Freeman
- October 10 Charlie and Edie Graff
- October 13 Sam and Nancy Leshner
- October 14 Dan and Marianne Little
- October 21 Chris and Linda Fitterling
- October 22 Mark and Trina Weaver
- October 30 Mike and Bev Madara

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 to all who contributed pillows for the Sunday School program. They were all wonderful. They will be used throughout the Sunday School classes for the children to use in a variety of activities. Your help is very much appreciated.

Children's Ministry

The youth would like to say "THANK YOU" for coming out and supporting the Chicken BBQ. We sold 220 half chickens and earned a profit of approximately \$700.

Peace UCC Youth



During the month of October the Peace Pantry will be collecting food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, pasta, sauce, cereal and anything else a family could use for a nice Thanksgiving dinner. Donated items will be placed in Thanksgiving boxes for families in need within the congregation and local community

ANNUAL REPORTS



Please have your committee reports for the annual report book submitted to the church office by early October. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13th. Reports can be placed on the secretary's desk or submitted by email using – [.secretary@peaceunited-church.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunited-church.org)

TOTENFEST

Each year Peace Church observes Totenfest, a service where we remember those who have died in the past year. If you have a friend or loved one who passed away since our last observance, please give that person's name, date of death and their relationship to you to Pastor Bill. Thank You.



YOUTH GROUP



The youth will be continuing the luncheons after the traditional service. Part of the proceeds from each luncheon will be donated to a different service organization in the area.

More information will be available in the near future.

Youth group will be meeting on October 16th at 6:30 pm. We will be doing some activities, eating some pizza and having some fun. Bring a friend and come out and join us.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

In early November the Health and Welfare Committee will be assembling food boxes to go to families within the congregation and local community. During the month of October the Peace Pantry will be collecting food items to be used in these boxes. The Health and Welfare Committee will be supplying a canned ham for each of these boxes and will be looking to the congregation for some canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, canned potatoes, pasta, sauce, cereal and anything else a family could use for a nice meal. If you know of anyone in need of a food basket please contact Erla Hartranft at [717-484-4573](tel:717-484-4573) or Pastor Bill.

FALL FUN FEST

Family! Fun! Friends! On Sunday, November 6, the church family and the community are invited to a Fall Fun Fest. There will be food, games, a hay ride and fellowship. All are invited, so tell your neighbors, family and friends. There will be something for everyone, especially the children. The time is from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be a sign up sheet just so we can get an idea of the number attending. However, signing up is not necessary for attendance. Mark your calendars for November 6th.

ABIGAIL BUTZ MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

You're invited to donate blood on Saturday, October 29th from 9 am to 12 pm, in the fellowship hall. There will be a sign up sheet on the office window in October. You can also sign up online at the following link:

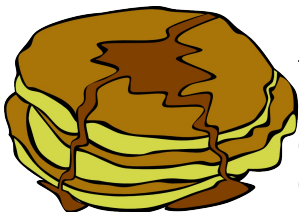


<https://peaceunitedchurch.org/blood-drive>

Walk-ins are also welcome.

You are also welcome to donate blood at the PA Central Blood Bank (1-800-771-0059) and have it count towards the blood drive throughout the year. We have started donating every 8 weeks with our donation counting toward the blood drive each time.

If you are unable to donate, you are welcome to donate a baked good for those to eat after donating. We are also excited that the youth group will be serving breakfast the morning of the blood drive so everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy breakfast even if you are not able to donate blood the morning of the blood drive.



In addition to the blood drive, there will be a breakfast for everyone from 8-11 am organized by the church so come enjoy some fellowship and a wonderful breakfast

and donate blood if you are able!!

Please see Kristine and Timothy Butz with any questions about the blood drive and Cindy Anthony with questions about the breakfast. Thank-you for giving the gift of life by donating blood for others!



The Friends of the Adamstown Area Library are celebrating Friends Week with a presentation at Peace on October 20th in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Jack Brubaker will speak about his LNP column, The Scribbler, and his book of past columns, "Remembering Lancaster County."

Brubaker has written The Scribbler column for Lancaster Newspapers since 1979. He is a retired investigative reporter for the Lancaster New Era and the author of six books. He was born in Bird-in-

Hand and lives with his wife, Christine, in Manor Township.

This should be an interesting and informative evening (with refreshments of course) and we hope many of you will want to attend. Registration is suggested. Please use the sign up sheet on the office window.

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) or to the church office if you would like to attend or need transportation at [717-484-4400](tel:717-484-4400).

SPECIAL CARE AND CONCERN MEMBERS

We always remember our SCC Members at Christmas and on their birthdays. Christmas cards for each SCC Member can be placed in the Christmas box in the Narthex. We also invite you to bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 4th to share with our SCC members when the Health and Welfare Committee packs their Christmas bags. We also invite you to sign a birthday card for each SCC member and place it in the box in the Narthex so that their sponsor may deliver the cards in time for their birthdays. No postage or stamp is needed, place your cards in the box and the Health and Welfare Committee will separate and pack them.

CHRISTMAS CARD

Shirley Endy
Jane Schweitzer
Stewart Mohn
Pierce and Ethel Leshner
Alverta Kilhefner
Richard and Robinette Palsgrove
Maxine Burky
Arlene Styer
Gene Huston
Betty Good
Mary Lou Sweigart
Marvin and Kathryn Fitterling
Dolly Youndt
Lori Hartranft
Warren "Slats" Trostle
Leonore Fitterling
Anna Hopkins
Sally Fasnacht
Dianne Tothoro
Judy High
Betty Leisey

BIRTHDAY LIST

Shirley Endy January 1
Jane Schweitzer January 1
Stewart Mohn January 13
Pierce Leshner January 24
Alverta Kilhefner January 30
Robinette Palsgrove February 8
Maxine Burky March 20
Arlene Styer March 28
Gene Huston March 30
Betty Good April 7
Mary Lou Sweigart June 6
Marvin Fitterling June 22
Dolly Youndt July 13
Lori Hartranft September 12
Ethel Leshner September 20
Warren "Slats" Trostle September 27
Leonore Fitterling October 14
Anna Hopkins October 18
Kathryn Fitterling October 20
Richard Palsgrove November 3
Sally Fasnacht November 18
Dianne Tothoro November 19
Judy High December 2

Betty Leisey

December 31

FALL EVENTS AT HARTMAN CENTER

**Hartman Center's Fall Festival
Saturday, October 15th**

9am - 5K Trail Run/2K Family Fun Run/Walk

10am – 3pm – All other activities including live music, hayrides, food and a silent auction.

See link for more information about the festival including registration for the run as well as items to donate to the silent auction.

<http://www.hartmancenter.com/events/>

**Youth Retreat
November 18th to November 20th**

See link for more information as well as registration information.

<http://www.hartmancenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2016-HC-Fall-Youth-Retreat.pdf>

**Women's Retreat
November 18th to November 20th**

See link for more information as well as registration information.

<http://www.hartmancenter.com/wp-content/uploads/2016-HC-Fall-Womens-Retreat.pdf>

Coming in the Spring 2017

Confirmation Retreat – March 31st to April 2nd

Men's Retreat – May 5th to May 7th

Elementary Retreat - 2nd through 5th Grade - May 5th to May 7th

If you have any questions, please see the Butz family.



PEACE UCC COUNCIL MEETING
September 13, 2016

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

Excused: John Haldeman, Jeff Moyer

President Chris Fitterling brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes – Dan Hall made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Mark Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mike Madara presented the financial report for the month of August. There are no charges listed anymore from BB&T - those issues should be resolved. We will need new checks before December 06 with the BB&T account information on them.

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

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 08/31/2016	AUGUST
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$8054.05
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	-\$2729.19
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$5324.86
CAPITAL HOLDING	\$25152.51

ACCOUNT (LIQUID CD)	
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10069.68
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$3433.76
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$44055.81
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3194.58
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16104.86
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TOTAL	\$19299.44
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8115.58
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$31725.17
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$105389.40
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5763.29
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$158321.54
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$309314.98
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$372670.23

Administrator's Report - President Chris Fitterling presented the Administrators report in John's absence. We have received several quotes for the work to be done on the trees around the building. Sals in Reinholds submitted a bid for \$7165. Sunrise Landscaping submitted a bid for \$1740 for manual trimming with the use of ladders. Newcastle Lawn and Landscaping submitted 2 bids, one for \$3700 and one for \$4050. The first bid from Newcastle was not for the work we were expecting. The second bid from Newcastle was to do the tree trimming and shaping from bucket trucks. John strongly recommends Newcastle because they have the proper equipment to do the job right the first time, although it would be more expensive. Art Pannebecker made a motion to accept the bid from Newcastle Lawn and Landscaping to do the work with bucket trucks and Vickie Schweitzer seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report - The quilting group is now meeting at the Church. We received a request from the Girl Scouts to hold a pancake breakfast at the Church on December 3.

September 25 is Harvest Home, and the food will go to EASS and the money will go to the Fuel Assistance Fund. October 2 is World Communion Sunday, and the special service/dinner will be at 3pm. October 30 is Totenfest. The congregational meeting will be on November 13.

Pastor Bill showed a training video for our new AED and refreshed Council on its location and use.

Children and Youth Ministry Report - No Report

Spiritual Council Report - A discussion was held on the consideration of making an offer to Phyllis Sands for the position of organist. Council shared experiences from her Sunday playing for us and they were all positive. She is a skilled organist and it is believed that she will be a good fit at Peace. Vaye Freeman made a motion that we extend an offer to Phyllis Sands and Mary Getz seconded. Motion carried. Pastor Bill will follow up with Phyllis and report back with her response.

Budget and Finance, Adult Ministry, Old Business, New Business - No report.

Benevolence Committee Report - Benevolence presented 3 requests for use of funds - a family in need, itech solar pack power units, and the Adamstown library. Dan Hall made a motion to accept these donations and Vaye Freeman seconded. Motion carried.

Health and Welfare Report - World Communion Sunday is October 2.

Altar Guild Report - The Peace Pantry items for September will be nonperishable food items for the Ephrata Area Social Services' food bank. These items will be used to decorate the Chancel area for Harvest Home on Sunday, September 25th. These items should be placed in the Peace Pantry

throughout the month of September or to church any time before 10:00 am Saturday morning September 24th.

October the Peace Pantry will be collecting food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, pasta, sauce, cereal and anything else a family could use for a nice Thanksgiving dinner. The Health and Welfare committee will place these items in Thanksgiving boxes for families in need within the congregation and community

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.

Thank You's have been sent for some memorial money in memory of Bob Martin

Youth Report - There will be a Chicken BBQ on September 24.

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Being no further business, Mary Getz motioned to adjourn and John McDonough seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Anthony
Council Secretary

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Connie Youndt
2 World Communion Sunday 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional 3:00 pm SCC Communion and Dinner Dolly Youndt	3 Kenneth & Helen Youndt	4 1 pm Bible Study Kerry Youndt	5 Bill & Martha Young	6 Michael & Teresa Youtz	7 Joe & Pat Acebo	8 Claude & Bertha Adair
9 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Michael & Cindy Anderson	10 Jim Anthony	11 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7:00 Church Council Mark Anthony	12 7:00 pm Children's Ministry Matt & Cindy Anthony	13 Danelle Bailey	14 George & Eleanor Bailey	15 Jody & Barb Becker
16 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Jack & Mary Bernstel	17 Alice Binns	18 1 pm Bible Study Craig Bixler	19 Georgean Bixler	20 Jay & Stacy Burkey	21 Nichole Burkey	22 Tiffany Burkey
23 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Glenn Burky	24 Maxine Burky	25 1 pm Bible Study Melissa Burky	26 Robert Burky	27 George & Lila Butz	28 Tim & Kristine Butz	29 8:00 am – 11:00 am Youth Pancake Breakfast 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive Allyson Butz
30 Totenfest 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Don & Sue Calhoon	31 Wendy Christie					



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Return Service Requested

October Events

October 2nd – SCC Communion and Dinner – 3:00 pm

October 29th – Youth Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 am – 11:00 am

October 29th – Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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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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