



# PEACENOTES



## January

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

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

While thinking about the coming New Year and having to write something for this first Newsletter of the New Year, I came across the following statement by author Neil Gaiman:

*"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing Something.*

*So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make New Mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life. Whatever it is you're scared of doing, Do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever."*

Typically at this time of the year we are wishing people a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year. We hope, in some way, that this New Year will be better or different than the previous year; that maybe we will not have to face the challenges or the health issues or whatever struggles we had to deal with this year. And that is fine. In a way we hope or wish for the same thing – only better.

This year let us hope for and strive for something new and different. It may be better it may not. It may work it may not. We may make mistakes and we may not. But if we make mistakes at least we are trying to do something that will move our church forward; at least we are striving to move our lives forward in a way that we may grow in our service to God, to one another and to others.

In our attempts to serve God, let us not be afraid to make a mistake, because even in the mistake we are able to grow. Let us not be mired down by the past, let us rise up in loving service and faith!

Pastor Bill



# Peace United Church of Christ

## Church Council Officers 2017

Chris Fitterling, *Council President*  
John McDonough, *Council Vice-President*  
Jim Anthony, *Council Secretary*  
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### HEAD USHER

Barb Hoffert

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### ALTAR GUILD

Erla Hartranft  
Deb Hedrick

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### GREETERS

**January 1** Susie and Tiffany Strouse  
**January 8** Nancy Reese  
**January 15** Mardel Lausch  
**January 22** Vicki Garner-Sweigart  
**January 29** Deb Hedrick

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

**January 1** Mary Getz  
**January 8** Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graff  
**January 15** Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palsgrove and  
family  
**January 22** Jon Kegerise Family  
**January 29** Mildred Krick

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**The deadline for submitting articles for the February issue of Peace Notes is January 20th.** Please put your information in the hanging folder labeled "Peace Notes" located on the office desk or email it to: [secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)  
Thank you! This email address can also be used for information to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

## January Birthdays

January 1	Jane Schweitzer** Shirley Endy**
January 3	Jim Moser Audrey Youndt Pat Harting
January 4	Kathi Good
January 6	Bradyn Shahade
January 8	Alicia Good
January 10	Donna Reinhart Julie LaSalle
January 13	Margaret Harting Cliff Youndt Shawn Burky
January 14	Stewart Mohn
January 16	Randy Stauffer
January 18	Janet Mattis Charles Graff Margaret Gress
January 21	Erla Hartranft
January 22	Gerry Ann Flicker Donald Sunday
January 24	Pierce Leshner Karen Dorsey
January 27	Harvey Schlouch Emma Hoffert
January 28	Staci Tobias
January 29	Vicki Garner-Sweigart
January 30	Alverta Kilhefner
January 31	Jerry Englert

### \*\* Special Care and Concern Member

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

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## January Anniversaries

January 2	Scott and Lise Lausch
January 5	Claude and Bertha Adair
January 14	Clair and Mardel Lausch

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Did we miss your birthday or anniversary this month? Was your information incorrect? If so, please send the correct information to

[secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org) or place a note in the Peace Notes envelope on the desk in the office.

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# thank you

Thank you to the congregation for the offer of meals, cards, flowers, and especially for your thoughts, prayers and well wishes for both Ron and I during our time in the hospital this year and throughout our recovery.

Thanks to Pastor Bill for his visits.

Thank you also for the food basket. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated by Ron and I as we continue to make strides in our recovery. Kind words, company and prayers really do make a difference.

*Ron and Carol Parker*

Dear Members of Health and Welfare Committee, Thank you for the fruit at Thanksgiving. Thank you to Pastor Bill and Stacey Burkey for their visits.

The gift bag with the cookies and cards was really appreciated. I had special memories of some of the card senders. God bless and wishing all Peace members a very Merry Christmas.

*Maxine Burky*

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and visits after my fall. Also thanks for the flowers, fruit basket and Pastor Bill's visits. Everything was greatly appreciated.

*Audrey Youndt*

Thank you to everyone that sent a birthday card to me on my "milestone" day.

*Sylvia Leach*

Thank you for all the nice Christmas cards and the visit from Pastor Bill who brought cookies and a wreath for my door. All were very much appreciated. Happy New Year to all!

*Anna Hopkins*

Thank you to all the congregational members who purchased Christmas Poinsettias. The church sanctuary looked beautiful

*The Altar Guild*

Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, cards, gifts and visits during the year of 2016. God bless You all.

*Arlene Styer*

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During the months of January and February the Peace Pantry will be collecting new white men's socks for the homeless veterans

throughout Pennsylvania. These socks will be distributed by John and Mary Getz to the homeless veterans' shelters.

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### MUSINGS

by Lois Haldeman

It is never going to be my intention to offend or anger readers of this publication. That's just not my style. But, throughout the recent holiday season, I have become painfully aware of what I will call a 'lack of civility' among us.

Oh, I don't necessarily mean the members of Peace Church. I'm talking about what I have experienced in my travels out and about preparing for the holidays. Sure, a lack of courtesy and politeness can be witnessed anytime of the year. I personally find it most glaring during the month of December when logic tells me that the holidays should put all of us in a better mood than usual.

For those of you who are thinking, "Where did she get those rose-colored glasses?", please let me explain. I know that no one has a life free of concerns, problems, or issues. The holidays, for most of us, are stress-producing just due to the very fact that we make ourselves so busy. And let me not forget to mention that there are some people who really don't like or enjoy the holidays. All of these factors can, in my opinion, add to some rather 'un-civil' types infringing upon us.

It's also true that for every person displaying rude or impolite behavior, there are many people showing acts of kindness, respect, and Christian love. For most of us, civility isn't something we have to force ourselves to practice... it comes naturally. Wouldn't it be great if everyone lived that way?

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### YOU'RE INVITED...

to the 10<sup>th</sup> annual spaghetti dinner in memory of Abigail Kristine Butz, on January 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Peace UCC fellowship hall.

We are sponsoring this dinner to honor Abigail's life and help to raise money and awareness for three of the organizations that have helped us. The dinner is free. Donations will be accepted for the Ronald McDonald House of Delaware, A.I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware and the Histiocytosis Association of America (researches cures for HLH). You may write a check directly to the organization of your choice.

We look forward to seeing many familiar faces at the dinner as we honor Abigail's life as well as the opportunity to pass forward all the support we received as well as bring awareness for research for HLH (and other rare blood diseases).

We look forward to spending time with you at the spaghetti dinner. Please feel free to share this invitation with others and bring some friends!!

*Sincerely,  
Abigail's Family  
Matthew, Michael, Allyson, Kristine, and Timothy*

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### YOUTH GROUP

The youth would like to say a big THANK YOU to the congregation for the support of our lunches. From the December lunch, the proceeds were just over \$200. We were able to donate \$100 to the Hartman Center Pool fund.



The youth will be hosting a mystery dinner on January 21 at 5pm. Cost of the dinner is by donation only. The theme this year is Winter Wonder-

land. This is a fun event. We can guarantee only one thing.....you will not be hungry at the end of the night. .Please make your reservation for the dinner by email to [mysterydinner@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:mysterydinner@peaceunitedchurch.org) or on the sign-up sheet on the office window.

It's soon Souper Bowl Sunday! We are having a Chili and Sandwich sale for February 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a variety of 12 inch sandwiches for \$6.00 and pretzel sandwiches offered for \$4.50 each from R & K Sandwiches. The chili is homemade by our youth. Chili costs \$6.25 per quart. Orders can be placed on the order forms on the office window or by visiting our website <https://peaceunitedchurch.org/youth> by January 29, 2017 at noon.



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**PEACE UCC COUNCIL MEETING  
December 13, 2016**

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, Chris Fitterling, Dan Hall, John McDonough, Cindy Anthony, Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Vaye Freeman, Art Pannebecker, Amy Miller, Jim Anthony, John Haldeman, Mike Madara.  
Excused: Vicki Wissinger, Vickie Schweitzer, Mark Kline, Jeff Moyer  
Guests serving on the 2017 Council: Kristine Butz, Barb Hoffert, Deb Hedrick

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

**Review of last month's minutes** – Vaye Freeman made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and John McDonough seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Mike Madara presented the financial report for the months of October and November.

We received our new checks today to go with our BB&T account. The old Susquehanna checks worked until mid-December, and we have the new checks to use. We also received our new supplies, such as our check stamper and deposit slips. We will be using the new items effective immediately.

In the New Year, the Organist will show as one line item in the budget, to match the changes made this year.

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

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 10/31/2016 and 11/30/2016	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
<b>FUNDS SUMMARY</b>	<b>ENDING BAL- ANCE</b>	<b>ENDING BAL- ANCE</b>
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$4387.60	\$6415.50
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	-\$2313.47	-\$2284.68
<b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)</b>	<b>\$2074.13</b>	<b>\$4130.82</b>
CAPITAL HOLDING AC- COUNT (LIQUID CD)	\$25160.89	\$25165.01
MEMORIAL FUND(MMA)	\$10194.68	\$10194.68
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$2897.53	\$2870.95
PETTY CASH	\$75.00	\$75.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$40402.23</b>	<b>\$42436.46</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3194.82	\$3194.94
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16110.23	\$16112.87
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19305.05</b>	<b>\$19307.81</b>
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$8117.06	\$8117.73
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$31735.75	\$31740.95
ENDOWMENT CDS (RE- STRICTED USE)	\$105648.72	\$105773.67
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$6222.97	\$6511.87
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$156843.52	\$156221.45
<b>ENDOWMENT FUND TO- TAL</b>	<b>\$308568.02</b>	<b>\$308365.67</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$368275.30</b>	<b>\$370109.94</b>

**Administrator's Report** - The tree removal is currently being completed. There was one additional tree that needed to be taken down, it was split approx. 10 feet above the ground and would have fallen on a neighbor's property.

The burnt out bulbs in the Sanctuary spotlights will be changed. The inspection of our fire extinguishers is scheduled for next week. The Boy Scouts will be placing a shed behind our shed, as requested in the past. It will measure 16x10 and John believes it will look nice behind our shed.

We ended up needing a slightly more expensive floor mopper. The piece of equipment that was quoted to the Church was the wrong mopper. The final bill was \$795.

The candles and luminaries are ready for Christmas Eve.

One of the roasters is broken. It was suggested that we get 2 roasters to replace the one that cooks really slowly as well. Cindy Anthony will purchase the new roasters.

**Pastor's Report** - The Library has their annual lunch at the Church on Monday at noon. January 8<sup>th</sup> is both Communion and the Installation and Ordination of Council Members. Unhanging of the Greens is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Children and Youth Ministry, Spiritual Council Report, Budget and Finance Report** - No Report

**Benevolence Committee Report** - A meeting was held last Monday. Approval was requested to donate \$1000 to the Hartman Center Pool Project. Cindy Anthony made a motion to approve this donation, and Vaye Freeman seconded. Motion carried.

**Adult Ministry Report** - Adult Ministry is providing refreshments for the Faith and Fellowship Sunday, as well as for caroling.

**Health and Welfare Report** - There is a planning meeting scheduled in January.

**Altar Guild Report** - Thank you to all the congregational members who ordered poinsettias. The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary this December 17<sup>th</sup> by the Altar Guild. The poinsettias will be in the Church for the 18<sup>th</sup> and the Christmas Eve Services.

If the new visitor cards arrive, the Altar Guild will also be restocking the pews on Saturday morning. If the visitor cards are not ready we will have the pews restocked for Christmas Eve.

The Peace Pantry will be collecting new white socks for our homeless veterans in January and February

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - Information for the renewal of Insurance for the year 2017 was presented. Workman's Compensation Insurance is \$779, Business Catastrophic Insurance is \$475, and our Property Insurance is \$7386. Council decided to renew our policies as they were last year with no changes.

The Boy Scouts requested to stay overnight at the Church on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Some will be staying inside, and some will be staying outside to fulfill Scouting requirements. They will be restricted to half of the building for the evening. The Church signed a re-chartering agreement with the Boy Scouts for the year 2017.

January 8<sup>th</sup> will be Communion, and the Installation and Ordination of new Council members.

President Fitterling entertained nominations for the officers for the 2017 Council. Vaye Freeman made a motion to elect the following officers for 2017 and Cindy Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

President:	Chris Fitterling
Vice-President:	John McDonough
Secretary:	Jim Anthony
Treasurer:	Mike Madara
Administrator:	John Haldeman

President Fitterling thanked the 2016 Council for their service to the Church. The first meeting for the 2017 Council will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Being no further business, Art Pannebecker motioned to adjourn and Vaye Freeman seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Anthony  
Council Secretary

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# January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:30 am Traditional  <b>Josh High</b>	<b>2</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  <b>Judy High</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30p Health and Welfare  <b>Kayla High</b>	<b>4</b>   <b>Megan High</b>	<b>5</b> 7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Bill &amp; Janis Hoch</b>	<b>6</b>   <b>Keith &amp; Barb Hoffert</b>	<b>7</b>   <b>Michael Hoffert</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional  <b>Fran Hollen</b>	<b>9</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  <b>Anna Hopkins</b>	<b>10</b> 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7:00 Church Council  <b>Mike Hornberger</b>	<b>11</b> 7 pm Marketing Meeting  <b>Gene Huston</b>	<b>12</b> 7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Rosie Johnston</b>	<b>13</b>   <b>Ben Kegerise</b>	<b>14</b> 5p Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner  <b>Jon &amp; Jill Kegerise</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional 11:30 am Unhanging of the Greens  <b>JR Kegerise</b>	<b>16</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  <b>Gabby Kennedy</b>	<b>17</b> 1 pm Bible Study  <b>Alverta Kilhefner</b>	<b>18</b> 7p Childrens Ministry 7p Marketing  <b>Mark Kline</b>	<b>19</b> 7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Shirley Kline</b>	<b>20</b>   <b>Arthur Klink</b>	<b>21</b> 5p Youth Mystery Dinner  <b>Kevin &amp; Jess Klinkner</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional  <b>Harold &amp; Ann Kohl</b>	<b>23</b> 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal  <b>Janice Kohl</b>	<b>24</b> 1 pm Bible Study  <b>Mildred Krick</b>	<b>25</b>   <b>Paul Kring</b>	<b>26</b> 7 pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Russell &amp; Julie LaSalle</b>	<b>27</b>   <b>Chris &amp; Jessica Lausch</b>	<b>28</b>   <b>Clair &amp; Mardel Lausch</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional  <b>Scott &amp; Lise Lausch</b>	<b>30</b>   <b>Sylvia Leach</b>	<b>31</b> 1 pm Bible Study  <b>Betty Leisey</b>				



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Return Service Requested

### **January Events**

**January 14<sup>th</sup> – Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti Dinner – 5:00 pm**  
**January 21<sup>st</sup> – Youth Mystery Dinner – 5:00 pm**

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Contemporary Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
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