



PEACENOTES

February



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

PASTOR'S PAGE

What is a hero? A hero is a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities. Often, when we think about heroes we think about super heroes – characters that are admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities, but also have some sort of super human quality, ability or strength. Superman can fly!

Personally, I prefer the Lone Ranger. He has no super powers; he simply lived his life doing what he could do to help others. He lives by his creed: I believe...

- That to have a friend, a man must be one.
- That all men are created equal and that everyone has within himself the power to make this a better world.
- That God put the firewood there, but that every man must gather and light it himself.
- In being prepared physically, mentally, and morally to fight when necessary for what is right.
- That a man should make the most of what equipment he has.
- That 'this government of the people, by the people, and for the people' shall live always.
- That men should live by the rule of what is best for the greatest number.
- That sooner or later... somewhere... somehow... we must settle with the world and make payment for what we have taken.
- That all things change but truth, and that truth alone, lives on forever.
- In my Creator, my country, my fellow man.

In this light, John the Baptist is a hero. Even though Jesus is not the person John expected, he faithfully fulfilled his call and served God with what abilities he had. Likewise we all have the ability to be heroes by living out the basic tenants of our faith – to love and serve God, love and serve others, care for the earth and one another.

The one difference is that rather than our settling with the world for the things we have taken, God settles on our behalf by the grace and mercy of Christ. Let us live as heroes of the faith!

Pastor Bill



Peace United Church of Christ

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Chris Fitterling, *Council President*
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Lillian Messner
Nancy Reese

GREETERS

February 5 Pat Acebo
February 12 Mike and Bev Madara
February 19 Ray and Bobbie Kunkel
February 26 Bob and Vaye Freeman

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 5 Ray and Carolyn Wolverton
February 12 Jack and Mary Bernstel
February 19 Ann Englert and Family
February 26 Linda Coventry and Alice Binns

The deadline for submitting articles for the March issue of Peace Notes is February 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.

February Birthdays

- February 2** Fred Stauffer
February 5 Mary Bernstel
Tiffany Burkey
February 7 Carole Good
February 8 **Robinette Palsgrove****
Grace Hoffert
February 9 Janet Mawhinney
Courtney Hall
February 11 Jack Long
Beverly Fisher
Pat Titlow
George Bailey
February 13 Penelope Wolf
February 14 Joanne Hassler
February 15 Fran Hollen
February 16 Pauline Whitehead
Kathy Garner-Wilson
February 17 Pat Wolf
February 19 Finley Sep-Wolf
February 22 Martha Young

** Special Care and Concern Member

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

February Anniversaries

- February 15** Dick and Robinette Palsgrove
David and Jane Walmsley
February 20 Jody and Barb Becker
February 24 Ron and Carol Parker

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

Members of Peace Church,
Thank you for all of the support and help you have given to us during the Holiday Season. Thank you for the contributions of food for the Thanksgiving baskets, the Christmas gifts for the residents of Colonial Lodge and for the cookies and Christmas Cards for our Special Care and Concern members. Your generosity is so greatly appreciated.

The Health and Welfare Committee

Dear Friends at Peace UCC,
Thank you for your Benevolence Fund donation of \$1,000 towards the room to grow campaign to build a new Adamstown Library. Your donation will be directed toward the Drop Box at the new Library.

*Sincerely,
Jane Webber*

Dear Friends as Peace UCC,
Thank you very, very much for your \$1,000 contribution for the Hartman Center Swimming Pool Fund.

*Warmly,
Dave Bushnell*

Peace Church Family,
Thank you so much for continuing to allow us to use the fellowship hall and kitchen for the 10th annual Abigail Butz Memorial Spaghetti dinner. Thank you to everyone who attended, made desserts and/or made a donation to RMH of DE, Al duPont Hospital for Children and/or the Histio Society. We truly appreciate the donations made in Abigail's memory.

*Thank you,
Abigail's family
Matthew, Michael, Allyson, Timothy and Kristine
Butz*

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, flowers and phone calls. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is truly appreciated. May you be blessed with a healthy and happy 2017.

Carolyn Wolverton



During the month of 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.

MUSINGS

by Lois Haldeman

You may not know this about me, but I am a huge fan of reggae music. For those of you not familiar with reggae, allow me to give you a quick lesson:

- It is often referred to as "island music". However, it is unique to Jamaica but also has its roots in New Orleans jazz.
- Its' lyrics are much influenced by Rastafarian ideals.

Granted, while the Rastafarian lifestyle is very controversial, their message is one of love and peace. Okay, enough of the "textbook lesson"....

A popular song in this genre is "Love Is My Religion". While it is a rather simple but catchy song, it has been making me think about my own religious beliefs and values. Isn't what we express in our religion based on love? Could we then say "my religion is love"? Love for Jesus, God, the Holy Spirit, friends, strangers, ourselves.....

Sometimes I need to give myself a sort of 'wake-up call'. And in this rather chaotic, and for me, stressful time, I am going to make a conscious attempt to make my religion one of heightened and strengthened love. Personally, I don't think it can hurt.

MID WEEK LENTEN SERIES

Lenten begins on Wednesday, March 1st. **The Parables of Lent** will be the theme for this year and the following is our schedule:

March 1 will be at Peace UCC with Mike Roney preaching

March 8 will be at Trinity UMC with Brad Haws preaching

March 15 will be at St. John's UCC with Bob Smallman preaching

March 22 will be at Swamp Christian Fellowship with Phil Horning preaching

March 29 will be at Gehman's Mennonite Church with Jeff Hain preaching

April 5 will be at Emmanuel Evang. Cong. Church with Bill Hoch preaching

Holy Week evening worship services will be offered for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY LENTEN PROJECT

The Homeless Student Project of the School District of Lancaster

This year our Lenten project will be to fill backpacks with the items students will need for school. These backpacks will then be delivered to Lancaster to be distributed to homeless school children of various ages.

How you can help!

We will be lining the main hall with about 10-12 backpacks. We invite you to purchase items such as pencils, pens and paper. A complete list will be provided when we receive it. If you would prefer, you may also buy a backpack on your own and fill it with the needed items and bring it to church. This will be added to what we have on hand. Our goal would be to deliver 20-25 backpacks! Help us make a significant difference in the lives of local children.

ADULT MINISTRY - SAVE THE DATE



Peace Choir has been invited to sing God Bless America at the **June 17th 6:30 pm Barnstormers vs the Long Island Ducks** game.

We are blessed to be seated in a suite overlooking home plate with a catered buffet containing

the following delectable entrees: pulled pork, smokehouse sausage, smoked sausage, pasta salad, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, cornbread, fresh fruit, assorted desserts, sodas, water and tea—all of this for \$32 for adults, \$23 for children 5 to 12. The gates open one hour before the game and fireworks follow the game. **Please come and support our choir.** We have space for 70 people so it's fine to invite family or children to attend. We need to have signups no later than **May 28** with the required money. A signup sheet will be available soon.



YOUTH NEWS

Thank you to everyone who helped support the youth at the Winter Wonderland Mystery Dinner. Whether it was helping to cook the meal, decorating the hall, serving the meal, getting messy eating the snowflakes...Aka mashed potatoes, dining under the hula-hoop chandelier, or winning the set of small silverware to use the entire meal, we appreciate the support. We received over \$500 in donations. Thank you.

If you ordered subs or chili, don't forget to pick them up on Sunday, February 5. They will be available after both services. We will have extra quarts of chili available.

Our next lunch our youth will be serving is on February 26. The menu will be chicken parmesan and salad. There is no cost for the meal. We are asking for a donation. This month, half of the profits from the lunch will go towards this year's Lenten project.



**PEACE UCC COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2017**

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, Chris Fitterling, Dan Hall, John McDonough, Cindy Anthony, Mary Getz, Amy Miller, Vicki Wissinger, Mark Kline, Kristine Butz, Deb Hedrick, Barb Hoffert, Jim Anthony, John Haldeman, Mike Madara.

Excused: Jeff Moyer, Pat Acebo
President Chris Fitterling brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer. Pastor Bill ordained and installed Kristine Butz for the position of Deacon, and installed Chris Fitterling for the position of Elder.

Review of last month's minutes – The floor buffer is called a buffer, not a mopper. John McDonough made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Dan Hall seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mike Madara presented the financial report for the month of December. He took time to go through the report so that the new members of Council are familiar with it, and he provided time for questions.

As of this month's report, all income and expenses from 2016 are included. Mark Kline made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Cindy Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 12/31/2016	DECEMBER
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCT	\$1612.84
MONEY MARKET ACCT	-\$2415.20
GENERAL FUND ACCT (COMBINED)	-\$802.36
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCT (LIQUID CD)	\$25149.27
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$10694.68
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$2503.75

PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$37620.34
CAP. IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$3195.06
CAP. IMPROVEMENT LIQUID CD	\$16095.60
CAP. IMPROVEMENT TOTAL	\$19290.66
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$4868.37
ENDOWMENT LIQUID CD (RESTRICTED USE)	\$31726.33
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$105907.31
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$7787.22
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$156013.48
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$306302.71
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$363213.71

Administrator's Report - The inspection of the fire extinguishers was completed. The tree removal was completed - John is happy with their work. The Boy Scouts installed their shed. John informed the Police and neighbors about the Boy Scouts staying over January 27.

Pastor's Report - Lent is relatively late in 2017. Ash Wednesday is March 1. We will be following our normal Wednesday evening worship rotation with a theme of "Parables of Lent". Maundy Thursday is April 13, and Good Friday is April 14. We will be having our normal services both evenings. The Easter Vigil is April 15. The Library's Book Sale will be the week after Easter.

We are going to be looking for a Seminary student. They changed the process for how this works.

There will be a gathering for potential new members on January 23. We will be serving the community dinner on February 23. Pastor Bill will be attending a Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast in Lancaster.

Marketing Report - We have received the visitor's cards, and the altar guild placed them in the Sanctuary. A meeting is scheduled for January.

Spiritual Council, Children and Youth Ministry,

Budget and Finance, Faith Exploration - No reports

Benevolence Report - The next meeting is March 6.

Adult Ministry Report - Adult Ministry prepared the refreshments for the Faith and Fellowship

Sunday. They participated in caroling, and with hanging of the greens. They will handle the refreshments for Ash Wednesday.

Health and Welfare Report - The Christmas event at Colonial Lodge was a success. The residents appreciated it. They are looking into future events, the next meeting is March 7. Kristine Butz will serve as the Council rep for this committee in 2017.

Altar Guild Report - The Altar Guild ladies restocked the pews with the new visitors cards and removed all communion and old visitor cards. January and February the Peace Pantry will be collecting new white socks for our homeless veterans throughout PA. Vicki will be working with the marketing committee to help update the Altar Guild and Memorial Information that will be posted on the church web site

Youth Report - A Winter Wonderland Mystery Dinner is scheduled for January 21. The sub and Chili sale is on February 5.

Old Business - A sub-committee was organized to begin planning for the campaign for the roof over the sanctuary.

New Business - We will begin looking into what we will be doing for our 50th anniversary in the near future.

Jim will be installing a bunch of networking equipment throughout the Church to ensure better connectivity of the Church's equipment. This equipment was received as part of a grant at no cost to the Church. This networking equipment will have the capacity to offer wifi to members of the congregation and other organizations using the Church. Jim will also contact Windstream about our internet connection speed as was discussed at a previous meeting, and report back next month.

President Fitterling distributed contact information for the 2017 Council. The next council meeting will be Tuesday, February 14, 2017. 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

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Ken & Nancy Leshner	2 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Pierce & Ethel Leshner	3 Sam & Nancy Leshner	4 8 am Youth make chili George Lewis
5 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Charles & Beverly Lightcap	6 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Brianne Little	7 1 pm Bible Study Daniel & Marianne Little	8 7 pm Marketing Meeting Jack & Linda Long	9 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Charlotte Macleod	10 Mike & Bev Madara	11 Bev Martin
12 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Janet Mattis	13 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Janet Mawhinney	14 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7:00 Church Council John & Heidi McDonough	15 7p Marketing Edward & Susan McIlmoyle	16 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Lillian Messner	17 Jeff & Amy Miller	18 Jeff Miller
19 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional Lindsey Miller	20 Matt Miller	21 1 pm Bible Study Stewart Mohn	22 7p Childrens Ministry Madison Morgan	23 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Jim & Polly Moser	24 Becky Moyer	25 10 am Youth prep for luncheon Jeff & Sherry Moyer
26 8:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Traditional 11:35 am Youth Luncheon Nate Moyer	27 7 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Olivia Moyer	28 1 pm Bible Study Ruth Mumma	29 Marvin & Cindy Oxenreider	30 7 pm Choir Rehearsal Bruce & Kathy Palsgrove	31 Dick & Robynette Palsgrove	



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Return Service Requested

February Events

February 26th – Youth Luncheon – 11:35 am

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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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