



# PEACENOTES

## June



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

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

A number of years ago Bette Midler made the song "From a Distance" very popular. Here are a few of the words:

*From a distance we all have enough,  
And no one is in need,  
And there are no guns, no bombs, no disease,  
No hungry mouths to feed,  
From a distance we are instruments,  
Marching in a common band,  
Playing songs of hope, playing songs of peace,  
They are the songs of every man.*

At times we live our lives like the words of the song – at a distance. Our guards are up, our blinders are on and we choose not to see or believe that in this great nation and in this community where there are so many farms and the fields so full of abundance, that anybody could possibly be hungry.

From a distance it is easy to look past the suffering of others.

From a distance it is easy to believe that we are all marching together in a common direction.

From a distance it is easy to believe that our "rights" are more important than someone else's rights.

But as a people of faith we are not to live our lives from a distance. Jesus lived in our midst knowing and sharing our common lot. And as Jesus responded to the needs of the people of his own

time, we are called to respond to the needs of our neighbors.

Through lunch programs and community meals we reach out as a community of faith. But what can we do on a more personal level to see, to understand, to accept and to love our neighbors in need?

Pastor Bill



# Peace United Church of Christ

## Church Council Officers 2017

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

Dan Hall

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### ALTAR GUILD

Mary Getz  
Mardel Lausch

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### GREETERS

**June 4** Ed and Susan McIlmoyle  
**June 11** Jack and Linda Long  
**June 18** Margaret Robinson  
**June 25** Harvey and Esther Schlouch

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

**June 4** Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins  
**June 11** The Butz Family  
**June 18** Melvin and Marian Gerhart  
**June 25** Jack and Mary Bernstel

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**The deadline for submitting articles for the July issue of Peace Notes is June 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.

## June Birthdays

**June 2** Arthur Klink  
**June 4** Justin Becker  
**June 6** **Mary Lou Sweigart\*\***  
Trina Weaver  
**June 7** Bev Madara  
**June 8** Steven Priga  
Jeff Miller II  
**June 9** Braydon Getz  
**June 10** Edie Graff  
Mark Weaver  
**June 11** Clair Lausch  
**June 12** Diane Hertzog  
**June 14** Bill Hoch  
Janis Hoch  
**June 16** Linda Long  
**June 17** George Lewis  
Jody Becker  
**June 18** Lise Lausch  
**June 20** Wendy Christie  
**June 21** Nancy Leshar  
**June 22** **Marvin Fitterling\*\***  
**June 23** Pam Getz  
**June 24** John McDonough  
**June 27** John Haldeman  
**June 29** Vaye Freeman  
Tim Butz  
Lori Patterson

### \*\* 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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## June Anniversaries

**June 6** Michael and Teresa Youtz  
**June 8** Chris and Gretchen Cosce  
**June 9** Mel and Marian Gerhart  
**June 10** Bill and Janis Hoch  
**June 11** Jim and Margaret Gress  
Bruce and Kathy Palsgrove  
Barry and Pat Harting  
Matt and Cindy Anthony  
**June 12** Joe and Pat Acebo  
**June 13** John and Mary Getz

**June 15** Jack and Linda Long  
Keith and Linda Shollenburger  
**June 22** Ted and Marge Musselman  
Jim and Polly Moser  
**June 23** Dan and Sheree Wolf  
**June 24** Tim and Val Heil  
**June 28** Dan and Pat Hall

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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

George & I are so grateful to the members of Peace Church and to Pastor Bill. We wanted to thank you all for the many prayers and cards that were sent while George was recovering from the stroke. I know that prayers have helped him get to this point in his recovery. God Bless each and every one of you!

Eleanor & George Bailey

Dear Peace Church,  
Thank you very much for the thoughts, prayers and cards during my recovery.

The warmth of my church family was truly felt.

Love,  
Sheree

On behalf of the "Friends", I want to thank you for allowing us to use your facility for our annual book sale. The room is so spacious and light, perfect for the sale. We raised over \$10,800 for the library. Special thanks to John and Brian for checking in on us and helping with any issues. Thank you again for your continued support of the "Friends" and the library.

Sincerely,  
Jane Leshar, Sec.

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### PEACE PANTRY



There will be no Peace Pantry during the month of June.

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### ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you have a graduating Senior from high school or college please contact the church office so that they might be recognized in their achievement.



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### ALTAR GUILD



The Altar Guild will be holding their annual meeting Monday August 14, at 10:00am in the church council room.

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### ADULT MINISTRY



Peace Choir has been invited to sing God Bless America at the **June 17<sup>th</sup> 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. We need to have signups no later than **May 28** with the required money. A signup sheet is posted on the office window.

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### SUMMER WILL SOON BE UPON US AND THE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ARE PLENTY. SO WHAT DO WE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO?

#### VESPER SERVICE

A Vesper Service will be offered on Sunday evening, June 25 at 6:00. There will be a time of brief devotion and a chance to roast some hot dogs over the fire along with some marshmallows and S'mores.

#### ACTS OF LOVE

This is our Summer Lunch Program – This year we will be serving AOL the week of June 26. Meals will again be served on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. However, we are anticipating some changes. It looks like we will be serving two meals each day – breakfast and lunch. Times are not set as of yet, but the schedule will look something like this: Breakfast will be served at 10:00 am. They will sit at the park to eat and then will come through the line a second time to receive a lunch to go. This change comes as the result of a grant that we will be receiving in order to pay for all food and food prep. We will pick up the food at the Reamstown School, as always, take it to the park and serve. Service will take about an hour as usual. Then all food containers will be returned to the school. This will require very little extra time on your part. We will start earlier and end earlier giving you more time for what you want to do.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS will be hosted at Peace Church this year and we are excited about what is in store for leaders and children alike. Our VBS Theme is HERO CENTRAL – Discover Your Strength in God. Planning is under way and our church will be transformed into HERO CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS! VBS is for children in Pre-Kindergarten up to those who have completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Children and Adults will be encouraged to wear Super Hero T-shirts or costumes if you desire!?!?!? Invite you children, neighbor children, grandchildren and friends to come out and have a good time!

If you would like to help or for more information, please speak with Pat Wolf or Pastor Bill. Dinner will be at 5:15 and VBS begins are 6:00.

### COMMUNITY MEAL

Once again on Thursday evening, August 24th Peace Church will prepare and serve the community meal at Trinity United Methodist Church in Denver. We are planning a menu that will require very little effort on the day of the meal, so our most pressing need will be for people to help serve that meal. If you are interested in helping to serve, please join us at Trinity that evening at about 5:30. Serving begins at 6:00.



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## MUSINGS by Lois Haldeman

Here is a quote that I came across recently: “A day without laughter is a day wasted.”

It is attributed to a French writer of the 1700’s by the name of Nicolas Chamfort. While he was best known for his witty and often satirical writings, he gave up his esteemed and rather charmed life due to his criticisms of the French Revolution. His beliefs actually briefly landed him in jail.

The above-mentioned quote started me thinking of a related topic: Is there humor and/or laughter in the Bible? Guess what... I did a little research and found that both can be found there. There are literally dozens of such references! One of the most powerful of these verses, at least to me, is Job 8:21 – “He will yet fill your mouth with laughter, and your lips with shouting.” It says to me that the Lord is the one who fills us with laughter so that we may better face the obstacles and challenges that are set in our paths. What an incredible tool he has given us! I’m going to try to use that gift of humor and laughter each day because I certainly don’t want to waste a day, as Mr. Chamfort so eloquently put it. May you do the same.

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### PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL MEETING - May 09, 2017

Attendees: Pastor Bill Hoch, Chris Fitterling, Dan Hall, John McDonough, Cindy Anthony, Mary Getz, Jeff Moyer, Vicki Wissinger, Mark Kline, Deb Hedrick, Barb Hoffert, Jim Anthony, John Haldeman.

Excused: Pat Acebo, Amy Miller, Kristine Butz, Mike Madara.

President Chris Fitterling brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, May 09, 2017. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

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

**Treasurer's Report** – No report

**Administrator's Report** - The stone that we purchased is spread, and the mulch is almost complete. It looks nice. The sign was painted as well. The kitchen door is having minor issues, it will not be able to stay in the open position on its own, a chain will be put up to hold it open. The stone wall on 897 was hit by a truck. It is beyond our property line, and is not our responsibility.

**Pastor's Report** - There is a baptism scheduled for May 21. On Memorial Day weekend, there will be a vesper service Sunday at 6pm and the Memorial Day service Monday at 11am. June 4 will be the next Faith and Fellowship event. Summer worship schedule will begin on June 11.

Due to the lack of communication, we are pulling out of the senior center coming to our building.

The Cocalico Community Partnership has identified a need for events for local youth to participate in over the summer. They are looking for things like a movie night, an outdoor game night, and maybe some local bands to play. Pastor Bill suggested that our grove may be a good place for this to take place. This is going to be primarily organized by the partnership, and they will be taking primary responsibility in running it. Council unanimously approved this.

**Marketing Report** - The Peace Pole is on track to be ready for dedication and installation.

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

**Benevolence Report** - There will be a meeting on June 5.

**Adult Ministry Report** - May 28 is the deadline to sign up and pay for the Barnstormers game.

**Health and Welfare Report** - There was a successful event at Ephrata Manor last week, and an event is planned for Colonial Lodge on June 6.

**Altar Guild Report** - Memorial Money was received for Alverta Kilhefner. There will be no Peace Pantry in the summer months.

**Youth Report** - The Chicken BBQ was a success. A total profit of over \$1200 was made.

**Old Business** - The Capital Campaign is in the process of being launched.

**New Business** - None

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Being no further business, John McDonough motioned to adjourn and Mark Kline seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Anthony, Council Secretary

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# June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 7pm Acts of Love  Linda Coventry	<b>2</b>  Jimmy & Karen Dorsey	<b>3</b>  David Dowhower & Vicki Wissinger
<b>4</b> 8:30 am Contemporary 9:30 am Faith and Fellowship 10:30 am Traditional  Eugene & Shirley Endy	<b>5</b> 6 pm Benevolence  Ann Englert	<b>6</b> 1 pm Bible Study 6:30p Health and Welfare at Colonial Lodge  Jerry & Diane Englert	<b>7</b>  Kim Evans	<b>8</b>  Olivia Evans	<b>9</b>  Sidney Evans	<b>10</b>  Yuri Evans
<b>11</b> 9:00 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional  Larry Fasnacht	<b>12</b>  Terry & Sue Fasnacht	<b>13</b> 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual 7:00 Church Council  Grace Firestone	<b>14</b>  Pauline Firestone	<b>15</b>  Bev Fisher	<b>16</b>  Chris & Linda Fitterling	<b>17</b> 6:30pm Choir sings at Barnstormers game  Leonore Fitterling
<b>18</b> 9:00 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional  Marvin Fitterling	<b>19</b>  Eric & Gerry Ann Flicker	<b>20</b> 1 pm Bible Study  Ida Franks	<b>21</b>  Robert & Jodi Freeman	<b>22</b>  Robert & Vaye Freeman	<b>23</b>  Doris Fultz	<b>24</b>  Allen & Ardel Garner
<b>25</b> 9:00 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional 6 pm Vesper Service  Carl & Vicki Sweigart	<b>26</b>  Heidi Garner-Ulrich	<b>27</b> 1 pm Bible Study  Kenneth & Kathy Wilson	<b>28</b>  Arthur Gehman	<b>29</b>  Mel & Marian Gerhart	<b>30</b>  Jason & Pam Getz	



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Return Service Requested

### **June Events**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> – Faith and Fellowship Sunday– 9:30 am**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> – Lancaster Barnstormers – 6:30 pm**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> – Vesper Service – 6:00 pm**

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

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