



PEACENOTES

July



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

PASTOR'S PAGE

Here are two stories associated with Mother Teresa.

- 1- While preparing to serve God, Mother Teresa often heard the voice of God speaking to her. But when she arrived in Calcutta to minister to and among the poorest of the poor, God went strangely silent.
- 2- Shortly after arriving in Calcutta, Mother Teresa opened a medical clinic next door to a Hindu Temple. The Hindu people said it was a sacrilege to have an order of Christian sisters living next door to their temple. They insisted their leader get rid of them. He agreed and the next day went to speak to Mother Teresa. She invited him to accompany her as she made her rounds bathing, feeding and nursing the dying. The leader of the Hindu Temple went back to his people and said, "When you go to the clinic and do for the poor what Mother Teresa is doing, then I will get rid of her."

We have entered the season of Pentecost or Ordinary Time. It is a Liturgical season where there are no big holidays or holy days. It is a season in which we strive to see God and serve God in the ordinary events of life.

During this season of Ordinary Time we recognize that we do not need extra-ordinary phenomena such as flames of fire and howling winds to reveal the presence of God in our midst. We simply and quietly know that God is with us.

During Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter, we have extra services and the music is taken to a new

level. We pull out all the stops and we add in all the bells and whistles. But in **this** season we learn that we can worship and encounter God in the every-day, ordinary moments of worship. There is no need for extraordinary revelations and proclamations, we simply know God is with us! We also know that God works through us as we go about living our lives each day and striving to love one another as we have been loved. And as we strive to love others and to do unto others as we would have others do unto us, people will see and understand something about God.

Mother Teresa endured the silence through the ordinary times because God had spoken to her in the special moments of preparation. Nothing more was needed but to fulfill her call.

And, Mother Teresa showed the love of God not in words alone but in loving actions of bathing, feeding and nursing the dying.

How will we experience and reveal God in the ordinary moments and events of our lives?

Pastor Bill



Peace United Church of Christ

Church Council Officers 2017

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

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HEAD USHER

Vicki Wissinger

ALTAR GUILD

Erla Hartranft
Deb Hedrick

GREETERS

July 2 Lillian Messner and Mark Kline
July 9 Rick and Vickie Schweitzer
July 16 Erla and Lori Hartranft
July 23 Pat Acebo
July 30 Nancy Reese

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 2 Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hoffert
July 9 Ray and Bobbie Porter-Kunkel
July 16 Deb Hedrick
July 23 Mr. and Mrs. John Haldeman
July 30 Mr. and Mrs. Allen Garner

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

July Birthdays

- July 1 Kim Evans
- July 2 Jeff Moyer
- July 4 Dale Reinhart
- July 5 Phyllis Sands
- July 7 Rosie Johnston
Robert Burky
Jess Klinkner
- July 9 Emily Steffey
- July 10 Brent Porter
- July 11 David Dowhower
- July 12 Margaret Robinson
- July 13 **Dolly Youndt****
- July 14 Sally Romich
Keith Shollenberger
- July 15 Hans Shollenberger
- July 18 Deb Hedrick
- July 20 Ray Wolverton
- July 22 Dixie Schweitzer
Olivia Evans
- July 24 Nate Moyer
- July 25 Kayla High
- July 29 Ava Wolf
- July 30 Helen Timpson
- July 31 Marge Musselman

** Special Care and Concern Member

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

July Anniversaries

- July 10 Adam and Kristen Heaps
- July 13 Ray and Bobbie Kunkel
- July 15 Dale and Donna Reinhart
- July 17 Allen and Ardel Garner

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.

PEACE PANTRY



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

ALTAR GUILD



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

OLIVIA EVANS

Olivia Evans graduated from Towson University on May 26, 2017 with a bachelors degree in Mass Communication. She was a member of the Division 1 Swim Team where she achieved All-American status and also Academic honors.

Olivia plans to remain in the Towson area where she will continue coaching and teaching swimming lessons while she pursues a career in Communications.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

We have launched The Secure our Future Campaign to raise the funds that we need to replace the roof over our Sanctuary! This is a massive undertaking and will require the support of all our members. A \$126,000 goal has been set. If we have 100 members contributing \$420 each year for three years we will have the required funds. But not everyone can commit to that level of giving over and above their regular offerings to the church.

Therefore, we encourage you to give at whatever level you are able. The following idea was shared with me recently and I would like to pass it on to you. You can take and adapt this to fit your particular situation or you can use it as is. But it gives us the idea that reaching this goals is more manageable than we thought.

A year is 365 day long. For our purposes let's set July 1st as day one. On day one put a penny in a jar. On day 2 place two pennies in that jar. Continue on through the year – day 3 three pennies, day 4 four pennies, day 55 place in the jar 55 cents, continuing this throughout the year. If you are faithful in the task on day 365, when you place \$3.65 in your jar you will have a grand total of \$667.95! In the end you will have surpassed the goal of \$420. And it all began with a penny!

There is only one request we make if you choose to follow this process – before you bring your gift of pennies to the church, take them to the bank and convert them to paper money or a check. Better yet convert the coins throughout the year. 66,795 pennies are going to weigh a lot!!

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 6th 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 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.

MUSINGS
by Lois Haldeman

Are you as tired as I am of hearing the phrase “fake news”? Did you know that it is not a new concept? There is documented evidence that such a thing existed in the United States as early as the 1800’s. And I certainly do not dare venture into the realm of current politics in this article... that is not my intention or desire.

However, the term “fake news” caused my sometimes twisted thought processes to ponder this concept: Was news of Jesus’ early teachings and ministry possibly labeled “fake news” by people of that day? My guess is that it was called as such by many of his peers. They not only didn’t understand his teachings but probably were quick to call his followers ‘heretics’. Of course, we all know how this story ends. Those who cried “fake news” soon learned otherwise and Jesus’ teachings have, of course, endured the test of time.

I can name many things in this life that can be properly described as fake, heretical, or superficial; I’m sure that you can do the same. However, our faith is anything but fake and will endure now and forever. So while fake news will no doubt continue to plague us, let’s rally in the fact that our faith is real.

PEACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COUNCIL
MEETING - June 13, 2017

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

Excused: Mary Getz

President Chris Fitterling brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Pastor Bill started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month’s minutes – John McDonough made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Pat Acebo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Mike Madara presented the financial report for the month of June. The Treasurer's report was updated to reflect the changes approved in the May meeting. Barb Hoffert made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report as presented and Mark Kline seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 05/31/2017	MAY
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$9640.79
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$13588.87
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$23229.66
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$12639.68
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$5861.13
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$41805.47
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECK- ING	\$19297.73
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$4305.00
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$23602.73
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RE- STRICTED USE)	\$36434.35
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$106361.84
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$6734.30
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$161403.95
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$310934.44
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$376342.64

Administrator’s Report - The work crew will be spreading some dirt to fill some holes around the property. The work crew is mostly caught up on their work.

The one air conditioner in the Sanctuary broke. It was looked at and determined that we would need to replace a circuit board in the unit, which is unavailable. The suggestion given to the church was to replace the unit for approx. \$3800. We ended up working on the board ourselves and replaced a blown fuse. It cost us about \$.53 and a few hours of work, and it is now working normally.

The cross on the front of the building needs repaired. We are looking into options for this.

The cause of the black spots on the carpets is still unknown. It was recommended that we get the carpet cleaned, as this has never been done. It will cost \$893.57 to clean all the carpet in the sanctuary and narthex. John McDonough made a motion to proceed with getting the carpets professionally cleaned and Cindy Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report - There will be a vesper service on June 25. We will be serving the summer lunch program on June 26, 28 and 29. VBS is July 9 - 13. We will be serving the community meal at Trinity on August 24. There will be a baptism on September 24. Pastor Bill asked off for September 8 - 15.

Children and Youth Ministry Report - The backpacks were delivered. The kids got to talk to the organization that distributed them and got to ask questions. They enjoyed this.

Spiritual Council Report, Budget and Finance Report, Faith Exploration, Youth - No report.

Benevolence Report - Benevolence requested to provide \$200 to VBS to help get local heroes to speak to the kids. The remainder will be donated to the VBS mission project. Benevolence also requested to donate \$1000 to No Longer Alone Ministries. They are an organization out of Lancaster that supports individuals with mental health related services. Dan Hall made a motion to approve both of these donations and Cindy Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

Adult Ministry Report - 44 people went to the Barnstormers game. Adult ministry provided the cookies and snacks for Memorial Day. They will also serve a meal at VBS.

Health and Welfare Report - The annual picnic will be on September 5. The Special Care and Concern service and dinner will be on October 1.

Altar Guild Report - The Altar Guild will be having their Annual Meeting August 14 at 10:00am in the Council Room.

Old Business - An update on the status of the Capital Campaign was provided.

We will be needing new Wireless Microphones because the frequencies that we currently use have been resold by the government and will become illegal to use in the next year or so. A proposal was presented to replace the two sets we currently have for a total cost of approx \$1686.99. This is very similar to the cost the church paid about 10 years ago the last time that this happened. Jim Anthony made a motion to approve buying the 2 new microphones and Pat Acebo seconded. Motion carried.

New Business - There is a Girl Scout Troop who requested to use the building from 5:30-7 every other Thursday. This was approved unanimously. Kristine Butz presented a report from the Penn Central Conference.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 08, 2017. There will be no meeting in the month of July. Being no further business, John McDonough motioned to adjourn and Cindy Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Anthony, Council Secretary

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 John & Mary Getz
2 9:00 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional Betty Good	3 Duane & Yinell Good	4 No Bible Study Adam Good	5 Greg & Kathi Good	6 Ralph & Carole Good	7 Charlie & Edie Graff	8 Gary Gress
9 9:00 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional 5:15 pm Vacation Bible School Jim & Margaret Gress	10 5:15 pm Vacation Bible School Greg & Cindy Grill	11 No Bible Study 5:15 pm Vacation Bible School Mary Jane Grote	12 5:15 pm Vacation Bible School 7 pm Children's Ministry John & Lois Haldeman	13 5:15 pm Vacation Bible School Courtney Hall	14 Dan & Pat Hall	15 Barry & Pat Harting
16 9:00 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional Emily Harting	17 Margaret Harting	18 1 pm Bible Study Erla Hartranft	19 6:30 pm Library Program Lori Hartranft	20 Craig Hassler	21 Joanne Hassler	22 Adam & Kristen Heaps
23 9:00 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional Deb Hedrick	24 Val & Tim Heil	25 1 pm Bible Study Gary & Diane Hertzog	26 7 pm Marketing Meeting Ryan Hertzog	27 Tyler Hertzog	28 Dennis & Connie High	29 Josh High
30 9:00 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional Kayla High	31 2 pm Library Program Megan High					



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Return Service Requested

July Events

Sunday, July 9th - Thursday, July 13th – Vacation Bible School – 5:15 pm

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

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