



# PEACENOTES

## August



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

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### PASTOR'S PAGE

I was listening to an interview with Dr. Tony Campolo and he told the following story.

He was walking down Chestnut Street in Philadelphia when he spotted a homeless man. This man was extremely dirty, shouting out at no one in particular (there was no one else there) and in his hand was a grimy McDonald's coffee cup. As Tony got closer the man spotted him and asked, "Do you want some coffee?" Tony really didn't want any, and really didn't want to drink from this man's dirty cup, but he took a quick sip. Then he said, "That was very generous, sharing your coffee with a stranger. Why?" The man replied, "Today it is just the best cup of coffee ever. And when you have something that good you have to share it."

Tony now felt like he was being set up so he asked, "Now what do you want?" He thought the man was going to say 10 bucks, but he said, "a hug." Tony said he was hoping for 10 bucks, but instead went to give him a quick hug. He ended up receiving a huge, warm bear hug. The man wasn't letting go, and people walking by were beginning to stare. In that moment Tony heard the words, "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave drink, lonely and you comforted me." And suddenly this man was Jesus.

To walk by this homeless man and ignore him would be like walking by and ignoring Jesus.

That is not an easy thing to do. And in those circumstances I am not sure I could have done it. But it begs the question: How do we live our faith?

You see, faith isn't just about personal salvation. It is not so much about **me** getting what **I** need in order to assure **myself** a place in heaven.

Faith is not about picking and choosing who we love and how we love, it is about loving the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and soul and our neighbor as ourselves.

That really was the focus, the sole focus of Jesus' entire ministry. Jesus' love was not reserved for people just like Him, there were no other people just like Him. It was not reserved for all the good and proper people. The love of our Savior was exemplified for all the "wrong" people. That was the opinion of the Pharisees. Jesus sat and ate, drank and spent time with the outcasts of society: tax collectors and sinners, prostitutes and lepers, saints and sinners, widows and orphans, the lonely and the imprisoned, he had great compassion for those whose grasp on reality was tenuous at best.

And in many ways that this is something that the church and Christians today have lost sight of. We need to re-examine the Gospels, look seriously at the way Jesus lived his life and the way he related to the people around him and begin to shape our lives and our actions to better reflect the way Jesus lived his life.

So I leave you with the question, "How might we better live our faith and exemplify the teachings of our Lord and Savior?"

Pastor Bill



# Peace United Church of Christ

## Church Council Officers 2017

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### HEAD USHER

John McDonough

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### ALTAR GUILD

Lillian Messner  
Nancy Reese

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### GREETERS

**August 6** Sylvia Leach  
**August 13** Mardel Lausch  
**August 20** Ann Huck  
**August 27** Mary Getz

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

**August 6** Dale and Donna Reinhart  
**August 13** Jim and Margaret Gress  
**August 20** Jack and Linda Long  
**August 27** Fred and Randy Stauffer

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

## August Birthdays

- August 1** Mardel Lausch  
Ardel Garner
- August 2** Robert Freeman  
Doris Fultz  
Michael Youtz
- August 5** Betty Reichel
- August 8** Barb Hoffert
- August 12** Eleanor Bailey
- August 13** Mary Jane Steely  
Chris Cosce
- August 17** Linda Coventry  
Brian Strouse
- August 25** Arthur Gehman  
Teresa Youtz
- August 27** Mel Gerhart
- August 28** Larry Fasnacht
- August 29** Lillian Messner  
Craig Bixler  
Ryan Hertzog
- August 30** Marian Gerhart
- August 31** Taylor 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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## August Anniversaries

- August 3** Keith and Barb Hoffert
- August 6** Tim and Kristine Butz
- August 10** Eric and Gerry Ann Flicker
- August 13** Duane and Yinell Good
- August 16** Greg and Kathy Strunk
- August 23** Ray and Carolyn Wolverton
- August 29** Kenneth and Helen Youndt

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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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## PEACE PANTRY



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

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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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**COMMUNITY MEAL**



On Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> Peace Church will pre-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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**BECKY MOYER**

Becky earned a bachelor of science in psychology degree with a minor in disability studies from Penn State University. She was a THON



Captain in her junior and senior years and was part of the national honors society for leadership and success. This upcoming year she will be working as a Therapeutic Support Staff and will go back to school in 2018 for Occupational Therapy.

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**FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNITION SUNDAY**



As part of our recognition of first responders on September 17<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a new toy drive from now until the end of October. Toys will be distributed to kids in local hospitals at Christmas.

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# August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 1 pm Bible Study  <b>Judy High</b>	<b>2</b>  <b>Pastor Bill &amp; Janis Hoch</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Keith &amp; Barb Hoffert</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Michael Hoffert</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>Fran Hollen</b>
<b>6</b> Communion 9 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional  <b>Anna Hopkins</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Mike Hornberger</b>	<b>8</b> 1 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Spiritual Council 7 pm Church Council  <b>Ann Huck</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Gene Huston</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>Rosie Johnston</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Ben Kegerise</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>Jon &amp; Jill Kegerise</b>
<b>13</b> 9 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional  <b>JR Kegerise</b>	<b>14</b> 10 am Altar Guild  <b>Gabby Kennedy</b>	<b>15</b> 1 pm Bible Study  <b>Mark Kline</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>Shirley Kline</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Arthur Klink</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Kevin &amp; Jess Klinkner</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Harold &amp; Ann Kohl</b>
<b>20</b> 9 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional  <b>Janice Kohl</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Mildred Krick</b>	<b>22</b> 1 pm Bible Study  <b>Paul Kring</b>	<b>23</b> 7 pm Marketing  <b>Russell &amp; Julie LaSalle</b>	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Community Meal  <b>Chris &amp; Jessica Lausch</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Clair &amp; Mardel Lausch</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Scott &amp; Lise Lausch</b>
<b>27</b> 9 am Contemporary 10:30 am Traditional  <b>Sylvia Leach</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Betty Leisey</b>	<b>29</b> 1 pm Bible Study  <b>Ken &amp; Nancy Leshner</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Pierce &amp; Ethel Leshner</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>Sam &amp; Nancy Leshner</b>		



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Return Service Requested

### **August Events**

**Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – Peace Serves the Community Meal – 5:30 pm**

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

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