

Peace Notes

July 2018

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

Pastor's Page

Dear Hearts and Gentle People,

Welcome to summer! I trust everyone is enjoying the sunny weather. I hope everyone enjoys their vacations they have planned. I pray that everyone have a safe and enjoyable summer.

I have some updates about who is filling our pulpit over the next few months. After some misunderstandings on my part, we will not have Rev. Sharon Barley starting in July. The council interviewed her on June 18. We decided we were going to offer her a position of designated interim pastor. We were not able to offer her the position as she declined and withdrew her name from consideration. She made the decision after prayerful consideration.

We will continue to search for someone to fill the pulpit over the next couple of months. Penn Central Conference is also looking for someone to be an intentional interim pastor for us.

The first Sunday in July, our own Bob Wolfe will fill our pulpit. He was a licensed lay minister with the UCC. Let us support Bob during his time in our pulpit.

We are also forming a search committee to find our next pastor. There is a lot of preliminary work to be done before we can actively start our search process. We currently have three people on the committee. We would like to have about seven to nine people on the committee. If you find it in your heart to volunteer to serve your church in the capacity, please see Tim Butz or myself.

I very much appreciate your dedication and support of Peace Church. Please be patient as we work through the search process.

Yours in Christ,
John McDonough
Council President



Peace United Church of Christ

2018

John McDonough, Council President
Mary Getz, Council Vice-President
Jim Anthony, Council Secretary
Margaret Harting, Financial Secretary
Mike Madara, Treasurer
John Haldeman, Administrator

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HEAD USHER

John McDonough

ALTAR GUILD

Erla Hartranft
Deb Hedrick

GREETERS

July 1	Nancy Reese
July 8	Margaret Robinson
July 15	Sylvia Leach
July 22	Jim and Margaret Gress
July 29	Nancy Reese

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 1	Phyllis Sands
July 8	Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hoffert
July 15	Deb Hedrick
July 22	Mr. and Mrs John Haldeman
July 29	Dale and Donna Reinhart

The deadline for submitting articles for the August issue of Peace Notes is July 20th. Please put your information on the secretary's desk or email it to: secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org

This email address can also be used for information to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Say Happy Birthday to:

July 1	Kim Evans
July 2	Jeff Moyer
July 4	Dale Reinhart
July 5	Phyllis Sands
July 7	Rosie Johnston
	Robert Burky
	Jessica Klinkner
July 9	Emily Steffey
July 10	Brent Porter
July 11	Dave 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	Eva Wolf
July 30	Helen Timpson
July 31	Marge Musselman

Couples Celebrating Anniversaries

July 10	Adam and Kristen Heaps
July 13	Ray and Bobbie Kunkel
July 15	Dale and Donna Reinhart

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 on the secretary's desk in the office.

*** Special Care and Concern Member*

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



Thank You Notes, Peace Pantry and more



You have no idea how far a pair of glasses or hearing aid can go for the people of Nicaragua. I really appreciate everyone who donated and I know the people of Nicaragua will too! Please everyone know that small acts of kindness go a long way.

*Thank you so much,
Rachel Parasky*

Rachel benefitted so much from her nursing clinic in Nicaragua. I'm very grateful that she had the opportunity to go. I'm also very grateful to all of you who answered her plea for glasses and hearing aids, and I will continue to take them for her.

*Thank you for your help!
Margaret Harting*

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we have an AED in the church council room? Do you know how to use it?

The AED is fully automatic and easy to use. It will speak to you and instruct you as you are using it. The AED will even determine if the person needs to be shocked so you can't accidentally shock somebody.

To learn how to use the AED, watch this short demonstration video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uhZPzvyu10>

To learn how to give Hands Only CPR (no rescue breaths) see this video from the American Heart Association.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_49wMpdeWs

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will be holding their annual meeting Monday August 13, at 10:00am in the church council room.

HARTMAN CENTER 2018

Beyond Belief is the theme of this year's summer camp program at Hartman Center that runs from June 17th to July 28th. There is also a family camp opportunity scheduled for Labor Day Weekend. To get more information about the summer camp programs, please visit Hartman Center online at

<https://www.hartmancenter.com/summer-camp/>

There are extra summer brochures outside the office. You can also follow Hartman Center on Facebook. We hope you will join us at the Sonshine place this spring and summer. If you have any additional questions, please see Kristine and Timothy Butz



PEACE PANTRY

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Vacation Bible School - 3-4 group leaders are needed to help the kids get from station to station. See Cindy Anthony if you can help.

Summer Lunch Program - 2-3 volunteers each are needed in Denver and Reinholds. See Bev Madara for more information.

Happenings at Peace

MUSINGS

by Lois Haldeman

I have this theory and I'd like to share it, so please pardon my boastfulness. Ok, here it is: Try as we might, there are events that are out of our control. Okay...alright...so it's not an earth-shattering concept. However, I think we still seem to make it our life's work to attempt to control what God has willed.

And just why do we do this? Because we are human, frustrated and frail, and we think that we have the upper hand. It's a tough pill to swallow when, as Christians, we find that we don't have that control. When things don't go our way, and we lose someone we love, we are apt to think: what did (I, we, they) do wrong? We are left with the unbelievable loss and no where to turn. But God was there in our loss and God will be there in our moving on. Remember that our faith in Him will get us throughnot faith in our own human selves, as we are so often apt to feel. Let's keep praying for our church, our world, and our future.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Calling all kids ages 2 to those who just completed 5th grade! Come out and join us on the river for Vacation Bible School July 8-12 from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm. Dinner for the kids and their families will be available every evening from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Join us on a white-water rafting adventure and experience the ride of a lifetime with God!

Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, exciting science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace! Sign up at <https://peaceunitedchurch.org/vbs/>

We still need 3-4 group leaders who will be responsible for taking kids to each station. Please see Cindy Anthony for more information.

Eastern Regional Youth Event

Get to know some of the speakers



Rebekah (Bekah) Anderson is a writer, disability activist, and theology nerd. She is a recent graduate of Hampshire College, where she studied religion and creative writing. She is currently serving the First Church of Christ Simsbury as a member of the Young Adult Service Community, focusing on accessibility, worship, and young adult ministry. She is deeply invested in "queering" the church in order to make it more relevant, accessible, and true to the radical ministry of Jesus.

waste sites has inspired her work as a community organizer. She currently works as Mountain Watershed Association's Community Organizer, where she supports communities throughout SWPA in securing their rights to clean air and clean water. She has also worked with Our Children's Trust as the lead plaintiff on legal action against the state of Pennsylvania for not taking adequate means to address climate change.



Ashley Funk comes from an old coal mining town in Southwestern Pennsylvania, and her experiences growing up next to abandoned mine

Formally trained as an engineer and a designer, she's passionate about using creative strategies to uplift rural communities, particularly those in Southwestern Pennsylvania and the greater Appalachian region.

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Rev. Kim Kendrick will serve as our Theological Reflector for ERYE. She enjoys sharing her gifts as Senior Pastor of Living Water United Church of Christ. As a leader of the church, her responsibilities include preaching, teaching Bible Study, Youth Ministry, and providing pastoral care to families and community individuals as needed.

Pastor Kim is a graduate of Lancaster Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree and a Certificate in Youth and Young Adult Ministry. In addition to Living Water, she serves as the Chaplain of Bethany Children's Home providing pastoral care, worship leadership, choir direction, and juvenile justice advocacy to high risk youth. At the conference level she has been a committee co-chair for the UCC's Mid-Atlantic Regional Youth Event and is currently a member of the PSEC Committee on Ministry. Nationally, Pastor Kim is a certified OWL (Our Whole Lives) facilitator, conducting workshops on Human Sexuality and Spirituality for Youth and Young Adults. She also serves the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition as a Youth Consultant. In 2016 Pastor Kim was called upon to be the Chaplain for the National Youth Event in Orlando Florida and was recently the closing preacher during General Synod 2017.

In her spare time and joy time, Pastor Kim is co-parent, chauffeur, tickler, and karaoke partner of three brilliant nuggets, one 7 year old and twins 15 months old.



Brian Nurnberger founded the not-for-profit organization, Simply Smiles, in 2003. I credit being in the position to do so to my upbringing in the justice and service minded UCC. Today SS,INC works internationally and domestically to provide bright futures for children.



Rev. David Ackerman, Penn West Conference Minister grew up in Export, Pennsylvania. He is a graduate of Grove City College and Harvard Divinity School. He grew up as a member of Denmark Manor United Church of Christ in Export and was ordained in 1993 at Smithfield United Church of Christ in Pittsburgh. He served as pastor at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Trauger for 21 years. He is the author of "Beyond the Lectionary: A Year of Alternatives to the Revised Common Lectionary (Circle, 2013)." David began serving as Conference Minister in 2014. He enjoys such outdoor activities as running, hiking, biking and fishing.



The Rev. Elivette (Elly) Mendez Angulo serves as the National Coordinator of Encuentros de Gracia y Bienvenida, an initiative of the United Church of Christ that seeks to engage the faithful in prayerful dialogue regarding sexual orientation and Latinx identity. She offers workshops and training opportunities to engage in sacred conversations of grace and welcome, while using a multicultural, multigenerational exercise called "Identity Bowling" to discuss ways in which intersectionality affects each of us, and how we can build a more just-filled world together.

Elly has served as co-pastor and teacher of Manantial de Gracia "Spring of Grace" United Church of Christ in West Hartford, Connecticut, since 2015, when she graduated from Andover Newton Theological School. She enjoys traveling, photography, blogging and talking about her love of the Franklinton Center at Bricks in Whitakers, North Carolina.

Council Minutes - June 12, 2018

Attendees: John McDonough, Chris Fitterling, Dan Hall, Barb Hoffert, Pat Acebo, Bev Madara, Jeff Moyer, Vicki Dowhower, Brad Wolf, Kristine Butz, Deb Hedrick, Mark Kline, Jim Anthony, Mike Madara.

Excused: Mary Getz, John Haldeman.

President John McDonough brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Kristine Butz offered devotions to begin the meeting.

Boy Scout Presentation:

Dylan from Troop 4318 delivered a presentation to the council detailing his proposed Eagle Scout project to take place at the church. The project would involve the construction of an outdoor worship area adjacent to the prayer garden and the cross. The location and approximate design of the project were previously approved by the council. It would consist of a 20' circular paved patio type area with a flower bed and retaining wall, connected by a brick path to the cross. 3 benches will be constructed as well. The materials for the project will be donated. The project is anticipated to take 2 weekends of work and will begin in the late summer or early fall. The council chose Jeff Moyer to serve as the project benefactor and to represent the church in this matter. Chris Fitterling made a motion to approve this project as presented and Jim Anthony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Review of last month's minutes:

Mark Kline made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Jeff Moyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Mike Madara presented the financial report for the month of May.

A little over \$5000 was used from benevolence to pay for the pastor's health care earlier this year. This was returned to benevolence because this is a regularly budgeted expense of the church and should be paid by the general fund. Pat Acebo made a motion to return this money to benevolence and Chris Fitterling seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A large donation was received by the church. The preference of the donor is that the funds are used in the manner council deems most appropriate. Chris Fitterling made a motion to place \$50000 in short-term cd's until council determines our exact needs in the future, \$25000 to benevolence - including the raising of the minimum balance to \$330000, \$15000 to the conference to cover our obligations which we have not been able to fully cover since 2016, with the understanding that we will be considered paid in full through 2018, and \$10000 to the general fund to help with immediate needs. Dan Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The pension board has contacted the church to inquire about continuing health insurance payments for Janis. Bev Madara made a motion to provide the financial equivalent of 3 months health insurance to provide flexibility, and Chris Fitterling seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Council Minutes - June 12, 2018

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 05/31/2018	MAY
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$126996.86
MEMORIAL FUND (MMA)	\$18731.83
YOUTH FUND (MMA)	\$5719.08
PETTY CASH	\$75.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$151522.77
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$13454.80
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$59744.38
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$73199.18
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$27925.16
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$107036.53
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5192.42
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$164886.17
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$305040.28
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$529762.23

Administrator's Report:

The roof project is going well. A little plywood needed to be replaced under the old roof due to damage, this was expected. They will leave some shingles after the project for future repairs. The AC in the sanctuary was repaired.

Pastor's Report, Marketing, Spiritual Council, Budget and Finance, Benevolence, Faith Exploration:

No report

Children and Youth Ministry Report:

VBS will be held July 08-12.

Adult Ministry Report:

Adult Ministry will be preparing a meal for VBS.

Health and Welfare Report:

Health and Welfare will be preparing a meal for VBS. The menu for the SCC communion service and dinner has been planned.

Altar Guild Report:

The church will be going forward with purchasing a peace pole as was previously approved. The annual meeting of the Altar Guild will be August 13 at 10:00am in the council room. Memorials have been received in memory of Bill Hoch.

Youth Report:

The youth are getting ready for the eastern regional youth event in July.

Old Business:

An update to the capital campaign was presented. The number of giving units is the same. We are currently at \$77761 pledged and received, which is 61% of our goal.

New Business:

The cemetery board is currently going through some changes in membership. Chris Fitterling reported on this and will keep the council informed as we move forward.

Tim and Michael Butz attended the Penn Central Conference annual meeting. It went well.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2018. A special meeting will be called sooner when we have more information. Being no further business, Pat Acebo motioned to adjourn and Bev Madara seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Anthony

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Contemporary 10:30am Traditional Bob Wolfe	2 9am Stitch & Chat 7pm Stitch & Chat Ray & Carolyn Wolverton	3 Cliff & Audrey Youndt	4 Connie Youndt	5 Dolly Youndt	6 Ken & Helen Youndt	7 Kerry Youndt
8 9am Contemporary 10:30am Traditional 5pm VBS William & Martha Young	9 5pm VBS Michael & Teresa Youtz	10 5pm VBS Joe & Pat Acebo	11 5pm VBS Claude & Bertha Adair	12 5pm VBS Michael & Cindy Anderson	13 Jim Anthony	14 Mark Anthony
15 9am Contemporary 10:30am Traditional Matt & Cindy Anthony	16 9am Stitch & Chat 11a Summer Lunch Program 7pm Stitch & Chat George & Eleanor Bailey	17 Jody & Barb Becker	18 11:30a Summer Lunch Program Jack & Mary Bernstel	19 11:30a Summer Lunch Program Alice Binns	20 Georgan Bixler	21 Jeanne Brewer
22 9am Contemporary 10:30am Traditional Jay & Stacy Burkey	23 Nichole Burkey	24 Tiffany Burkey	25 Glenn Burky	26 Maxine Burky	27 Robert Burky	28 George & Lila Butz
29 9am Contemporary 10:30am Traditional Allyson Butz	30 Tim & Kristine Butz	31 Wendy Christie				



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Return Service Requested

Peace UCC Member

July Events

July 8th - 12th - VBS

July 16, 18, 19 - Summer Lunch Program - 11:30 am

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

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