

Peace Notes

October 2018

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

Pastor's Page



Rev. Betsy E. Martin Bruaw is a native of Shamokin, PA. She grew up at St. John's UCC in Shamokin. Her call to ministry was cultivated there,

at Hartman Center summer camping and retreat events, Penn Central Conference youth gatherings and National Youth Events of the UCC. Pastor Betsy is a 1983 graduate of Shamokin Area High School and graduated from Lebanon Valley College in 1987 with a dual degree in history and religion. In 1990, she graduated from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO with a Master of Divinity degree. She was ordained at St. John's, Shamokin by the Central Association of the Penn Central Conference of the UCC on July 1, 1990.

Pastor Betsy began her ordained ministry at the Tri-Penn Charge UCC in Spring Mills, Centre County, PA, where she served three congregations, two of which are Union churches with the ELCA. In 1994, Pastor Betsy became minister of Church of the Redeemer UCC in Hershey, where she served until June, 2016. From 2016 until recently, Pastor Betsy served on

the Penn Central Conference staff as Associate Conference Minister for Congregational Discernment, assisting congregations in transition. She has served on numerous boards and committees at the local, Conference and national levels of the UCC. She has led efforts on disaster response and readiness, bullying prevention and the care of survivors, and creating civil discourse in church and community, among others. She has directed camps at Hartman Center since 1991.

Betsy has been married since June 6, 1987 to William H. Bruaw. Bill has been with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for over 25 years, primarily assisting those with developmental disabilities. Betsy and Bill have two adult children: Josh, 27, and Laura, 21. Josh works in education and entertainment in the Hershey area, and Laura is a senior at Bloomsburg University. The family has a young Schnoodle named Jack. Betsy enjoys genealogy, yarn crafts, travel, Broadway musicals and the like.

The Bruaws will continue to live in Hershey for the time being. We look forward to getting to know everyone at Peace UCC!



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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Mark Kline	717-989-4381
Bev Madara	717-484-0895
Jeff Moyer	717-484-4737
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HEAD USHER

Vicki Dowhower

ALTAR GUILD

Audrey Youndt
Janet Mattis

GREETERS

October 7	Erla Hartranft
October 14	Sylvia Leach
October 21	Pat Acebo
October 28	Margaret Robinson

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 7	Warren Trostle
October 14	Shirley Kline
October 21	Dan and Pat Hall
October 28	Mr. and Mrs. Clair Lausch

The deadline for submitting articles for the November issue of Peace Notes is October 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.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Say Happy Birthday to:

October 1	Devon Wolf
October 4	Eric Flicker Paige Heaps
October 5	Shirley Kline**
October 6	Diane Englert
October 8	Richard Schweitzer Megan High
October 10	Barb Tobias
October 11	Josh High
October 12	Jay Burkey
October 13	Jeanne Brewer
October 14	Leonore Fitterling** Jim Anthony
October 16	Dennis High
October 17	Gretchen Cosce
October 19	Harold Kohl
October 22	William Young
October 27	Tiffany Strouse
October 28	Jean Trostle** Brielle Shahade

Couples Celebrating Anniversaries:

October 1	Bob and Vaye Freeman
October 7	Robert & Jodi Freeman
October 10	Charles and Edie Graff
October 13	Sam and Nancy Leshner
October 14	Dan and Marianne Little
October 21	Chris and Linda Fitterling
October 27	Mark and Trina Weaver
October 30	Mike and Bev Madara

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone at Peace for your thoughts & prayers, cards, phone calls, and expressions of sympathy during the illness & passing of our father. All of your kind memories of Dad were so greatly appreciated.

Thanks also for keeping our mother in your thoughts & prayers during this transition in her life. She is now residing in a personal care apartment at Harvest View on the Zerbe Retirement Community property.

A very special thank you to the luncheon ladies for the delicious food prepared & served for us to enjoy after the funeral. Your services are so greatly appreciated.

The Family of Richard & Robinette Palsgrove

To my church family,
Thank you for the love and support you offered with words of sympathy and uplifting hugs during the unexpected death of my Dad. A special thank you to the Health and Welfare Committee for a delicious lunch, to Bev and Jimmy for preparing the church and Phyllis for the beautiful music. I am so blessed to part of this caring congregation.

Vicki Garner-Sweigart

PEACE PANTRY



In the months of October and November Peace Pantry will be collecting food items such as canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, pasta, sauce, cereal and anything else a family could use for a nice Thanksgiving dinner.

Donated items will be placed in Thanksgiving boxes by the Health and Welfare committee for families in need within the congregation and our local community.

HARTMAN CENTER

Fall Fest - October 13 - 10 am - 3 pm

Homemade food and baked goods for sale, kid's games and crafts, basket auction, fishing derby, hayrides, face painting, prizes, swag and more. Admission is free and the proceeds benefit summer programs.

Women's Retreat - Nov. 16, 7 pm to Nov 18, 11 am

The topic of this retreat is **Tie-dyed Faith - Revealing your God Colors** and the cost is \$125 per person which includes all materials needed. Women attending this retreat will create beautiful shirts, explore the gifts God has given them, and discern ways to reveal those gifts. Please register by November 5 to ensure there will be enough materials for everybody.

Youth Retreat - Nov. 16, 7 pm to Nov 18, 11 am

The topic of this retreat is **Escape Room**. The cost is \$95 per person and is for youth in grades 7 thru 12. Join your friends and make new ones. Work together to find the clues, break the codes, and figure out the puzzles.

More information about these retreats and other events at Hartman Center can be found on their website: <https://hartmancenter.com/>

Happenings at Peace

ABIGAIL BUTZ MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE AND YOUTH LUNCHEON

You're invited to donate blood on Sunday, October 28th from noon to 4 pm, in the fellowship hall. There will be a sign up sheet on the office window in October. Walk-ins are also welcome.

You are also welcome to donate blood at the PA Central Blood Bank (1-800-771-0059) and have it count towards the blood drive throughout the year. We have started donating several times a year with our donation counting toward the blood drive each time.

If you are unable to donate, you are welcome to donate a baked good for those to eat after donating.

We are also excited that the youth group will be serving lunch after the traditional worship service so everyone is welcome to stay after church to enjoy a wonderful lunch and fellowship even if you are not able to donate.

Come enjoy some fellowship and a wonderful lunch and donate blood if you are able!!

Please see Kristine and Timothy Butz with any questions about the blood drive and Cindy Anthony with questions about the lunch. Thank you for giving the gift of life by donating.

SCC COMMUNION WORSHIP AND DINNER

Sunday October 7th is World Communion Sunday. On this day we offer a special 3:00 pm afternoon communion service for our Special Care and Concern members, their Sponsors and anyone else who might like to attend. A dinner with entertainment will follow the service.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

In early November the Health and Welfare Committee will be assembling food boxes to go to families within the congregation and local community. During the months of October and November the Peace Pantry will be collecting food items to be used in these boxes. The Health and Welfare Committee will be supplying a canned ham for each of these boxes and will be looking to the congregation for some canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of potatoes or stuffing, canned potatoes, pasta, sauce, cereal and anything else a family could use for a nice meal. If you know of anyone in need of a food basket please contact Erla Hartranft at 717-484-4573.

SEARCH AND CALL UPDATE

I want to give everyone an update on what has been happening as we are beginning the process of developing our “Profile” which is the first step in getting ready to call our next minister. We have several individuals that have volunteered to be part of the committee to develop our church profile. This document helps us to identify “who” we are as Peace UCC. All of us will be helping in this process as the committee gathers information about our members, wider community, and our church. Please help as you are able as we work through this task. Since we are just beginning this process, I will provide additional updates in the near future.

Several members have shared with me that they are ready to have this process completed as quickly as possible. I want you to know that we will work to complete our profile efficiently, but it will not be rushed. We want this to be accurate and truly share “who” Peace UCC is and what our mission is. To help accomplish this, please show your support to the committee. We need all of your support!

Profile committee:

Timothy Butz - Chairperson

Cindy Anthony

Courtney Hall

Jeannie Brewer

Jack Long

Jim Gress

Brad Wolf

Bob Wolfe

So what does “Designated Minister” mean?

As we welcome Rev. Betsy Bruaw to Peace UCC, I wanted to share what it means for us and her to be called our “Designated Minister.” First, Rev. Bruaw will be our full-time minister. She will be preaching, visiting, organizing, ministering, nurturing, guiding, and helping to guide our faith journey. Additionally she will be helping to guide our search and call process.

Church Council could either choose to call an interim minister or a Designated Minister to help as we go through the search and call process.

An Interim Minister is hired to be the minister during the time that the search and call process is occurring. After this is completed, they will leave the church and a permanent minister would be called. They cannot be a candidate for the permanent minister.

A Designated Minister is hired to be the minister during the time that the search and call process is occurring and can also be called as the permanent minister at the conclusion of the process.

Church Council chose to call Rev. Bruaw as a Designated Minister so that we have the option of calling her as our permanent minister should she be the best qualified candidate for our church after the conclusion of the search and call process.

LOOKING FOR HELPING HANDS

The Wednesday Work Crew, with limited help, has been busy all summer keeping our church grounds in good condition to maintain the curb appeal we are accustomed to. We have been side tracked with a few time consuming projects such as installing a new emergency lighting system in the fellowship hall and reinsulating the condensate lines on our air conditioning units. Of course we had to deal with all the rain that limited outdoor project completion and held us back at times from tasks such as grove clean up, large limb removal due to storms, weeding, shrub trimming and just general property clean up. As fall approaches we have a work schedule that could sure us some additional helping hands. Weed removal, low limb cutting, flower garden clean ups, and some painting just to name a few. Of course interior work never ceases. Plumbing issues, lighting and other small miscellaneous chores just to name a few are always on the list.

I invite anyone who might be interested and has a free hour or two on a Wednesday morning to join us at 7:30 a.m. to give a hand. Help an hour, help two hours. Whatever your schedule and work skills allow would be greatly appreciated. You decide what suits you best. If a Wednesday does not meet your schedule and you would like to come out to the church in the evening or a Saturday morning to offer some assistance that would be great. All you need to do is let me know when you are available and we can pick a job from the list that you are comfortable with and have time for. Current priorities are flower bed clean up and fall prep., weeding, grove limb clean up, low tree limb cutting (makes it safer and easier for lawn mowing crew). shrub trimming and some painting. I would like to paint exterior of entrance doors this fall if possible, especially garage door and doorway to the kitchen. Our list of tasks is always growing.

If interested or you need more information please see me in church or call me at 717-484-2510. Thank you.

John Haldeman,
Church Administrator

Happenings at Peace

SPECIAL CARE AND CONCERN MEMBERS

We always remember our SCC Members at Christmas and on their birthdays. Christmas cards for each SCC Member can be placed in the Christmas box in the Narthex. We also invite you to bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies to Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 2 to share with our SCC members when the Health and Welfare Committee packs their Christmas bags. We also invite you to sign a birthday card for each SCC member and place it in the box in the Narthex so that their sponsor may deliver the cards in time for their birthdays. No postage or stamp is needed, place your cards in the box and the Health and Welfare Committee will separate and pack them.

CHRISTMAS LIST

Alice Binns
Georgian Bixler
Maxine Burky
Linda Coventry
Shirley Endy
Leonore Fitterling
Marvin Fitterling
Betty Good
Charlie and Edie Graff
Lori Hartranft
Judy High
Shirley Kline
Mildred Krick
Pierce and Ethel Leshner
Beverly Martin
Lillian Messner
Stewart Mohn
Robinette Palsgrove
Sally Romich
Ella Mae Shupp
May Lou Sweigart
Jean Trostle
Warren "Slats" Trostle
Virginia Tobias
Dolly Youndt

BIRTHDAY LIST

Shirley Endy	January 1
Stewart Mohn	January 13
Charlie Graff	January 18
Pierce Leshner	January 24
Robinette Palsgrove	February 8
Maxine Burky	March 20
Virginia Tobias	March 28
Ella Mae Shupp	March 30
Betty Good	April 7
Alice Binns	April 27
Mildred Krick	May 13
Mary Lou Sweigart	June 6
Edie Graff	June 10
Marvin Fitterling	June 22
Dolly Youndt	July 13
Sally Romich	July 14
Linda Coventry	August 17
Lillian Messner	August 29
Lori Hartranft	September 12
Ethel Leshner	September 20
Warren "Slats" Trostle	September 27
Shirley Kline	October 5
Leonore Fitterling	October 14
Jean Trostle	October 28
Judy High	December 2
Beverly Martin	December 2
Georgian Bixler	December 19

Council Minutes - September 11, 2018

Attendees: John McDonough, Chris Fitterling, Dan Hall, Bev Madara, Brad Wolf, Deb Hedrick, Jim Anthony, Mike Madara.

Excused: Pat Acebo, Mary Getz, Jeff Moyer, Vicki Dowhower, Mark Kline, Kristine Butz, Barb Hoffert, John Haldeman.

President John McDonough brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. A quorum was present. John McDonough started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

Review of last month's minutes:

Dan Hall made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Bev Madara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Most things are fairly normal. The bank dropped our interest rate in our capital improvement and endowment checking accounts from .1% to .01%. We are looking into options to keep even less in these checking accounts and more in cd's/investments.

Chris Fitterling made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Brad Wolf seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

The emergency lighting installation is complete and working properly. All paperwork for the Eagle Scout project has been completed and signed. The work crew is as caught up on their projects as is possible.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 08/31/2018	AUGUST
FUNDS SUMMARY	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)	\$39174.94
MEMORIAL FUND	\$20786.83
YOUTH FUND	\$4863.26
PETTY CASH	\$100.00
ACCOUNT BALANCES	\$64925.03
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$5056.02
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$38404.38
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$43460.40
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$33471.15
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$152181.62
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$5464.39
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$165529.81
ENDOWMENT FUND TOTAL	\$356646.97
CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT	\$115000.00
TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE	\$580032.40

Pastor's Report:

No report.

Marketing Report:

We are working on updating the information available on our Sunday School programs.

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Children and Youth Ministry Report:

The Sunday School kickoff was this past Sunday. We are working to have updated information on our programs available to the public.

Spiritual Council, Benevolence, Faith Exploration, Adult Ministry, Altar Guild Reports:

No report.

Budget and Finance Report:

The budget will be presented at the October meeting.

Health and Welfare Report:

World Communion Sunday will be October 07. The special care and concern member service will be held at 3 pm.

Youth Report:

The Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, September 29th, from 10 am until sold out. Help is always welcome and appreciated.

The plan for youth events for the next year is currently being completed.

Old Business:

The blood bank made an error regarding the date for the blood drive, and the date was reserved incorrectly. The original date is already booked and is no longer available. The Butz's request to hold the blood drive on Sunday, October 28 from 12-4. A lunch will be served by the youth group on the same day. Bev Madara made a motion to approve the new date and Jim Anthony seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

None.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2018. Being no further business, Bev Madara motioned to adjourn and Deb Hedrick seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Anthony
Council Secretary

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9am Stitch & Chat 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Judy High	2 Janis Hoch	3 Keith & Barb Hoffert	4 7pm Choir Rehearsal Mike & Kim Hoffert	5 Mike Hornberger	6 Ann Huck
7 World Communion Sunday 8:30am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional 3pm SSC Service Rosie Johnston	8 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Mark Kline	9 6:30pm Spiritual Council 7pm Church Council Shirley Kline	10 Arthur Klink	11 7pm Choir Rehearsal Kevin & Jess Klinkner	12 Harold & Ann Kohl	13 Janice Kohl
14 8:30am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Mildred Krick	15 9am Stitch & Chat 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Russell & Julie LaSalle	16 6:30pm Spiritual Council 7pm Church Council Chris & Jessica Lausch	17 Clair & Mardel Lausch	18 7pm Choir Rehearsal Scott & Lise Lausch	19 Sylvia Leach	20 Ken & Nancy Leshner
21 8:30am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Pierce & Ethel Leshner	22 Sam & Nancy Leshner	23 George Lewis	24 Charles & Beverly Lightcap	25 7pm Choir Rehearsal Brianne Little	26 Dan & Marianne Little	27 Jack & Linda Long
28 8:30am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional 11:30am Youth Luncheon 12-4pm Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive Charlotte Macleod	29 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal Mike & Bev Madara	30 Bev Martin	31 Janet Mattis			



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Return Service Requested

Peace Church Member

October Events

Sunday, October 7 - Special Care and Concern Communion and Dinner - 3:00 pm

Sunday, October 28 - Youth Luncheon - 11:30 am

Sunday, October 28 - Abigail Butz Memorial Blood Drive - 12 - 4 pm

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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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