

# Peace Notes

## April 2019

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

### Pastor's Page

Some years ago, a group of friends and I discovered the following reading by Sue Monk Kidd.

#### ***The Fragrance of Easter***

I've decided to celebrate the events of Easter in a unique way this year. I am going to make a Holy Week bouquet. The idea came as I read the Scriptures about the last week of Jesus' life. I noticed that many of the events were accompanied by a particular plant. *Why not remember the events by gathering the plants into an arrangement*, I thought. One that would not only decorate my home for Easter, but symbolize the meaning of that special week. Here are the plants that I plan to use in my bouquet:

**A palm branch**- to represent the events of Palm Sunday

**Grapes and wheat stalks**- to symbolize the Last Supper

**A reed of thorns**- to depict the mocking of Christ

**A passion flower or poppy** (the source of gall) – to represent the Crucifixion

**Aloe, myrrh or other spices**- reminders of Jesus' burial

**A white lily**- to symbolize the Resurrection

Whether you choose to create an actual arrangement as I do, or simply reflect on each plant and the event it exemplifies, I believe you and I will create a thing of beauty that will leave the fragrance of Easter in our lives for a long time to come.

*(as published in THE STONE THAT ROLLED AWAY: Living the Miracle of Easter; 1993: Guideposts, Carmel, NY 10512)*

In response, we gathered during Lent to assemble our own Holy Week bouquets, talking about each element. Since then, my bouquet remains part of our family Easter décor, and each Holy Week it deepens our reflection on the arrest, trial, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I encourage you to consider this or another reflective project as Lent continues to unfold. Share photos of the results with the congregation on Facebook or via email or text. A simple way to walk with Jesus through Holy Week and into the bright dawn of Easter day!

Be Blessed and Keep a Holy Lent!

*Pastor Betsy*



# Peace United Church of Christ

2019

John McDonough, Council President  
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## HEAD USHER

Lois Haldeman

## ALTAR GUILD

Sylvia Leach  
Mardel Lausch

## GREETERS

April 7	Don Sunday
April 14	Mary Getz
April 21	The Butz Family
April 28	George and Eleanor Bailey

## ALTAR FLOWERS

April 7	Virginia Tobias
April 14	Mike and Bev Madara
April 21	John and Heidi McDonough
April 28	Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Leshner

The deadline for submitting articles for the May issue of Peace Notes is April 20th. Please put your information on the secretary's desk or email it to [secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org](mailto:secretary@peaceunitedchurch.org)

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

# April Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Say Happy Birthday to:

April 2	Mike Madara
April 3	Mary Jane Grote Charles Lightcap
April 4	Barb Becker
April 5	Audrey Priga Curtis Youndt
April 6	Ken Leshar Connie Youndt Mark Kline
April 7	<b>Betty Good**</b> Kathy Palsgrove Mark Anthony
April 9	Matt Miller
April 10	Linda Shollenberger Bill Bruaw
April 11	Daniel Little
April 12	Chris Lausch
April 14	Helen Youndt Linda Fitterling Jeff Miller Briana Little
April 16	Chris Fitterling Madison Morgan Cole Patterson
April 21	Jack Bernstel Vicki Dowhower Caleb Cosce
April 24	Clara Roland Polly Moser Michael Anderson Beverly Lightcap Yuri Evans
April 25	Emily Miller
April 26	Amy Miller
April 27	<b>Alice Binns**</b> Matt Anthony
April 28	Pat Acebo Jane Walmsley Heidi McDonough Kristine Butz

## Couples Celebrating Anniversaries:

April 1	Steven and Rebecca Priga
April 10	Ed and Susan McIlmoyle
April 21	John and Heidi McDonough
April 23	Jeff and Sherry Moyer
April 25	Ralph and Carole Good
April 27	Jimmy and Karen Dorsey

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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 on the secretary's desk in the office.

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**\*\* 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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# Thank You Notes, Peace Pantry and more

THANK YOU!

There are no thank you notes this month.

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## EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13 beginning at 10:00 am and followed by a light lunch in our Fellowship Hall. The egg hunt will be held rain or shine and is available to kids from newborn to high school. This is a community event, so invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome to join us.

We are **collecting individually wrapped candy** to be placed in plastic eggs and used for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please place all donations in the basket at the office window. If you have any questions contact Barb Becker.

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## PEANUT BUTTER EGGS

The youth are making and selling homemade peanut butter eggs for pick up on Sunday April 7 after the traditional service. The eggs will cost \$7.00 a box. Each box of eggs will contain approximately 16 eggs. Place your order on the sign-up sheet located on the office window or online at <https://peaceunitedchurch.org/youth>. Last day to order is March 31. Thank you for supporting our youth!

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## PEACE PANTRY



During the month of April the Peace Pantry will be collecting bingo prizes for Ephrata Manor. Suggested items are hard candy (regular and sugar free), ladies scarves, men's socks, tissues, lotion, lip balm, and soft snacks. This will be in coordination with the Sunday School Lenten Project, "Planting Seeds of Love".

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## ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will be taking orders for Easter Lilies on Sunday March 31, April 7 and April 14 before and after the 10:30 worship service. The cost is \$8.00 for a 5-6 bloom plant. The Easter Lilies will be in the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday, April 21 and should be taken home after the service.

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## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Come out to the church on Saturday, April 6 anytime after 8:00 am to help make peanut butter eggs. We will be scooping, rolling into the egg shape, dipping the eggs into the chocolate, and trimming and boxing the eggs. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** If 8:00 am is too early, come out later. We have quite a few eggs to make. For more information contact Cindy Anthony. Thank you for supporting our youth!

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# Happenings at Peace

## MUSINGS

*By Lois Haldeman*

As many of you know, my husband and I recently returned from a vacation that took us to South Carolina and Florida. This trip has become an annual event in which we are able to share our grandson's birthday in Charleston, spend a week in the beautiful city of Naples, and visit dear friends in Mexico Beach, Florida. In all, we logged over 3,000 miles of mostly interstate driving.

This year, our visit to Mexico Beach was quite unique, to say the least. Our friends had relocated there in August of last year after having vacationed in that area for several weeks in previous years. To coin a phrase, they "fell in love" with the quaint, non-commercial beauty of the small Gulf Coast town. If you recall, this town was "Ground Zero" for the Category-5 hurricane named Michael which struck on October 10, 2018. Our friends were quite fortunate since their newly-acquired house is approximately 1/4 mile from the beach and elevated from sea level and, therefore, sustained very minimal effects from the disastrous storm. Being a newer structure, it was built with "hurricane proof" construction. They were also fortunate in that they were able to evacuate to Jacksonville to stay with their daughter for several days. Thousands of residents were not that fortunate, however; much of the population of the town and surrounding areas did not have the ways or the means to evacuate. Quite literally, the town and much of the immediate area were destroyed. I, personally, have never witnessed anything like what I saw. I can only compare it to news feeds of war zones after bombing has occurred.

My plan is to continue this account in future articles. At this time, please keep this seemingly 'forgotten' town and horrendous tragedy in your thoughts and prayers as the daunting task of restoration continues.

## PRAYER VIGIL

It is once again time to plan our annual Easter Prayer Vigil. This year the vigil will take place on Saturday, April 20 from 6:00 A.M. until 12:00 A.M.

For those of you who may not have participated in the vigil in previous years, participants sign up for half-hour time slots to sit in the sanctuary in quiet meditation, prayer, or Bible reading. You may sign up as an individual, couple, or family. Co-ordinator positions are also needed to sit in the Council Room (directly across from the sanctuary) to make sure all time slots are filled or to answer any questions. These positions are for two-hour periods.

Please consider participating in this year's vigil. It is both a very rewarding and meaningful experience and helps set the tone for the following day – the priceless Easter celebration!

The sign-up schedule is posted on the church office window. Please take time from your busy schedule to participate. It is important that we have all time slots filled in order to make it a true "vigil". Should you have questions, please see Pastor Betsy or Lois Haldeman.

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## VBS NEEDS

We are in need of large cardboard boxes to create some of the props and decorations for Vacation Bible School. We are looking for tv sized boxes up to refrigerator sized boxes. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Anthony.

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## CHICKEN BBQ

The youth will be selling chicken BBQ on April 27 starting at 10:00 am. Cost will be \$6 for half a chicken, or \$9 for a dinner which includes half a chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll and butter, and a Clover Farms drink. All proceeds will go towards the youth's mission trip to New York City in June.

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# Council Minutes - March 12, 2019

**Attendees:** Rev. Betsy Bruaw, John McDonough, Bev Madara, Dan Hall, Barb Hoffert, Vicki Dower, Kristine Butz, Mark Kline, Margaret Harting, Vaye Freeman, Jeanne Brewer, Dean Fry, Vicki Dower, Mike Madara.

President John McDonough brought the council meeting of Peace United Church of Christ to order on Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Pastor Betsy started the meeting off with devotions and prayer.

**Presentation by Cathy Kenlin:**

RMO for Returning Citizens. Cathy gave a brief explanation of the program and suggested donations needed by support group. Provided documentation on needed items and how we can help.

**Review of last month's minutes:**

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

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

Mike is meeting with our Cetera rep next week. He moved \$50,000 of Capital Fund to BB&T 6 month certificate of deposit at 2% rate. \$15,000 in money market account. No news yet from BB&T on direct deposit for employees. Expenses have exceeded the budget so far this year.

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

**Administrator's Report:**

Township is charging a fee of \$15.00 for removal (brush, etc.). Email sent to clarify if we will be assessed a charge. Installed 3 blinds & replaced seals on doors.

Lawn care contract - prices remain the same as last year with the exception of a \$75 charge per occurrence to trim around the trees if desired. Work crew will take care of trimming around the trees as needed to avoid \$75 charge. Dan Hall made a motion to accept the lawn care contract (w/o extra \$75) and Bev Madara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 2/28/2019	FEBRUARY
<b>FUNDS SUMMARY</b>	<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT (COMBINED)</b>	<b>\$31,130.23</b>
MEMORIAL FUND	\$20,542.49
YOUTH FUND	\$4,436.45
PETTY CASH	\$100.00
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>	<b>\$56,209.17</b>
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CHECKING	\$5056.22
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$42,238.38
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47,294.63</b>
ENDOWMENT CHECKING (RESTRICTED USE)	\$2,847.74
ENDOWMENT CDS (RESTRICTED USE)	\$133,077.80
MONEY FUNDS (CETERA)	\$7,039.95
MUTUAL FUNDS (CETERA)	\$212,041.96
<b>BENEVOLENCE FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$355,007.45</b>
<b>CAPITAL HOLDING ACCOUNT</b>	<b>\$115000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS BALANCE</b>	<b>\$575,539.57</b>

Boy Scouts would like to change their meeting day from Monday to Sunday until June. Girl Scouts would like to change their meeting day from Thursday to Monday through May 2. This may be an issue with planned activities - Kristine Butz offered to contact.

A neighbor trimmed evergreen trees on our property. It was decided that the trees look fine - no need to address at this time.

# Council Minutes - March 12, 2019

## **Pastor's Report:**

Pastor Betsy is having surgery on Monday, March 18. She will most likely be available by phone for the April meeting.

May ask a few people to be lay leaders/liturgists in the weeks after her return. Would like to see more congregational involvement in worship this summer and beyond.

Lancaster Association Spring Meeting will be held at Hamilton Park UCC on Sunday, April 7 at 3pm. Would like 1-2 people represent Peace that day.

We have 5 wireless microphones that are on frequencies no longer available for use in the US. They can be recycled or donated for use in other countries. Approached Shirley Turner about taking them to Africa with her; she immediately thought of 2 ministers that could use them and can find places for others. Kristine Butz made a motion to donate and Bev Madara seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Confirmation Class: Classes and retreat prep continuing. Confirmation Sunday will be Palm Sunday, April 14. A flower will be received by each Confirmant. Ordered crosses and confirmation certificates for all.

The Lenten worship schedule is in the newsletter and bulletin. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at Peace at 7:30. Easter sunrise and traditional worship at 7am and 10:30am with Communion at both.

The next topic for Bible Study will be the Lord's Prayer.

Pastor Betsy and Bill hope to go on the Mission Trip to NYC in June.

Scheduled to direct CIT at Hartman Center on June 23-29. Will leave after worship on June 23 and be back for June 30 worship.

Penn Central Conference scheduled for June 7-8.

## **Marketing, Budget and Finance, Children and Youth Ministry, Capital Campaign Reports:**

No report.

## **Spiritual Council Report:**

Penn Central Conference - 2 delegates from Peace are paid for - this is typically around \$200. Others can attend as a visitor. This is a good opportunity for the youth to attend and serve & for anyone to make connections.

Discussed having a sign up for assistance with offering rather than the head usher being responsible.

## **Benevolence Report:**

Requested to have a voice in how money is divided when we receive a large sum.

Requested the name change from endowment to benevolence in the Treasurer's report.

Requested \$2,000 for Mexico Beach Storm Fund. Long-term relief through Penn Central. Kristine Butz made a motion to donate and Margaret Harting seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **Faith Exploration Report:**

45 people attended the discussion with Herman Bontrager.

## **Adult Ministry Report:**

Refreshments were well received at Ash Wednesday service.

Stitch & Chat will meet on March 18.

Display for Stitch & Chat is set up in the Narthex.

## **Health and Welfare Report:**

Health & Welfare Sunday is May 5. Will collect a special offering.

## **Altar Guild Report:**

Easter Lilies have been ordered. They will be the same as last year - a 5-6 bloom plant for a cost of \$8.00. Altar Guild will be taking orders on March 31st, April 7th and 14th before and after the 10:30 worship. The lilies will be in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday services.

Peace Pantry will tie-in with Lenten project.

# Council Minutes - March 12, 2019

## Youth Report:

Making peanut butter eggs on April 6. The Chicken BBQ is on April 27. Mission trip to New York tentatively scheduled for June 16-21. VBS meeting was held.

Tim & Kristine Butz will be teaching at Hartman Center. Flyers are available.

## Old Business:

Interest sign up sheet for those interested in helping to collect offering. Lois requested an experienced assistant to help count during the month of April. Need ushers & assistants for the months of April, July, August, September, October, & December.

Dan Hall signed up for a table at the Real Life Community fundraiser to be held on April 4 (6:30pm) at Weavers. Contact Dan or Pat Hall if you would like to attend.

## New Business:

AED should be moved out of the council room. Should be easily accessible. John inspects the unit twice a year.

Mike can get a replacement battery if needed.

Profile committee will have their report ready for the April council meeting.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Being no further business, Lois Hal-deman motioned to adjourn and Bev Madara seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Dowhower  
Council Secretary

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## LENT AT A GLANCE

### Wednesday Lenten Services

(all services begin at 7:30 pm)

- April 3 – Swamp Christian Fellowship
- April 10 – East Cocalico Church of the Brethren  
4 Bunker Hill Rd, Reamstown
- April 17 – Abundant Life Christian Church,  
70 West Main Street, Adamstown

- Saturday, April 13 – Easter Egg Hunt – 10:00 am
- Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday – 8:30 and 10:30 am  
(Confirmation at Traditional Service)

### Holy Week Schedule

- Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday – 7:30 pm
- Friday, April 19 – Good Friday – 7:30 pm
- Saturday, April 20 – Prayer Vigil – 6 am - midnight
- Sunday, April 21 – Easter Communion Services  
7:00 am (Outdoor, weather permitting)  
10:30 am



# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9am Stitch & Chat 7pm Bell Choir  <b>Dan &amp; Pat Hall</b>	<b>2</b>   <b>Barry &amp; Pat Harting</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30pm Lenten Service @ Swamp Christian  <b>Emily Harting</b>	<b>4</b> 7pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Margaret Harting</b>	<b>5</b>   <b>Erla Hartranft</b>	<b>6</b> 7am Youth making PB Eggs  <b>Lori Hartranft</b>
<b>7</b> 8:30am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional  <b>Craig Hassler</b>	<b>8</b> 7pm Bell Choir  <b>Joanne Hassler</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30pm Spiritual Council 7pm Church Council  <b>Adam &amp; Kristen Heaps</b>	<b>10</b> Lenten Service @ East Cocalico Church of Brethren  <b>Deb Hedrick</b>	<b>11</b> 7pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Tim &amp; Val Heil</b>	<b>12</b>   <b>Diane &amp; Gary Hertzog</b>	<b>13</b> 10am Egg Hunt  <b>Ryan Hertzog</b>
<b>14 Palm Sunday</b> 8:30am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional  <b>Tyler Hertzog</b>	<b>15</b> 9am Stitch & Chat  <b>Dennis &amp; Connie High</b>	<b>16</b>   <b>Josh High</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30pm Lenten Service @ Abundant Life  <b>Kayla High</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Service  <b>Judy High</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30pm Good Friday Service  <b>Janis Hoch</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00am Easter Vigil  <b>Barb &amp; Keith Hoffert</b>
<b>21 Easter</b> 7:00am Easter Dawn Service 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional  <b>Michael Hoffert</b>	<b>22</b> 7pm Bell Choir  <b>Mike Hornberger</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30pm VBS Meeting  <b>Ann Huck</b>	<b>24</b>   <b>Rosie Johnston</b>	<b>25</b> 7pm Choir Rehearsal  <b>Mark Kline</b>	<b>26</b>   <b>Arthur Klink</b>	<b>27</b> 10am Chicken BBQ  <b>Kevin &amp; Jessica Klinkner</b>
<b>28</b> 8:30am Contemporary 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Traditional  <b>Harold &amp; Ann Kohl</b>	<b>29</b> 7pm Bell Choir  <b>Janice Kohl</b>	<b>30</b>   <b>Mildred Krick</b>				



# Peace United Church of Christ

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Return Service Requested

## Peace UCC Members and Guests

### April Events

Saturday, April 13 - Egg Hunt - 10:00 am  
Thursday, April 18 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service - 7:30 pm  
Friday, April 19 - Good Friday Service - 7:30 pm  
Saturday, April 20 - Easter Vigil - 7:30 pm  
Sunday, April 21 - Easter Services - 7:00, 10:30 am  
Saturday, April 27 - Chicken BBQ - 10:00 am

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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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