

THE REPORTER

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ONE VOICE

Peace is a Verb

When we began the season of Eastertide, we heard of Jesus' appearances to his disciples and friends following the resurrection. In the face of their fear, doubt and disbelief, he offered them peace.

How do we practice peace, be peace, and give peace to all whom we meet – all based on the gift we enjoy from the Prince of Peace? While I am fully aware that it is a concept far too extensive and in many ways too mysterious to cover in a short column, it seems, nevertheless, worth considering -- even if superficially.

It is true that peace means different things to different people – personal security and a sense of wellbeing; a trusting relationship with God; the absence of armed hostilities; and ultimately the peace of God's eternal reign. However, for me the one thought that seems to overshadow all the rest is the idea that peace is more than the absence of war. In truth, peace is neither inactive nor passive. Peace is a verb! Peace is something we do!

Peace is the result of people caring for each other as much as or more than they care for themselves. That manner of caring results in everyone's having a safe place to live; all children and youth having equal educational opportunities; no one ever going to bed hungry; all people feeling welcome and safe in whatever space they happen to enter. That recalls to me the old rallying cry of protesters in the 70's and 80's: "No justice; no peace." And with it the statement from Pope Paul VI which became a motto for justice advocates in the 60's and 70's, "Si quieres paz, lucha por la justicia!" (If you desire peace, struggle for justice!)

Certainly, without justice, there can be no peace – not only for those who seek justice but for those who withhold it as well.

Not only does Jesus refer to the peace that only he can give, the Hebrew Scriptures are full of references to the kinds of peace God advocates. God's peace is also active. It includes and is the result of faithfully observing God's statutes and commandments. (Leviticus 26:3-9) The pro-active work for the peace that God desires is clearly stated in Isaiah 58 beginning

with v. 6. If peace is our goal, there must be no hunger, no nakedness, no homelessness, no lack of opportunity, no oppression or marginalization of any person based on ethnic heritage, race, gender orientation, sexual preference, religious affiliation, condition of ability or disability or level of education. There must be no destruction or abuse of any of God's creation in which we are all kindred. All of that requires that we be active participants in the struggle for justice and peace. It means feeding the hungry, providing affordable housing, clothing the naked, welcoming the stranger. It may even mean participating in peaceful marches to ensure all people receive justice.

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival led by Rev. Dr. William Barber III and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharris is emerging from more than a decade of work by grassroots community and religious leaders, organizations and movements fighting to end systemic racism, poverty, militarism, environmental destruction and related injustices and to build a just, sustainable and participatory society.

From May 13 to June 17, people from across Pennsylvania will be traveling to Harrisburg to advocate for justice for all people. We have an opportunity to be part of this work for justice ~ for moral revival ~ by providing hospitality to some of the visitors to Harrisburg. Our consistory has agreed that we can provide floors for sleeping, food for eating, and presence for advocacy and support on June 3, 10 and 17. The people will be arriving on Sunday afternoons, having dinner, going to the Capitol on Monday morning after breakfast, and going home on Monday evening.

I am inviting all of us to do whatever we can to provide hospitality whether it's helping provide food for dinner or breakfast, setting up and cleaning up, spending the night (we need two people to spend the night at the church when we have guests) or providing transportation to the Capitol. There will be more details about how we can be involved in and support the Poor People's Campaign; and, we will share them with all of you; but, please start thinking now about how you can help provide hospitality to our guests in June,

In our own United Church of Christ Statement of Faith, we profess that God's promise to all who trust God is "forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace [and] courage in the struggle for justice and peace."

We are called to be part of that struggle with a love that supersedes any need for power or personal gain. In the words of Jimi Hendrix, "*When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.*"

What can you, what can we do in the struggle for justice and peace in our own parts of the world? This is an opportunity to honor our covenant!

Peace be with y'all,

Rev. Karin

NEXT COMMUNION

We will have the pleasure of celebrating Communion at Penbrook Church on May 6th. Please plan to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at the Lord's Table on this occasion.

MISSION SUNDAY

Our third Sunday second-mile offering will be for the Strengthen the Church.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY

May 6, 2018 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

May 13, 2018 Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

May 20, 2018 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 Or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27, 2018 Trinity Sunday ~ First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

THANK YOU

A heart felt thank you from Elaine and Bob Lane to their PUCG family for the thoughts, prayers and expressions of love and support that have sustained us during this time of sorrow.

Thanks, Elaine

THANK YOU

From the family and friends of Charlene Delli, whose memorial service was held here on April 28, 2018. We wish to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards and especially the prayers that upheld all of us during this difficult time.

MANY THANKS

From Skip Unger to the congregation, the piano family and friends and especially the KIDS for a great recital on April 22nd. \$172.00 was given to the church.

THANK YOU

To all who helped April 22 with the EARTH DAY clean up around the church

RIVER CITY SINGERS

The River City Singers will be offering a concert titled **WE SHALL BE FREE**. The concert will include the Arcona Reel Band performing a jig or two and singing some Irish tunes. The concert will be held at Penbrook United Church of Christ on Sunday, May 20, at 3pm.

As always, we wish to thank everyone at Penbrook UCC for allowing us to be part of your church family. We are so grateful!

SUMMER GIFT OF MUSIC/LITURGICAL DANCE

It's that time of year again when the choirs get some well-deserved time off from a busy choir season, and we would like folks to help provide music or liturgical dance for worship services from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. A sign-up sheet to volunteer for The Gift of Music/Liturgical Dance is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you're not comfortable with a solo, please consider a duet, trio or a small ensemble. Be sure all the information being requested is present so the worship bulletin can include your selection. If you need an accompanist, please contact Rita Oberman or Brian Johnson in advance so we have sufficient time to learn the accompaniment

RIDGEWAY AFFILIATION UPDATE

At a meeting on Sunday, April 8 The Ridgeway/PUCC Committee agreed to suspend plans for the potential affiliation of the two congregations for a year while PUCC attends to internal issues. The committee will meet quarterly, and the two congregations will continue to participate in social/mission events together.

MANNA FOOD PANTRY

A Ministry Partnership between Penbrook United Church of Christ
& Penbrook Church of God

Manna Food Pantry has interviewed two candidates for the Coordinator position, one as of April 5th has been learning the different duties. The other candidate that we interviewed on April 18th we hope will come on board as well.

I can't say enough about the folks that do all the duties that need done, we are very blessed to have them in our mist.

We are holding steady with the number of clients that we get in a month. God has truly blessed Manna. The 5K run/walk was held on April 7th, and it was as always, a very good time for all. As of this mailing we don't have the amount that was raised for Manna, but do want to thank Michelle Einig for all the great work she and her team did to make the 5K a success

We are so blessed to have so many good friends in Christ that donate food, personal items, and money to the pantry. It would be a blessing if we could have more monetary donations. We are learning to write Grants, but that hasn't been very fruitful yet.

We can't thank you enough for all you do for Manna.

God Bless each one of you,

Sarah Kempf

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Greetings from your Pastoral Search Committee. The committee consists of the following members:

Tita Domingos
Kim Evanoff
Olivia Grier
Richard Heiss-Chaplain
Linda Houseal
David Salapa-Chair

Our position for a settled pastor has been posted on the UCC web site. We have received a total of eight ministerial profiles so far and we are currently reviewing them. We may receive more. Due to our covenant to maintain confidentiality, we cannot provide information about candidates we are considering.

During the process of reviewing the profiles, we anticipate interviewing some of the candidates and traveling to a neutral site to observe those candidates conduct a worship service. We will then select a candidate. Once the Pastoral Search Committee selects a candidate and consistory approves that selection, we will provide information on the successful candidate.

As we move into this next phase of the pastoral search process, please continue to hold the members of the Pastoral Search Committee in your prayers.

PUCC CELEBRATES 125 YEARS IN 2018

Join PUCC as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary in October 2018. If you would like to help with the preparations, please contact Linda Grier at 717-695-7764 or 717-439-4858

NEW JERSEY BLUEBERRY SALE

Sponsored by Penbrook United Church of Christ

10 lb Box \$31.00 each. One Pint Box \$3.00 each

Order Deadline- June 29th Pickup/Delivery at Penbrook UCC on
Friday July 6th 11:00 to 1:00pm.

Money is due with order.

email your order form to (office@penbrookucc.org) or

mail your check and order form to PUCC 56 Banks St. Harrisburg, Pa. 17103,
put Blueberries in the memo portion.

Penbrook United Church of Christ

Blueberry Order Form

Money is Due with Order Deadline for Order's June 29,2018

10 lb box contains 13.5 pints for \$31.00 One pint box for \$3.00					
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STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

The **Strengthen the Church** offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. We will receive the offering on May 20, Pentecost Sunday.

PENBROOK SCHOOL REUNION

Penbrook School Reunion for all students who attended Penbrook School is planned for Sunday, September 16, 2018. Mark your calendar. Details to follow. For info. Call 717-469-4156 or 717-540-7955

PLEASE DO NOT HAVE PACKAGES DELIVERED TO THE CHURCH

Due to the UPS delivery schedules in the Penbrook borough, UPS package deliveries made to the church are never received. This is due to the short office hours. If you order something for the church have it delivered to your own address or contact Sharon Bosworth and have it delivered to her address.

PUCW WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY, 2018

<p><i>Sunday</i> 5/6/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Ann Bailey Greeter: Lorna Owens Acolyte: Children's Time: Head Usher:</p>
<p><i>Sunday</i> 5/13/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Bill MacClinchy Greeter: Acolyte: Children's Time: Mackenzie Weinhold Head Usher: Diane Weinhold</p>
<p><i>Pentecost Sunday</i> 5/20/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Rev. Liz Greeter: Acolyte: Children's Time: Head Usher:</p>
<p><i>Sunday</i> 5/27/2018</p>	<p>Liturgist: Greeter: Acolyte: Ann Bailey Children's Time: Bubba Weinhold Head Usher:</p>

MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BNE = Bhutanese Nepali Evangelical Church NA = Narcotics Anonymous</p>	<p>(ASSR) = Adult Sunday School Room (DSS) = Downstairs Sunday School Rooms</p>	<p>(FH) = Fellowship Hall (RR) = Ross Room</p>	<p>(OC) = Off Campus (TBD) = To Be Determined</p>			
		<p>1 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) Blueberry Sale Begins</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm: NA (FH)</p>	<p>3 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)</p>	<p>4 9:30 am: Manna Preparation (TBD) Elementary Retreat at Hartman Center</p>	<p>5 9:00 am: BNE (FH)</p>
<p>6 COMMUNION 6:15 am: Sunday School 9:15 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:00 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Worship</p>	<p>7 7:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR) 7:00 pm 125th Anniversary Committee (RR)</p>	<p>8 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR) 7:00 pm: IRF (TBD)</p>	<p>9 7:00 pm: Consistory (ASSR)</p>	<p>10 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)</p>	<p>11 9:30 am: Manna Preparation</p>	<p>12 9:00 am: BNE (FH) (TBD) Hartman Center Golf Outing</p>
<p>13 MOTHER'S DAY 9:15 am: Sunday School 10:00 am: Men's Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:00 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am: Worship</p>	<p>14 12:00 pm: Gun Violence Awareness Meeting (ASSR) 4:00 pm: Delta (FH) 7:00 pm: River City Singers (ASSR) 7:00 pm: Crafters 7:00 pm 125th Anniversary Committee (RR)</p>	<p>15 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)</p>	<p>16 7:00 pm: NA (FH)</p>	<p>17 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)</p>	<p>18 9:30 am: Manna Preparation</p>	<p>19 9:00 am: BNE (FH)</p>
<p>20 PENTECOST SUNDAY 6:15 am: Sunday School 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship/Ridgeway Visits 3:00 pm: River City Singers Concert (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm 125th Anniversary Committee (RR)</p>	<p>22 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm: NA (FH)</p>	<p>24 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)</p>	<p>25 Reporter Articles Due 9:30 am: Manna Preparation</p>	<p>26 9:00 am: BNE (FH)</p>
<p>27 TRINITY SUNDAY 6:15 am: Sunday School 10:00 am: BNE Church (FH) 10:30 am: Worship 2:30 pm: Sign Making (ASSR)</p>	<p>28 MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>29 10:30 am: Manna Bread Delivery 7:00 pm: Meditation (RR)</p>	<p>30 7:00 pm: NA (FH)</p>	<p>31 9:30 am: Manna Preparation 6:00 pm: Manna Food Pantry (FH)</p>		

FACTS AND FIGURES

MARCH 2018

General Fund	December	YTD
Offering Envelopes	\$8,586.00	\$26,624.00
Budgeted Amount	\$11,385.00	\$34,155.00
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$2,799.00)	(\$7,155.00)

March Mission:

Member Assistance Fund \$440.00

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE FUND

SECOND CENTURY BRICKS

MEMORIAL FUND

STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

Interim Minister: Rev. Dr. Karin Stork-Whitson
 Music Director: Brian Johnson
 Organist: Rita Oberman
 Bell Choir Director: Ruth Dunnewold
 Office Staff: George Long and Sharon Bosworth
 CMC Building Manager: Lisa Puliti
 Manna Food Pantry Director:
 Penbrook Learning Center Director: Deanna Hobbs
 Web Administrator: George Long

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS AND CONTACT

8:30am to 12:30pm Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
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JUNE NEWSLETTER

Articles for the June Reporter are due to the church office by **MAY 25**. Please keep this in mind when submitting articles that are date sensitive. Thank you for your cooperation. Articles should be e-mailed to: office@penbrookucc.org

MEMBER ASSISTANCE FUND

The church maintains a fund for members and friends of the congregation who are in need of temporary financial assistance. People's rent is increasing, there are basic needs for gas and food. If you have a need for this kind of assistance, we encourage you to talk to Sarah Kempf. Please continue to give to this important fund.

ALTAR COMMITTEE

The altar committee needs more people to join us, (Men or Women). Please call the Church office and leave your name and phone number and I will get in touch with you. Thank you, Linda Grier.

HOUSE BOUND

- **Walda Ansel**, Church of God Home, Personal Care Unit, Rm 223, 801 N Hanover St, Carlisle, PA 17013
- **Dorothy Baker**, Moravian Manor Lititz, 300 W. Lemon St., Rm 246D-HCW, Lititz, PA 17543
- **Marge Lippert**, 1020 N. Union Street, Room 135A, Frey Village, Middletown, PA, 17057
- **Bill Oberholtzer**, 45 Conestoga Drive, Lititz, PA, 17543, Phone #(717) 581-3372
- **Mary Sherk**, 4700 Oakhurst Blvd., Apt 202, Kindered Place. Harrisburg, PA 17110
- **Peggy Stellfox**, Room 235, Frey Village, 1020 N. Union St. Middletown, PA 17057
- **Jeannetta (Jeannie) Wagner**, Frey Village, Phoenix Unit, Room 220, 1020 North Union Street, Middletown, PA 17057

MAY BIRTHDAYS



We would like to extend a very happy birthday to everyone celebrating in May.

Bryan Proper	3 May
Teri Lynn Ferster	5 May
Sydney Davis	6 May
Susan Grogan	8 May
Lorna Owens	14 May
Adam Gipe	17 May
Linda Grier	22 May
Ruth Ann Husted	22 May
John Einig	25 May
Amber Mann	25 May
Leslie Marie Dundore	28 May
Larry Skinner	28 May

Note: A complete list by Month is in the Church Directory.

APRIL GIFT OF MUSIC

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen - PUCC A-pealing Too - April 15, 2018

<https://youtu.be/rg0udbfdUB0>

Our Mourning Has Become Dancing - PUCC A-pealing Praise - April 15, 2018

<https://youtu.be/6R2C94PeseU>

The Procession – Siyahamba - River City Singers April 29, 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VuXZOmN5liE>

Gift of Music - We Shall Be Free - River City Singers April 29, 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3DQaAKDu0I>

The Benediction - Think on These Things - River City Singers April 29, 2018

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9A9M_up5PXQ

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Penbrook United Church of Christ is an accepting, caring, and nurturing community gathering to worship God and welcoming all persons in their journey on the spiritual path.

As faithful stewards, we follow the model of Jesus Christ through loving service to the local community and to the larger world.

We strive in all aspects of our life as a congregation to be a people of courage and a people of peace.