



# February 2012

## The Peace Visitor

Dear Friends,

When I was in grade school Valentine's Day was the **real** February holiday! Construction paper silhouettes of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln went up for their birthdays. But it was the white paper doilies with red paper hearts in the middle and the winged cupids that edged all the chalk boards that really brightened up our classroom for weeks. When Valentine's Day came we would tape white lunch bags to the front of our desks. After attendance we would march our way up and down the aisles between the desks and drop our valentines into our classmate's sacks. Then we would sort through the heart shaped candies for just the right message to give to each person.

If I were putting a message on a heart candy for Valentine's Day I would want it to say, "*Delight!*" I would like to give away that heart candy message and find a few on my desk as well!

Psalm 18:19 says, "God brought me out into a broad place; he delivered me because he delighted in me." I have become captivated by this notion of 'delight' – of God delighting in us, each and every one of us. How do you experience God's delight in your life? Are you delighted? What delights you? How do we let others know we delight in them? How do we delight in the LORD?

I believe we delight in the LORD by living the Christ-like life. We delight in the LORD when we follow Jesus's example in our daily living. We delight in the LORD when we fervently thank God for the blessings of our life.

I believe, like the Psalmist, we can know God delights in us when we pause from our busy schedule and claim God's love. When we stay still before the LORD in adoration then God's delight baptizes our spirit and seeps into our soul with refreshment. We can also know God's delight when we share that delight with others. Allow yourself to be delighted and delighted in, and you will discover wonderful gifts. Happy Saint Valentine's Day!

Shalom,  
Pastor Hal

**Peace United Church of Christ**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**

January 19, 2012

Present: Pastor Hal, Mark Hoff, Brad Hanson, Jay Yunek, Lela Clark, Chet Johnson

The meeting started with the Lord's Prayer.

The Secretary's report was approved as printed in the Visitor.

Financial Secretary's Report – Reviewed and accepted the end of the year report.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed end of the year Treasurer's report. The Trustees presented a budget for 2012 that does not balance. The issue will be discussed at the annual meeting.

Pastor's Report - Since we met in December we worshipped on December 18, December 24 and December 25, 2011. Also January 1, 2012, January 8, and January 15. We celebrated communion on Christmas Eve and January 8.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Service of Lessons and Carols on December 18 and the Potluck that followed.

Thanks to Chet and Karen Johnson, Bruce Michaels, Val Broste, who helped take down the Christmas decorations on January 3. Jim and Mitchell Thares came, as we were finishing up. Thanks to them for the effort.

We have a new copier in the church office. Purchased from Binsfeld's with Memorial Fund money.

Met with Deacons on January 11 and with Christian Education on January 12.

Worked on the material for the Annual Meeting this Sunday.

Visited Dorothy Zika in the hospital following her shoulder surgery and following her stroke.

Deacon's Report – The Deacons did not meet.

Trustee's Report – The Trustee's met 1-19-2012 and reviewed the 2012 budget.

Time, Talent & Treasure – Did not meet.

Christian Education – Met on 1-11-12, discussed our Sunday School program in general

Special Events– Did not meet.

Pastor/Parish – The committee met in December.

Mission – Recent efforts included the Angel Tree, Salvation Army kettle and Kids against Hunger.

Reach Out – Next event will be organizing our next Friendship Pot Luck.

Old Business – Our committees have turned in the reports for the annual meeting, which is set for 1-22-12. We had a brief discussion on the constitutional changes.

New Business – The Pot Luck dinner following the annual meeting will be organized by the council.

The meeting ended with Pastor Hal leading us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Chet Johnson for Karen Johnson, Council Secretary

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**Peace United Church of Christ**  
**2012 Annual Meeting**  
January 22, 2012

Call to Order: Moderator, Mark Hoff, opened the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Hal led us in prayer.

Attendance: 47 members; quorum requirement is met.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Chet Johnson to approve agenda as printed.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Ron Seibring and seconded by Michelle Dettman to accept the Secretary's Report as printed. Passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hal spoke briefly and expressed that he is truly wealthy because of the members of Peace UCC.

Treasurer's Report: Chet Johnson announced that Linda Bueckers handles the books and he reviews everything with Pastor Hal and signs the checks.

Approval of Budget for 2012: Reviewed the proposed budget. Trustees have created a bare bones budget. Based on the current pledges and expenses we are at a \$15,000 deficit. We have had this scenario in the past and have come through.

Discussion: We started 2011 with \$5000.00 in the general fund and ended the year in the red by \$2028.00. This negative balance is due primarily to insurance and pension payments that were paid out in 2011 but are for the 2012 year.

Dennis Clark commented on the wonderful contributions from many of our members that cover things that would otherwise have to be paid for. For example, Pastor Hal turned plumber to fix the water heater. Also, our cleaning is now being done by Paul Naegeli who is volunteering his services.

The Elevator Maintenance and repair expense includes city required inspections and an insurance policy.

Motion by Lela Clark and seconded by Chet Johnson to accept the budget as printed. Passed.

Election of Officers and Committee Members: Motion by Lela Clark and seconded by Michele Dettman to accept the Committee Nominations as printed with the addition of the following: Dennis Clark for Deacons; Bev Tallent and Pam Rypkema for Mission. Passed.

Installation of new members will be Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

Committee Reports: Printed in the Annual Report for your reading enjoyment.

New Business: Vote on Constitutional Amendment – Article 10 of the Constitution & Bylaws will be changed with regard to the number of members on the following committees: Pastor Parish, Time Talent & Treasure, Christian Ed, Special Events, Mission and Reach Out. These committees will be changed to a minimum of five members, with no more than 3 being elected in a given year. The Deacons and Trustees will remain at six members.

Move to accept by vote of the congregation – passed unanimously.

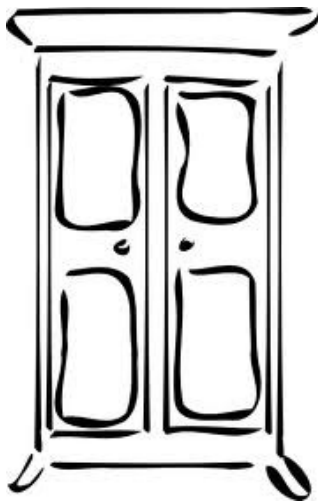
Other Business: Pastor Hal announced a special thank you is in order for Clarence Pfuhl who faithfully shows up every Sunday and turns on lights, unlocks doors, and picks up bulletins after worship service.

Motion made by Michelle Dettman and seconded by Jan Seibring to adjourn. Passed.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

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## **THE NOOKS AND CRANNIES OF PEACE CHURCH**

“Nooks and Crannies” will consist of occasional articles in The Visitor to let members and friends know what is available at Peace church and where things are stored.

### The Cupboard of Good Intentions

We have two such cupboards at Peace. One is an area under the basement stairs at the south entry, the other is the quilters room in the basement. The sad fact is that all seamstresses occasionally have ideas and plans that are greater than their time or ability to get the project done. You can donate any fabric that you are not going to use, whether it is left over from a project, or the result of your unrealized good intentions. No one needs to know who left it, or what the original plan was. No guilt! Just leave it in one of these areas and the quilters will find a use for it.

“Nooks and Crannies” is the brainchild of Shirley Hoff.

**Happy  
February  
Birthday!**



Nolan Foss - 2  
Matt Seibring - 3  
Henry Doeden - 5  
Trevor Nieland - 5  
Robyn Anhorn - 6  
Marge Johnson - 6  
Dixie Giloy - 7  
Carol Schleicher - 9  
Christine Knettel - 10  
Deloris Reich - 10  
Michelle Seibring - 12  
Benjamin Loch - 13  
Phyllis Hartwig - 13  
Ned Taylor - 13  
Liz Thares - 13  
Von Malinen - 15  
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*Are you able to visit or send  
a note to these members  
who are homebound, or  
living in long-term care?*



*They would love  
to hear from you.*



***Joys & Concerns***

**Get Well:** Steph Petersen,  
Dorothy Zika, Phyllis Behrens,  
Joyce Rosenow

*Please let the office know  
if there are mistakes on this page,  
or information that should be added.*

***Thanks!***

**Lela Clark served this treat at the January 1st coffee hour.  
Many of you requested the recipe.**

### **Pecan Pie Squares**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
Grease jellyroll pan (11" X 17" X 1" approximately)

#### Prepare the Base:

3 cups flour  
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
3/4 cup shortening  
Blend with mixer or food processor until crumbly, it will be dry.  
Press firmly into pan including sides.  
Bake 20 minutes at 350.



#### The Filling:

4 eggs slightly beaten  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1 1/2 cup Corn Syrup  
3 tablespoons shortening, melted  
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
2 1/2 cup chopped pecans  
Gently mix all ingredients, except pecans, until well blended.  
Stir in Pecans. Pour over baked base, spreading evenly.  
Bake until filling is set, about 25 minutes.  
Will make about 70 – 80 bars when cut into squares.

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