

Tidings of Peace



**January/February
2021**

*The mission and purpose of Peace
Community United Church of Christ
is to make and nurture disciples for
Jesus Christ.*



Join us

Saturday, February 20th

6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

A Link will be available in your
e-mail and on Facebook

Friendly Competition to see
what you know

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Pastor Joel's Ponderings

But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8).



2020 was an unusual year to say the least. There was Covid, political unrest, financial and emotional challenges for a lot of people. I suspect the first half of 2021 will continue to feel less than normal. Just saying that makes me feel a certain level of exhaustion. We are tired of challenges. Like the people of Israel wandering in the wilderness, it is tempting to complain. We may want to eat sour grapes. If you keep feasting on what wrong with your life, then you will only see what is wrong around you. I am grateful for 2020. Each Sunday morning, one way or another everyone that wanted to worship had some opportunity to do so with Peace Community. It may not have been your first choice, but Jesus showed up. I am thankful for your financial faithfulness. Even though the doors of the church may not have been opened, you recognized that ministry continued. That took a huge weight off of the church staff. Almost every day, there was an opportunity to experience a daily reflection. Wendy kept the office going, Keith continued to make improvements to our physical space, and our organists provided music for worship. Meredith tried to gather the choir, but Covid would not allow it. Robin waits to welcome children back to the nursery when possible. Deb Honaker and Nancy Salyer made sure that our shut-in's received cheer plates at Christmas time. We helped a homeless family find a safe, decent place to live. A group of people started a long range planning committee. We are anticipating a bright future. Tracy Johnson created "To Go" church for our youth. This year we have a mission project with Leapin' Ministry, we will find ways to connect with one another, and we will "be the church" wherever we find ourselves. All of these blessings can be seen when we remain in Jesus and He remains in us. Remember to look to Jesus that your roots may be nourished.

Connect

Annual Meeting Part II

Sunday, Feb. 7th

Following Worship



As a non-profit organization, we are required to have an Annual Meeting for legal purposes. Our Annual Meeting is broken into two pieces, one part is held in December and another occurs in January. **A meeting was held on Jan. 17th but the sound system was not working.** The first meeting allows us to take care of approving a budget for the following year and electing church officers. The second part is where we receive the final financial report for the previous year and celebrate the ministry that has taken place. This meeting is usually very brief. Like Part I, it is likely we will still be in the parking lot. We need a quorum to officially receive the reports (50 people). We would really appreciate if you could join us for worship and the meeting that day.

Thank You for Your Support

- The church staff, including Pastor Joel would like to thank you for your generous love offering you shared with us. It is a pleasure to work with all of you.
- Thanks to those who made a special effort to come to our Annual Meeting Part I. It is appreciated.
- Thank you to our Consistory for its leadership during this difficult year.
- We appreciate your faithfulness to our financial needs.
- Thank you for being flexible. It made and will continue to make life easier as leaders try their best to continue ministry and keep everyone safe.
- We appreciate this particular body of Christ at Peace Community UCC!

“Staying Together”

The pandemic has changed so many aspects of life, including how we “do church”. It is likely that the first half of 2021 will look a lot like 2020., although there should be more of a sense of a “light at the end of the tunnel” as many people are vaccinated. In 2020, pastors and other church leaders had to go into “triage mode”. The goal was to keep the most important and most basic things going. Pastor Joel and the staff did that by providing multiple opportunities for worship, ways to check-in on-line and daily reflections. Those will continue into 2021 and the methods of delivery will likely adjust over time. At the same time, there is a second key component and that is around the topic of connecting. While it is good to get “worship out to you”, it is not the same as “being together as a community”. During this year, Pastor Joel will be working with the Elders to think about how we can keep relationships vibrant. One such opportunity in January will be our virtual trivia night. You and your family can log into Zoom and test your knowledge and laugh with one another. Watch for more information in the coming months for ways to remain connected to your church family, even when we are apart.

Staying Connected While We Are Disconnected

Study God's Word

The **Heroes of Faith Bible Study** will continue via Zoom beginning Tuesday, January 12th at 7 p.m. and will continue to meet through January. We will then begin a new study during Lent (begins Feb. 17th).



Check-In

You are invited to join us each Thursday evening on Zoom for an informal check-in with one another and a brief prayer time. We found that this gave some people the opportunity to see one another and catch up. This group meets at 7 p.m.



Church to Go

Thank to the hard work of Tracy Johnson, all of our youth receive a "to go" kit each month with activities they can do. This is the second month doing this.



Communication Tool

One of the things that we have been able to do throughout the pandemic is e-mail. Consistory is going to look at a program that could easily allow us to call, text or e-mail you based on your preference. This would be a system like the schools use to notify parents. As we move ahead with this tool, we will let you know what you need to do, if anything.

Worship Matters

Worship Topics

Date	Scripture	Theme
Jan. 24	Mark 1:14-20	Following Jesus
Jan. 31	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Considerate of Others
Feb. 7 (Communion Sunday)	Luke 2:22-40	Seeing Jesus
Feb. 14	Mark 9:2-9	The Wonder of Jesus
Feb. 17 Lent Begins	Psalm 51	Create In Me, A Clean Heart
Feb. 21	Psalm 25:1-10	A New Direction
Feb. 28	Psalm 22:23-31	Turn to the Lord

There will be an **Ash Wednesday service** via zoom on Wednesday, Feb. 17th at 7 p.m.. We will celebrate Holy Communion and you may pick up ashes to place on your forehead the Sunday before. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6876574149> This will also be available in an e-mail or on Facebook so you can simply click on it for access to the gathering.

Dates to Keep

March 14	Daylight Savings Time Begins
April 4	Easter

Offering Envelopes and Year End Giving Statements

If you have used envelopes in the past, new ones are available for 2021. If you have not used envelopes before, but would like to do so, please see Pam Axline.



Some Tips When Using Envelopes:

- It is helpful if you go ahead and put your name on the outside, that saves time looking up records.
- Please do not fold the envelope in half when placing it in the offering plate. Envelopes can more easily sorted this way, If you wish to do so, you can put your envelope face down so people cannot see the front.
- Please indicate which category(ies) you want the enclosed offering to go to.

These tips were brought to you by Pastor Joel. Thanks to Pam Axline for her tireless work, counting and recording the offering week-to-week and year-to-year.

End of the year giving statements will be available near the end of January. These are produced for those who use envelopes and those who use checks regularly. Please speak to Pam Axline if you have any questions. Her phone number is (740) 726-2446.

Birthdays and Anniversaries—January & February

January



1	Ella Trzpit	21	Bob Elliott
5	Les Yager	22	Krista Dutt Parker
6	Sierra Felt		Todd Mitchell
	Erik Felt	23	Brianna Haberman
7	Joyce Cumston	24	Brieann Axline
9	Owen Beckley	28	Virlyn Kenner
15	Matt Axline		

*Happy
Anniversary*

5 Todd and Terry Mitchell

February



*HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY*

8 Harry and Vickie Dutt

1	Harrison Lee	15	Vickie Isaacs
	Chris Tucker	17	Joyce Jaycox
3	Mary Loyer	18	Mary Ann Klingel
5	Brendyn Craft	20	Shae Craft
8	Vickie Dutt	23	Frank Isaacs
	Evan Roseberry	26	Isaac P. Betti
11	Elizabeth Isaacs		
13	Valerie Schrote		
	Robby Chappell		

Our Prayer List

OUR CONGREGATION

Health Concerns

Gene Trimble, Pat McKinney, Karen Mahaffey, Joyce Jaycox, Gina Klingel, Joan Klingel, Ron Salyer, Dave Haberman, Maggie Smith, Jo Kreis-Isaacs, Jeff Klingel

At Home; Activities Limited

Vella Yager

In A Health Care Home

Anita Beckel	Memorial Gables	Room 207	390 Gables Dr.	Marysville, OH 43040
Twila Loyer	Marion Manor Nursing	Room 21 B	195 Executive Dr.	Marion, OH 43302
Les Yager	Heartland of Marion	Room 609	400 Barks Rd. W.	Marion, OH 43302
Edith Loyer	Kingston	Room 209	464 Jamesway	Marion, OH 43302

Our sympathy to Maggie Smith at the death of her son, **Dan Tidd**. Dan had an extended illness and was in hospice care. A graveside service will be held on Monday, January 25th with Pastor Joel officiating. May Dan and all who mourn his passing be held in the strong and gentle arms of Jesus.



OUR GREATER CHURCH FAMILY

Family of Bill Snyder

Family of Dan Tidd

Fran Mahaffey

Sharon Farst

Matt Haberman

Amanda Haberman

Our shut-ins

Those affected by Covid-19

Our Nation and World



December Financial Report – Balance Sheet

	Dec 31, 20	Nov 30, 20
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Mack Fund	222,834.88	220,847.82
Operating Account	43,807.80	38,455.56
PARSONAGE FUNDS EJ ADVISORY ACC	114,422.32	114,517.38
Special Accounts		
Business Savings	1,855.24	1,855.24
Capital Improvements	2,413.72	2,353.07
Community Meals/Outreach	2,290.51	2,234.34
Dulcimers' Special Fund	335.10	335.10
Education/Enrichment Fund	6,100.00	6,100.00
Endowment fund for Mission Trip	10,094.44	9,994.44
Fund Raising Account	200.00	200.00
Good Samaritan Fund	1,395.70	1,742.43
Ice Cream Social	6,205.31	6,205.31
Interest Account	310.12	303.36
Kitchen Rehab Project	4,022.96	4,022.96
Memorial Funds	11,706.74	11,706.74
Music Fund	530.04	530.04
Plant-A-Seed Fund	2,501.58	2,501.58
Programming	15,681.62	15,822.25
Scholarship & Theo Ed Fund	4,489.85	4,489.85
Spiritual Care	1,593.07	1,312.07
Women's Guild Fund	8,321.07	8,321.07
Youth Fund	2,152.34	2,152.34
Special Accounts - Other	21.73	21.73
Total Special Accounts	82,221.14	82,203.92

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	Dec 20	Nov 20
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Tithing - Current Expenses	16,911.00	8,055.00
Total Tithing	16,911.00	8,055.00
Total Income	16,911.00	8,055.00
Expense		
Operating		
Administration Expense		
Copier Maintenance (Equip.)	46.94	32.53
Office Supplies/Treasurers Exp.	107.68	0.00
Telephone and Internet	173.74	173.74
Administration Expense - Other	87.09	17.10
Total Administration Expense	415.45	223.37
Church Property and Maintenance		
Insurance Expense	1,071.00	0.00
Janitorial/Disposable Supplies	0.00	13.93
Lawn Mowing	0.00	250.00
Property Repair and Maintenance	27.86	212.67
Snow Removal	384.00	0.00
Total Church Property and Maintenance	1,482.86	476.60
Pastoral Compensation Package		
Automobile Expense	250.00	250.00
Health Insurance	1,092.00	1,040.00
Housing Allowance	1,100.00	1,100.00
Pastor Salary	2,520.18	2,520.18
Pension	434.43	434.43
Withholding		
Federal Monthly Deposit		
Pastor's Federal WH	360.06	360.06
Total Federal Monthly Deposit	360.06	360.06
Total Withholding	360.06	360.06
Total Pastoral Compensation Package	5,756.67	5,704.67
Support Staff		
Bureau of Workers Compensation	0.00	22.82
Choir Director	140.08	140.08
Church Portion of FICA/MEDC	191.35	191.38
Janitor Salary	812.50	812.50
Nusery Attendant Salary	47.40	47.40
Organist Salary	302.92	302.92
Secretary Salary	1,198.50	1,198.50

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Withholding		
Federal Withholding		
Employees Share of FICA/MEDC	191.35	191.38
Employee's Withholding	<u>14.00</u>	<u>14.00</u>
Total Federal Withholding	205.35	205.38
Withholding - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Withholding	<u>205.35</u>	<u>205.38</u>
Total Support Staff	2,898.10	2,920.98
Utilities		
Electric	660.45	535.35
Water	<u>12.00</u>	<u>12.00</u>
Total Utilities	<u>672.45</u>	<u>547.35</u>
Total Operating	11,225.53	9,872.97
Payroll Expenses	<u>191.35</u>	<u>191.35</u>
Total Expense	<u>11,416.88</u>	<u>10,064.32</u>
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
Capital Improvement	122.06	116.12
Mack Dividends	-2,431.79	0.00
Mack Fund Change in Value	4,418.85	15,518.01
Mission Receipt		
Adopted Christmas Families	150.00	870.00
Christmas Fund	220.00	0.00
Christmas Offering Envelopes	95.00	0.00
CUE	110.00	35.00
OCWM	165.00	215.00
Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes	<u>10.00</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Total Mission Receipt	750.00	1,180.00
Non Budget Miscellaneous Income		
Poinsettias	<u>110.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Non Budget Miscellaneous Income	110.00	0.00
Parsonage Fund EJ Adv Income		
Change in value (gain)	<u>2,707.35</u>	<u>9,577.06</u>
Total Parsonage Fund EJ Adv Income	2,707.35	9,577.06
Refunds		
Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation	<u>0.00</u>	<u>142.00</u>
Total Refunds	0.00	142.00
Reimbursements		
Miscellaneous		
Staff Love Offering	1,035.00	0.00
Use of Church	50.00	0.00
Miscellaneous - Other	<u>18.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Miscellaneous	<u>1,103.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Reimbursements	1,103.00	0.00

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Special Funds Income		
Community Meals/Outreach	100.00	0.00
Endowment Fund for Mission Trip	100.00	0.00
Interest Income	6.76	7.22
Kitchen Rehab Project	0.00	55.00
Spiritual Care	320.00	0.00
Total Special Funds Income	526.76	62.22
Special Funds Expenses		
Capital Improvements Fund Exp	61.41	0.00
Community Meals/Outreach	43.83	0.00
Good Samaritan Fund Expenses	346.73	0.00
Programming Expenses		
Adult Faith Formation Expenses	21.87	9.65
Children's Ministry Expenses	47.69	226.51
Communication Expenses		
Newsletter Mailings Exp	55.00	0.00
Total Communication Expenses	55.00	0.00
Worship - Arts Expenses	16.07	40.05
Total Programming Expenses	140.63	276.21
Spiritual Care Expenses	39.00	0.00
Total Special Funds Expenses	631.60	276.21

Consistory Minutes

There was no Consistory Meeting in December. We did meet in January. Pastor Joel took notes, but those have been "lost " to the computer gods. He will work with Sue to make sure that motions are properly recorded. Our meeting was brief. The November Consistory minutes were approved and the December Financial Report was also approved. Worship will continue to be held in the parking lot since Pastor Joel has Covid. A CD of the service will be played on Sunday, January 17th and Sue Klingel will hold the Annual Meeting following worship. It was clarified that according to the constitution only 20% of the active list (around 120) need to be present to conduct business.

Congratulations!

Sierra Felt, niece to Jay and Joni Wolfinger has been accepted to the University of Oklahoma.

Patti Klingel was recognized for her work with United Church Homes. Their website had this to say, "We would like to congratulate Patti Klingel, Executive Director of Compliance and Clinical Services, as she received the 2020 Aging Services Impact Award from LeadingAge Ohio. The award is presented annually to an individual who demonstrates personal integrity, leadership and professional dedication in his or her career. "



Do you have some good news to share about yourself or a family member? Let the church office know by calling (740) 726-2808 or e-mailing us: pcuccsecretary@gmail.com

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Worship is available on-line (Facebook and YouTube) and in the parking lot (91.3 FM). No Sunday School at this time.


