

The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

December 2010

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From the Interim Pastor:



All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel which means,
'God is with us.'"(Mt. 1:22-23)

God is with us... What better news could our uncertain, unsettled world receive?

When economies crumble...God is with us.

When wars rage...God is with us.

When governments fail their people...God is with us.

When nature rebels...God is with us.

When humanity loses its way...God is with us.

In the dying moments of every evil that befalls us, God is with us.

One day, O so long ago, in a warm and pungent stable beneath a mysteriously bright star, Emmanuel seeded the world with such love and power that along with his birth a kingdom was born. Through that tiny portal in history, a creative force beyond all imagining struck a spark. Scripture tells us that "the darkness did not overcome it."

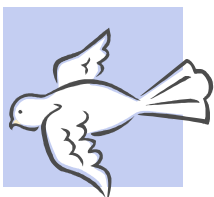
Christ is light. God is with us. In and through us that message can change us, and our world. What a gift! Christ's richest blessings on you and our world this Advent and Christmas season.

Peace,
Pastor Leigh

Joint Consistory Highlights

The next Joint Consistory meeting will be St. Peter's on January 18, 2011 at 7:30PM.

A workshop on Emergency Preparedness was held at Trinity UCC in Lewistown on Sunday afternoon (October 31). Thank you to Pastor Leigh Marilyn and Cindy Ross for representing our community at this workshop.



On Sunday, November 14, a worship service was held at St. John's UCC in Boalsburg at 3:00 PM to celebrate "10 Days for Peace." What wonderful worship, from beginning to end. Dr. Thomas Brewster, Executive Director of Centre Peace was the guest speaker. The Christmas cards made for the inmates were dedicated. The PEACE banners created by the Aaronsburg charge churches were displayed at the service given to Centre Peace to decorate their office space. Pastor Leigh, Marilyn, Janie Shook, Helen and Dave Sweeley attended this service.



Prayer Chain

All Service Personnel and their families. All Charge Shut-ins: Polly Crader, Gladys Hartley, Tom Hazel, Ellen Huey, and Bernice Warntz.

Haiti Earthquake Victims, Dorothy Alters, Ryan Balliett, Clinton Bonson, Emily Boob & Family, Fred Boob, Karen Boob, Randall Boob, Mike Braucht, Terry Bressler, Isabel Brindle, Family of John "Jack" Brown, Kay Brown, Family of Connie Carper, Carol & Nelson Cook, Alex Corman, T.J. Coursen, Janie Crater, Janet Devinney, Michael Dimock, Dr. Lillian Earle, Jean Eisenhuth, Tim Galloway, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Benjamin Hosterman, Jonathan Huey, Pat Kelly, Jacob Kerstetter (deployed to Iraq), Marcia Lingle, Makayla Luse, Fred & Betty Mensch, Sam Moore, Loretta Neff, Robert Neill, Dixie Ort, Amanda Rachau, The Ross Family, Brenda (Barb Rossman's sister), Shirley Rossman, Jackie Shawver, Justin Shook, Doris Z. Smith, Bernice Snyder, Frank Stapleton, Betty Stover, Family of Dean Stover, Evelyn Stover, Randall Stover, Randolph Swartz, Barb Tobias, Janet VanGilder, Roy VanGilder, Marilyn Weaver Family, Becky Wenrick, Mildred Wingard and Roxann Zarchin.

Please feel free to add/subtract from this list by calling your Consistory President. Please make the changes in your church's prayer chain board.



Our Homebound, Nursing Home or Health Care Residents:

Pauline Crader
50 N. 3rd Street
Apt. 415
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Gladys Hartley
Salem Hill Haven
424 Heckman Cemetery Rd
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Tom Hazel
120 E. Beaver Ave., Apt 709
State College, PA 16801

Mrs. Ellen Huey
168 Long Street
PO Box 289
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick Mensch
PO Box 381
Millheim, PA 16854

Randall Stover
PO Box 153
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Mildred Wingard
377 Paradise Road
PO Box 46
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Hazel Warntz
167 Cemetery Road
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Mr. & Mrs. Guy Zerby
4412 Penns Valley Road
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Carrie Neese
Salem Hill Haven
424 Heckman Cemetery Rd.
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(If you would like to add someone to the Shut-in list, please submit to aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net or drop a note in the milk box on the front porch of the parsonage.)

Salem's Happenings

Mission Statement: Our goal is to service the community in a Christian way, to love one another and to worship God together seeking truth, justice and peace.

Thank you to Robin Warntz for playing the organ on November 14. We appreciate your talent and willingness play for our service.

Thank you to all who donated money to the Christian King Fund. The total amount collected was \$170. The Discretionary Fund matched the collection amount. A total of \$340 will be given to help with Christian's medical expenses.



Thank you to everyone who ate at Hoss's on November 10. We raised \$67.33

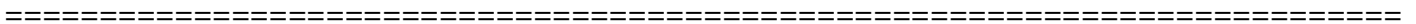
The All Saints Service on October 31 was well attended. We were honored with 8 guests attending to celebrate their loved ones. The guests were invited to join us for the Longest Night service on December 21.



Our annual Thanksgiving meals held on November 6, was attended by fifty-six adults and two children. We enjoyed a delicious meal prepared and served by the Ladies Auxiliary. The Christmas ornaments were made by Joyce Brown and the cream mints were made by Joyce and Mildred Wingard. The two children received gift bags as did Andrew Slavinsky. J-MAC provided entertainment. A collection was received in support of our entertainers and the Ladies Auxiliary. Door prizes rounded off the evening.

Salem Consistory met on November 9. The proposed budget for 2011 was accepted. We were informed that Andrew Slavinsky would like to do his senior project for Salem. The building committee will work with Andrew and his family to create an appropriate project which will include 40 hours of service work. Thank you to Andrew for your willingness to serve the church.

When I say "I am a Christian" I'm not holier than thou are, I'm just a simple sinner who received God's grace, somehow! - Helen Sweeley



Worship Times - - - Worship Schedule for 2010

St. Peter's: 9:30 a.m. (Sunday school following worship)
Salem: 10:45 am

Communion is open to all who seek to know the Risen Christ and is offered 7 times per year. For more information, please call 349-5094 or email at aaaronsburgcharge@verizon.net

ST. PETER'S NEWS – December 2010

Dec	READER	FLOWERS	Monthly Greeter	Monthly Offering Counters
5	Bill Miles	Poinsettias	Brenda Stover	Ed Kerstetter & Linda Musser
12	Lori Corman	Poinsettias		
19	Dixie Ort	Poinsettias		
26	Virginia Hosterman	Poinsettias		

The Hymn Selection Committee spent about three hours on the afternoon of November 7 selecting hymns for the first six months of 2011. A big thank you to all who participate in this effort, including all of you who are lectionary readers. You add so much to our worship service.



Our children were “blessed” during worship on Sunday, November 21 along with their prayer partners. Thank you to all the adults and children who are participating in this important ministry.

A big “thank you” for all the time and love Pastor Leigh puts into the planning and leading of our worship. It makes it so meaningful.



The December meeting of the Grandparents Autism Support Group will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Duffy's Tavern in Boalsburg. **All are welcome but reservations are required no later than Monday November 29, 2010 before 2PM.** Please contact Lois Runkle at 422-8221 if you wish to join the celebration. The monthly meetings will resume on Tuesday January 4, 2011 at the Millheim Hotel at noon.



*The Annual Meeting of Salem UCC will be held **Sunday, December 5, 2010** directly after worship for approval of the proposed budget and new Consistory members. Time and Talent surveys will be filled out and returned during the meeting.*

KEEP THIS DATE! Sunday, December 5th, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., the Aaronsburg Charge will host a FREE Christmas Jazz Concert at St. Peter's UCC featuring J-Mac. Tell your neighbors! Tell your friends! Parking is available in front of the church (the red brick church along Rt. 45, right in Aaronsburg) and in the parking lot behind it. A free will offering will be received.



The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ will present its annual CHRISTMAS IN MILLHEIM live nativity on Friday, December 10th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Drop by and see Mary and Joseph in the stable with the Christ-child, along with shepherds, angels, magi, and more. Moreover, may the blessing of Christ's coming in this dark world warm your heart and soul!

The Annual Meeting of St. Peter's UCC will be held Sunday, December 12, 2010 directly after worship for approval of: an amendment to the Constitution and By-laws, the proposed budget, and new Consistory members. Time and Talent surveys will be filled out and returned during the meeting.



Bethany Children's Home---Gift Cards



We will be giving gift cards to Bethany Children's home for Christmas this year. Any type of gift card from **major retailers** will be appreciated (Wal-Mart, Kmart, Target). Popular ones for clothing are Aeropostale, American Eagle, Gap, 5 Below, H&M, Old Navy, and Footlocker. Other ideas would include: Borders Books, Barnes & Noble, I-Tunes, Best Buy, Bath and Body Works, FYE, Claire's, Dick's, and Modell's. **Fast food** cards are always a hit, too (McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Wendy's, Burger King)! **The deadline for the gift cards will be Sunday, December 12.**

A Longest Night service for people who have suffered loss will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Aaronsburg. The holidays can be especially painful for those who are grieving or have suffered any other sort of loss. This candlelight service will be a dignified way to bring our sorrow before God and still acknowledge the Christmas season. All are welcome. For more information, please call 349-5094.



The public is invited to the Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ Candlelight Christmas Eve and Communion service, Friday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Aaronsburg. The evening will consist of a traditional service with readings from scripture, Christmas hymns, a special time with children, holy Communion, and a candlelight closing. All are welcome to join us as we worship and welcome Christ's coming into the world!



December Birthdays



December 4	Jesse Stover	December 13	Betty Stover
December 7	Randall Boob	December 14	Glenda Dobson
December 9	Aliza Stover	December 14	Linda Long
December 11	Dana Auman	December 20	Babette Sabol
December 12	Elva Fetterolf	December 31	Gladys Hartley



December 3 James & Brenda Stover

December Anniversary

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Thurs., Dec. 2	10:00 a.m.	Joint Bible study, Lesa Boone's residence
Sat., Dec. 4	9:00 a.m.	Costume sorting for Christmas in Millheim at St. Peter's
	11:30 a.m.	Autism Support Christmas lunch, Duffy's Tavern, Boalsburg
Sun., Dec. 5	10:45 a.m.	Annual Meeting after worship at Salem
Tues., Dec. 7	7:15 p.m.	Women's Guild at St. Peter's
Thurs., Dec. 9	10:00 a.m.	Joint Bible study, Lesa Boone's residence
	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Relations committee, parsonage
Fri., Dec. 10	6-8 p.m.	Christmas in Millheim Live Nativity
Sun., Dec. 12	9:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting after worship at St. Peter's
Mon., Dec. 13	9:30 a.m.	Northern Assoc. Ministerium, Trinity UCC in Hublersburg
Tues., Dec. 14	7:00 p.m.	St. Peter's Consistory Devotions: Ed Kerstetter
Wed., Dec. 15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
		ANNUAL REPORTS DUE
Thurs., Dec. 16	8:30 a.m.	PV Ministerium meeting at Brody's
	10:00 a.m.	Joint Bible study, Lesa Boones' residence
Sat., Dec. 18	TBA	Children's Christmas Party, St. Peter's
Tues., Dec. 21	7:00 p.m.	Longest Night Service, St. Peter's
Fri., Dec. 24	7:00 p.m.	Joint Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion service at St. Peter's

Dec. 25 THROUGH Jan. 1 - Pastor Leigh on vacation

Sun., Dec. 26 The Rev. Joe Krabill will preach at both services

COMING SOON

Sun., Jan. 9		INSTALLATION OF NEW CONSISTORY MEMBERS
Mon., Jan. 10	7:00 p.m.	Salem Consistory
Tues., Jan 18	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Life meeting, St. Peter's
	7:30 p.m.	Joint Consistory meeting, St. Peter's