

# The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

November 2010

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## From the Interim Pastor:



It was dark. Around 9:00 p.m. The meeting was over and as I accompanied Helen to the door, she stood there just staring at one of the two red bushes on either side of the parsonage porch. Somehow, between the light from the porch and the night sky, the bush seemed to glow. We both stood there and just took it in. It's as close as I've ever gotten to a burning bush experience.

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, our awareness of reasons to be grateful can be heightened. Every day provides moments of awe, wonder, even humor, as evidence of God's presence in our lives – if we choose to see things in that way.

How do we cultivate such awareness? Through prayer, discipline, and gratitude itself. We have to want to be aware – awake. When we awaken to God's presence in our lives, we see more and more reasons to be grateful and to stay awake. It's a self-perpetuating cycle.

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving and the beginning of Advent, we are reminded of the importance of daily spiritual disciplines, which prime the pump for awareness, awakening, and gratitude. Do this and – watch out for burning bushes!

Peace,  
Pastor Leigh

## Joint Consistory Highlights from the October 19, 2010 meeting

- \* Driveway sealer was purchased for the parsonage driveway. The sealer will be applied when weather permits.
- \* The Millheim Outreach received 237 Feet, 270 Seats & 3 t-shirts due to our collections.
- \* All Saints Sunday will be celebrated on October 31, 2010.
- \* Hanging of the Greens will be November 28, 2010.
- \* Christmas in Millheim will be December 10, 2010 from 6 to 8 PM. People are working on the details such as lighting, shelter, animals, etc.

November 7	signup sheets handed out
December 4	costume sorting, St. Peter's, 9AM
December 5	costumes handed out at each church

- \* The Longest Night event will be on December 21, 2010 at St. Peter's at 7PM
- \* Christmas Jazz Concert with J-Mac will be held at St. Peter's, December 5 at 3PM.
- \* Pastor Leigh will be on vacation December 26-31.

- \* Pastor Leigh's contract was discussed. The committee will meet again to discuss and sign it.
- \* The proposed budget for 2011 was accepted.
- \* A gift for Jackie Shawver will be purchased to thank her for her many years of secretarial service.
- \* End of year committees were announced:

Nomination	Frank Stapleton, chair	Steve Swartz
Audit	Donna Auman, chair	Marilyn Weaver
Gratuity	Janet Devinney, chair	Shane Royer

Nominations need to be announced twice before January's meeting.

- \* Pastor Leigh will attend Penn Central Conference Mid-winter Convocation at Hotel Hershey from January 25-27, 2011.
- \* Thank you notes were read from Andrew Slavinsky (Hartman Center camp) and "Tides" for our donation.
- \* Teresa Hockenberry of Spring Mills has been hired as the new part-time Charge secretary. Her probation will run until November 30, 2010.
- \* The next Joint Consistory meeting will be on at St. Peter's on January 18, 2011 at 7:30PM. The Joint Spiritual Life committee will meet at 7PM.

Helen Sweeley  
Joint Consistory Secretary



### **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), Bruce Rossman, Randy Rossman, 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.  
Spring Mills, PA 16875

*(If you would like to add someone to the Shut-in list, please submit to [aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net) or drop a note in the milk box on the front porch of the parsonage.)*

## Salem's Happenings

Thank you to Lucinda and Josh Stover for decorating the church for Harvest Home. Lovely as always, the decorations stayed for two weeks. All the food items went to Salem Hill Haven.

Thank you to the Dills family for their generosity in relation to the decoration purchase for the Harvest Home.



September 26 was the Casserole & Pie lunch. About 20 people attended the lunch. Thank you to all who attended and stayed to cleanup. Please see Helen Sweeley if you have any new fellowship get-together ideas.

Thank you to Jason and Carrie Swartz for hosting the Halloween Party at their home on October 17, 2010. Their basement decorated for the occasion. It was a great time for food, fun, and fellowship.



Thank you to everyone who helped and/or donated for the funeral meal for Maxine Ross.



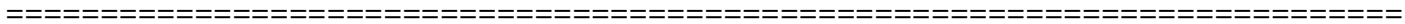
Pastor Leigh, Janie Shook, and Andrew Slavinsky attended Hartman Center's Fall Festival on October 16. They worked in the Northern Association's stand selling soup & pies. It wasn't a day of all work. They took time for fun too. Thank you to Pastor Leigh, Janie and Andrew for volunteering your time. Thank you to Jean Rishel, Janie Shook, Helen Sweeley, and Tammy Bowersox (Andrew's Mom) for baking pies to take to the Fall Festival.



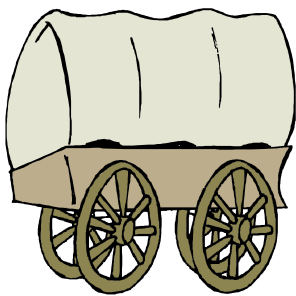
Look for sing up sheets at Salem for 2011 Flowers, Janitors & Greeters. If you can't do it by yourself, ask someone else to help.

### OBITUARY

Maxine Ross passed away at Centre Crest on October 21, 2010. Maxine was born March 15, 1922. She married Carl "Pete" Ross on June 15, 1946. Maxine and Pete lived in Spring Mills since 1946 where they raised five children. Maxine worked at Getting Engineering and she retired in 1982. When her health started deterioration, Maxine moved into Salem Hill Haven and later moved to Centre Crest. Maxine is survived by one brother, Harold Jones of Westfield and three daughters; Brenda (Irv) Heckman & Bonnie (Dean) Auman, both of Spring Mills and Lori (Jon) Bathgate of Lewes, Delaware, also one daughter-in-law, Cynthia Ross of Spring Mills. 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren also survive Maxine. Maxine was baptized on March 27, 2005 when she joined Salem United Church of Christ. She enjoyed camping, flowers, family & friends along with word search books. Maxine was preceded in death by her husband, Pete, her son, Rick, and a daughter, Corinne. The funeral service was held Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at Mark D Heintzelman Funeral & Cremation Service, State College. She was laid to rest in Centre County Memorial Park. Rev. Leigh Pick officiated at the service. A meal for family and friends was held at Salem following the service. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Cindy Ross and the Ross family. We will miss Maxine, especially her wonderful smile.



### Friends With A Mission



Friends with a mission met October 15, 2010 at Tracy Ridenour's residence. There were 7 members present in addition to Pastor Leigh. We had a fun and joyous evening. Friends will be having a hayride at St. Peters on October 23, 2010 beginning at 3PM. Hot dogs and drinks will be served after the ride. Friends will be making Fruit Baskets for shut-ins again this year. Friends also agreed to give the Jody Covalt family a \$350 gift card from Burkholder's Country Market. Have a Happy Halloween and may God Bless you all.

Ed Kerstetter  
President of F. W. A. M.



**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 [aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net)

Nov	READER	FLOWERS	Monthly Greeter	Monthly Offering Counters
7	Ed Kerstetter	Brenda Stover	Ed Kerstetter	Dave Edwards & Ginny Hosterman
14	Brenda Stover	Nan & Judy		
21	Bonnie DeBrasky	Nan & Judy		
28	<i>Hanging of the Greens</i>	Poinsettias		

**ST. PETER'S NEWS – NOVEMBER 2010**

Thank you to all who participated in the summer beverage offering, and to all who decorated the sanctuary for Harvest Home Sunday. It was beautiful. The Millheim Outreach Center appreciates all the gifts of food, etc. that were donated at this service. A big "Thank You" to all who helped with the Women's Guild Dutch Fall Festival "Goodie" Stand -- all those who prepared "goodies," those who helped set things up, and those who manned the stand. It was a huge success again this year and many needy people in the community and beyond will benefit from your devotion. It was wonderful to see two former pastors of the Aaronsburg Charge during this weekend celebration – Pastor Virginia Rye and Pastor Keith Brenner (and his wife, Sherry). Rally Day was held on Sunday, October 17 – thanks to all the adults and children who participated and read passages on how we can build a solid foundation of trust in God and love for one another. Everyone was given a Lego block, which during the service were linked with their neighbor's block and then all the pieces were put together to symbolize the unity of "renewing the covenant." Everyone was also given a cardboard hammer to wave during the singing of "If I Had a Hammer." All who attended left richly blessed.

10 DAYS FOR PEACE SERVICE

Sunday, November 14, 2010 3:00 PM  
 ST. John's UCC, Boalsburg

Guest Speaker: DR. THOMAS BREWSTER,  
 Executive Dir of Centre Peace in State College  
 Peace Banners from local churches will be on display  
 Christmas Cards for inmates will be received  
 See Pastor Leigh if you need a ride



**Community Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Wednesday, November 24, 2010

7:00 PM

Faith Alive

Volunteer Community Choir

(Call Evie Mugridge, 349-4491, to join the choir)

Offering will benefit the H.O.P.E. Fund

***Penn Central Conference Grand Celebration November 20- 21, 2010***

***Geoffrey Black***

UCC President and General Minister is coming to Penn Central Conference

Saturday, noon to 2 p.m.: Informal Q&A session for pastors

Saturday, 7:15 p.m.: fundraiser\* dinner at the Penn Harris Radisson in Camp Hill.

Sunday afternoon: Geoffrey and youth at Hartman Center during their Fall Retreat.

Sunday at 3:00 p.m.: A Celebration Worship Service at Salem UCC in Harrisburg. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will follow the service.



\*Fundraiser benefits: 4 Our Churches Campaign & UCC President's Strategic Initiatives Fund. Cost: a donation of \$75.00 per person, but no one will be turned away if cost is an issue.

***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.**

*November Birthdays*


November 6	Terry Bressler	November 22	Karen Glasgow
November 12	Jane Crater	November 22	Josh Stover
November 16	Lois Royer	November 23	Brenda Stover
November 17	Erin Swartz	November 23	Don Hampton
November 19	Judy Bailey	November 27	Samantha Brown
November 19	Amy Jo Howell	November 27	Nicole Wolfe



November 11 Shane and Pam Royer

*November Anniversary*

## November Calendar

Sun., Oct. 31	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 3-5:00 p.m.	All Saints' Day at St. Peter's All Saints' Day at Salem N. A. Emergency Response Team meeting at Trinity UCC, Lewistown
Mon., Nov. 2	noon 7:15 p.m.	Grandparents of Autism meeting at Millheim Hotel Women's Guild at St. Peter's
Tues., Nov. 3	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Relations/Steering committee meeting at parsonage
Sat., Nov. 6	6:30 p.m.	Joint Thanksgiving meal at Gregg Township Fire Hall J-Mac performing
Sun., Nov. 7		DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS-FALL BACK! BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY, A UCC INITIATIVE
		
	9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Salem Budget committee meeting Hymn selection committee meeting at St. Peter's
Tues., Nov. 9	7:00 p.m.	Salem Consistory
Wed., Nov. 10		Hoss's Fundraiser for Salem
Sun., Nov. 14	3:00 p.m.	Ten Days for Peace, St. John's UCC, Boalsburg
Mon., Nov. 15	9:30 a.m.	Northern Association Ministerium meeting, Faith UCC, State College
Tues., Nov. 16	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	St. Peter's Budget meeting at Ginny Hosterman's St. Peter's Consistory
Wed., Nov. 17	2:00 p.m.	Journey of the Heart, Conference Office
Sat., Nov. 20	9:30 a.m.	Door Hangers meeting at parsonage. Hand out Door hangers in Aaronsburg and Spring Mills for Free Christmas Jazz Concert, Sunday, December 5 At St. Peter's (3:00 p.m.)
Sun., Nov. 21	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Recognition of Prayer Buddies at St. Peter's Recognition of Prayer Buddies at Salem Geoffrey Black Celebration in Harrisburg
Wed., Nov. 24	7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Eve service at Faith Alive Community Choir, offering to benefit the H.O.P.E Fund
Sun., Nov. 28	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens service at St. Peter's Hanging of the Greens service at Salem
Tues., Nov. 30	9:30 a.m.	Interim Pastors meeting at Conference Office
<b><u>Coming in December</u></b>		
Sat., Dec. 4	9:00 a.m.	Sorting of costumes for Christmas in Millheim at St. Peter's
Sun., Dec. 5	10:45 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Annual meeting at Salem after worship Free Christmas Jazz Concert at St. Peter's J-Mac performing
Fri., Dec. 10	6-8:00 p.m.	Christmas in Millheim
Mon., Dec. 13	9:30 a.m.	N. A. Ministerium at Trinity UCC, Hublersburg
Sat., Dec. 18	TBA	Christmas Party for the Children at St. Peter's
Tues., Dec. 21	7:00 p.m.	Longest Night service at St. Peter's
Fri., Dec. 24	7:00 p.m.	Joint Christmas Eve service at St. Peter's
<b>Pastor Leigh on vacation-Dec. 26 through 31</b>		