

The Aaronsburg Charge  
 United Church of Christ  
 March and April 2011  
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Worship Schedule for 2011

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.

**From the Interim Pastor:**



A local pastor had commented on how odd it felt to have Lent and Easter so late in the year. She wondered if others were having a hard time figuring out how to handle the "in between" time, since most of us are used to jumping from Christmas straight to Easter.

It does feel odd to look at the church calendar and see "Ordinary Time" designations listed in January and February when they usually only show up in the summer. Ordinary time. With wind, snow, ice, sleet, and rain. Ordinary time *normally* means hot and dry summer and fall days.

It strikes me that nothing is ordinary any more – not even what we used to think of as ordinary. Depending on a person's mindset, it can be either alarming or exciting to find that nothing is ordinary. But then again, was it ever? Perhaps the human race had become too complacent or thought there was "nothing new under the sun..."

Nothing gets our attention like having things not behave or be the way we expect. In this interim time and time of interim ministry, we would do well to pay close attention to ordinary things and see what God is saying to us in these "ordinary" times.

Peace,  
 Pastor Leigh

**Just a reminder..**



Consistory also decided, starting in February, to publish a **bi-monthly newsletter**.

The advantages are:

- the whole church can see and plan further ahead; instead of going month-to-month
- we'll save postage by only publishing six issues per year;
- reduced stress of putting out a newsletter in the month of December plus starting work on annual reports during the time of the special events of Advent and Christmas.

It is our hope that this will be better stewardship of resources and time, while still keeping people informed.

The deadlines for the newsletters in 2011 are as follows:

February 23	April 27	June 22
August 24	October 26	December 28

**Joint Consistory Highlights** : The next meeting will be at Salem on April 18, 2011 at 7:30PM

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**LENTEN BOOK STUDY**  
**The Jesus Diaries: Who Jesus is to Me**

**Entries from the Stillspeaking Writers Group**

For weekly Lenten discussion groups, informal classes about Jesus, or just interesting conversation at church or in homes. Eight personal essays from members of the Stillspeaking Writer's Group, including Lillian Daniel, Tony Robinson, Ron Buford, Martin Copenhaver and others. Consider what Jesus means to you as you read these original short essays written from very different life experiences. Includes blank pages at back to write your own words about who Jesus is to you. 30 pages. \$6.95 each.

**The group will meet at the parsonage at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings, beginning March 14.** Sign up or show up – it should be interesting and a wonderful way to explore our personal relationship to Jesus.

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Pastor Leigh will be having surgery at Hershey Medical Center on Tuesday, February 22. Her recovery is expected to take 3-4 weeks. After the second week, she should be able to work half days. During the first two weeks (Feb. 22-March 8), the following pastors will be available for pastoral care:

- Pastor Julie Piper 349-8840
- Pastor Julia Sprenkle 349-5349
- Pastor Russ Sauerwein 364-9124



**Vital Churches Make a Difference!**

**Find out how other churches in the conference are becoming revitalized with the Road to Vitality Program.**

**Is your congregation interested in applying for a NEW round of the Road to Vitality Program that is beginning this spring?**

If so, bring a team from your congregation and learn what the program is about, the criteria, costs and application process and celebrate the successes we are seeing in our conference.

*Presented by Brenda Waleff, Minister of Communications and Bruce Conrad, Chair of our Congregational Vitality Team*

**Monday, February 28, 2011**

**7pm-8:30pm**

**St Peter's, Aaronsburg**

**It is recommended that you bring a team of a pastor and at least three leaders.**



### Prayer Chain

All Service Personnel and their families. Jacob Kerstetter (deployed to Iraq)  
All Charge Shut-ins: Polly Crader, Tom Hazel, Ellen Huey, Bernice Warntz, and Hazel Warntz.  
Haiti Earthquake Victims, New Zealand Earthquake Victims,

Dorothy Alters	Ryan Balliett	Clinton Bonson	Emily Boob & Family	Fred Boob	Karen Boob
Randall Boob	Mike Braucht	Terry Bressler	Kay Brown	Family of Connie Carper	Carol & Nelson Cook
Alex Corman	T.J. Coursen	Janie Crater	Janet Devinney	Michael Dimock	
Dr. Lillian Earle	Jean Eisenhouth	Frances Fetterolf	Tim Galloway	Karen Glasgow	
Luke Haskell	Benjamin Hosterman	Jonathan Huey	Brenda Jenkins	Pat Kelly	
Marcia Lingle	Makayla Luse	Fred & Betty Mensch	Sam Moore	Loretta Neff	Robert Neill
Dixie Ort	Pastor Leigh Pick	Amanda Rachau	The Ross Family	Shirley Rossman	Warren Royer
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

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:

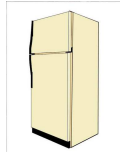
If you would like to add someone to the Shut-in list, please submit to [aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net) or drop a note in the milk box on the front porch of the parsonage.)

Pauline Crader 50 N Third Street, Apt. 415 Lewisburg, PA 17837	Tom Hazel 120 E Beaver Ave, Apt 709 State College, PA 16801	Ellen Huey 168 Long Street, PO Box 289 Spring Mills, PA 16875
Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick Mensch PO Box 381 Millheim, PA 16854	Carrie Neese Salem Hill Haven 424 Heckman Cemetery RD Spring Mills, PA 16875	Randall Stover PO Box 153 Aaronsburg, PA 16820
Hazel Warntz 167 Cemetery Road Aaronsburg, PA 16820	Mildred Wingard 377 Paradise RD, PO Box 46 Spring Mills, PA 16875	Mr. & Mrs. Guy Zerby 4412 Penns Valley Road Spring Mills, PA 16875

# Salem's Happenings – March/April 2011

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.

A new refrigerator was purchased. Rich Confer said the old one had a bad compressor and was not worth the investment to repair it. After comparison-shopping, the new refrigerator was purchased from Scott Wolfe. Allegheny Power offered a rebate for recycling the old refrigerator.



We held a potluck fellowship on February 20 followed by bowling. A great variety of tasty food was shared. An offering was collected to pay for paper goods and fruit baskets. Thank you to the cleanup crew especially Josh who washed the dishes. There were 15 bowlers and many spectators. Thank you to the Shooks for paying for bowling fees.

CataBus service has requested use of 6 parking spaces for the van to work program. The spaces will be for Monday through Friday 6AM to 6PM. The participants will "park at their own risk," and parking restrictions will apply. CATA will provide the owners hang tags to identify the vehicles as CATA riders. The council has decided to approve the parking request.



Our Capital Campaign fundraiser occurred on February 16. Our total for this event was \$114. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Secret Sisters of 2010 will meet at Carriage Corners for dinner on March 5, 2011 at 6PM. Our secret identities will be revealed. If you were not a secret sister for 2010 but would like to join in the fun for 2011, please plan to join us.

PA World Hunger will not be canning meat this year but are still accepting donations for next year. It was decided not to send a donation this year.



## ST. PETER'S NEWS – March/April 2011

Worship Schedule for 2011

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

Gladys Hartley's funeral was held at St. Peter's on Tuesday, January 11, 2011. A funeral meal followed - Thank you to all who made this possible. Gladys will be missed – she was a long-time member of St. Peter's – we will always remember her smile.



## ST. PETER'S NEWS - continued

March	READER	FLOWERS	Monthly Greeter	Monthly Offering Counters
6	Bonnie DeBrasky		Helen Benner	Orvil Hosterman & Ginny Hosterman
13	Bill Miles	Phoebe Anskis		
20	Lori Corman			
27	Dixie Ort			

Consistory Meeting Devotions: Shane Royer

April	READER	FLOWERS	Monthly Greeter	Monthly Offering Counters
3	Ginny Hosterman	Linda L / Glenda D	Lori Corman	Frank Stapleton & David Edwards
10	Phoebe Anskis	Linda L / Glenda D		
17	Ed Kerstetter	PALMS		
24	Bonnie DeBrasky	EASTER LILIES		

Consistory Meeting Devotions: Brenda Stover

The following was not included in the Annual Report for St. Peter's:

St. Peter's Giving Report 2010

Nothing	8	300.01 - 400.00	3	800.01 - 900.00	0
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50.01 - 100.00	5	500.01 - 600.00	3	1,000.01 - 2,000.00	10
100.01 - 200.00	3	600.01 - 700.00	2	2,000.01 - 3,000.00	4
200.01 - 300.00	1	700.01 - 800.00	1	Over 4,000.00	1

The Northern Association Workshops were held at Trinity UCC in Centre Hall on February 6. There were four different workshops offered:



- Women4WomenKnitting4Peace - knitting workshop led by Jane Childs (preemie hats for underprivileged countries)
- Prison ministry workshop led by Rev. Dr. Harry Covert discussing his experiences at Rockview SCI
- "Conflict resolution" workshop led by Bonnie Millmore from Centre Peace.
- workshops about peace for young people led by Patty Dodds & Monica Ouellette

Janie Shook, Marilyn Weaver, Pastor Leah, Dave and Helen Sweeley attended the workshops.

Our Healing Service for both churches was held on February 13 at St. Peter's. All who attended left with a "comforted" feeling. Communion by intinction was shared. Thank you to St. Peter's for hosting this meaningful service. Thank you to Pastor Leigh preparing such a sensitive and inspiring service.



Church was cancelled on Sunday, February 6 because of the icy conditions. Therefore, we had our "Souper Bowl Offering" on February 13 in conjunction with the Healing Service. A total of \$254 was collected for the Millheim Food Bank from Salem

and St. Peter's. Thank you to all for giving generously.



Donut Days are Coming March 4 and 5 to start of season of Lent

Women's Guild is collecting items for 10 Clean-Up Buckets for Church World Service. Salem and St. Peter's are each collecting 5 buckets. Items need to be to the church by March 27. Please check the sign-up sheet for items still needed.



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## Penns Valley Community Lenten Services

The East Penns Valley Ministerium is pleased to present a different Lenten experience.

Each church will present a worship service using "The People vs. Judas Iscariot" material.

Each evening we all will participate in the courtroom drama as various Biblical characters take the stand for and against Judas Iscariot.

How will it end? YOU get to determine the verdict on the final night of cross-examinations!

**But even before the trial starts, everyone in the valley is invited for a covered dish affair, Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, to a *Mardi Gras* party at Aaronsburg Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Here is the schedule of churches and courtroom scenes for the rest of the Lenten season.  
**Please come and go as you wish.**

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**March 9th: Ash Wednesday Service at St. James in Coburn, Services are at 7 pm**

**March 16th: Emmanuel United Methodist Church (Rebersburg) "Nothing is Hidden from God", Services are at 7 pm**

**March 23rd: St. John's Lutheran Church, Millheim "All Need Forgiveness", Services are at 7 pm**

**March 30th: St. Peter's UCC, Rebersburg "When Others Tried to Save Themselves", Services are at 7 pm**

**April 6th: Salem United Church of Christ, Spring Mills "In Bondage to Sin, We Cannot Save Ourselves", Services are at 7 pm**

**April 13th: St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Rebersburg "Who Will Save Us?", Services are at 7 pm**

**April 21st: Trinity United Methodist Church, Woodward Holy Communion, Maundy Thursday, Services are at 7 pm**

**April 22nd: Madisonburg United Methodist Church "Contemplative Journey" 1-3 pm.**

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March Birthdays

March 3	Kay Brown	March 18	Bonnie DeBrasky
March 11	Paula Weaver	March 24	Jean Rishel
March 12	Heather Ross	March 25	Randy Ream
March 14	Beth Pryor	March 26	Janie Shook
March 14	Michelle Johnson	March 30	Janice Johnstonbaugh
March 16	Frances Byers	March 30	Polly Crader
March 16	Jackie Shawver	March 31	David H Edwards
March 17	Marty Witherite	March 31	Cindy Stover

March Anniversary



March 11 Bob & Carol Corman



April Birthdays

April 1	Fred Benner	April 18	Ellen Huey
April 4	Philip DeBrasky	April 23	Bill Crater
April 8	Michele Houtz	April 23	Sonia Stover
April 8	Shane Royer	April 26	Candace Crater
April 8	Peg Swartz	April 27	Fred Boob
April 13	Donna Carper	April 30	Bernice Snyder

April Anniversary



April 3 Marilyn & Lester Weaver  
 April 7 Larry & Janie Shook  
 April 10 Ken & Lois Royer  
 April 21 Bob & Joyce Brown

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

Sun., Feb. 27	2:30 p.m.	Small Church Gathering, Conf. Office
	4:00 p.m.	Installation of Audra Krise at Trinity UCC, Centre Hall
Mon., Feb. 28	7-8:30 p.m.	Road to Vitality presentation at St. Peter's. Come see how the church can be revitalized!
	7:30 p.m.	Al-Anon, St. Peter's



**MARCH CALENDAR**













Tues., Mar. 1	Noon	Autism Support Group. Millheim Hotel.
	7:15 p.m.	Women's Guild, St. Peter's Finishing Operation Shoebox
Sat., Mar. 5	6:00 p.m.	Salem's Secret Sister meeting. Carriage Corners, Mifflinburg, Burgundy Room.
Sun., Mar. 6		<b>CHILDREN'S SABBATH</b>
	2:00 p.m.	VBS meeting, St. John's Lutheran, Millheim
Mon., Mar. 7	7:00 p.m.	Salem Consistory
	7:30 p.m.	Al-Anon, St. Peter's
Tues., Mar. 8	6:30 p.m.	<b>Community Mardi Gras</b> party for Penns Valley At Aaronsburg Community Center
Wed., Mar. 9	7:00 p.m.	<b>Community Ash Wednesday service,</b> St. James UMC, Coburn
Thurs., Mar. 10	1:00 p.m.	PCC Confirmation Planning meeting, Conference Office
Sat., Mar. 12	10-3	Growing Stronger Churches, training for Church officers, Christian Educators, Musicians , etc.
Sun., Mar. 13		<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY/DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</b>
Mon., Mar. 14	9:30 a.m.	N.A. Ministerium, St. John's UCC, Boalsburg
	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Book study, parsonage
	7:30 p.m.	Al-Anon, St. Peter's
Tues., Mar. 15	7:00 p.m.	St. Peter's Consistory
Wed., Mar. 16	7:00 p.m.	<b>Community Lenten service,</b> Emmanuel UMC, Rebersburg
Sun., Mar. 20		<b>DAFFODIL SUNDAY</b>
		Lenten Lunch at Salem following worship
	3:00 p.m.	Narda Druckenmiller's Installation Trinity UCC, Lewistown
Mon., Mar. 21	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Book study, parsonage
	7:30 p.m.	Al-Anon, St. Peter's
Wed., Mar. 23	7:00 p.m.	<b>Community Lenten service,</b> St. John Lutheran, Millheim
Sat., Mar. 26	9-3	Creating a Vital Small Church, Faith UCC, New Cumberland
	5:00 p.m.	Easter Egg sorting, St. Peter's, FWAM
Sun., March 27		<b>DEADLINE FOR CLEAN-UP BUCKET ITEMS</b>
Mon., Mar. 28	6:30 p.m.	Lenten Book study, parsonage
	7:30 p.m.	Al-Anon, St. Peter's
Wed., Mar. 30	7:00 p.m.	<b>Community Lenten service,</b> St. Peter's UCC, Rebersburg



## APRIL CALENDAR

April 1-3	PCC CONFIRMATION RETREAT AT HARTMAN CENTER	
Sun., Apr. 3	ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Pastor Harry Covert preaching	
Mon., Apr. 4	6:30 p.m. Lenten Book study, parsonage 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon, St. Peter's	
Tues., Apr. 5	Noon Autism Support Group lunch, Millheim Hotel April is National Autism Awareness Month 7:15 p.m. Women's Guild, St. Peter's	
Wed., Apr. 6	7:00 p.m. Community Lenten service, Salem UCC, Spring Mills	
Sat., Apr. 9	Noon 6th annual "We Are...Curing Autism Now 5K Race/3K Walk"	
Sun., Apr. 10	EASTER EGG ORDERS DUE Life's Short, Eat Dessert First Fellowship dinner, after worship, Salem	
Mon., Apr. 11	9:30 a.m. N.A. Ministerium, St. John's UCC, Tylersville 6:30 p.m. Lenten Book study, parsonage 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon, St. Peter's	
Tues., Apr. 12	HOSS'S FUNDRAISER, STATE COLLEGE	
Wed., Apr. 13	7:00 p.m. Community Lenten service, St. Peter's Lutheran, Rebersburg	
Sat., Apr. 16	Women's Guild making Easter Eggs 2:00 p.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt, FWAM	
Sun., Apr. 17	PALM SUNDAY	
Mon., Apr. 18	7:00 p.m. Spiritual Life meeting, Salem 7:30 p.m. Joint Consistory, Salem 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon, St. Peter's	
Thurs., Apr. 21	7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service, Trinity UMC, Woodward	
Fri., Apr. 22	9-Noon Good Friday youth event, St. John's UCC, Boalsburg 1-3 p.m. Good Friday service, Madisonburg UMC	
Sun., Apr. 24	7:30 a.m. Sunrise service at Bartge's lot BREAKFAST: egg casserole, doughnuts, Beverage 9:30 a.m. Easter Communion service, St. Peter's 10:45 a.m. Easter Communion service, Salem	
Mon., Apr. 25	7:30 p.m. Al-Anon, St. Peter's	
Wed., Apr. 27	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MAY/JUNE ISSUE 9:00 a.m. W.I.R.M. meeting, Lewisburg	
Sat., Apr. 30	DEADLINE FOR EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION TO HARTMAN CENTER	

SHARING  
GOD'S  
GIFTS

Coming in May...

Sun., May 1	1:30 p.m.	Registration for N.A. Annual meeting, St. Luke's, Lock Haven
	2:00 p.m.	N.A. Annual meeting, St Luke's, Lock Haven
Tue., May 3	Noon	Autism Support Group lunch, Millheim Hotel
	7:15 p.m.	Women's Guild, St. Peter's
Thu., May 12		N.A. Church Leaders' Banquet, Penns Valley High School

