



The Aaronsburg Charge
 United Church of Christ
 September and October 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:



As we have explored the identities of each church in the Aaronsburg Charge, certain gifts have emerged. Generosity and mercy are high on both lists. This fall, several upcoming events fit those categories. First, the CROP Walk for Hunger is an interdenominational and local effort to raise money for the hungry here and around the world on the last Sunday in September. Second, our denomination is embarking on an ambitious endeavor called Mission:1. It will encompass 11 days in November, 11.1.11-11.11.11 and this is the mission:

- In 11 days, the United Church of Christ will collect more than 1 MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.
- In 11 days, the UCC will make an extra-special push to gather online contributions of more than \$111,111 FOR NEIGHBORS IN NEED, offerings that will be shared for hunger-action purposes with agencies of justice and compassion throughout the U.S.
- In 11 days, the UCC will offer more than 11,111 LETTERS TO CONGRESS asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide, helping to provide a major final push to Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of Letters" campaign.

These are just the highlights of both CROP and Mission:1. They are extremely timely and needed in the current state of the world economy. And they speak to who the Aaronsburg Charge is.

*Peace,
Leigh*

please take notice to the following ...

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

The remaining deadlines for 2011 newsletters are as follows:

Sunday, October 23 Wednesday, December 28



ALSO, PLEASE NOTE:

NEWSLETTERS DELIVERED TO THE SANCTUARY MUST BE PICKED UP BY YOU OR SOMEONE WILLING TO DELIVER THEM TO YOU.

Due to the cost, we will no longer mail unclaimed newsletters left in the sanctuary.

A new mailing address for:

Judy Bailey
 129 N Rachel's Way
 Aaronsburg, PA 16820-9406

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Joint Consistory Highlights:

The Joint Consistory met at St. Peter's on July 19, 2011 at 7:00PM.

Rev. Marja Coons-Torn and Rev. Ken Heasley did a presentation on OCWM

- ✓ PowerPoint presentation – "Plain Talk about OCWM"
- ✓ Newest OCWM brochures passed out
- ✓ Pastor Leigh presented with a Flash Drive with over 100 resources
- ✓ Pastor Leigh completed a survey that entered Aaronsburg Charge in a drawing for \$2,000
- ✓ St. Peter's was acknowledged as 1 of 5 STAR churches in 2010

A quorum was not met by the attending Consistory members, no new business was voted on.

Discussion topics were as follows:

- * Suggestion that Joint Consistory pay the last two quarters Fire Insurance for both St. Peter's & Salem, to help both congregations financially
- * Parsonage business:
 - o Doug Bower is doing the mowing at the parsonage
 - o Gary Auman and Dave Sweeley put the driveway sealer on the parsonage driveway
 - o Rich Confer will be contacted about the parsonage's dining room light
 - o Doug Royer is working on the parsonage front door
- * Special events information:
 - o Free Concert in Wert Park, July 31, by Penns Valley Men's Choir, 7:00 PM
 - o August is the "Feet & Seat" covers collection
 - o Steering Committee is doing a book study (Unbinding the Heart) and praying for each other and anyone asking special requests. Group resuming on September 15.
 - o Penns Valley Crop Walk is September 25
- * Worship service information
 - o Joint worship, on Grange Fair Sunday, is at Salem, 10AM, Rev. Ann Graves preaching.
 - o Hymn selection will be at St. Peter's, November 6 at 1:30 PM
 - o Blessing of the Animals service, at St. Peter's, October 22, 2:00 PM
 - o Worship Planning Committee will be meeting at the parsonage, October 24 at 7:00 PM
Pastor Leigh suggested this group should think about meeting quarterly.
 - o Joint Christmas morning worship service will be at Salem, 9:30 AM
- * Joint Consistory Budget meeting will be at St. Peter's, September 19 at 7:00 PM
- * Pastor Leigh is taking a Red Cross Training Course on Psychological Disaster Training
- * Report from the St. John's committee:
 - o They have had several meetings
 - o They compiled an inventory list of items remaining in the church, the items were offered St. Peter's and Salem
 - o A list was created for items to be kept by St. Peter's and/or Salem
 - o Wendell Royer would like 2 people from each church to go to St. John's at the same time to pick banners for their churches. Phyllis Royer made the banners.
 - o An auctioneer will be meeting with the group
 - o Suggested that Women's Guild might have a food stand on the sale day
- * Pastor Leigh would love to see a Christian Ed committee for kids
- * Next meeting: October 18 at Salem, 7PM Joint Spiritual Life Committee, 7:30PM Joint Consistory

Helen Sweeley, Secretary
Joint Consistory



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, Japan Earthquake Victims

Dorothy Alters	Ryan Balliett	Clinton Bonson	Emily Boob & Family	Darlene Boob	Fred & Karen Boob
Randall Boob	Mike Braucht	Terry Bressler	Bob Brown	Kay Brown	Family of Connie Carper
Carol & Nelson Cook	Alex Corman	Ted Corman	T.J. Coursen	Bill & Janie Crater	Michael Dimock
Dr. Lillian Earle	Jean Eisenhuth	Barb Fetterolf	Frances Fetterolf	Tim Galloway	Karen Glasgow
Luke Haskell	Benjamin Hosterman	Jonathan Huey	Pat Kelly	Marcia Lingle	Makayla Luse
Fred & Betty Mensch	Sam Moore	Loretta Neff	Robert Neill	Dixie Ort	Amanda Rachau
Jane Stover Rickner	The Ross Family	Shirley Rossman	Harold Russel	Jackie Shawver	
Gay Lynne Shouey	Doris Z. Smith	Bernice Snyder	Frank Stapleton	Betty Stover	Family of Dean Stover
Evelyn Stover	Randall Stover	Randolph Swartz	Barb Tobias	Janet & Roy Van Gilder	Marilyn Weaver Family
Charlotte Weiser	Becky Wenrick	Mildred Wingard	Mark & Nancy Wise	Shirley Witmer	

*Names listed in bold are newly added names to this list.

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 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 – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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.

Congratulations to Abigail Royer and Travis Shawver! Pastor Leigh joined the happy couple on July 9, 2011 at Salem. Abigail is the granddaughter of Ken & Lois Royer. Best wishes to the whole family.

Joint Outdoor Worship was held at the Black Panther Riding Club on July 10.

Twenty-eight people attended the service and 23 stayed for lunch fellowship. The last year's prayer requests from both churches were burnt and sent to heaven again. Salem's Family Fellowship furnished the hot dogs, rolls, condiments and coffee. Delicious covered dishes were brought by others to share. Thank you to Chef Dave Sweeley for cooking and to everyone who helped to clean up.



Helen Sweeley delivered fruit baskets to Bob Brown after his hospital visit following his ankle surgery. Bob has a long road of recovery. Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you to Helen for reaching out to those in need.



Wendell Royer donated a two-sided banner made by his wife, Phyllis. The banner formerly adorned the sanctuary at St John's. Pastor Leigh dedicated it on July 24. Thank you to Wendell for the beautiful gift.

Vacation Bible School took place from JULY 24-28 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Millheim. We were happy to see Keaton and Kaden Gurner attend Vacation Bible School. Thank you to everyone who donated snacks to VBS.



Good luck and Blessings to all the students headed to school this fall. Just to mention two exciting begins for Keaton Gurner will be starting kindergarten this year. Josh Stover will be starting Lock Haven University.

Salem's Family Fellowship hosted the August Birthday party at Salem Hill Haven on August 3. We had 23 residents come out to play Bingo and all the winners received prizes. Residents enjoyed refreshments of ice cream, cake, chips, pretzels and punch. Thank you to all who helped and/or donated to making the party a success: Karen & Fred Boob, Janie Shook, Andrew & Patrick Slavinsky, Deb Stover, Donna Auman, Kay Brown, Ginny Boob, Lois Royer, Dave & Helen Sweeley. A special thank you to Tierney Myers who was visiting her father and helped serve the refreshments.



During the month of July, special envelopes were available for donations to the "4 Our Churches" Capital Campaign instead of a Hoss's fundraiser. We received \$205. If anyone who would still like to donate to the cause, there are more envelopes available at the back of the church. Thank you to all who have donated.



Salem's Annual Halloween Party is still in the planning stage. The committee members coordinating the event are Jason & Carrie Swartz, Peg & Steve Swartz and Lucinda Stover. The party will be at Jason and Carrie's house but the date is not determined yet. Watch for further details in the worship bulletin.

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ST. PETER'S NEWS – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

Worship Schedule for 2011

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

The East Penns Valley Branch Library has been holding programs at St. Peter's this summer while the Millheim Borough Building grounds are being updated.

Our Salem/St. Peter's Outdoor Worship service was held at Black Panther on Sunday, June 10. A good time was had by all who attended. It may take some effort to move to the "outdoors" but it is always refreshing to worship outside. Thank you to Salem for providing the hot dogs and condiments and to all who brought a "pot luck" dish.

The Friends with a Mission sponsored a picnic at Ed and Barb Kerstetter's on Saturday, July 16. Thanks to all who provided food for this event. Thanks Ed and Barb for hosting the picnic.



We had visitors (Ken Heasley, PCC-OCWM Team and Marja Coons-Torn, Conference Minister) at our July Joint Consistory Meeting. They explained how Our Church's Wider Mission works and were available to answer questions about how our contributions are used.

The Aaronsburg Charge Steering Committee (representatives from Salem and St. Peter's) met on two Monday evenings during July (thanks to Pastor Leigh for providing supper!) – to study the book, Unbinding Your Heart, and praying for each other and our two churches.



September	READER	FLOWERS	Monthly Greeter	Monthly Offering Counters
4	Lori Corman	Dixie Ort	Shane Royer	Doug Royer & Brenda Stover
11	Dixie Ort	Ed & Barb Kerstetter		
18	Ginny Hosterman	Fay & Frank Stapleton		
25	Phoebe Anskis	Phoebe Anskis		

Consistory Devotions: Bonnie DeBrasky

October	READER	FLOWERS	Monthly Greeter	Monthly Offering Counters
2	Ed Kerstetter	Ginny Hosterman	Terry Bressler	Orvil Hosterman & Frank Stapleton
9	Bonnie DeBrasky	Ginny Hosterman		
16	Bill Miles	Bonnie DeBrasky/ Brenda Stover		
23	Lori Corman	Bonnie DeBrasky/ Brenda Stover		
30	Dixie Ort	Phoebe Anskis		

Consistory Devotions: Dave Edwards



Thank you to Pastor Harry Covert for supplying on Sundays, July 31 and August 7 so Pastor Leigh could enjoy her vacation time.

The Penns Valley Men's Chorus Concert on Sunday, July 31 was enjoyed by all who attended. It was moved to St. Peter's because of the high temperatures we had been experiencing. Refreshments were served after the concert and it was good fellowship time.



Calling all school age youth! On **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**, we will be blessing backpacks during worship. It is a way to give all our young people an experience of the worshipping community gathering around them, inviting God's power, and blessing into their school experience. You are asked to bring your backpack, full or empty. Then, bring a friend (or several!) and we will bless their backpacks, too!

PENNS VALLEY CROP WALK FOR HUNGER

Join your friends and neighbors by donating to or walking in – or both – **the Penns Valley CROP Walk for Hunger on Sunday afternoon, September 25 at 2:00 p.m.** This is an interdenominational effort by local churches to address the issue of worldwide hunger.

We will register at the Aaronsburg Civic Club parking lot (or inside if, it is raining) and walk down Tattletown Road and proceed toward Millheim until we reach St. John Lutheran church in Millheim (it is only 2.2 miles!).

The monies raised will go to Church World Service, an organization with an impeccable track record for getting needed goods to countries worldwide. Unless designated otherwise, 75% of the proceeds will go to Church World Service to help people in other countries and 25% will go to our three area food banks. **The recruiters for the Aaronsburg Charge are: Donna Auman, Salem and Ed Kerstetter, St. Peter's.**

So strap on those walking shoes, break out the Ben Gay and let us all hoof it over to Millheim on behalf of the many whose very lives may depend on it!

FALL FESTIVAL AT HARTMAN CENTER SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH 9am-3pm

- **Silent Auction**
- **Barbecue chicken, hot dogs, chili, ice cream and lots more great food!**
- **Live Musical Entertainment**
- **Hay Rides & Games**
- **Home-made Baked Goods**

FUN FOR ALL AGES! Bring your family and friends!



There is a green tub at the front of Salem with a list of donations needed to fill the tub for Salem's "Hartman Center" basket for the Family Festival auction in October. The deadline for the items is September 18. The basket theme is "Fall Flower Planting."

God's Faithful People (GFP) - A "new" fellowship opportunity

We are trying to get some fellowship events going again with a new name will begin with the following planned events.

Sunday, September 4	BBQ Pot Luck Brunch, after worship
Saturday, October 15:	joint event with FWAM - a hayride followed by a picnic at the church, 4PM
Sunday, November 27:	First Sunday of Advent - A soup and sandwich potluck lunch, after worship
Monday, December 3:	The group will go to Country Cupboard for lunch (snow date Dec 10)

Sign-up sheets will be passed around prior to the events. Let us be God's Faithful People and enjoy the fellowship together.
GFP Committee

AARONSBURG CHARGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at St. Peter's at 7:15 p.m. with 6 members present. Janie Shook led the devotions. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$210.48.

In June, we provided 52 pool passes for a total of \$208 as well as \$100 for a gas card for Tiara Rachau, and \$168.05 to Allegheny Power for a needy family.

Thank you to Tracy for her time given as the President of the Women's Guild.

Thank you to Donna Auman who has volunteered to take the President position as she will lead the group forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

We had collected enough items to create 40 Dakota school bags. The bags were taken to PCC annual meeting.

We received a thank you from the following groups for our donations:

American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Autism Speaks,
Lewistown Hospital for the Jared boxes, Special Olympics,
Millheim Daycare & Outreach Center for the pool passes, Turbans of Love

NEW BUSINESS:

FEET AND SEAT COVERS: Collection is happening through the end of August. Dedication of them will occur at the joint service on August 28.

OUTREACH: Janie made a motion to give \$100 to Gay Lynne Shouey for her train trip to California to receive brain tumor treatment. It was seconded by Marilyn and approved by the group.

Our Bible Study will continue at the September 6 meeting. Brenda will lead devotions for this meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Brenda Ream Stover, Secretary

September Anniversaries

October Anniversaries

September 3	Jason & Carrie Swartz	October 25	Janette & Rob Jackson
September 8	Fred & Helen Benner		Fred & Violet Ware
September 18	Nychol & Brian Shook	October 26	Steve & Peg Swartz
September 29	Doug & Nancy Royer		



September Birthdays

October Birthdays

September 4	James Stover	October 2	Ken Royer
September 7	Melissa Lamey	October 3	Marilyn Weaver
September 9	Randy Rossman	October 4	Isabelle Alters
	Natasha Stover	October 9	Wendell Royer
	Doug Royer	October 13	Barry Fetterolf
September 10	Jimmy Brown		Cindy Ross
	Kyle Miles	October 20	Adam Stover
	Vanessa Stover		Randall Stover
September 17	Fay Stapleton		Carol Corman
September 19	Ashley Snare	October 26	Emily Boob
	Carl Warntz	October 28	Jacob Royer
September 24	Pat Kelly		Donn Fetterolf
	Phoebe Anskis	October 29	Tom Schrenkel
September 27	Marcia Lingle	October 31	Violet Ware
September 30	Sabrina Glasgow		



AUGUST CALENDAR

Sun., Aug. 28	10:00 a.m.	Pastor Ann Graves preaching, Joint Grange Fair Sunday and Summer Communion, Salem
Mon., August 29	6:30 p.m.	Al-Anon, St. Peter's
Tues., August 30	9:30 a.m.	W.I.R.M.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sun	Sept	4	9:30 AM	St. Peter's, Bar-B-Q Brunch after worship
			10:30 AM	Baptism at Salem
Tue	Sept	6	Noon	Grandparents of Autism Support Group Lunch
			7:15 PM	Women's Guild, St. Peter's
Thu	Sept	8	7:00 PM	St. John's meeting at Parsonage
Sun	Sept	11	TBA	9/11 observance at Penns Valley High School

Mon	Sept	12	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	NA Ministerium at St. John's, Boalsburg Al-Anon meeting, St. Peter's Consistory meeting, Salem
Tue	Sept	13	7:00 PM	Consistory meeting, St. Peter's
Thu	Sept	15	6:30 PM	Steering Committee, meal and book study, at parsonage
Mon	Sept	19	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Al-Anon meeting, St. Peter's Budget Committee Meeting (both churches) – St. Peter's
Fri	Sept	23	TBA	Fye/Schrenkengast wedding rehearsal, St. Peter's
Sat	Sept	24		Soup Sale, Salem parking lot
Sun	Sept	25	4:00 PM	Fye/Schrenkengast wedding, St. Peter's Harvest Home Sunday Casserole & Pie lunch, Salem after worship
			2:00 PM	Penns Valley Crop Walk – Aaronsburg to Millheim
Mon	Sept	26	6:30 PM	Al-Anon meeting, St. Peter's
Tue	Sept	27	9:30 AM	Interim Ministry Partnership meeting, Conference Office

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sat	Oct	1		Dutch Fall Festival (Women's Guild Stand at St. Peter's)
Sun	Oct	2	10:30 AM	Children's Sunday School begins at St. Peter's
Mon	Oct	3	6:30 PM	Al-Anon, St. Peter's
Tue	Oct	4	Noon 7:15 PM	Grandparents of Autism Support Group Lunch Women's Guild, St. Peter's
Mon	Oct	10	6:30 PM	Al-Anon, St. Peter's
Sat	Oct	15	9 AM – 3 PM 4:00 PM	Fall Festival at Hartman Center, Milroy FWAM and God's Faithful Servants Hayride at St. Peter's followed by meal
Mon	Oct	17	6:30 PM	Al-Anon, St. Peter's
Tue	Oct	18	7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Spiritual Life – Salem Joint Consistory – Salem
Sat	Oct	22	2:00 PM	Blessing of the Animals Service – St. Peter's
Sun	Oct	23		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NOV/DEC ISSUE
Mon	Oct	24	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Al-Anon, St. Peter's Worship Planning Committee meeting, Parsonage
Sun	Oct	30		Reformation Sunday/All Saints Sunday
Mon	Oct	31	6:30 PM	Al-Anon, St. Peter's

Coming in November...

11/1/11-11/11/11	Mission: 1	ONE UNITED CHURCH on a shared mission for 11 powerful days to feed the hungry and confront food-related injustice.
Fri., Nov. 4	7:00 PM	Decker/Reichenbach wedding rehearsal, Salem
Sat., Nov. 5	2:00 PM	Decker/Reichenbach wedding, Salem
	6:30 PM	Thanksgiving Meal, Gregg Township Fire Hall
Sun., Nov. 6	1:30 PM	Hymn selection meeting, St. Peter's