

The Pastor Writes:

We have entered into the season of Easter. With the resurrection of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost), the disciples, begin the work of forming the church. They meet in homes, preaching and teaching, healing and “having all things in common.” We will be reading these stories from the early church over the next 50 days (8 Sundays) of Easter. In these stories, we hear our own struggles to be the church today. We hear our personal struggles to remain faithful followers of Christ. How will we be the church of hope in today’s world of recession, war and political wrangling?

There are many ways for you to delve deeper into your understanding of our still speaking God, and to learn how to be the voice of hope and encouragement to your neighbor, your family, and your own heart.

Join a Bible study class—this April and May, both the morning and evening classes will be studying the Lord’s Prayer. Or join an adult Sunday school class and see God’s creation revealed more deeply through study and fellowship with other seekers. Be sure your children attend Sunday school regularly, ask them what they have learned and incorporate the Home Leaflet packet ideas into your home life.

Don’t get out much these days? Too busy to join a class? Like to knit? Our shawl project may be right for you! Easy instructions are available at the church—or request that they be mailed to you. These shawls are presented to those in need of a tangible reminder of God’s grace and love. Bring them to the church when they are completed or ask the Pastor to arrange for them to be picked up, they will distributed during visits in the community.

If you travel for your work and are out of town often, remember the on-line chapel of the UCC which is interactive every evening at 9 pm.

Have an idea for a group or activity? Let your consistory know! You can find out who your consistory members are by consulting your Annual Report.

Listen....our still speaking God is speaking to you!

See you Sunday!
Grace and Peace,
Rev. Faith

Over heard at a recent Bible study class...an old-fashioned way to be eco-minded:

“Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.”

New Study Beginning in April!

Thursday Morning and Evening Bible Study, St. Peter's UCC, 10:00 am and 7 pm

In April we begin a new and challenging six-week study from Kerygma, entitled, "Lord Teach us to pray". The Lord's Prayer is among the greatest treasures of faith. This study explores the key phrases of the Lord's Prayer as they lead us to greater spirituality and growth. The sessions, beginning April 10th, are as follows:

1. Keep Our Distance: *How close can we come to a holy God?*
2. Crossing to the future: *What is the Kingdom and what is the Kingdom yet to come?*
3. Willing Obedience: *How can we glorify God in our daily lives?*
4. Feeding Ourselves: *What place does self-sufficiency have in Christian life?*
5. Writing it off: *What does the reality of our forgiveness say to our treatment of others?*
6. Crying for help: *How does a Christian respond to the enormity of evil in the world?*

Please bring your Bibles and note paper. We always go out for lunch at an area restaurant after the morning class. Evening Bible study is one hour.

If you have not yet joined a Bible study group, consider committing to this six-week study, it will deeply influence your life.

Friends of the Charge are always welcome!

Adult Sunday school at St. Peter's, following worship

What does my church say about the place of science in religion? Come and see!

Beginning on Sunday, April 10, we begin a 2-week discussion of the "Pastoral Letter on Faith Engaging Science and Technology" written by the Rev. John H. Thomas, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ (who will be the guest speaker at the Leadership Banquet on May 22). Copies are available in the fellowship hall downstairs.

This will set the stage for us to read and discuss together the book, The Language of God by Francis Collins. (A sign-up sheet to order the book is posted on the bulletin board in the upstairs classroom. Books are available at \$10 each). This will be a six-week class, leading us to our summer break. There will be discussions, videos and more! Join us for a cup of Fair-Trade coffee, cocoa or tea and lively discussion.



Worship Times---Worship Schedule for 2008

January-April:

St. Peter's: Worship at 9:30 am, Sunday school at 10:30 am

Salem Worship at 10:45 am

May-August:

St. Peter's Worship at 10:30, Sunday school at 9:30 am

Salem Worship at 9:30 am

Communion, which is open to all who seek to know the Risen Christ, is offered 7 times per year, please contact the Pastor if you would like to receive home communion.

For more information, please call **349-5094** or email aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net



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(If you would like to add someone to this list, please submit to aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net or drop a note in the milk box on the front porch of the parsonage—232 W Aaron Square. Thank you.)

Events to Remember for April 2008: (check calendar for those not listed here)

April 1-6: Pastor Faith on vacation

April 1: Women's Guild at 7:15 pm at St. Peter's-Jarro boxes

April 4-6: Guys and God Retreat at Lancaster Theological Seminary (youth)

April 8: Grandparent Autism Support Group, St. Peter's-7 pm

April 11-13: Girls and God Retreat at LTS (youth)

April 13: Northern Association Annual meeting, St. Peter's, State College, 1 pm.

Vacation Bible School Planning meeting, St. John's in Millheim, 1 pm

April 14: Pastor Faith at Ministerium

April 22: Joint Consistory (Spiritual Life, 7 pm), Salem, 7:30

April 23: Secretary Day

April 26: Work Day at Hartman Center, 10 am-3pm

April 27: Spring Breakfast before church, St. Peter's

Please send all submissions to jshawver@pennsvalley.org or place in mailbox on the parsonage porch (232 W. Aaron Square).