



# The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ April, 2009

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## The Pastor Writes:



Dear Friends,

*Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!*

These words of greeting, used on Easter morning and throughout the Easter season, remind us not only of the miracle of the resurrection but the ongoing love and compassionate care we receive daily from our risen Lord. When we turn towards the Son, our souls are warmed from within so that we may face the difficulties of this world with hope, courage and inspiration.

Our churches are filled with loving, caring and action-oriented folks—let us not keep this a secret but rather, let us spread the good news of God’s love as witnessed in our actions. Tell your friends and neighbors that the Aaronsburg Charge is not just a place of words, but of deeds.

From the spring garden, tenderly cared for by members of all ages, which greets us on Sunday morning, to the many active study and support groups that help us in our spiritual growth, we are a community of committed Christians. Our generous gifts to individuals in need, both here in town, nationally and globally, are another way we express our confident assurance that Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

See you Sunday!

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Faith

## Prayer Chain



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

Hurricane Katrina Victims, Dorothy Alters, Rev. Jack Archer, Randall Boob, Mike Braucht, Terry Bressler, Bob Brown, John “Jack” Brown, Kay Brown, Alex Corman, T.J. Coursen, Janie Crater, Michael Dimock, Dr. Lillian Earle, Gerald Fetterolf, Jean Frankenberger, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Brian & Cody Homan, Benjamin Hosterman, Jonathan Huey, Cory Jackson, Pat Kelly, Jacob Kerstetter (deployed to Iraq), Dean Krape, Liz Krout, Bob Lingle, Sr., Dave Lingle, Marcia Lingle, Fred & Betty Mensch, Sam Moore, Teenie Musser, Carrie Neese, David E. Neese, Loretta Neff, Robert Neill, Dixie Ort, Amanda Rachau, The Ross Family, Maxine Ross, Brenda (Barb Rossman’s sister), Shirley Rossman, Margaret Royer, Warren Royer, Doris Z. Smith, Bernice Snyder, Shirley Snyder-Birth, Frank Stapleton, Barb Stover, Evelyn Stover, Randall Stover, Randolph Swartz, Barb Tobias, Roy VanGilder, Lester & Marilyn Weaver, and 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.

## Worship Times - - - Worship Schedule for 2009

St. Peter’s: 9:30 a.m. (Sunday school following worship)  
Salem: 10:45 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/visitation. For more information, please call 349-5094 or email

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## **Salem Happenings**

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

Our last fundraiser for "4 Our Churches" was February 10 at Hoss's again. We received \$102.18 from Hoss's and another \$30 from members who did not go to eat. The next date for Hoss's is April 22. Donna Auman, Jane Shook and Helen Sweeley have cards if you need them.

We had about 22 stay for the Pot Luck Lunch on February 22. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up. Eleven of us went on to the bowling alley, but only eight actually bowled. Once again, we didn't charge Carl for dusting the gutters. There were a few complaints that the lanes were a little uneven and Carl was gracious enough to put a level down and the only thing found was a hair. Some of the scores weren't very high, but we had a lot of fun and laughs.

Thank you to Tracy Ridenour and the Youth Group for the beautiful throw they made and donated to Salem. Every knot was made with a prayer. The throw is to keep you comfortable in church if you are cold - anyone can use it, just return it back to where you got it. Right now it's on the back pew - enjoy it.

Salem Consistory was held at the church on March 16. When the Americprise CD matured, it was put in the general checking account until we see if we need it to pay bills. Consistory decided to do something about the ramp coming into the parking lot. When it rains, the water washes a ditch down the middle. It was decided to put two 12-inch catch basins with grates at the top of the ramp for drainage and double lined, plastic culverts will be used. The total will be around \$1,000 but it is something that has been needed for a long time. Donn Fetterolf will donate his backhoe and operator and Confers will donate a load of stones from the quarry. Donn Fetterolf and Gary Auman are in charge of this project, but they will need help - so be prepared. Thank you, Donn for getting the prices and offering your services. Don and Darice Hampton have been granted a letter of transfer to St. Peter's, at their request, bringing our number on the roll down to 45. Anyone interested in going to Penn Central Conference at Selinsgrove in June, please see Janie Shook. Registration deadline is April 24. Wendell Royer is planning to go representing Salem and Janie is willing to go for one day or whatever. The Church Leaders' Banquet will be May 7 at the New Hope Lutheran Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be bar-b-que chicken at the price of \$10 per adult. Deadline for reservations is April 20 to Janie Shook. Pastor Faith will be taking part in the installation of Rev. Debra Timmins in Philadelphia on May 17 and has asked for two days vacation May 17 and 18, so we will be having a supply that Sunday. A work day at the church was discussed but no date was scheduled.

Salem hosted the Community mid-week Lenten service on March 18. Pastor Faith led the service. Josh Stover was acolyte, Zachary Huey (St. Peter's) read scripture, Amanda Huey (St. Peter's) helped greet, Ed Kerstetter (St. Peter's), Janie Shook, Dave and Helen Sweeley took up the offering and Marilyn Weaver (St. Peter's) played the organ and donated her services. Thank you to everyone who helped, especially Marilyn. There were 74 in attendance and the offering of \$286.50 will be used for Vacation Bible School. Thank you so much to one special person (whoever you are) for the most generous offering you put in the plate.

Thank you to everyone who donated to "Operation Shoebox" last month. We sent 99.2 pounds of items to Campanis Orthopedic Shoe Store along with \$225 for postage. The Women's Guild is now collecting items for Jared Boxes. There boxes in the Narthex, take one, fill it up or just bring items in and we will fill the boxes.

Thank you to everyone who purchased daffodils. We had 15 bunches in the church on March 22 and they sure do make you think spring has arrived, as indeed it has!

Keaton Gurner found a new seat for church. Just give him a bag of goldfish crackers to eat and let him sit on the step in front of the altar and you don't hear a peep out of him. I guess he likes to see what everyone else is doing during the service.

This was the first year at Salem that the men cooked Lenten Lunch with Ken Royer in charge - I do believe it calls for repeat performance. There were a lot of men in the kitchen and they did a great job - even did the clean up afterwards, though Lucinda started washing dishes because she felt sorry for Steve. That didn't last long, once Peg got on the scene. We had bacon, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fruit salad, toast, donuts, coffee cake, monkey bread, juice and coffee. Thank you to Lois and Ken Royer for the lovely daffodils on the tables along with the jelly beans, nice touch. There were 38 of us for lunch and afterwards, we shared table communion which Pastor Faith led.

There were a lot of empty places on the Flower Chart for this year, so please fill free to put the flowers on the altar for one of those days. Please mark your charts - Marcia & Bob Lingle will be supplying flowers June 28 and September 27.

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### Salem's Dates to Remember:

- April 4 - Women's Guild making Easter Eggs at Lingle's. All help in greatly appreciated.
- April 5 - Deadline for Jared Boxes. Women's Guild will finish them up on April 7.
- April 12 - Easter Sunrise Service, St. Peter's back lot at 7:30 a.m. followed by a light breakfast with table communion in the social room.
- April 19 - Northern Association Annual Meeting, St. John's, Bellefonte.
- April 20 - Joint Spiritual Life Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Joint Consistory 7:30 p.m. both at Salem
- Reservation Deadline for Church Leaders' Banquet at New Hope Lutheran Church May 7<sup>th</sup> Bar-b-qued chicken dinner - adults \$10. Please see Janie Shook.
- April 22 - "4 Our Churches" fundraiser at Hoss's.
- April 26 - Pot Luck Lunch at Salem following morning worship. Josh Stover, Donna & Gary Auman and Frances Byers are in charge of a program of their choosing.

Well, Spring is here officially, the days are longer and the sun is warmer, so if you see a neighbor struggling to get their yard work done, give them a helping hand if you can. As always, remember those on our Prayer Chains.

HAPPY EASTER!

*Helen Sweeley*



### **Women's Guild**

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, at St. Peter's at 7:15 p.m. with 6 members present. Janie Shook provided devotions. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$474.85; she reported that she did send \$250 to Ingram fuel after being in touch with Millheim Outreach Center about available funds for fuel (this includes the \$100 earmarked for fuel fund).

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A thank you card was read from the Anthony Confer family.

The treasurer reported that she received \$175 in donations for Operation Shoebox for postage. Marilyn made a motion and Janie seconded the motion that the Guild also contribute \$50 for postage for a total of \$225; all agreed. The items donated for Operation Shoebox were weighed and we had 99.2 pounds; Tracy will be delivering all to Dino Campanis.

The Easter egg making was discussed. The eggs are being sold for \$1 each and will be made at the Robert Lingle residence on April 4. All orders need to be turned in to Helen by March 29. Janie will be getting the graham crackers and Helen will get the plastic wrap and wax paper.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

From the annual workshops it was learned that Lynette Grieb of Trinity UCC in Hublersburg will be participating in a Summer Global Experience trip to Thailand. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Dakota Association PCC Partnership has challenged each congregation of PCC to participate in a clothing drive for the Dakota Association. They have asked the Central and Northern congregations to collect clothing for ages 3-5 and sizes 4T-7. They are asking for school play clothes for the start of school in fall 2009. The guild is going to participate in this challenge and collect clothing during the month of May.

The Jared Box items will be collected during the month of March. Janie has delivered boxes to each church for this project.

The next meeting will be April 7, 2009, with Tracy Ridenour providing devotions. We will be completing Jared boxes, begin collecting Dakota school kits, and planning the Salem Hill Haven Birthday Party. We closed with the Lord's Prayer and at the April meeting continue with the Bible Study of Chapter 25 from Max Lucado's book.

Brenda Ream Stover  
Secretary

### **Lenten Community Worship Services – 7:00 p.m.**

April 1	Salem Lutheran	Aaronsburg - Rev. Linda Jezusko
April 9	Holy Thursday	Millheim United Methodist, Millheim - Pastor Carol Price
April 10	Good Friday	Emmanuel UMC, Rebersburg - Rev. Julie Piper

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study Class 10 a.m. - St. Peter's**

Welcome back to Bible study! We begin our classes on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> with the book, Encouraging One Another, the study guide series from Women of Faith.

"God planned ahead for all your gloomy days. In fact, He's arranged for encouragement to be right there, waiting for you to discover it. You only need to know where to look! Words of encouragement can always be found in the Bible, but He gave each of us the ability to console and encourage, as well.

God is always with us, and we're all in this thing together. So, let's encourage one another along the way! Are you ready to give and receive encouragement?

In this study, we'll search the Bible for all the ways God wants us to know He didn't leave us to face life alone."

This is a 12-week study. The cost of the book is \$10. Please order through Pastor Faith. Bring your Bible, and let us join together on this journey of faith.

### **Thursday Evening Lectionary Bible Study 7 p.m. - St. Peter's**

This Bible study prepares us for worship on Sunday. We will study the texts, which will be used for worship. So if you like a deeper understanding, this is the class for you! Bring your Bible (if you do not have one, we will give you one) and let's discover God's Word for our daily lives.

April 16	Acts 4: 32-25, Psalm 133, John 20: 19-31	"Marks of Faith"
April 23	Acts 3: 12-19, Psalm 4, Luke 24: 36b-48	"Christ Among Us"
April 30	Acts 4: 5-12, Psalm 23, John 10: 11-18	"Enfolded by Love"

### **St. Peter's News**

"Donut Days" were held at St. Peter's on February 20 and 21. THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success! To those who set up, cleaned up, made the doughnuts, donated ingredients, provided lunch for the workers - your generosity is greatly appreciated! We also appreciate the support of all our faithful customers. Thank you also to those who donated ingredients for the soup sale sponsored by "Friends with a Mission". A special thank you to Frank Stapleton for making the new "Donut Sale sign for the front lawn. THANK YOU to Marilyn Weaver who organizes "donut days" and keeps everything running smoothly. Thank you also to all those who worked behind the scenes (you know who you are!). The total profit from the sale of donuts was \$1,097 and the profit from the soup sale was \$285. Good work everyone!

The flowers on the altar February 15 and 22 were placed by Ginny Hosterman in memory of her Mother.

On Sunday, March 1, we received new members into the fellowship of St. Peter's church. The following persons joined St. Peter's by letters of transfer: Sam Moore, Jennifer Huey with children Zach and Amanda; Don and Darice Hampton with children Garret and Gavin. Jennifer and Darice were each given a bouquet of red carnations. Pastor Faith presented teen study Bibles to Zach Huey and Paige Myers to help with guidance during their Christian life.

Prior to worship, a coffee and donut social hour was held in the dining room. Welcome to all our new members!

On Saturday, March 7, Pastor Faith, Marilyn, Phoebe, and Tracy attended the "Worship and Music Day" workshops at Colonial Park UCC in Harrisburg. They learned new ideas they hope to share with everyone at St. Peter's!

The beautiful flowers on the altar March 15 were placed by Phoebe Anskis in remembrance of her Mother Isabelle's 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday.

Salem hosted the Community Lenten Service on Wednesday, March 18. Zach Huey, Amanda Huey, Josh Stover and Marilyn Weaver served as Reader, Greeter, Acolyte and Organist respectively.

Thank you, to all those who bought daffodils to benefit the American Cancer Society. The sanctuary looked lovely with all these beautiful flowers on March 22. A sure sign of spring!

"Friends with a Mission" made 420 sandwiches on March 19 with a profit of \$931.52. Thank you to everyone for your generosity! (Proceeds to be used for the community Easter egg hunt and plants and accessories for the meditation garden.)

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Thank you to Eddy Glasgow who made a minor repair to our tower clock. It is now working fine again.

**April 2009 Calendar - St. Peter's  
Worship – 9:30  
Sunday School - 10:45**

<u>April</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Monthly Greeter</u>	<u>Monthly Offering Counters</u>
5	Zach Huey	Palms	Lori Corman	Lori Corman & Shane Royer
12	Virginia Hosterman	Lilies		
19	Phoebe Anskis	Linda Long		
26	Ed Kerstetter	Glenda Dobson		

Communion Ushers: (April 12) Orvil Hosterman & Ed Kerstetter

Consistory Devotions: Ginny Hosterman (April 15)

**April Dates to Remember:**

- 4 - Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by "Friends with a Mission"
- 7 - Autism Support Group, St. Peter's 7:00 p.m.
- Women's Guild, St. Peter's 7:15 p.m.
- 12 - Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 - Breakfast following- Regular Worship at 9:30.
- 15 - St. Peter's Consistory 7:00 p.m.
- 16 - Morning Bible Study resumes 10:00 at St. Peter's
- 19 - Annual Meeting of the Northern Association - St. John's UCC, Bellefonte

As always, remember those in need of your prayers, especially our shut-ins and give thanks for all those on the "road to recovery". Happy Spring!

Have a joyous Easter!!

-Lori Corman



**Our Homebound, Nursing Home or Health Care Residents:**

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*(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 at 232 W. Aaron Square, Aaronsburg.)*

## CHURCH LEADERS BANQUET

- Where:** New Hope Lutheran Church, Route  
45, Spring Mills, PA
- When:** Thursday, May 7, 2009.
- Registration:** 6:00 p.m.
- Dinner:** 6:30 p.m.
- Meal:** Chicken Bar-b-que
- Cost:** \$10.00 per person/\$5 for children, Ages 5-12

**Guest Speaker:**  
Reverend Patrick Walker  
Church World Service

Each church should select a church representative to take banquet reservation (w/payment). The church representative should call or email the number of people attending to Terri Krabill (814-364-9812 or [remkrab@verizon.net](mailto:remkrab@verizon.net)) by Monday, April 20 and bring one check to the banquet to cover the costs for that church.

**A freewill offering will benefit the mission of Church World Service.**