

The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

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Charge*

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Joint Consistory Highlights

Better late than never! Joint Consistory met at St. Peter's on January 22, 2008. Itemized treasurer's reports for all of 2007 were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Committees were named and chair people were assigned for 2008

The trees at the parsonage have been trimmed. The painting has been done also at the parsonage thanks to David McCausland.

The Pictorial Directory is being worked on by the committee,

The Revised Constitution and By Laws of the Aaronsburg Charge were passed out to everyone.

Election of officers was held with these results: President – Ken Royer, Vice-President – Virginia Hosterman, Secretary – Helen Sweeley, and Treasurer – Brenda Stover. Phoebe Anskis, Bill Miles and Bob Corman were all thanked for their dedication to their churches and for serving on Consistory. Tracy Ridenour and Douglas Royer were welcomed as the “new kids on the block”.

Financial statements will be available after Consistory meetings at each church for anyone wishing to have a copy.

A \$50 gift card for Country Cupboard was purchased for Karen Boob to show appreciation for her being Joint Consistory Secretary for 40 years. Thank you so much, Karen.

Pastor Faith gave her report of what she has been doing and what will be happening in the future.

The Young Adult Group is now known as “Friends in Mission”.

The next meeting will be April 22 at Salem.

*Helen Sweeley, Secretary
Joint Consistory*



Worship Times Schedule for 2008

January - April

**St. Peter's: Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.**

Salem: Worship at 10:45 a.m.

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 at aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net.

Welcome to our Churches!

Are you new to the UCC? Want to know more? Our web page is www.aaronsburgchargeucc.org The national web site is: www.ucc.org or www.iucc.org. Here you will find information about our history, our current issues and our dreams for the future. You will also find a link to our interactive on-line chapel. *Remember, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

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Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at St. Peter's at 7:15 p.m. with seven members present. The treasurer reported a balance of \$174.94.



Old Business

Tracy Ridenour will be delivering the items for Operation Shoebox to Dino Campanis in Bellefonte. It was decided to donate \$50 to Dino for the cost of postage for a total of \$200 in donations along with many nonperishable items to send to our troops in Iraq.

We also finalized our plans for making Easter eggs at the Lingle's residence.

New Business

We will be packing Jared boxes in April. Janie has dropped off Jared boxes at each church.

Janie Shook then informed the group that Kay and Johnnie Boob are presently in New Orleans and have offered to give a presentation on the mission work they do. Janie will invite them to the May 6 meeting, and we will also invite the congregation as well.

Marilyn Weaver then had Bible Study on Chapter 19 of the Max Lucado book, No Wonder They Call Him the Savior.

Our meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is April 1, at 7:15 at St. Peter's with Marilyn Weaver providing devotions.

*Brenda Ream Stover
Secretary*

Salem's Happenings

First of all, I apologize to Josh Stover for my mistake in March's newsletter. Josh was layreader for the Joint Healing Service, not Janie Shook.

Northern Association's workshops were held at Trinity UCC in Hublersburg on February 24. Janie Shook and I attended, taking advantage of three out of the four workshops. The four workshops offered were: "Stress Reduction", "Post Katrina Relief Efforts", "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder", which Pastor Faith was co-leader, and "Going Green".

Thank you to Marilyn Weaver and Robin Warntz for playing the organ the two weeks that Carol was on vacation. We really appreciate the dedication of both ladies.

Josh Stover opened the worship service on March 9. Good job, Josh!

Lenten lunch was a success on March 9 with 31 staying after morning worship to enjoy all the deli-

icious food. We shared table communion after lunch. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up. Salem Consistory met after church.

The "Friends In Mission" group is willing to purchase and install a "God is Still Speaking" banner at the church so that everyone can see it and know we are UCC as they drive by on Route 45. We'd like to thank "Friends in Mission" in advance for their wonderful idea and gracious gift.

Salem Hill Haven will once again use the social room for their CPR classes for their employees in April and June.

Dan Warntz will be our guest speaker on April 6 while Pastor Faith is on vacation. Jo LaRoque, a representative of Northern Association, will be presenting "4 Our Churches" campaign after morning worship. She will show a short DVD and explain the campaign.

The mid-week Community Lenten Service was held as Salem on March 12 with 65 in attendance. The offering of \$130.25 and will be used for Vacation Bible School.

On March 16, Janette Swartz and Rob Jackson became Salem's newest members. Janette joined by professing her faith and Rob joined by letter of transfer from St. John's UCC in Boalsburg. Congratulations to both and welcome as the two newest members of Salem

If you bought daffodils for March 30, please have your vases at the church by Saturday morning March 29. Thank you.

April Dates to Remember:

- 22 Joint Spiritual Life Committee meeting 7:00 PM
- Joint Consistory 7:30 PM both at Salem
- 26 Northern Assn. Picnic & Work Day at Hartman Center 10:00 – 3:00

May Dates to Remember:

- 5 Salem Consistory at the church, 7:00 PM
- 22 Church Leader's Banquet at New Hope Lutheran Church, Spring Mills. Guest speaker will be John Thomas. I believe the meal starts at 6:30 and will cost \$10 per person. Reservations due by May 11 – see Janie Shook

As always, remember those less fortunate. Spring is just around the corner, so maybe you can lend a helping hand to a neighbor or a friend to spruce up their yard a little.

HAPPY EVERYTHING!

Helen Sweeley



St. Peter's News

The potted cyclamen plant on the communion table February 24, was given to Barbara Bower in honor of her birthday - it was given by a friend.



There were 23 in attendance for St. Peter's "Pasta Fiesta" February 24.

There was a lot of good food and fellowship for everyone to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who contributed and to those who washed the dishes and cleaned the kitchen after the meal.

Also on February 24, Tracy Ridenour, Ginny Hosterman, Marilyn Weaver and Pastor Faith attended the Northern Association Workshops.

Our sympathy to Louise and Paul Houser following the death of Louise's sister, Barbara Smith on February 26.

A heartfelt *THANK YOU* to Doug and Don Royer who used scaffolding and replaced the light bulbs in the sanctuary ceiling lights. Ed Kerstetter and Bill Miles also helped them get things back in place following an inspection of the ceiling and roof in the rear section of the church. Also, thank you so very much, to Ed Kerstetter for cleaning the church spouting after the recent heavy rains.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering on March 2.

Nathan Royer began the service for us on March 9 by leading us in the "Call to Worship". Nathan also gave a brief report on the Youth Group's recent visit to the Outreach Center in Millheim. He, Joshua Stover and Youth Group Advisor, Tracy Ridenour, delivered the "Souper Bowl" offering (\$222.25) from the Aaronsburg Charge. Thank you – Nathan, Josh and Tracy for your very special ministry.

Eugene Warntz passed away on Thursday, March 13. His funeral service was held at St. Peter's on Sunday, March 16. Following the viewing and funeral, a meal was served to family and friends in the social room. Thank you to all those who provided food. Our deepest sympathy to Bernice, Robin, Lucinda, Daniel and the family.

The Family Fellowship will hold a Spring Breakfast before worship on April 27. Please join us for good food and fellowship!

April Calendar

Worship – 9:30 Sunday School 10:30

<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
6	David Edwards	Linda Long
13	Bill Miles	Glenda Dobson
20	Lori Corman	Henry Kerstetter
27	Dixie Ort	

Greeter: Lori Corman

Offering Counters: Lori Corman & Frank Stapleton
Consistory Meeting Devotions: Linda Musser

March 30 – Retreat at Hublersburg Trinity UCC
1:30 p.m.

April Dates to Remember:

- 1 Women's Guild, St. Peter's 7:15 PM
- 6 Pastor Faith on Vacation, Dan Warntz speaker
- 18 Autism Support Group, St. Peter's 7:00
- 26 Northern Assn. Picnic & Work Day at Hartman Center.
- 27 Family Fellowship Breakfast before Church

Please remember all those in need of our prayers, especially the Warntz Family.

Happy Spring!

Lori Corman

Roy Hart at Centre Crest

Now a resident in room 243, Roy Hart is now closer to family and friends. His grandson, Lonnie Hart along with his wife and children, joined St. Peter's congregation for worship and informed us of this update. Lonnie mentioned how Roy enjoys company, so please stop by and say "Hello" to a longtime faithful member and church friend.

Prayer Chain

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



Hurricanes Katrina Victims, Helen Allison, Dorothy Alters, Mike Auman, Randall Boob, Mike Braucht, Terry Bressler, John "Jack" Brown, Kay Brown, Alex Corman, T.J. & Logan Coursen, Jody Covalt, Robbi Davis, Michael Dimock, Gerald Fetterolf, Jean Frankenberger, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Benjamin Hosterman, Jonathan Huey, Jenny Keen, Pat Kelly, Jacob Kerstetter (deployed to Iraq), Dean Krape, Liz Krout, Bob Lingle, Sr., Dave Lingle, Marcia Lingle, Betty (Hironimus) McClintock, Fred & Betty Mensch, Teenie Musser, Carrie Neese, David E. Neese, Donna Neideigh, Robert Neill, Dixie Ort, Amanda Rachau, Raymond Reeder, Judy Ripka, Dean & Jean Rishel, Brenda (Barb Rossman's sister), Randy Rossman, Shirley Rossman, Warren Royer, Doris Z. Smith, Bernice Snyder, Shirley Snyder-Birth, Frank Stapleton, Barb Stover, Evelyn Stover, Randall Stover, Janette Swartz, The Sweeley Family, Roy VanGilder, The Warntz Family, and Lester Weaver.

Please feel free to add/subtract from this list by calling your Consistory President. Please make the changes on your church's prayer chain board.



Our Homebound, Nursing Home or Health Care Residents:

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Lewisburg, PA 17837

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Room 243
Centre Crest
502 E. Howard St.
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Gladys Hartley
424 Heckman Cemetery Rd.
Salem Hill Haven
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Helen Hazel
502 E. Howard St.
Centre Crest
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Tom Hazel
120 E. Beaver Ave., Apt 709
State College, PA 16801

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168 Long Street
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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
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Spring Mills, PA 16875

Hazel Warntz
167 Cemetery Road
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Mr. & Mrs. Guy Zerby
4412 Penns Valley Road
Spring Mills, PA 16875

(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 at 232 W. Aaron Square, Aaronsburg.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study,
St. Peter's UCC, 10:00 AM**

Please bring your Bibles and note paper. We always go out for lunch at an area restaurant after the class. Friends of the Charge are always welcome!

**Thursday Evening Lectionary Bible Study,
St. Peter's UCC, 7 PM**

This class helps us to prepare for the Sunday sermon as we look over the upcoming texts. Join us, and make your Sunday worship experience fuller as you deepen your relationships with fellow parishioners.

Planning Meeting for Vacation Bible School



If you would be interested in helping with VBS this year, please attend a planning meeting on Sunday, April 13 at 1pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Millheim.

We will be meeting in the Parish House.

This year we will be "Surfin' through the Scriptures" so we should have lots of fun. VBS will be held Sunday, July 27 – Thursday, July 31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Any and all help is appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Royer 349-4378 or Kimmy Boller-Beebe 234-0758.

Jared Boxes & Dakota School Kits

Women's Guild will accept items for Jared Boxes through March 30 (see March Newsletter). In April & May we will need items for 50 Dakota School Kits. Omega Bank has donated the rulers and Jersey Shore State Bank has donated enough pencils. (Thank you Lucinda Stover and Cindy Ross for getting the rulers & pencils.) We have enough crayons but still need the following:

- CONSTRUCTION PAPER
- BLUNT ENDED SCISSORS
- PENCIL SHARPENERS
- 8 1/2" X 11" RULED PAPER (legal tablets, 2 per kit)
- 12"X14" CLOTH BAGS WITH HANDLES

We appreciate your support for all our projects. Thank you to everyone who donated to "Operation Shoebox". We sent 92 lbs. and \$200 towards postage to Campanis Orthopedics and Dino was very appreciative.

The School Kits will be dedicated during the Joint Service on May 25 at Salem.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Women's Guild