



# The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ February, 2009

Rev. Faith McCausland  
Phone: (814)349-5094 Cell: 571-6681  
[aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net)

## The Pastor Writes:



Dear Friends,

We have seen the inauguration of our 44<sup>th</sup> president come in on the winds of "change". Some of us have met this change with welcome and enthusiasm; others of us have been anxious and wary. Change can be wonderful or dreadful, depending, I suppose, on how much control we feel we have in such a change. The more control, the better we are able to

embrace the change.

Recently, we have changed our worship times in order to allow Salem to retain their organist. Worship without music would be a dreary experience. For many of us, music is a central, important part of our worship. Some are happy with the change and others are not. Some want to "tweak" with the times, the rotation, etc. Whatever we decide to do, clearly, change has come. And many of us have the sense that this is one decision we cannot micro-manage. I pray we give this change a chance. Attend worship, participate in the experience, and let it guide you into service throughout the week.

The gospel of Mark makes it clear, that for Christians, the change that is coming is monumental and will change all our lives forever--in ways we can never expect, plan for or prevent. Jesus is coming onto the scene and immediately (one of Mark's much-used expressions) life changes. We are entering into the Lenten season in February and throughout March, with the culmination arriving in April.

Ready or not, willing or not, Jesus is about to change our lives, immediately, unexpectedly, profoundly and deeply. Please accept Jesus' invitation to "come and see"...

See you Sunday!

Grace and peace,  
Rev. Faith

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

We continue reading Why Jesus Makes Me Nervous, Ten Alarming Words of Faith by Joy Jordan-Lake; this is usually followed by lunch at an area restaurant. Even if you are not able to attend class, if you would like the book, please let Pastor Faith know (cost is \$10)

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

This class studies the upcoming Sunday scriptures in preparation for worship. If you would enjoy learning the background to the lessons, and delve a little deeper, this class is for you! **There will be no evening Bible study during Lent, so that you may attend the evening ecumenical worship services on Wednesday night.**

### **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

[aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net)

## 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.*

Correction to the last newsletter: The Pot Luck Lunch and Bowling Sunday will be February 22 instead of February 15 (which is the Joint Healing Service at St. Peter's). The price for bowling is \$2.50 per game, shoes included.

It sure was a different Christmas Eve with the Candlelight Service being cancelled, but if you remembered the season, you could glory in the birth of Jesus no matter where you were.

Rev Marge Holland supplied the pulpits the last Sunday of the year while Pastor Faith finished her vacation. It's always a pleasure to have Marge with us.

Thank you to the many hands making light work of un-decorating the church on January 4. The church looks kind of plain and bare now. Josh Stover did a good job with the vacuum (I'm not sure if he hires out).

Both the church's books and Family Fellowship's books were audited and everything was found to be in order.

Well, wouldn't you know it, the Sunday that the preacher talks about water, the church didn't have any. It was discovered we needed a new pump. Dave Sweeley and Bill Neese pulled the old one and installed a new one. The pump, pipe and fittings cost \$584.17. Of course, Dave donated his time and so did Bill, so if you see them, thank them.

During the service on January 11, the newly-elected Consistory members were installed. Dean Stover and Gary Auman were installed as Elders and Donna Auman and Wendell Royer as Deacons. Their terms will expire in 2011. Welcome aboard, Wendell!

The first Consistory meeting of the year was held January 12. Since we lost over \$5000 this past year on the Ameriprise Money Market Account, Jersey Shore State Bank's financial advisor thought we should transfer the funds to a CD which Consistory decided to do. The pump expenses will be taken out of the Money Market account before the CD is purchased.

Consistory decided to send \$15 to Northern Association for the Lock Haven University Ministry. Since the University's Ministry had not been active, Northern Association dropped it from the budget for the year, which is why there are no funds to support the Ministry since it has become active again.

Salem furnished 5 cakes for the Penns Valley Hope Fund Spaghetti supper held January 17 at the Centre Hall Elementary School. Bakers were Donna Auman, Janie Shook and Helen Sweeley.

Lately it seems like it's been a never ending job, but thanks so much to Donn Fetterolf for keeping the parking lot plowed and to Dave Sweeley for clearing the walks.

Two more Hoss's Nights have been scheduled as fundraisers for "4 Our Churches". Mark your calendars: February 10 (Tuesday) and April 22 (Wednesday). You can get cards from Donna Auman, Janie Shook or Helen Sweeley. All you have to do is present the Hoss's card when you order and Salem will receive %20 of the cost of your meal. Easy fundraiser, huh?

### Dates to Remember:

- February 1 - "Souper Bowl" Collection for the Millheim Food Bank sponsored by the Youth.
- February 8 - Northern Association's Annual Workshops, Trinity UCC, Hublersburg – registration 1:30 p.m.
- February 15 - Joint Healing Service at St. Peter's 10:00 a.m.
- February 22 - Pot Luck Lunch at Salem after morning worship.  
1:30 Bowling at Millheim Lanes - \$2.50 per game, shoes included. Each pays his own.
- March 16 - Salem Consistory, 7:00 p.m. at the church
- March 22 - Lenten Lunch at Salem following morning worship and with the men cooking.  
Men – get out your hats (optional) and aprons. Since the men at St. John's have done this in the past, Ken Royer will be head chef. Ladies – get ready to enjoy!

As always, pray for those on our Prayer Chains and please keep an eye on our elderly, especially in this cold weather. Don't forget your pets also.

*Helen Sweeley*



## Women's Guild

The Women's Guild meeting on January 6 was cancelled due to inclement weather. Next meeting February 3 at St. Peter's 7:15 p.m.

## St. Peter's News

There were 10 carolers singing throughout the town of Aaronsburg on Thursday evening, December 18. Hopefully, we shared a little of the Christmas spirit with some of our town shut-ins. Thank you once again, to all those who donated gifts, cookies, fruit baskets, etc. to make Christmas a little merrier for our shut-ins!

Unfortunately, due to very ice conditions, the Children's Advent Workshop, the Longest Night Service and the Christmas Eve Service had to be cancelled in December. We hope everyone stayed safe and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to more pleasant and warmer weather.

Rev Marge Holland led our worship on December 28 while Pastor Faith was on vacation. Rev. Holland is a very inspirational speaker and hopefully will supply for us again when needed.

Roy Hart passed away at Centre Crest on Friday, January 2, 2009. Pastor Faith officiated at his funeral service at Neff's on Tuesday, January 6. Roy was a very active member of St. Peter's for many years and we extend our sympathy to his family.

On Sunday, January 11, Pastor Faith installed our newly-elected Consistory members: Bonnie DeBrasky, Brenda Stover and Orvil Hosterman were installed at Elders and Deacons on St. Peter's Consistory. (Shane Royer was installed in absentia.) Congratulations to all! A special word of THANKS to Frank Stapleton for completing his term on Consistory. Thanks for your dedication to our church, Frank!

The flowers to be placed on the altar January 25 and February 1 are given by Terry Bressler and Barbara Bower in memory of Glenn Bressler, grandson Aaron Gutshall, and Larry Bower.

*\*Consistory members: Please refer to the annual report to note changes in the offering counters schedule. If you are not able to count on a particular Sunday, please arrange for someone to replace you. Thank you.*

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

<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Monthly Greeter</u>	<u>Monthly Offering Counters</u>
1	Zach Huey	Terry B. & Barb B.	Fay & Frank S.	Tracy Ridenour/Ginny Hosterman
8	Ginny Hosterman	Hank Kerstetter		
15	Phoebe Anskis	Ginny Hosterman		
22	Ed Kerstetter	Ginny Hosterman		

Consistory Devotions: Bonnie DeBrasky

#### Dates to Remember:

- February 1 - "Souper Bowl" Sunday special offering for the Millheim Food Bank
  - February 3 - Women's Guild and Autism Support Group, St. Peter's 7:00 p.m.
  - February 8 - Northern Association Workshops at Hublersburg registration 1:30 p.m.
  - February 15 - Joint Healing Service – worship at St. Peter's 10:00 a.m.
  - Feb. 20 & 21 - "Donut Days" at St. Peter's
- Happy New Year! Keep warm and "Think Spring"!

-Lori Corman



#### **Prayer Chain**

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

*Hurricane Katrina Victims, Helen Allison's family, Dorothy Alters, Rev. Jack Archer, Mike Auman, Randall Boob, Mike Braucht, Terry Bressler, Bob Brown, John "Jack" Brown, Kay Brown, Alex Corman, T.J. Coursen, Jody Covalt, Janie Crater, Robbi Davis, Michael Dimock, Dr. Lillian Earle, Gerald Fetterolf, Jean Frankenberger, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Brian & Cody Homan, Dave 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, Teenie Musser, Carrie Neese, David E. Neese, Loretta Neff, Robert Neill, Dixie Ort, Amanda Rachau, The Ross Family, 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, Roy VanGilder, Mae Vonada's family, 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.*



Our Homebound, Nursing Home or Health Care Residents:

Pauline Crader  
50 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Apt. 415  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

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

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

Mrs. Ellen Huey  
168 Long Street  
PO Box 289  
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  
PO Box 46  
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](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.)*

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

February 25	Ash Wednesday, Ashes and communion	Christ UCC, Madisonburg Millheim
March 4	St. John Lutheran	Rebersburg
March 11	St. Peter's Lutheran	Spring Mills
March 18	Salem UCC	Madisonburg
March 25	United Methodist Church	Aaronsburg
April 1	Salem Lutheran	Millheim United Methodist, Millheim
April 9	Holy Thursday	Emmanuel UMC, Rebersburg
April 10	Good Friday	

**Friends with a "Mission"**

2009 is here and we have lots planned!!

On January 17<sup>th</sup> we had a first meeting for the year at the Hamptons. Thank you Don and Darice! We started talking about the donut sale and soup sale. On February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in conjunction with the St. Peter's Donut Sale we will be having our soup sale. This year we will have Ham & Bean and Vegetable Beef for sale. We hope to see everyone at the Donut and Soup sale.

New this year we will be viewing a video called "ReGroup". Next meeting will be held at the Valley Diner formally Aaronsburg Café on February 13 at 6:30 PM . We will be finalizing details for the donut and soup sale and talking about upcoming events. Please let Pam Royer or Nicole Wolfe know if you'll be attending the February meeting for reservation purposes. Also, we always welcome everyone to attend meetings!

Nicole Wolfe

**Operation Shoebox**

Women's Guild will be collecting items for the troops (Operation Shoebox) during the month of February. Quite a few more local troops have been shipped out, so the need is even greater. Attached is a listing of items needed:



# OPERATION SHOEBOX

(sponsored by Women's Guild)

**Donations of the following items will be accepted during the month of February:**

Candy  
Throat Drops  
Twizzlers  
Bubble Gum  
Lollipops  
Assorted Hard Candies  
Shampoo/Conditioner  
Dental Floss  
Baby Powder  
Foot Powder  
Combs/Brushes  
Eye Drops  
Contact Lens Cleaner  
Printed Material  
Socks  
Towels/Washcloths  
Food Items  
Beef Jerky  
Granola/Power Bars  
Cried Fruit  
Chex Mix  
Cereal (single serving)  
Instant Oatmeal (variety pack)  
Snack Cakes  
Canned Meat (tuna, chicken)  
Sugar Packets  
Condiment Packs  
(salt/pepper/mustard/ketchup/relish/mayo)  
Correspondence  
Pens/Pencils  
Miscellaneous Batteries  
Bug Spray  
Sweatbands

Toiletries/Hygiene  
Clorox Wipes  
Baby Wipes  
Liquid Hand Sanitizer  
Sun Block  
Soap/Body Wash  
Razors/Shaving Gel  
Deodorant  
Instant Coffee (any flavors)  
Powdered Drink Mixes  
Instant Hot Chocolate Mix  
Tea Bags  
Chapstick/Lip Balm  
T-shirts/Underwear  
Books (novels/short stories)  
Local Newspapers  
Games  
Handheld Electronic Games  
Board Games  
Checkers/Chess (travel size)  
Crossword/Word Find Puzzles  
Slinky  
Foam Footballs/Basketballs  
Triscuits/Ritz/Snack Crackers  
Cookies/Rice Krispie Treats/Pop-Tarts  
Canned Soups  
Instant Soups  
Writing Paper/Envelopes  
Pre-paid Phone Card (AT&T)  
Small Flashlights  
Sunglasses  
Duct Tape

**NO AEROSOL CANS OR GLASS PRODUCTS - NO BOTTLES - DO NOT SEND CHOCOLATE**