

The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

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The Pastor Writes . . .

As we enter the season of Lent, I share this poem with you:

Something for Lent

If you're going to give up something for Lent, what about giving up:

Feeling hopeless about the debt of the poorest countries;

Tolerating nuclear weapons and arms trading;

Wasting water and other resources;

Using the car for short journeys.

If you're going to do something positive for Lent,

Why Not:

Befriend asylum seekers and challenge racist remarks;

Make a financial commitment to support third world products;

Spend more time with your children.

Let Justice Roll Down compiled by Geoffrey Duncan, The Pilgrim Press.

How will you apply your Christian faith during this time of repentance?

See you Sunday!

*Grace and Peace,
Rev. Faith*

Welcome to our Newest Members!

St. Peter's received into membership, by letter of transfer, the following persons: Mildred Snyder, Doug & Nancy Royer and son Nathan Royer, Sonia Stover, Vanessa Stover, Shane & Pam Royer and sons Zachary & Jacob.

Salem received into membership, by letter of transfer, the following persons: Kenneth & Lois Royer, Fred & Karen Boob, Frances Byers, Wendell Royer, Michelle Mapstone, Jean Frankenberg, Donald & Virginia Boob.

If you are interested in joining the church, please speak with Pastor Faith after worship, call her at 349-5094 or 571-6681, or email her at aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net.

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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, Eugene & 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, Gerald Fetterolf, Jean Frankenberg, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Benjamin Hosterman, Jonathan Huey, Jenny Keen, Pat Kelly, 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, Roy VanGilder, 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.



Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on January 8, 2008 at St. Peter's at 7:15 pm with eight members present. Janet VanGilder offered devotions. The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$278.43.



Old Business

Thank you notes were read from Operation Shoebox, Mount Nittany Medical Center Foundation, and our very own Betty Mensch and Jean Frankenberger.

Following the December meeting, it was also decided to give a \$100 gift certificate to Burkholder's to Jody and Beth Covalt.

Helen reported that she was contacted by Roxie from the Outreach Center and \$200 was given to Ingram Fuel for a needy family in the Millheim area.

New Business

The Nominating Committee reported the following candidates for office and the following were elected as officers for 2008: President, Janet VanGilder; Vice-President, Tracy Ridenour; Treasurer, Helen Sweeley; Secretary, Brenda Stover.

Helen then asked to move the checking account from Omega to Jersey Shore Bank as this is more convenient – all agreed. The officers will be stopping at Jersey Shore to sign the signature care.

Pastor Faith then mentioned a member of the community needing financial assistance with glasses. A motion was made by Tracy and seconded by Marilyn to give \$50.

We then went over the program for 2008. We will begin to gather items for Operation Shoebox for our troops. Watch for a list of needed items in the next newsletter.

Pastor Faith then had Bible Study on Chapter 17 of the Max Lucado book, No Wonder They Call Him the Savior.

The next meeting is February 5, 2008 at 7:15 at St. Peter's with Bible Study. Marilyn Weaver has devotions.

Brenda and Tracy audited the books following the meeting and all was wonderful – great job, Helen.

*Brenda Ream Stover
Secretary*

St. Peter's News

On Sunday, January 6, we received eight members into the fellowship of St. Peter's church by letters of transfer from St. John's. The following

were welcomed into membership: Shane & Pam Royer and children; Doug, Nancy and Nathan Royer; Mildred Snyder; Sonia Puff and Vanessa Stover (in absentia). Following worship, we welcomed our new members with a "coffee hour". Coffee, tea, cheese, crackers, and baked goodies were served.

Our newly elected Consistory members were installed during worship. Doug Royer and Tracy Ridenour were installed as Deacons and Marilyn Weaver and Ed Kerstetter were installed as Elders. Pastor Faith also thanked Bill Miles and Phoebe Anskis for their years served on St. Peter's Consistory.

Terry Bressler placed the potted cyclamen plants on the altar January 13 and 20 in memory of her husband Glenn and grandson, Aaron.

The Adult Bible Study was lead by Rev. Harry Covert who recently had his book An Inspirational Guide for Everyday Life published.

Following Sunday School, the Family Fellowship held a Pork & Sauerkraut Lunch. Thank you to everyone for the delicious food. A special thank you to all those who stayed to clean up after the meal.

Congratulations to Helen and Fred Benner on the birth of their great-grandson. Nathan Michael Benner-Dann was born on Thursday, January 17 weighing 10 lb. 3.5 oz. Congratulations to the Benner family!

February Calendar

Worship – 9:30 Sunday School 10:30

<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
3	Bill Miles	
10	Salem(Janie)	
17	Lori Corman	
24	Dixie Ort	

Greeter: Fay & Frank Stapleton

Offering Counters: Ginny Hosterman & Tracy Ridenour

Consistory Meeting Devotions: Ginny Hosterman

February Dates to Remember:

- 1&2 DONUT DAYS at St. Peter's
- 5 Women's Guild 7:15 p.m. at St. Peter's
- 10 Joint Healing service at Salem 10:00 a.m.
- 12 Autism Support mtg. (Finalize plans for 2/15)
- 15 Autism Support Group meeting with legislators at St. Peter's 7:00 p.m. Public is welcome.
- 18 St. Peter's Consistory 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Family Fellowship "Pasta Fiesta" lunch after worship

As always, remember all those in need of our prayers.

Lori Corman

Salem's Happenings

We started the year off right and received 11 new members into Salem on January 6. Ten were transferred from St. John's and Pastor Faith transferred from St. Peter's for this year. Welcome to Donald & Virginia Boob, Fred & Karen Boob, Jean Frankenberger, Frances Byers, Michelle Mapstone, Ken & Lois Royer, Wendell Royer, and Pastor Faith. Following the transfers, Pastor Faith installed the new Consistory members for 2008 – John Devinney, Cindy Ross, Ken Royer and Helen Sweeley as elders and deacons respectively. A welcome reception was held following morning worship with about 43 staying to take part and enjoy the potluck lunch. Thank you to Michele Houtz and Donna Auman for planning this lunch and doing all the little extras. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up from lunch and also the ones who took down the tree and decorations.

We had 15 ladies draw names to be Secret Sisters for the year. Thank you to Karen Boob for chairing this program. I'm looking forward to trying to guess who my Secret Sister is.

Salem held their first Consistory meeting of the year on January 13 following morning worship. Committees were named for the year – you can find a list of them in the Annual Report when you get it. We welcomed Ken Royer as the newest member to our Consistory along with Donna Auman as our new treasurer.

A new Call Chain was handed out to Consistory members, a copy of this will also be in the Annual Report with mistakes corrected. Make sure you make your calls when needed so everyone in the church knows when there is a change of plans. In case of bad weather and you haven't received a call, please call Janie Shook or Helen Sweeley before starting out.

The light on the front corner of the church was starting to go bad, so Rich Confer replaced the bulb, bill pending. Now the light in the church ceiling for the front window has gone out. I believe Gary Auman is going to take care of that. The subject was brought up about doing some painting this spring, especially the outside windows. Maybe if you are able bodied, you can put a little note in the back of your mind till spring. The carpet on the ramp will be done when weather permits the glue to stick. The wooden part of the ramp will be replaced before the carpet is done.

Orders for daffodils are being taken. A sign-up sheet is on the back wall of the church. A bunch of 10 is \$8 and a Boyd's Bear with a bunch of 10 is \$25. Orders and money are due by February 10,

no extensions since the orders and money have to be sent to the American Cancer Society by the 15th.

Both the Church books and Family Fellowship books have been audited and everything has been found to be correct. Thank you to all the auditors.

Dates to Remember:

- 2/6 Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
- 2/10 Joint Healing Service at Salem, 10 a.m.
Communion by intinction
- 2/11 Pictorial Directory meeting – Salem, 6:30
- 2/17 Family Fellowship Potluck Lunch following morning worship. Bowling - Millheim Lanes 1/1:30, \$2.50/game. Everyone pay his own
- 2/24 Northern Association's Workshops at Trinity UCC in Hublersburg.
- 3/9 Lenten Potluck Lunch following morning worship. Salem Consistory after lunch.

As always, pray for those on the prayer chain. If you are able, reach out and help someone in need especially during this cold weather – check on the elderly to make sure they are warm, give a phone call to let someone know you are thinking of them, deliver a special treat to someone unexpectedly or give someone a hug.

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone – give lots of hugs and kisses!

Helen Sweeley

Dear Friends/Church Family,

We would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, well wishes and your blessings of food and meals.

*Thanks again and God bless,
Ed & Barb*

Welcome to our Churches!

Are you new 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. Hear 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!*

Friends in "Mission" (formally known as the Young Adult Group)

On January 19th we met at David Edwards' house for wonderful food and great decision. Congratulations to our newly "elected" officers, President – Pam Royer, Vice President – David Edwards, Secretary – Nicole Wolfe, Treasurer – Nancy Royer.

St. John's Family Fellowship has graciously passed on to the Friends in "Mission" the balance of their treasury. So we are starting the year with \$49.79. We discussed Donut Days (Feb 1 & 2) and the Soup Sale. Several of us have signed up to help with Donut Days I hopes that we can offer support with this important and tiring project. Candace Low is chairing and has provided soup to sell at the Donut Days as well. We will be selling Vegetable, Butternut-Pumpkin Curried, and Ham & Bean. This will be our first fundraiser as a group and this will help us get a start for the Easter Egg Hunt.

The Easter Egg Hunt is being chaired by Nicole Wolfe. The Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22 at 2 pm at the Aaronsburg Civic Club grounds. We will once again have the puppets from the Lutheran church in Millheim, a fire truck from Millheim, hopefully arts and crafts by the library, and food provided by the Civic Club.

We will be planning some activities for the children at the joint worship service at Black Panther on July 13th. If you are interested in working on this, please contact Pam.

Our next meeting will be February 16 at 6pm at David Edwards' house. We are always welcoming new members. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Royer. Looking ahead to March, our meeting will be March 15 at St. Peter's to stuff plastic eggs.

Nicole Wolfe

----- cut and save -----

Community Lenten Worship Schedule

Feb. 6	Ash Wed.	St. Peter's, Aaronsburg
Feb. 13	Wed.	Christ UCC, Madisonburg
Feb. 20	Wed.	Trinity UMC, Woodward
Feb. 27	Wed.	St. John's Lutheran, Millheim
Mar. 5	Wed.	Salem Lutheran, Aaronsburg
Mar. 12	Wed.	Salem UCC, Spring Mills
Mar. 20	Thurs.	Emmanuel UMC, Rebersburg
Mar. 21	Fri.	St. John's Lutheran, Millheim

**Thursday Morning Bible Study,
St. Peter's UCC, 10:30 AM**

New day and place for our study group--for the winter months only. We will return to Salem in the spring. This session we will be studying the book of Matthew. 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.

February 7

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

February 14

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

Matthew 17:1-9

February 21

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

February 27

I Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41



**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.

Feb. 10: Joint Worship at Salem — Healing Service

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.



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(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.

Northern Association Ministries Planning Committee Presents:

***Annual Northern Association
February Workshops:
Caring for Self, Neighbor and Earth***

Workshops:

Stress Reduction—soaking prayer, massage and more

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (Syndrome)—how to help those who have experienced prolong traumatic events, i.e. war, domestic violence

Post-Katrina Relief Efforts—How the Northern Association continues to help our neighbors

Going Green—Caring for the earth in new construction and in our individual daily lives.

Registration: 1:30 - 1:45

Opening Worship: 1:45 - 2:15

1st Workshop Session: 2:15 - 3:15

Break and Refreshments: 3:15 - 3:30

2nd Workshop Session: 3:30 - 4:30

Trinity United Church of Christ,
Hublersburg, PA
February 24, 2008



Join us, as together we learn new ways of compassionate caring for self, neighbor and our earth.



Grandparent Support Group
(for those who have Autistic Grandchildren)
Invites:

Who: All concerned members of the Penns Valley Community and Centre Co. Community

What: Community meeting with State Senator Jake Corman, Legislators Kerry Benninghoff, Scott Conklin and leg. Aide Tammy Ammerman (for Michael Hanna)

Where: St. Peter's UCC, Aaronsburg, RT. 45
(814) 349-5094 or (814) 571-6681 for more info.

When: Friday, February 15th, 7 pm

Why: To share our concerns for our Autistic grandchildren in the Penns Valley School system and transportation.

Join with us and be part of the solution!

