



# The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ July/August, 2009

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## The Pastor Writes:



Dear Friends,

As I write this summer newsletter, I am making preparations for Synod in Grand Rapids, Michigan. I will be part of a three-person panel workshop discussing rural ministry and the UCC. One of the speakers is the Conference Minister from Nebraska, a minister from rural Georgia and me. I have been asked to do the opening devotion and prayer before the two-hour workshop begins.

Part of the process is a survey we will be asking the attendees to answer. Things like, "what are the most vital characteristics of your church?", "what are the barriers to embracing computer technology?" "What percentage of your congregation is online?" As you can see, the focus on technology is one that, while we are addressing, is not being embraced by the majority of our members. Statistically, folks under 40 look for a church online not in a phone book. Most, younger people communicate by email, face book and/or twitter.

It's a new kind of communication and it is even becoming a part of many worship services. Where are we in relation to embracing this new technology and our willingness to embrace the future where God is still speaking, in an array of methods?

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, Carol & Nelson Cook, Alex Corman, T.J. Coursen, Janie Crater, Michael Dimock, Dr. Lillian Earle, Family of Gerald Fetterolf, Jean Frankenberger, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Eric Henry Family, Benjamin Hosterman, Jonathan Huey, 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, Stephanie Reese, Jean Rishel, 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, Warren Wentzel, Jr., Henry Wilusz, 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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**ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

Women's Guild has accepted the challenge from Penn Central Conference to send one box of children's clothing to the Dakota Association before the start of school. The clothing should be school/play clothes and can be new or *LIGHTLY* used. Northern Association is to send clothing for ages 3 - 5 and sizes 4T to 7. Women's Guild will be collecting these clothes during June and July and will pack them up for mailing at our August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Thank you to everyone in advance.

**St. Peter's News**

On Saturday, May 30, funeral services were held at St. Peter's for Dale Bower, a former resident of Aaronsburg and a member of St. Peter's. Rev. Chris Korn officiated at the service which was followed by a luncheon in the social room. Thank you to Fay Stapleton for supervising the lunch and also thank you to everyone who provided food or helped at the luncheon. We extend our sympathy to Dale's family and friends. Rev. Marge Holland was our guest pastor on May 31 (Pentecost Sunday). Marge did a great job as always with her wonderful sense of humor! We hope Pastor Faith enjoyed her week of vacation. Our service included Holy Communion by intinction.

Jack Smith was our lay speaker on June 14 while Pastor Faith was at the Annual Meeting of Penn Central Conference. Thank you to Jack for supplying our pulpit for this joint service. Thank you also to our lay reader, Jennifer Huey. Attending the Annual Meeting from the Aaronsburg Charge was: Marilyn Weaver, Janie Shook, Tracy Ridenour, and Wendell Royer. Thank you to our delegates!



On June 21, (Father's Day) Pastor Faith presented a Bible to Bill and Patty Miles for their son, Kyle. This was in recognition of his graduation from Penns Valley Area High School. Congratulations Kyle, and best wishes with your future plans!

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

<u>July</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Monthly Greeter</u>	<u>Monthly Offering Counters</u>
5	Bill Miles	Ed & Barb Kerstetter	Dixie Ort	Ginny Hosterman & Linda Musser
12	<i>Joint Service &amp; Picnic at Black Panther 10:00 a.m.</i>			
19	Lori Corman	Fay & Frank Stapleton		
26	Annise Schafft	Fay & Frank Stapleton		

**July Dates to Remember:**

- 12 - Joint Worship at Black Panther 10:00
- 21 - Joint Consistory 7:30 (Spiritual Life 7:00) both at St. Peter's
- 29-31 - Pastor Faith at Hartman Center for Grandparent Camp.

**August Dates to Remember:**

- 2-6 - Vacation Bible School at St. John's Lutheran Church - Millheim
- 11 - Pastor/Parish Life meeting 7:00 - St. Peter's
- 30 - Joint Worship at Salem 10:00 a.m. with Holy Communion

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the "4 Our Churches" campaign special offering on May 21. Have a great summer!

*-Lori Corman*

## 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.*

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Dakota School Kits. We had a total of 60 this year and they were dedicated at the Joint service held on Memorial Day weekend. Janie Shook took them along to Conference and delivered them to the Dakota group.

A great big thank you to Donn & Dave Fetterolf and Luke Stover for repairing the ramp leading into the parking lot, what an improvement! With all the downpours this past weekend, your work was really put to the test. Good job!!

Our supply pastor on May 31 was Rev. Marge Holland who did a good job as always. We shared communion by intinction for Pentecost. We hope Marge has fully recovered from her fall.

Consistory met at the church on June 1. Nancy Royer joined us at the beginning of the meeting on behalf of "Friends with a Mission". It was agreed that Salem really isn't a place for a meditation garden. "Friends" thought maybe they could do something with the flower beds down by the road and right up by the church. Also, thought about putting a bench at the back of the church for people visiting the cemetery to sit on to meditate and take a break. Gary and Donna Auman have a wrought iron bench they will donate. Dave Sweeley has agreed to be spokesperson for Salem. If you have any ideas, please let him know. Cindy Ross and Deb Walker will be weeding the flower beds down by the road and then Cindy will let Nancy Royer know what "Friends" can do.

There are two CD's maturing on July 2 and Consistory decided to roll one over and cash in the other one, putting the money in the general checking account to help pay the bills. The treasurer, Donna Auman, informed us that Allegheny Power has increased our budget payment from \$171 to \$199 per month.

Salem received a thank you from Duane and Candace Lowe for our donation to them while they were in crisis after Duane's heart attach. Hope you're doing well, Duane.

I delivered a fruit basket and visited with Jean Rishel once she got home from the hospital after having a knee replacement. Jean is doing really well and was in church on Sunday, looking great!

Conference Sunday was June 14 and Jack Smith led our morning worship in a joint service at St. Peter's. It's always nice to have Jack join us.

Pastor Faith was at Conference along with Wendell Royer and Janie Shook from Salem and Marilyn Weaver and Tracy Ridenour from St. Peter's. I understand there were some new things this year. Janie was honored as an outstanding lay woman for all the work she does for the United Church of Christ - near and far. Congratulations, Janie!

Thank you to everyone who purchased moons and stars in memory/honor of loved ones. We sold 18 with the money going to the "Relay for Life" for the American Cancer Society. The moons and stars are handing in the church. Thank you to Brenda Stover and Bonnie DeBrasky for walking in that event at the Fairgrounds the last weekend of June.

Don't forget, Women's Guild is collecting new and/or lightly used clothing, sized 4T to 7, for the children of the Dakota Association till the end of July. We will pack the clothes up at our August meeting to be mailed so the children have them to start school. Then in August, we will be collecting our usual "Feet & Seat Covers" for the needy children in Penns Valley. The socks and underwear will be dedicated at our Joint Service on Grange Fair Sunday, August 30 at Salem, 10 a.m.

This Newsletter is for two months (July & August), so make sure you mark the dates to be remembered:

### **Salem's Dates to Remember:**

- July 12 - Joint Outdoor Worship at Black Panther Riding Club 10:00 a.m. Salem Family Fellowship will furnish hot dogs, rolls, condiments and coffee. Please bring a covered dish to share, place settings, drink and lawn chairs. Dave will take care of cooking the wieners and I'll do the tables.
- July 21 - Joint Spiritual Life Committee meeting 7:00. Joint Consistory 7:30 both at St. Peter's.
- July 29-31 - Pastor Faith at Grandparent Camp, Hartman Center.
- August 2-6 - Vacation Bible School, St. John's Lutheran Church, Millheim
- August 6 - Salem Family Fellowship hosting birthday party at Salem Hill haven 6:45 p.m. Program & refreshments - Betty Stover, Elva Fetterolf, Jen Rishel, Helen Sweeley & Janie Shook. Even though you're not on the committee, you're more than welcome to come and help. We have fun.
- August 11 - Pastoral Relations meeting at St. Peter's 7:00 p.m.

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August 30 - Joint Service at Salem 10:00 a.m. with Summer Communion. Marilyn Weaver will be our organist.

September 14 - Salem Consistory at the church 7:00 p.m.

As always, remember to pray for those on our Prayer Chain and keep an eye on your neighbors, especially if they are elderly.

Happy belated Father's Day to all you Fathers. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and hope everyone has a great summer and Grange Fair. You'll hear more in September.

*Helen Sweeley*



*OOPS!.....I somehow printed the January birthdays last month instead of the June birthdays.....so, HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY to these folks with June birthdays: Dorothy Alters, Delores Edwards, Dean Rishel, Larry Shook, Tamara Ross, Helen Sweeley, Janet Devinnay, Stanley DeBrasky, Adam Ross and Joyce Brown.*

*My apologies,  
Jackie*

*p.s. If you have birthdays or anniversaries to add to the calendar, please let Helen Sweeley or Lori Corman know - or - email me at [jshawver@pennsvalley.org](mailto:jshawver@pennsvalley.org).*



### **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.)*