



The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ June, 2009

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The Pastor Writes:



Dear Friends,

Summer is here, and soon school will be out, folks will be camping and traveling and church attendance typically declines.

For those of you who would like to continue attending this summer, I am proposing that we make worship a bit more relaxed, more fun and experiential. One way we have thought about this at St. Peter's, is to have more worship services outside in the "back yard". We have also been in conversation about a "Music in the Backyard" worship service with a picnic to follow.

What would you like summer worship to look like? Do you have a musical talent you would like to share? Do you enjoy plays or dramatic readings? How about liturgical movement or a more artistically inspired service? Let's think outside the box (the sanctuary?) and make this summer one to remember...one to invite our friends and neighbors to!

Contact Pastor Faith with you ideas, your time availability and talent you would like to share at either St. Peter's or Salem.

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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Thursday Morning (10 am, St. Peter's), Bible Study class:

Welcome to Bible study! Our classes on Thursday mornings continue 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."

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.

On May 28th, June 4th and June 11th we will meet at Lesa Boone's home (just past New Hope Lutheran on Rt. 45—call the office for directions). Our last class will be on June 11th with a covered dish luncheon.

Lectionary Bible Study, Thursday evening, 7 pm (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.

June 3rd-no class, pastor on vacation

June 11th-last class before summer break. Texts: Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15;

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17; Mark 4: 26-34



Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at St. Peter's at 7:15 p.m. with nine members present and Janie Shook providing devotions. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$814.84; with a profit of \$441.99 for

Easter egg making project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Helen will be getting a hanging basket and delivering this to the Lingle's residence as a thank you. A thank you was read for the donation to Lynette Grieb, junior at Bellefonte High School who will be participating in a Summer Global Experience trip to Thailand.

Helen has cut eight turbans that need to be sewed and Janie took these to sew.

NEW BUSINESS:

For the Dakota school kits we are still in need of rulers, tablets with 50 sheets, and construction paper. These are to be dropped off at Salem.

We will be going to Salem Hill Haven on June 2 at 6:45 PM for the annual birthday party celebration. We will be playing bingo and each member is to bring two wrapped gifts. Helen, Janet and Brenda will bring angel food cakes; Marilyn drink; Janie tableware; Donna pretzels; and Tracy and Helen fruit salad.

Relay for Life is Saturday, June 27 in Centre Hall. Each church will be selling the moons and stars which are in memory/honor of a loved one for \$1 each. A donation of \$50 was also made as well as \$15 for luminaries in memory of Edna Vanatta, Marie Kelly, and Vivian Weaver.

We will be meeting at Salem Hill Haven on June 2 and then the next regular meeting will be Monday, August 10, 2009, with Brenda Stover providing devotions. We will be collecting "Feet and Seat Covers" for the children of Millheim Outreach Center. We concluded with the Bible Study of Chapter 25 from Max Lucado's book.

Brenda Ream Stover
Secretary

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 heartfelt condolences to Donn and Elva Fetterolf and family on the recent death of Donn's father, Gerald Fetterolf.

We held a pot luck lunch on April 26 following morning worship with 15 staying to enjoy all the goodies. It was a small group, but we had a good time sharing fellowship with each other. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up.

Northern Association's Annual Church Leaders' Banquet was held on May 7 at New Hope Lutheran Church, Spring Mills. Chicken was at the top of the menu and was very good. Those attending on behalf of Salem were: Donna & Gary Auman, Janet & Roy VanGilder, Janet & John Devinney, Ken Royer, Wendell Royer, and Dave & Helen Sweeley. Rev. Joe Krabill did the welcome and the roll call of churches. Pastor Faith gave the invocation. After the meal, we moved to the sanctuary where Are Conference Minister Allen Fluent passed out the OCWM certificates and introduced the speaker for the evening. Rev. Patrick Walker, Regional Director of Central PA Church World Service. Rev. Ann Graves played the piano while we sang, "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" and Lew Mothersbaugh played his guitar and sang two songs during the offering. Rev. Marge Holland offered the benediction. It was a very lovely evening to share with the churches of Northern Association.

I delivered a fruit basket to Jean Frankenberger after her stay in the hospital. Jean is staying with Fred and Karen right now till she gets back on her feet. We had a very nice visit and I'm sure she would love to hear from more of you. Just call and stop in to visit with Jean, Karen and Fred.

Ashten Daniel Howell was baptized at Salem on May 10. Ashten was born on January 2, 209 to Christopher and Amy Johnstonbaugh Howell and has an older brother, Aden. Kelly Hale was Ashten's sponsor. Ashten is the grandson of Janice & Darl Johnstonbaugh and the great-grandson of Bob Lingle. Congratulations to the whole family.

Matthew Stover (John & Janet Devinney's grandson) and Bethany Kauffman were united in wedded bliss on May 16 at Salem. Pastor Faith presided over the happy occasion. Congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful life together, Bethany and Matt. Thank you to the happy couple for leaving the beautiful flowers on the altar, they lasted two weeks.

Pastor Faith took a couple days vacation to take part in Rev. Debra Timmins installation.

The Director of Outdoor Ministries at Hartman Center, Rev. Dr. Bruce Druckenmiller was our guest speaker on May 17. We have tried many times to have Rev. Druckenmiller for a supply, and it was so nice to finally make it happen. He was accompanied by his son, Andrew, a very nice, polite young man. We presented an "Angel Kitchen Basket" to Rev. Druckenmiller for Hartman Center's Fall Festival Auction. This year, the Fall Festival will be the weekend of October 17, so mark your calendars and plan to support Hartman Center. Thank you, Bruce for leading our worship, good job.

We have Moons and Stars for sale, \$1 a piece in support of Relay for Life. Members of the congregation have already purchased 17 in memory/honor of loved ones. We've sold 17, but have collected \$21, pretty good, huh? See Janie Shook if you would like to contribute to this worthy cause. Bonnie DeBrasky and Brenda Stover of St. Peter's will be walking in the Relay, which is the last weekend in June at the Grange Fair grounds in Centre Hall. Thank you to all those who have already bought moons and stars, they're hanging in the church.

Memorial Day Sunday was May 24 and was celebrated with a Joint service held at Salem. The men and women of the American Legion Post \$444 of Millheim joined us for the salute to our Armed Forces. Our organist, Carol Corman, played all the anthems for the Armed Forces and those who served stood or stepped forward when their anthem was played. We thank all the men and women who served and are serving our country to keep us free. Pastor Faith offered a prayer and then those who were able filed outside for the Legion's Memorial Service in the cemetery. Bob and Jimmy Brown from Hampton's Battery F PA Light Artillery fired the cannon as a final salute. The Legion crew moved on to the next cemetery and the rest of us returned to the church for morning worship.



Salem's Dates to Remember:

- May 31 - Pentecost Sunday. Emily Boob & Curtis Sones joining the church. Wear RED. Communion
- June 1 - Salem Consistory at the church, 7 p.m.
- June 2 - Women's Guild sponsoring Salem Hill Haven's Birthday Party, 6:45 p.m. *continued . . .*

- June 14 - Conference Sunday - Joint Service at St. Peter's, 10:00 a.m. Jack Smith will be leading our worship
- June 28 - Dan Shreckengast will lead us worship.
- July 12 - Joint Outdoor Worship at Black Panther Riding Club 10:00 a.m.

As always, remember to pray for those on our Prayer Chain and check on the elderly during the hot spells, make sure they are eating and drinking.

Helen Sweeley

St. Peter's News

The Church Leader's Banquet was held at New Hope Lutheran Church on Thursday evening, may 7. Attending from St. Peter's were: Pastor Faith, Terry Bressler, Ed & Barb Kerstetter, Marilyn Weaver and Phoebe Anskis. The speaker for the evening was a representative from Church World Service.

The potted mums on the Communion Table May 10 (Mother's Day) were placed by Ed & Barb Kerstetter in memory of their mothers, Verna Kerstetter and Mary Houser.

Thank you, so very much, to the children for making our Mother's Day worship so special! Our confirmands, Zach and Amanda Huey, opened the service with the Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession. The children presented a skit and sang a song in honor of Mother's Day. Those participating were: Zach & Jacob Royer, Dristen Wolfe, Kalista & Taylor Long, Garrett & Gavin Hampton, and Huck & Gus Tritsch. Thank you to Dristen and Zach for serving as offering ushers. Also, a special thank you to Gus for his lovely violin solo. Thank you to the Sunday school teachers who work with the children each Sunday. thanks for your dedication!



Tracy Ridenour and Dave Sweeley attended a meeting on May 16 at Hartman Center. They met with Allen Fluent and various pastors in the Penn Central Conference. Their focus for the meeting was the goal of becoming "Missional Churches". Thanks, Tracy and Dave!

The flowers on the altar May 17, were placed in honor of the marriage of Eric Stover and Julie Parker. Congratulations on your marriage - Eric & Julie! Out guest pastor was Rev. Bruce Druckenmiller who had a wonderful service including his dog "Preacher" who helped with the children's sermon. Thank you, Bruce!

Salem hosted the Charge Memorial Day Worship Service on May 24. (Please refer to Salem's report for details.)

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

<u>June</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Monthly Greeter</u>	<u>Monthly Offering Counters</u>
7	Dixie Ort	Fay Stapleton	Mike & Bert Hosterman	Lori Corman & Bonnie DeBrasky
14	Zach Huey	Fay & Frank		
21	Ginny Hosterman	Sonia Stover		
28	Phoebe Anskis			

Consistory Devotions: David Edwards

June Dates to Remember:

- 2 - Autism Support Group Picnic, 7:00 p.m. at Soldier & Sailors Park, Millheim
- Women's Guild sponsoring Salem Hill Haven Birthday party at 6:45 p.m.
- 12-14 - Annual Meeting of Penn Central Conference
- 14 - Joint Worship at St. Peter's 10:00 with Jack Smith filling in while Pastor Faith is at Penn Central Conference
- 25-30 - Pastor Faith at General Synod Meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan - Dan Shreckengast supplying.

Have a nice summer!

-Lori Corman

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 10th meeting. Thank you to everyone in advance.



Our Homebound, Nursing Home or Health Care Residents:

Pauline Crader
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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

Maxine Ross
424 Heckman Cemetery
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.)

OPEN HOUSE
PENNS VALLEY GRANGE #158
June 11, 2009
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
122 Railroad Street, Spring Mills, PA

SPECIAL GUEST: JOSH HULL
Door Prizes and Refreshments - ALL FREE
Come out and see what we are all about!