

# The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

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## From the Interim Pastor:



*The Steering Committee (Janie Shook, Marilyn Weaver, Dave Sweeley, Ken Royer, Wendell Royer, Brenda Stover, and Linda Musser) met at the parsonage the other evening and we had a wonderful discussion. We're looking at things like the Summer Snack & Beverage Offering as a way to encourage gratitude toward God and giving. A Bible study entitled, The Gifting God: Change the Way You Look at Giving, will begin in the middle of September and continue for five sessions. Jerry Thomason from the Penn Central Conference Stewardship Team has been invited to be with us on July 25 to talk about how to institute a Narrative Budget. In ways both large and small, we are approaching the financial issues of the church in ways that we intend to be faithful and practical.*

*I am very grateful to the group for their willingness to broach a subject that is often never adequately discussed in the church: church finances. I am also optimistic that with some changes in attitude and approaches, we can not only create a more stable financial picture for both churches, but be more able to "spread the wealth" monetarily and spiritually to our community and wider church. There are already seeds that have been planted. Some more need to be sown. Like the sower in the gospels, we have but to cast our seeds on good soil and tend to them faithfully to see the harvest.*

*Peace,  
Leigh*

## Prayer Chain



All Service Personnel and their families. All Charge Shut-ins: Polly Crader, Gladys Hartley, Tom Hazel, Ellen Huey, Maxine Ross, and Bernice Warntz.  
Haiti Earthquake Victims, Dorothy Alters, Ryan Balliett, Clinton Bonson, Emily Boob & Family, Fred Boob, Karen Boob, Randall Boob, Mike Braucht, Terry Bressler, Isabel Brindle, John "Jack" Brown, Kay Brown, Connie Carper, Carol & Nelson Cook, Alex Corman, T.J. Coursen, Janie Crater, Janet Devinney, Michael Dimock, Dr. Lillian Earle, Jean Eisenhuth, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Benjamin Hosterman, Jonathan Huey, Pat Kelly, Jacob Kerstetter (deployed to Iraq), Marcia Lingle, Makayla Luse, Fred & Betty Mensch, Sam Moore, Carrie Neese, Jess Neese, Loretta Neff, Robert Neill, Dixie Ort, Amanda Rachau, The Ross Family, Brenda (Barb Rossman's sister), Bruce Rossman, Shirley Rossman, Jackie Shawver, Justin Shook, Doris Z. Smith, Bernice Snyder, Frank Stapleton, Family of Dean Stover, Evelyn Stover, Randall Stover, Randolph Swartz, Barb Tobias, Janet VanGilder, Roy VanGilder, Marilyn Weaver Family, Mildred Wingard and Roxann Zarchin.

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.

## JOINT WORSHIP AT BLACK PANTHER CAMP GROUND

JULY 11, 2010

10:00 A.M.



*Everyone is invited to the joint worship service at the Black Panther Camp Ground on Sunday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a lawn chair, a dish to share and place settings.*

*Our theme for the service is "I Love to Tell the Story." We will hear some of the more familiar stories of scripture and why they remain so near and dear to the Christian heart. We will also take time for people to share some of their own story – how God is working in their lives. Some of your leaders are prepared to tell their stories and you may wish to do so as well. After all, the story of faith didn't end with the Bible and, as members of the UCC, we believe that God is still speaking. Let's take some time to share some of what God is saying with each other.*

*This service is shaping up to be a unique and meaningful time of worship. Some additional features include:*

- >The burning of our prayer requests as an offering to God. The ashes will be saved for use on Ash Wednesday.*
- >The baptism of Gabriel M. Shawver, son of Travis M. Shawver and Abigail M. Royer (Great-Grandson of Ken and Lois Royer).*

*Following worship we will share in a fellowship meal and celebrate together as God's people and members of the Aaronsburg Charge of the United Church of Christ. Everyone is welcome!*



### Our Homebound, Nursing Home or Health Care Residents:

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

Gladys Hartley  
Salem Hill Haven  
424 Heckman Cemetery Rd  
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

Carrie Neese  
Salem Hill Haven  
424 Heckman Cemetery Rd.  
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Maxine Ross  
Centre Crest  
502 E. Howard St.  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

*(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.)*

## 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.*

The ladybug plant stakes that Pastor Leigh made for the mothers in May were just lovely. Thank you to Andrew Slavinsky for passing them out to all the mothers as they were leaving that morning.

I delivered fruit baskets to and had very nice visits with Karen Boob and Roy VanGilder. Since then, Karen has had surgery and has quite a ways to go yet, so keep them in your prayers.

Thank you to our organist, Carol Corman for her military salute on Memorial Day Sunday. Fifteen from the Legion crew and the congregation stepped forward or stood to be honored when their military anthem was played. When the prelude was finished, we all joined the American Legion Post #444 in the cemetery for their memorial salute to fallen comrades. The cemetery service ended with the firing of the cannon by Bob and Jimmy Brown from Hampton's Battery F PA Light Artillery. Thank you to everyone who took part in this special day's services, especially the Legion crew for remembering all those who gave their lives for our country. The Legion crew then moved on to the next cemetery and the congregation returned to the church for morning worship. Pastor Leigh dedicated the 60 Dakota School Kits. Thank you to Janie Shook for taking them to Conference.



On June 6, we had a special visitor with us. Jennifer Shuey from Trinity UCC in Hublersburg represented Penn Central Conference and presented us with our OCWM certificate and our 5 for 5 certificate and explained a little about each one. OCWM is Our Church's Wider Mission which we budget for each year. The 5 for 5 include OCWM and special offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church and the Christmas Fund. The certificates have been framed and are at the front of the church.

Thank you to Wendell Royer and Janie Shook for being delegates at Conference in Selinsgrove June 11-13. Pastor Leigh also attended along with Marilyn Weaver from St. Peter's. While they were having worship Sunday morning in the Degenstein Chapel, we were blessed with layperson Randy Smith leading our worship for the joint service at Salem. We had the same worship service here that they had at Susquehanna University - "Spirited". This was the first time Randy was with us. He is from Trinity UCC in Centre Hall where he lives. His wife, Toni and daughter Reanna were along with him and it was very nice to have all of them with us for morning worship. Randy brought brochures and donor cards for "Tides", a support program for grieving children, adolescents, and the people who love them. If you are interested in this program, please feel free to pick up the information which is on the desk in the Narthex.

Thank you to Pastor Leigh on behalf of all the fathers who received a little bag of candy for Father's Day.

The congregation purchased a total of 14 Moons/Stars in honor/memory of loved ones. The money went to Relay for Life which was held this weekend at the fairgrounds. Thank you to those who participated.

Andrew Slavinsky is going to camp at Hartman Center this summer, week of July 4. There weren't enough people interested in the first camp he picked, so he opted for Creative Art. I hope he has a good week and I know he will make Salem proud.

It's not too late to get Hoss's tickets for Tuesday, July 13. We get 20% of our total orders for the "4 Our Churches" capital campaign. Donna Auman and I have tickets.

Jerry Thomason will present a program on "Narrative Budget" at Salem following morning worship beginning with a simple lunch. Please let Pastor Leigh know asap if you plan to attend so we are sure to have enough food.

### Salem's Dates to Remember:

- July 4 - Rev. Harry Covert supplying while Pastor Leigh is on vacation.
- July 11 - Joint Outdoor Worship at Black Panther Riding Club, 10 AM. Hot dogs & condiments furnished by Salem Family Fellowship. Bring a covered dish to share, place settings, drink and a lawn chair.
- July 20 - Joint Spiritual Life Committee meeting 7 PM followed by Joint Consistory at 7:30 - St. Peter's

As always, please pray for those on the Prayer Chain, especially those who are receiving treatments, having surgery and/or recuperating.

Have a great summer and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

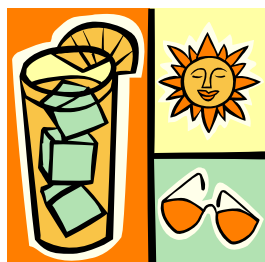
When I say that "I am a Christian", I'm not trying to be strong, I'm confessing that I'm weak and need God to clean my mess.

Helen Sweeley

**SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BUDGET COMPARISON AS OF JUNE 13, 2010**

<b>ENVELOPES</b>		<b>PLATE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2010	\$10,329.00	\$ 1,927.90	\$ 12,256.90
2009	\$ 9,005.00	\$ 2,137.95	\$ 11,142.95
<b>DIFFERENCE OF</b>	<b>\$ 1,324.00</b>	<b>\$ (210.05)</b>	<b>\$ 1,113.95</b>
<b>BUDGETED 2010 EXPENSES</b>		<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE OF</b>
<b>JOINT APPORTIONMENT</b>	\$24,708.11	\$24,708.11	\$ 0.00
<b>*ELECTRIC</b>	\$ 2,388.00	\$ 2,664.00	\$ 1,276.00
<b>*INSURANCE</b>	\$ 1,078.00	\$ 1,377.00	\$ 299.00
<b>SNOW PLOWING</b>	\$ 300.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 400.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,474.11</b>	<b>\$29,449.11</b>	<b>\$ 1,975.00</b>

\*ELECTRIC WILL INCREASE STARTING IN JULY FROM \$199 TO \$245  
 \*INSURANCE INCREASED FROM \$269.50 TO \$344.25  
 SNOWPLOWING IS MORE BECAUSE WE HAD MORE SNOW  
 WE HAVE NOT SENT ANYTHING IN FOR PENN CENTRL CONFERENCE/BUDGETED \$500  
 EVERYTHING ELSE SHOULD BE PRETTY MUCH WHAT WE BUDGETED FOR.  
 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, DONNA AUMAN, TREASURER



**SUMMER BEVERAGE  
 &  
 SNACK OFFERING**  
**BRING OFFERING TO CHURCH ON  
 SUNDAY, SEPT. 26<sup>TH</sup> FOR HARVEST  
 HOME DEDICATON.**

The summer season is a great time to relax and enjoy special time with family and friends. It's also a time to enjoy refreshing beverages and little snacks – especially when the summer heat increases thirst and the “munchies”.

During the summer, you are invited to take home a “Summer Beverage and Snack Offering” label and put it on a jar, cup or whatever. Whenever you enjoy a cool drink or tasty snack, put a coin or two in the jar. Then on Harvest Home Sunday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, we'll dedicate the jars and their contents to God and the church.

With summer fast approaching, don't forget to show God your gratitude for the blessings of summertime – the warm weather, picnics, family gatherings, vacations, the beauty and wonder of creation, and the like. Here is a small way to demonstrate your gratefulness to God for the blessings of summer by contributing to the beverage and snack offering.



**Worship Times - - Worship Schedule for 2010**

St. Peter's: 9:30 a.m. (Sunday school following worship)  
 Salem: 10:45 am

Communion is open to all who seek to know the Risen Christ and is offered 7 times per year. For more information, please call 349-5094 or email at [aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net)

**ST. PETER'S NEWS – JULY, 2010:**

I think everyone who attended the Memorial Day Service at Salem UCC on Sunday, May 30, 2010 came away with a new appreciation for the sacrifices our members and others have made to serve our country. Thank you to Carol for her prelude of service anthems.

Janie, Wendell, Marilyn and Pastor Leigh attended the Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting at Selinsgrove on June 11-13, 2010. Very good worship, workshops and the pre-meeting seminar on God is Still Speaking. We voted on two resolutions – one on human trafficking and one on racism. Look for a possible Bible Study on these two resolutions. Thank you to Randy Smith for filling in for Pastor Leigh at the joint service on Sunday, June 13. A big thank you to all who provided gifts for our fathers/men at worship on Sunday, June 20.

Come and Worship! Our Outdoor Joint Worship Service with Salem is scheduled this year for July 11 at Black Panther. Please come – there will be a baptism and other surprises. If you need directions, please call Helen Sweeley or Janie Shook.

Please use the Women's Guild collection of "Feet and Seat" Covers (children's socks and underwear) in August as an opportunity to show your gratitude to God for all he has given us. The needy children of the Penns Valley Community will certainly appreciate your generosity.

A joint Summer Communion Service will be held on August 29 at St. Peter's at 10:00 AM.

JULY	READER	FLOWERS	Monthly Greeter	Monthly Offering Counters
4	Phoebe Anskis	Earl Walker	Dixie Ort	Tracy Ridenour & Shane Royer
11	10:00 AM - JOINT SERVICE - BLACK PANTHER CAMP GROUND	--		
18	Ed Kerstetter	Ed & Barb K		
25	Brenda Stover	Ed & Barb K		

**EVENTS TO REMEMBER:**

- July 11 - 10:00 a.m. Joint service at Black Panther Riding Club. Bring a covered dish to share.
- July 20 - Joint Consistory at St. Peter's: 7:00 PM Spiritual Life and 7:30 PM Consistory Meeting
- July 25 - Narrative Budget Meeting at Salem – 12:00 Noon
- July 28 - Children's Library Program meeting at St. Peter's – 6:30 PM
- September 14 - St. Peter's Consistory – 7:00 PM

**Women's Guild**

We will be continuing with Bible Study of Chapter 31 of Max Lucado's book at the August 3 meeting and Brenda Stover has devotions.



## **JULY CALENDAR**

### ***Pastor Leigh on vacation-June 30 through July9***

Sun., July 4            9:30 a.m.            Worship at St. Peter's, Pastor Harry Covert preaching  
                                 10:45 a.m.            Worship at Salem, Pastor Harry Covert preaching



### **HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!**

Sun., July 11            10:00 a.m.            Worship at Black Panther Camp Ground.  
                                 Bring lawn chair, place settings and a dish to share.



Tues., July 13            Noon                    Autism Support Group at Millheim Hotel

Sun., July 18            9:30 a.m.            Worship at St. Peter's  
                                 10:45 a.m.            Worship at Salem

Tues., July 20            8:30 a.m.            Penns Valley Ministerium at Brody's  
                                 7:00 p.m.            Spiritual Life committee  
                                 7:30 p.m.            Joint Consistory meeting at St. Peter's

Sun., July 25            9:30 a.m.            Worship at St. Peter's  
                                 10:45 a.m.            Worship at Salem  
                                 Noon                    Finger food luncheon at Salem  
                                 Narrative Budget program with Jerry Thomason



Wed., July 28            6:00 p.m.            **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for combined August/September  
                                 newsletter to be published August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Coming up in August**

Sun.-Fri., Aug. 1-6            VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. PETER'S

Tues., Aug. 9            7:00 p.m.            Pastoral Relations meeting at parsonage.

Wed., Aug. 12            9:30 a.m.            W.I.R.M. at St. John's in Lewisburg

### ***Pastor Leigh on vacation-Aug. 18 through 27***

Sun., Aug. 29            10:00 a.m.            Grange Fair Summer Communion at St. Peter's