

The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

The
Charge

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The Pastor Writes:



Summer is here! It seems like a long time since the days have been warm. As you make your plans for summer, I pray you take time to continue in your worship. This is a beautiful time of year to appreciate God's creation and to experience God's handiwork.

The following poem was written by St. Patrick in response to the question, "What kind of god do you worship?"

Our God is the God of all,
The God of heaven and earth,
Of the sea and of the rivers;
The God of the sun and of the moon
and of all the stars;
The God of the lofty mountains
and of the lowly valleys.
He has his dwelling around heaven and
earth,
and sea, and all that in them is.
-St. Patrick

May God bless you with safe travels, the fellowship of family and friends, and a time of renewal.

See you Sunday!

Grace and Peace
Pastor Faith

Joint Consistory Highlights

Joint Consistory met at Salem on April 22. Area Conference Minister Allen Fluent did a power point presentation on OCWM (Our Church's Wider Mission). He asked that we consider giving 1% more of our operating budget to OCWM. Both Salem and St. Peter's are "5 for 5" churches, which means that we give to the five special offerings held throughout the year: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, Christmas Fund and OCWM Basic Support.

Pictorial Directory is in the proof stage. Ginny Hosterman is keeping the websites up to date with

info from Friends with a Mission, the last newsletter and calendar. If you have anything for the website, please contact Ginny Hosterman. Hymn selections will be June 8 at St. Peter's at 2:00 p.m.

Pastor Faith will be on vacation the last two weeks of August, the 18th thru the 31st. August 24 will be a Joint Service, 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter's.

The Aaronsburg Charge donated \$175 to the Poe Valley Ministry.

Newsletter deadlines will be the Wednesday before the last Sunday of the month unless a holiday falls in there (starting in June).

It was agreed not to have refreshments at the Joint Consistory meetings, just drinks during the meeting.

A gift card on behalf of the Aaronsburg Charge was purchased for Andrew Mast who helped set up our website. Thank you to the people who donated money to purchase the card.

Dave Sweeley helped at Hartman Center on their work day.

Pastor Faith, Marilyn Weaver and Wendell Royer will be attending Conference in June.

Pastor Faith will be leading Grandparent Camp at Hartman Center July 2, 3, & 4.

The next meeting will be July 21 at St. Peter's. Joint Spiritual Life Committee at 7:00 p.m. and Joint Consistory at 7:30 p.m.

Helen Sweeley, Secretary
Joint Consistory

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Worship Times Schedule for 2008

May - August

**St. Peter's: Worship at 10:45 a.m.
Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.**

Salem: Worship at 9:30 a.m.

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.

Salem's Happenings

Janie Shook has moons and stars to purchase in memory of or in honor of loved ones for Relay for Life. The price is \$1 each and will be posted in the church.

Dave Sweeley attended the workday at Hartman Center in April. The people from Northern Association worked on our cabin and got 99% of Harold's (Hartman Center's handy man) list done. Thanks, Dave for representing the Charge.

Gary Auman will be coming up with some work dates to do upkeep at the church such as painting outside windows, replacing front window light, repairing and carpeting the ramp, etc. Please come out and help when the dates are announced. You know that old saying, "Lots of hands make light work". The parking lot was graded and the stones raked out of the grass, I guess by the church mice, and since we don't know their names, thank you anyhow. It was a very nice and considerate thing to do.

Dave Sweeley has been moved to Elder on Consistory and if you asked to fill in his Deacon term through 2009, please give it due consideration.

Wendell Royer will be attending Northern Association Conference in Selinsgrove June 13 - 15 as Salem's delegate. Thank you, Wendell for doing this.

The Pictorial Directory has been proofed, so it shouldn't be too much longer until we have the finished product.

Our faithful old buddy, Jack Smith will be supplying Conference Sunday, June 15 at the Joint Service at Salem at 10:00 a.m. Jack has always been willing and able to help us out from time to time and we sure do appreciate it.

A few ideas for fundraisers for the "4 Our Churches Campaign" are a soup, sandwich and bake sale on a Penn State home football weekend, yard sale in the parking lot, and an organization night at Hoss's or Texas Roadhouse (you would get a coupon for a certain night of the week and they would give a percentage of the cost of your meal to the fundraiser). If anyone has any other ideas, please let your Consistory members know.

Dave and I donated a "Memory Basket" on behalf of Salem for the auction at Hartman Center's Fall Festival.

It is with a very heavy heart and tears that I write this next section. Richard Ross passed away on April 29, 2008. Rick had been a member of Salem since 1975 when he transferred his membership from Grace UCC in Spring Mills. He had been a very faithful steward of Salem, serving a term as deacon and serving as an elder since 1992. Rick also served on the Search Committee, 2004/2005. Rick married Cynthia Stover on July 8, 1973 and they have three children, Heather, Adam and Tamara. He was a certified rifle instructor for the Tussey Mountain 4-H and member of both the Spring Mills Fish & Game and the Union County Sportsman Club. He loved working with children and helped with the Scouts for quite a few years. Rick was a professional auto mechanic and was always working on somebody's car. Pastor Faith officiated at his funeral on May 3 at Salem and Rick was laid to rest in Salem's Cemetery. A meal was served at the Gregg Township Fire Hall for family and friends. Our most sincere condolences to Cindy, Heather, Adam, Tamara and the Ross family along with the Stover family. Rich will be greatly missed by all of us. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way before, during and since the funeral. Please keep Cindy and the whole family in your prayers. A grief counseling workshop was held on Thursday evening, May 15 at the church for anyone who wanted to attend. It was lead by Rev. Paula Curtis-Burn and Chaplain George Burn. If you wish to talk to either one of them, Pastor Faith can help you get in touch with them.

June Dates to Remember:

- 8 Hymn Selection at St. Peter's 2:00 p.m.
- 13-15 Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting in Selinsgrove
- 15 Joint Service at Salem 10:00 a.m.

As always, remember those less fortunate. A hug goes a long way sometimes to comfort someone. Take a frown, turn it upside down into a smile and give it away.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Helen Sweeley



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be “Surfin' through the Scriptures” Sunday, July 27 – Thursday July 31 from 6:30-8:30pm. Any

and all help is appreciated. This year we will be offering a pre-school class for children 3 – 5 years of age. Any questions, please contact Pam Royer – 349-4378 or Kimmy Boller-Beebe 234-0758.

St. Peter’s News

There were 20 present for the Family Fellowship breakfast held before worship on April 27. Thank you to everyone for the delicious food, which included breakfast casseroles, pastries, fruit salad, juice and coffee. Thank you to all those who cleaned up after the meal.

The repairs to the altar wall have been completed by Royer’s Remodeling. We thank them for being so prompt and courteous with the job! Thank you to Ed Kerstetter and Don Royer for moving the altar, flags, etc., both before and after the painting. We also appreciate the generosity of Doug and Don Royer for replacing some of the shingles on the church roof.

Thank you to the children who opened our Pentecost worship service on May 11 with instruments and singing! They sang a special song in honor of Mother’s Day. Thank you children!

The anthem May 11 “Open My Eyes, Spirit Divine” was sung in honor of our Choir Director and Organist, Marilyn Weaver. Thank you Marilyn for the wonderful job you do in choosing and presenting the music of St. Peter’s.

Helen Hazel, a longtime member of St. Peter’s, passed away on Monday, May 12 at Centre Crest. Her funeral service was held at St. Peter’s on Thursday, May 15. After the service, lunch was served to the family. Thank you to our members who provided food for the meal served by Marilyn, Judy, Nan and Lori. Our sympathy to the Hazel family.

“Congratulations and Best Wishes” to Christopher Homan and Kristina Packer who were married at St. Peter’s on Saturday, May 17.

Our sympathy to Nicole and Chip Wolfe and family following the death of Nicole’s grandmother, Dorothy Hull on Saturday, May 17.

On May 18, Pastor Faith presented “Certificates of Appreciation” to St. Peter’s Sunday School Class, Bible Study participants, and choir/organists. The Sunday School Teachers gave a gift bag to

each of the children. Pastor Faith also introduced the children to handbells. Candace Lowe and Annyce Schrafft are planning to work with the children to form a bell choir in the fall.

Family Fellowship is sponsoring a Strawberry Social lunch following worship on June 8. Please join us for some good food and time for fellowship with one another!

Thank you so very much to Doug Royer who recently trimmed the shrubbery in front of the church. With grateful thanks – Doug!

June Calendar

Worship – 10:45 Sunday School 9:15

| <u>June</u> | <u>Reader</u> | <u>Flowers</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Brenda Stover | |
| 8 | Bonnie DeBrasky | Fay & Frank Stapleton |
| 15 | Ken Royer(Salem) | Joint @ Salem 10:00 |
| 22 | David Edwards | |
| 29 | Bill Miles | Earl Walker |

Greeter: Mike & Bert Hosterman

Offering Counters: Lori Corman & Bonnie DeBrasky

Consistory Meeting Devotions: Tracy Ridenour

June Dates to Remember:

- 2 St. Peter’s Consistory 7:00 PM at the church (last meeting before summer break!)
- 3 Women’ Guild at Salem Hill Have 6:45
- 8 Strawberry Social after worship
Hymn Selection 2:00 p.m.
- 13-15 Pastor Faith and Marilyn Weaver representing St. Peter’s at PCC Annual Meeting
- 15 No worship at St. Peter’s. Joint Service at Salem 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Dinges Memorial Service & Meal 5:30 p.m.
- 27 Autism parent, child & grandparent picnic at Millheim Pool 6:00 p.m.

As always, remember ALL those in need of our prayers. Have a happy and safe Memorial Day holiday!

Lori Corman



Women's Guild

During the Month of May, we have been completing Dakota school kits to take along to the annual meeting in June.



We are collecting items for Hartman Center summer camps. The items are needed by June 2 are as follows:

- > coffee cans with plastic lids (any size)
- > juice containers (wax covered with plastic lid at top)
- > used crayons – any size (the ones that are too small)

Please bring/drop these items off at the church and we will see they get to Hartman Center.

On June 3, we will be sponsoring a Birthday Party at Salem Hill Haven at 6:45 p.m. You are invited to join in the fun.

Blanket Sunday is June 15.

Salem and St. Peter's are selling moons or stars in memory of or to honor a loved one suffering from cancer to benefit Relay for Life. We are hanging these in the sanctuaries and they are \$1 each.

*Brenda Ream Stover
Secretary*

Hartman Center Needs Your Help

A special request from Hartman Center of items they need for summer camps by June 2. The items are as follows:

- > Coffee cans with plastic lids (any size)
- > Juice containers (wax covered with plastic lid at top)
- > Used crayons – any size (the ones that are too small)

Please bring/drop these items off at the churches and the Women's Guild will see they get to Hartman Center.

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.



Hurricanes Katrina Victims, Helen Allison, Dorothy Alters, Rev. Jack Archer, Mike Auman, Randall Boob, Mike Braucht, Terry Bressler, John "Jack" Brown, Kay Brown, Alex Corman, T.J. & Logan Coursen, Jody Covalt, Robbi Davis, Michael Dimock, Gerald Fetterolf, Jean Frankenberger, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Benjamin Hosterman, Barbara Hubbard, Jonathan Huey, Jenny Keen, Pat Kelly, Jacob Kerstetter (deployed to Iraq), 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, Judy Ripka, Dean & Jean Rishel, The Ross Family, 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, The Stover Family, Randall Stover, Roy VanGilder, The Warntz Family, Lester Weaver, and Mildred Wingard..

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.

Congratulations to the Sunday School Class of St. Peter's on another great year!

Zachary Royer

Jacob Royer

Dristen Wolfe (we look forward to welcoming your baby brother/sister soon!)

Kalysta Long

Taylor Long

Sarah Dills (brother George will be joining us before we know it!)

Paige

Jade

Kayden (another precious baby!)

Gavin Hampton

Garrett Hampton

Emmett Schafft

Teacher: Bonnie DeBrasky

Teaching Assistants: Pam Royer, Nichole Wolfe

As you can see, our class is growing, and will become 2 classes in the fall. We also plan to have a nursery for our newest friends. This requires helpers! Please let the Pastor or Sunday school teachers know if you can be a part of this growing area of St. Peter's!