

The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ May, 2009

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The Pastor Writes:



Dear Friends,

May is a month of expectation—soon summer will be here, school will be out for the summer, and many of our friends and members will begin the camping season. It is also the month when we celebrate the church's beginning, which we call Pentecost - the day the Holy Spirit came upon the early Christians, providing them with great gifts, encouragement and counsel.

This month, we will also be celebrating Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. Our confirmands have studied, attended the Northern Association Annual Meeting, worked with their mentors and received teen Bibles to help them grow in faith and understanding of God's Word for their lives. I hope you will make every effort to attend worship on May 31st, wear red (symbolic of the Spirit), and be led in worship by our newest members-Zack and Amanda (St. Peter's) and Emily and Curtis (Salem), along with their mentors—Doug and Nancy Royer and Steve Swartz. I am also asking that our last class of confirmands (Josh, Nathan, and Vanessa) be in attendance for a special recognition.

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, Gerald Fetterolf, Jean Frankenberger, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Brian & Cody Homan, Benjamin Hosterman, Jonathan Huey, Cory Jackson, 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, 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, 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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Joint Consistory Highlights

The side of the parsonage needed a little fixing and George Traxler repaired it all no cost, so if you see George, thank him for his kindness.

The Aaronsburg Charge donated \$650 to a Penns Valley family who was in a financial crisis.

Joint Consistory met on April 20 at Salem. The "Souper Bowl" offerings at each church were excellent this year, over \$100 each. All the money was given to the Millheim Food Bank. The Joint Healing Service in February was not very well attended. The Sunrise Service was hosted by St. Peter's with breakfast following which included table communion using bread and grapes. The Dakota School Kits will be dedicated at the Joint Memorial Service on May 24 at Salem, 11 a.m. The confirmands will be joining the churches on May 31. Pastor Faith would like all Consistory members to wear red. Tentative date for Hymn Selection is May 2 at St. Peter's at 1:30 p.m.

Upcoming dates when we will have supplies for morning worship:

- May 17 - Rev. Bruce Druckenmiller from Hartman Center Outdoor Ministries while Pastor Faith will be preaching at Rev. Debra Timmins installation at Philadelphia
- June 14 - Mr. Jack Smith will be supplying for the Joint Service at St. Peter's, 10 a.m. This is Annual Conference Sunday
- June 28 - Mr. Dan Shreckengast will be filling our pulpits. Pastor Faith will be at General Synod

There are a couple first time campers from St. Peter's for Hartman Center this year. Joint Consistory will help pay the camp fees.

Aaronsburg Charge is sponsoring a hole for \$100 at the annual Lee Lawhead Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on May 16. For those of you who didn't know Lee, he was the Outdoor Minister at Hartman Center for many years and loved by all.

Pastor Faith will be attending General Synod in Grand Rapids, Michigan the end of June and the Charge is giving \$300 towards her expenses. Northern Association has also given her \$300. Pastor Faith will be taking a couple days vacation right after General Synod, but will be back by July 5.

Rally Day will be held at each church on September 13.

Pastoral Relations Committee meeting will be May 28 at St. Peter's, 7 p.m.

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

*Helen Sweeley,
Secretary*

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

Welcome back to Bible study! We begin our classes on Thursday, April 30th 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."

This is a 12-week study. 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.

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.



Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at St. Peter's at 7:15 PM with five members present. Tracy Ridenour provided devotions. Tracy also filled in for Janet VanGilder as president for this meeting. The secretary's report was read and approved.

The Treasurer reported we gave Amy Lingle \$134.51 for supplies for the Easter eggs and we have an ending balance of \$314.93. We made 558 eggs on Saturday, April 4. A big "thank you" to the Lingle's for helping with this Women's Guild project.

Old Business:

It was decided to give \$100.00 to Lynette Grieb. She is a member at Trinity UCC, Hublersburg, PA. She has been accepted to participate in a mission trip with the Youth Leadership Now Group from Lancaster Theological Seminary. This year the Summer Global Experience Trip will be to Chiang Mai, Thailand. She will be traveling with the group to Thailand between July 13 and August 3 and we look forward to hearing about her trip at one of our meetings when she returns.

Evangelical Hospital in Lewisburg has advised us they could use some Jared Boxes so Pastor Faith will deliver half of them to Evangelical and half to the Lewistown Hospital. It was decided that we would ask members of the congregation if they would be willing to donate slightly used and new clothing for the Dakota Indian children. We have been asked by Penn Central Conference to provide school play clothing for the start of school in the fall of 2009 in sizes 4T to 7 or clothing for 3-5 year olds. It was decided the Women's Guild will collect this clothing until the end of July and will pay the postage to send these items to the Dakota Association.

New Business:

We discussed the Dakota School Kits, which we will be collecting items for until the last Sunday in May. We need 46 rulers, 9 pair of scissors, 125 legal tablets with 50 sheets to a tablet, construction paper, and 20 boxes of 16-24 crayons to complete the bags we have made. The school kits will be dedicated at the Joint Memorial Day Service on May 24 at 11:00.

We completed our meeting by assembling the Jared Boxes that were not filled. There were a total of 45 Jared Boxes contributed by the members of the charge.

Our next meeting will be May 5, with Janie Shook providing devotions and Bible Study of Chapter 25 of Max Lucado's book, "No Wonder They Call Him the Savior." We closed with the Lord's Prayer

Marilyn Weaver for Brenda Stover

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.

Pastor Faith presented a Youth Bible to Emily Boob on March 29 so Emily will have her own Bible to carry with her for her Confirmation journey. Emily's grandfather, Steve Swartz, is her mentor for this journey.

Following the children's sermon, Heather and Cindy Ross have been taking the children to the kitchen and teaching Sunday school. Thank you, ladies.

We used \$500 from the Discretionary Fund to help a Penns Valley family with their mortgage and utilities.

Thank you to St. Peter's for hosting the Easter Sunrise service on their back lot. Breakfast and table communion were shared in their social room following the service.

Thank you to everyone who bought lilies again this year. We had the same amount as last year - 19. They may the sanctuary look and smell great. Some took them home after worship and some were left at the church and we enjoyed them the next Sunday also.

Janie Shook and I represented Salem at Northern Association's Annual meeting which was held April 19 at St. John's UCC in Bellefonte. Rev. Anne Smith is the pastor of that church and did a great job with the opening and closing services. President Lois Lunetta led the meeting. President Lunetta read the letters that were written honoring Janie Shook and Ruth Rishel for their faithful and dedicated service to the local and wider church of the United Church of Christ and presented both ladies with very beautiful corsages. Congratulations, Janie and Ruth. They will be honored at the Annual Conference in Selinsgrove and at General Synod. We received our certificate from Area Conference Minister, Allen Fluent; identifying us as a 5for 5 church (OCWM Basic Support, One Great Hour of Sharing, Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church, and Christmas Fund). Each church was supposed to talk about "one" of their hands on mission projects and since we do so many, I couldn't pick just one, so I kind of talked about most of them. As it turned out, several of the other churches did

the same thing. Refreshments were enjoyed at break time. After break, the business meeting was held, the budget was passed and election of committee members was held. Rev. Allen Fluent installed all the new committee members who included Janie Shook for another term on the Nominating Committee and Pastor Faith on the Church and Ministry Committee. Pastor Faith is also on the Ministries Planning Committee. Dave Sweeley came off of the Church and Ministry Committee after two terms. We need to thank these people for serving on these committees, as Janie can tell you; it's not easy to get people to serve. After installation of committees, Rev. Smith led the closing service including communion by intinction. Zachary and Amanda Huey, confirmands from St. Peter's were along with Pastor Faith. A final note about the Annual Meeting - Rev. Bruce Druckenmiller from Hartman Center reported they are still looking for someone to organize the renovations on the Association's cabin, mainly the bathroom. So, if you have some time on your hands and would like to volunteer to get things going, please get in touch with Bruce. Each church was given a hosta plant to be planted at their church.

Salem's Dates to Remember:

- May 3 - Vacation Bible School meeting at St. John's Lutheran Church, Millheim 1 p.m.
- May 7 - Church Leaders' Banquet, New Hope Lutheran Church, 6:30 p.m.
- May 10 - Baptism at Salem. Infant son of Amy Johnstonbaugh & Christopher Howell
- May 15 - Wedding rehearsal at Salem
- May 16 - Matt Stover and Bethany Kauffman wedding at Salem
- May 17 - Rev. Bruce Druckenmiller supplying while Pastor Faith is on a couple days vacation
- May 24 - Joint Memorial Day Service at Salem, 11 a.m.
- May 31 - Pentecost Sunday. Emily Boob & Curtis Sones joining the church. Wear RED. Communion

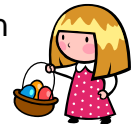
As always, remember to pray for those on our Prayer Chain and lend a helping hand wherever you can. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL YOU MOTHERS!

Helen Sweeley

Friends with a "Mission"

On March 19 we made around 400 Ham & Cheese and Turkey & Cheese sandwiches. Thanks to all who ordered. Look for the sale again next spring!!!

On March 28 we filled 2,300 plastic eggs for the Community Egg Hunt that was held on Saturday, April 4 at the Aaronsburg Festival Grounds. It was a windy day and we were all concerned that the eggs may blow away, but thankfully they didn't. The sun came out for a little bit as 81 children hunted for eggs followed by a prize raffle. Thank you to everyone that helped and those that donated to the event!



The next week meeting will be on May 16 at 6:30PM at St. Peter's. Everyone is welcome to attend!!

Nicole Wolfe

St. Peter's News

Thank you to those who helped "tidy up" around the church by mulching and cleaning debris from the back lot, driveway, and parking lot. Thanks so much!

Thank you to the children for leading the processional and handing out palms to the congregation on Palm Sunday, April 5. Orvil, Lori and Shane helped Pastor Faith remove the paraments during the "Stripping of the altar" in preparation for Easter.

On Easter morning, St. Peter's hosted the Charge Outdoor Sunrise Service followed by breakfast in the social room. The children placed the lilies at the altar railing. The cross was decorated with flowers. Nancy Royer and Ginny Hosterman presented a drama followed by communion. The cross was carried outdoors to the meditation garden; where the service ended with the benediction. (written by Nan Immel - thank you!).

Our sympathies to Hank, Ed and Barb Kerstetter following the death of their brother, Tom, on Easter morning. Pastor Faith officiated at the graveside service held on Saturday, April 18 at the Reformed Cemetery in Aaronsburg.

Thank you to those who bought a lily for the sanctuary on Easter morning. They were beautiful (11 of them)!

Pastor Faith, Zach Huey, Amanda Huey, Janie Shook and Helen Sweeley represented the Aaronsburg Charge at the annual Northern Association meeting at St. John's UCC in Bellefonte on April 19. Congratulations to Janie and Helen for being recognized for their contributions! Both churches in our Charge have been very generous and each received the "5 for 5" certificates for 2008, once again.

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

<u>May</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Monthly Greeter</u>	<u>Monthly Offering Counters</u>
3	Brenda Stover	Nicole Wolfe	Barb Bower	David Edwards/Brenda Stover
10	Bonnie DeBrasky	Ed & Barb K		
17	Bill Miles	Brenda & Bonnie		
24	Salem Joint Service			
31		Lori Corman		

Consistory Devotions: David Edwards

May Dates to Remember:

- 2 - Hymn Selection at St. Peter's 1:30 P.M.
- 5 - Autism Support Group, St. Peter's 7:00 p.m.
- Women's Guild, St. Peter's 7:15 p.m.
- 7 - Church Leaders Banquet - New Hope Lutheran Church 6:30 p.m.
- 16 - Friends with a "Mission" 6:30 p.m.
- 20 - St. Peter's Consistory 7:00 p.m. at the church
- 24 - Joint Worship at Salem 11:00 a.m.
- 31 - Confirmation Sunday (Zach & Amanda Huey) & Pentecost Sunday

As always, remember those in need of your prayers.

-Lori Corman



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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.)