

The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

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The Pastor Writes . . .

In February, the Grandparent Support Group for Autism held its first public meeting at St. Peter's UCC. State Representative Kerry Benninghoff and a representative from Senator Jake Corman's office attended.

This was a very exciting meeting for us and just the first step in forming a coalition of parents, grand parents and community members who believe that all God's children are a blessing and a promise. That when we are united, both the able and the differently abled, we all benefit. In addition to teaching our children math, science, and reading, we teach our children ethics and compassion. I believe we all want citizens that are well educated and aware that the world is bigger than just ourselves and our personal needs.

I know that as Christians we believe that God is the Creator of the kosmos and desires us all to know fullness of life, compassion for others, and to believe that, in Christ, we have life in abundance. Therefore, we do not need to live lives of scarcity (believing there is not enough to go around), but rather to live our lives with courage and to think of creative ways to live in harmony. This public meeting of the Grandparent Support Group was our first step into that vision for our children.

I hope more members of the Aaronsburg Charge and the community who do not personally have Autism affecting their lives, will join with us to find solutions and pave the way for new, innovative and creative thinking concerning ALL our children. Won't you be a part of the solution?

See you Sunday!

*Grace and Peace,
Rev. Faith*

Corrections to Annual Report:

Page 23 Add to members Byers, Frances 349-8792
Page 32 per member/per year \$796.70 (not \$96.70)
Schedule of Services is included with this newsletter



Worship Times Schedule for 2008

January - April

**St. Peter's: Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school at 10:30 a.m.**

Salem: Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Feb. 10: Joint Worship at Salem — Healing Service

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.

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Salem's Happenings

It's good we did a new Call Chain so everybody knew who to call when church was cancelled on February 3 due to the nasty weather again. Just remember, if the weather is bad and you haven't received a call, check with Janie Shook or Helen Sweeley before you head out.

Since we cancelled church on "Souper Bowl" Sunday, Salem did their collection the following Sunday. Josh Stover's goal was \$49 and he got a total of \$68.25 which will go to the Millheim Food Bank. Thank you, Josh for taking care of this event and thank you to everyone who donated.

Salem hosted the Joint Healing Service on February 10. Janie Shook was lay reader for the morning. Dave Edwards helped Pastor Faith with the laying on of hands and Ginny Hosterman, Donna Auman, Cindy Ross and Ken Royer helped with the communion, which was done by intinction. St. Peter's Choir sang a lovely anthem and we thank them so much for not taking the day off.

President Shook called a special Consistory meeting following morning worship on February 10 to inform everyone that she received a letter of transfer for Rob Jackson. Pastor Faith said she will receive Rob by letter of transfer and Janette Swartz will join the church either the last Sunday of February or the first Sunday of March.

Thank you to Lois Royer for knitting the Prayer Shawl, it's very pretty. Pastor Faith reported that she would present it to Doris Sweeley to let her know that others are keeping her in their thoughts and prayers following her mother's death.

Family Fellowship had a potluck lunch following morning worship on February 17 with about 30 people staying to enjoy all the varieties of food. Fellowship offering for the day was \$46. Thank you to everyone who helped set the tables before worship and who helped clean up afterwards. We then went bowling and had a good time. Some of us watched from the sidelines while 18 bowled, that included the three toddlers that took a shot at it and were really excited when the pins fell over.

Thank you to everyone who purchased daffodils I ordered 15 bunches and two bears for March 30. Please have your vases at the church by 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 29. You can bring them the Sunday before and put them in the kitchen with your name on the vases.

Look for a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for Easter Lilies. We probably won't have much time to order them.

Don't forget, Women's Guild is collecting for Operation Shoebox through March 2. There is a box in the Narthex and there are pamphlets of

items needed. The items will be delivered to Campanis Orthopedics in Bellefonte and they will pack them and ship them to our Armed Forces overseas. Then as soon as the Women's Guild is done with that project, they will start to collect items for Jared Boxes. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for directions on making a Jared Box. The boxes are all furnished, all you have to do is fill it.

Women's Guild is also taking orders for peanut butter and peanut butter graham eggs. They are still only \$1. Orders need to be in by March 9.

March Dates to Remember:

9 Lenten Potluck Lunch after morning worship with Table Communion. Salem Consistory after lunch.

10 Pictorial Directory meeting at Salem 6:30 p.m.

12 Mid-week Lenten Service at Salem 7:00 p.m.

Please remember those less fortunate than yourself and help whenever possible. As always, keep those on the Prayer Chain in your prayers.

Hope everyone is having a good Lent season. Happy Easter.

Helen Sweeley

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Thank you to the St. Peter's consistory and church family for allowing the Grandparents Support for Children with Autism Group to hold their monthly meetings. There was a safety and educational proposal meeting on Friday, February 15 with legislators, grandparents, parents and community members. Thank you to all who came out and showed their support for the children.

Darice Hampton



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Thank you to everyone for your calls, cards, prayers, food and hugs during the recent passing of Alice Sweeley. It has been a real comfort knowing there are so many friends of the family. We really appreciate your kindness.

Dave & Helen and the Sweeley Family

St. Peter's News

Barb Bower placed the flowers on the altar January 27 in remembrance of her husband Larry's 70th birthday.

Thank you to Orvil Hosterman who recently build a wall cabinet for the church kitchen. We also appreciate the generosity of Frank & Fay Stapleton who donated the wood. Orvil and Frank installed the cabinet before "Donut Days" and we appreciate the generosity of both Orvil and Frank – THANKS GUYS!



"Donut Days" were held at St. Peter's on February 1 & 2. Thanks to the work and dedication of our members, over \$950 profit was made for St. Peter's church! Thank you to all those who donated ingredients, lunch, set up, cleaned up, and/or made the doughnuts! Thanks also to everyone who bought doughnuts. A special thank you to Marilyn Weaver who once again organized this special 2-day event to benefit our church. Thank you also to Candace Lowe and the "Friends In Mission" group who made and sold soup. They made \$250 profit to be used for the community Easter Egg Hunt in March. THANK YOU everyone!

Tracy Ridenour and the youth of our churches were in charge of the "Souper Bowl" offering on February 3. The offering (totaling \$222.25) will be delivered by Joshua, Nathan, Vanessa and Tracy to the Millheim Community Action Center Food Bank.

The Community Ash Wednesday Service was hosted by St. Peter's on February 6 at 7:00 p.m. Our worship was lead by Pastor Faith and Rev. Linda Jezusko. The theme for the Lenten Services this year is from the book, Bread for the Journey. Thank you to organist Marilyn Weaver and St. Peter's Choir for their two beautiful anthems: There is Love and Dust and Ashes. Ed Kerstetter was the greeter for the evening. Ed, Dave Sweeley, Bob Stover and Jack Smith were the offering ushers. The service concluded with the receiving of ashes.

The Charge Healing Service was held at Salem on Sunday, February 10. Thank you to those who participated in this very special service: Pastor Faith, Carol Corman, Marilyn Weaver, Bill Miles, Glenda Dobson, Nan Immel, Linda Long, Judy Bailey, Dixie Ort, Phoebe Anskis, David Edwards, Joshua Stover, Ginny Hosterman, Cindy Ross, Ken Royer, Donna Auman, and Dave & Helen Sweeley.

Alice Sweeley, a member of St. Peter's, passed away Saturday, February 9. Her viewing and funeral service were held at St. Peter's on Wednesday February 13. We express our deepest

sympathy to her husband Glen and son and daughter-in-law Dave & Helen Sweeley and their families. The two baskets of flowers in the sanctuary February 17 were in loving memory of Alice.

Congratulations to Linda Musser on the birth of a grandson, Kaiden Charles Myers on January 31.

Congratulations to Kendall Ridenour following his graduation of February 9 from Northrup Gruman Apprenticeship School in Newport News, VA. Congratulations Kendall!

March Calendar

Worship – 9:30 Sunday School 10:30

<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
2	Ginny Hosterman	
9	Phoebe Anskis	Phoebe Anskis
16	Ed Kerstetter	Palms
23	Brenda Stover	Easter Lilies
30	Bonnie DeBrasky	Easter Lilies

Greeter: Helen Benner

Offering Counters: Marilyn Weaver & Ed Kerstetter

Consistory Meeting Devotions: Ed Kerstetter

Communion Ushers 3/23: Ed, Frank, Ginny, & Bonnie

March Dates to Remember:

- 4 Women's Guild, St. Peter's 7:15 PM
- 11 Autism Support Group, St. Peter's 7:00
- 16 St. Peter's Consistory following worship
- 23 Easter Sunrise Service 7:30 followed by a light breakfast - regular worship at 9:30
- 31-April 6 Pastor Faith on Vacation

Remember ALL those in need of our prayers for whatever reason.

Have a joyous Easter!

Lori Corman

Pastoral Relations Committee Reports:

It was decided to have copies of the individual church's monthly treasurer reports made available for church members to take and will be placed in the narthex. The join treasurer's report will also be placed there as well. It was decided to handle the distribution of this information in this manner so as to help save on postage and paper prices rather than placing this in the newsletter. The minutes from the council meetings will continue to be summarized in the individual church news in the newsletter as this was being done in the past. If you have questions regarding this or any concern related to the church, please feel free to discuss this with your prayer chain contact member.

Prayer Chain

All Service Personnel and their families.

All Charge Shut-ins: Polly Crader, Julie Haines, Roy Hart, Gladys Hartley, Helen Hazel, Tom Hazel, Ellen Huey, Eugene & Bernice Warntz.



Hurricanes Katrina Victims, Helen Allison, Dorothy Alters, 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, 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, Raymond Reeder, Judy Ripka, Dean & Jean Rishel, 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, Randall Stover, Janette Swartz, Roy VanGilder, and Lester Weaver.

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.

Friends in "Mission"

On Friday, February 15 we had our monthly meeting. We enjoyed great food and fellowship. The soup sale was a big hit! Thank you to Candace and Duane Lowe and Tracy Ridenour for all their help in getting the soup ready for the sale. The money raised will give us a great start to this year's Egg Hunt.



The Egg Hunt will be held on March 22 at 2PM at the Dutch Fall Festival grounds in Aaronsburg. We are asking for donations of plastic eggs and quarters for inside the eggs. We are always in need of volunteers to help with the event, so please contact Nicole Wolfe to see where you can be of help.

Darice Hampton is hoping to chair the children's activities at the Black Panther picnic in July. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, please let her know. We will continue to think of areas to outreach to the community as a group. Our next meeting will be on March 15 at 6PM at St. Peter's church in the basement to stuff plastic eggs and have dinner. If you would like to help, please feel free to come!!

Nicole Wolfe

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at St. Peter's at 7:15 p.m. with eight members present. The treasurer reported a balance of \$251.94.



Old Business

We will continue to collect items for Operation Shoebox during the month of February.

New Business

Janie reported that she picked up 50 Jared boxes, and we will be collecting items for them from March to April.

After discussion, it was agreed to send \$100 to the Dale Dyke Van Fund featured in the Centre Daily Times.

We will be making Easter eggs on March 15 at the Lingle residence. We will be taking orders for peanut butter and peanut butter graham eggs. The eggs will be \$1 each. We need to call Helen Sweeley on March 9 with the number of eggs so she can notify the Lingle's for supplies.

Pastor Faith then had Bible Study on Chapter 18 of the Max Lucado book, No Wonder They Call Him the Savior.

Our meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is March 4, 2008 at 7:15 at St. Peter's with Bible Study. Helen Benner has devotions.

Brenda Ream Stover
Secretary

Harry Covert's Book

Henry (AKA Harry) Covert was the guest speaker for St. Peter's Adult Sunday School group on Sunday, January 13, 2008 with 15 members attending. He introduced first his book, Ministry to the Incarcerated to tell of his experiences as both police officer and retired state prison chaplain. He shared personal stories from serving as chaplain in the prison and what he experienced as the prisoners developed personally and spiritually from his teachings.

He also shared readings from his present book, Discovering the Parables - An Inspirational Guide for Everyday Life. Harry gives clear and concise Biblical illustrations that speak to our conditions today and alerts us to the powerful teachings used by Jesus to urge us to righteous living. We are very blessed to have Harry in our midst and a joy to be able to hear him speak the words of the Lord once again.

Welcome to our Churches!

Are you new the UCC? Want to know more?
Our web page is: www.aaronsburgchargeucc.org
The national web site is: www.ucc.org or
www.iucc.org. Hear you will find information about
our history, our current issues and our dreams for
the future. You will also find a link to our interactive
on-line chapel. *Remember, no matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome
here!*

Thursday Morning Bible Study, St. Peter's UCC, 10:00 AM

This session we will be studying the book of
Matthew. Please bring your Bibles and note paper.
We always go out for lunch at an area restaurant
after the class. Friends of the Charge are always
welcome!

Thursday Evening Lectionary Bible Study, St. Peter's UCC, 7 PM

This class helps us to prepare for the Sunday
sermon as we look over the upcoming texts. Join
us, and make your Sunday worship experience
fuller as you deepen your relationships with fellow
parishioners.

March 6

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March 13

Matthew 21:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Matthew 27:11-54

March 20

No Bible Study
Maundy Thursday

March 26

Acts 2:14a. 22-32
Psalm 16
I Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Community Lenten Worship Schedule

Feb. 27	Wed.	St. John's Lutheran, Millheim
Mar. 5	Wed.	Salem Lutheran, Aaronsburg
Mar. 12	Wed.	Salem UCC, Spring Mills
Mar. 20	Thurs.	Emmanuel UMC, Rebersburg
Mar. 21	Fri.	St. John's Lutheran, Millheim

Planning Meeting for Vacation Bible School



If you would be interested in
helping with VBS this year,
please plan on attending a
planning meeting on Sunday,
April 13 at 1pm at St. John's

Lutheran Church in Millheim. We will
be meeting in the Parish House.

This year we will be "Surfin' through the
Scriptures" so we should have lots of fun. VBS will
be held Sunday, July 27 – Thursday July 31 from
6:30-8:30 p.m. Any and all help is appreciated.

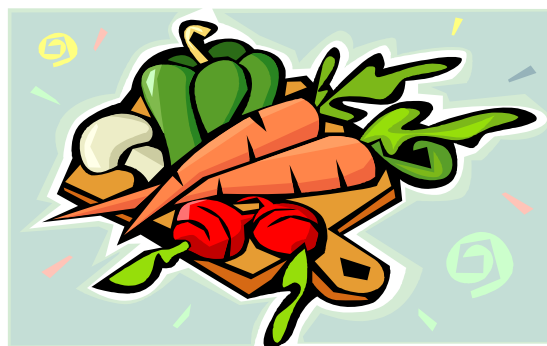
If you have any questions, please contact Pam
Royer 349-4378 or Kimmy Boller-Beebe 234-0758.

Groundwork Farms Community Supported Agriculture

Would you like to receive fresh local organic
vegetables delivered to a convenient location this
growing season? Groundwork Farms Community
Supported Agriculture provides a weekly box of
vegetables grown in the Penns Creek Watershed.
Veggies from the food store are often not locally
grown; they are trucked in from mega-farms that
rely heavily on pesticides and fossil fuels.

Supporting local agriculture is an ethical deci-
sion; it is environmentally friendly and supports our
local economy, the people who grow food independ-
ent of the industrial farms.

The meat available through Groundwork Farms
was raised humanely and without added hormones.
Dairy, egg, baked goods, herb and flower shares
are also available. For more information, see their
website: <http://www.groundworkfarms.com>





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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.

Events to Remember for March 2008:

- 2 One Great Hour of Sharing offering
- 4 Women's Guild, St. Peter's 7:15 p.m.
- 5 Community Lenten Service, Salem Lutheran Church, Aaronsburg 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Bible Study 10 a.m. & 7 p.m., St. Peter's St. Peter's Choir Rehearsal 6:15 p.m.
- 8 Church Music Day
- 9 Salem's Lenten Potluck w/Communion followed by Consistory Meeting
- 10 Ministerium, St. Peter's UCC 9:00 a.m.
- 11 Autism Support (Grandparent Group)
- 12 Community Lenten Service, Salem UCC, Spring Mills 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Bible Study 10 a.m. & 7 p.m., St. Peter's St. Peter's Choir Rehearsal 6:15 p.m.
- 15 Women's Guild Easter Eggs at Lingle's 9:00
- 16 Palm Sunday
- 19 Sunday School Teachers Mtg., St. Peter's 6:30
- 20 No Bible Study. Maundy Thursday worship at Emmanuel, Rebersburg 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Good Friday, St. John's Lutheran Millheim, 7:00
- 22 Community Easter Egg Hunt, Aaronsburg Fall Festival Grounds 2:00. Sponsored by Friends in Mission.
- 23 Happy Easter! Sunrise Service 7:30, St. Peter's Regular worship 9:30, Salem 10:45
- 30 Leadership Retreat, Trinity, Hublersburg 1:30
- 31 - April 6 Pastor Faith on vacation. Dan Warntz will be guest speaker