

The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

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Search Committee Update

As you know, we are in the process of selecting a new Pastor as of September 30, 2009. After meeting with our Conference Minister, Rev. Allen Fluent, our Search Committee has proceeded to take steps for fulfilling this process. For the month of October, we have been blessed to have Rev. Leigh Pick lead us in worship services. Working into the "Search" process, the Committee has contracted Rev. Pick to be our Interim Pastor, effective for a period of one year from November 1, 2009 to October 31, 2010. This will eliminate having a different pastor on the many Sundays. This contract can be extended, or shortened, depending on the "Call" results of the Search Committee in quest of a full-time pastor.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in our process and let us enjoy the messages that Rev. Pick will bring to us.

Thank you and God Bless!

Ken Royer

President, Joint Consistory

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 preached her last sermon for the Aaronsburg Charge on September 27. We wish her well in her new position in a church in New York.

Thank you to Lucinda Stover and her crew for the lovely fall decorations for Harvest Home on September 27. All our goodies went to Salem Hill Haven. The casserole and pie lunch after morning worship was enjoyed by 26 of us. We had five casseroles, but more than made up for it with pies - fruit, cream, custard, etc. Thank you to everyone who helped clean up.

I took a fruit basket and visited with Fred Boob after his stay in the hospital. Hope you're doing better, Fred.

Rev. Leigh Pick has been our supply minister for the month of October. Beginning November 1, she will be our interim minister while we search for a regular, full-time minister. Rev. Pick will be under contract for one year unless we find a minister before the year is up. We are still adjusting the volume on the P.A. System so that everyone can hear her.

Remember the Thanksgiving meal on November 7 at the Gregg Township Fire Hall: Adults-\$8, 5-12 yrs. - \$3.50 under 4-free. Reservations and money are due by October 27 to Bonnie DeBrasky or Helen Sweeley.

Thank you to everyone who baked donated or helped at the Women's Guild stand during Dutch Days. Women's Guild made \$365.10, which was \$33.80 more than last year.

There are still Women's Guild calendars for sale at \$6. There are some in the Narthex at Salem, just put your money in the envelope provided.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Halloween party at Salem on October 24 was cancelled. We'll try next year.

If anyone has seen the New Century Hymnals that Dean & Betty Stover bought in honor of family members, please let the family know; they would like to have them and we can't find them.

Salem's Dates to Remember:

November 1 - Hymn Selection 1:30 p.m. at St. Peter's

November 7 - Salem's Thanksgiving Meal 6:30 p.m. at Gregg Township Fire Hall.

November 20 - First Sunday of Advent. Soup & Sandwich Lunch at Salem. Santa & Treats: Peggy & Steve Swartz, Janette & Rob Jackson, Cindy & Heather Ross and Donn Fetterolf.

December 11 - Christmas in Millheim 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

As always, please remember to pray for those on our Prayer Chain and any other ones in need.

Helen Sweeley



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, Loretta Auman, Emily Boob & Family, Fred Boob, Randall Boob, Mike Braucht, Terry Bressler, Isabel Brindle, Bob Brown, John "Jack"

Brown, Kay Brown, Carol & Nelson Cook, Alex Corman, T.J. Coursen, Janie Crater, Janet Devinnay, Michael Dimock, Dr. Lillian Earle, Jean Eisenhuth, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Eric Henry Family, Benjamin Hosterman, Jonathan Huey, Pat Kelly, Jacob Kerstetter (deployed to Iraq), Dean Krape, Bob Lingle, Sr., Dave Lingle, Marcia Lingle, Makayla Luse, Fred & Betty Mensch, Sam Moore, Teenie Musser Family, Carrie Neese, David E. Neese, Loretta Neff, Robert Neill, Dixie Ort, Amanda Rachau, The Ross Family, Maxine Ross, Brenda (Barb Rossman's sister), Shirley Rossman, Warren Royer, Tyler Shawver, Doris Z. Smith, Bernice Snyder, Shirley Snyder-Birth, Frank Stapleton, Dean Stover, Evelyn Stover, Jeff Stover, Randall Stover, Randolph Swartz, Barb Tobias, Roy VanGilder, Adam Weaver Family, 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.

Our family would like to thank everyone for the food, the calls, cards and expressions of sympathy following the death of our beloved family member, Katheryn "Kate" Peese. It was quite a shock to us, but I guess God has work for in heaven.

Carrie Neese
Helen & Dave Sweeley

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at St. Peter's at 7:15 p.m. with 6 members present and Helen Sweeley providing devotions. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$333.57.



OLD BUSINESS:

Thank you notes were read from Roxie Witmer at the Outreach Center for 157 feet and 152 seat covers and the Dakota Association for the 17 pounds of children's clothing.

We have 11 calendars of 26 left to sell at the Fall Festival and in the churches for \$6.00 each.

We finalized the plans for the Fall Festival.

NEW BUSINESS:

We discussed the Christmas gift bags for Skills clients. The eight members will each buy 5 activity/fun pads, 5 boxes of crayons, and 5 coloring books for the 40 Skills clients.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 3 with Marilyn Weaver providing devotions. We will continue with the Bible Study of Chapter 27 from Max Lucado's book. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Brenda Ream Stover
Secretary



Worship Times - - - Worship Schedule for 2009

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

St. Peter's News

Pastor Faith officiated at the "Celebration of Life" service for Adam R.E. Weaver at St. Peter's on Saturday, September 26. Adam, son of Lester and Marilyn; brother of Jonathan; husband of Jessica, departed this life on September 19 at Geisinger Medical Center. We express our deepest sympathy to ALL Adam's family and friends. Thank you very much to the family for sharing all the beautiful flower arrangements with us for worship on September 27. Please continue to remember the Weaver family in your prayers.

September 27 was Pastor Faith's final worship service with the Aaronsburg Charge. She will be serving her new charge in Buffalo, New York beginning October 11.

Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Women's Guild stand at the Fall Festival on October 3. The Guild made in excess of \$300 profit from their food stand.

Rev. Leigh Pick served as our supply pastor during the month of October.

It was nice to have our former Pastor, Rev. Keith Brenner and his wife Sherry with us for worship October 4 Fall Festival Sunday.

Thank you to the committee for decorating the sanctuary so beautifully for Harvest Home Sunday, October 11. Thank you to everyone for the donated food items for the Millheim Food Bank.

On Saturday, October 10, a memorial service was held at St. Peter's for Caroline Clarke, Mother of Marilyn Weaver. Rev. Mark Collins officiated at the service followed by a luncheon in the church social room. Thank you to everyone who helped with the meal and provided the food. We express our sympathy to Marilyn and Lester, Jonathan and their families.

St. Peter's choir meets for rehearsal following Sunday morning worship until further notice.

The morning Bible Study group meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 at the home of Lesa Boone, 135 Gregg St., Spring Mills.

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

<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Monthly Greeter</u>	<u>Monthly Offering Counters</u>
1	Ginny Hosterman		Ed Kerstetter	Ginny Hosterman/Ed Kerstetter
8	Phoebe Anskis	Nicole Wolfe		
15	Ed Kerstetter	Judy & Nan		
22	Brenda Stover	Judy & Nan		
29	Hanging of the Greens	poinsettias		

Consistory Meeting Devotions November 12th: Tracy Ridenour

October 25 - Special "4 Our Churches" Offering.

Dates to Remember:

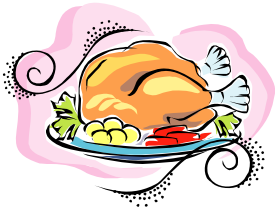
- 1 - Hymn Selection - St. Peter's 1:30 p.m.
- 3 - Autism Support Group - St. Peter's 7:00 p.m.
- Women's Guild 7:15 at St. Peter's
- 7 - Thanksgiving Meal with Salem at Gregg Township Fire Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 12 - Budget meeting 6:00 at Ginny Hosterman's home (officers only) following by St. Peter's Consistory at the church - 7:00 p.m.
- 29 - "Hanging of the Greens" - 1st Sunday of Advent

The Search Committee is pleased to announce Rev. Leigh Pick has been hired to serve as Interim Pastor of the Aaronsburg Charge for a 12 month period beginning November 1. WELCOME Pastor Leigh!!!

Please keep our shut-ins in your prayers especially the Weaver family - also, our former Pastor, Rev. Faith McCausland, our current Interim Pastor, Rev. Leigh Pick during this transition period.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving

-Lori Corman



SALEM'S THANKSGIVING MEAL

Salem cordially invites St. Peter's to join us once again for our Thanksgiving Meal on November 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Gregg Township Fire Hall. It will be a ham and turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

The price is: Adults - \$8, Children 5 to 12 - \$3.50, and 4 and under - Free.

Please make reservations with Bonnie DeBrasky or Helen Sweeley. Deadline for reservations and money is October 27.

Members of Northern Association, Family and Friends,

The Northern Association cabin at Hartman Center needs to have a handicap accessible bathroom. We are short of funds. Please consider helping in this effort.

The Executive Committee of Northern Association met on Monday, October 19 and voted to proceed with the construction of the handicap accessible bathroom of the Hartman Center, Northern Association Cabin #23. If you have already donated, we thank you. Donations can be made to:

Hartman Center for Northern Association Cabin #23.

Checks can be mailed to:

Hartman Center
Northern Association Cabin #23
5725 Old US Hwy 322
Milroy, PA 17063

Any questions: Pat Long and Renee Owens are our local representatives or contact Janie Shook at 349-5567 or email : leshook@uplink.net.

ANNUAL NORTHERN ASSOCIATION

10 DAYS FOR PEACE SERVICE

Sunday November 8, 2009 - 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. John's UCC in Boalsburg

THEME: "OVERCOMING WALLS"

SPEAKER: Rev. Fred Wenner

Rev. Wenner is a retired UCC pastor who has provided instrumental leadership in a number of peace and justice ministries. He was a student in Germany when the Berlin Wall was built, and he was in Germany during the weeks before and after the Fall of the Berlin Wall.

A Free will offering will be used towards making the Northern Association's Cabin #23 at Hartman Center handicap accessible. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Join us in "Overcoming Walls" - 20 Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall.