

The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

The Charge

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The Pastor Writes . . .

"On All Saints' Day, it is not just the saints of the church that we should remember in our prayers, but all the foolish ones and wise ones, the shy

ones and overbearing ones, the broken ones and the whole ones, the despots and tosspots and crackpots of our lives who, one way or another, have been our particular fathers and mothers and saints, and whom we loved without knowing we loved them and by whom we were helped to whatever little we may have, or ever hope to have, of some kind of seedy sainthood of our own."

- Frederick Buechner, The Sacred Journey

On this All Saints Sunday, we will be remembering those that have gone on before us: members and friends of the churches as well as some famous folks who have pointed the way to deeper spirituality, justice, peace, mercy, and courage. I encourage you to take time this month to reflect on all those that have affected your life and are now gone from this material world. Let us give thanks to God, for all those that have pointed the way, and helped us to attain "some kind of seedy sainthood of our own."

See you Sunday!

*Grace and Peace,
Rev. Faith*



Youth and Adult Sunday School at Children's Sunday School at St. Peter's - 9:45 a.m.

Each lesson is self-contained, which means if you have not yet joined us, you won't feel "lost"; it's easy to start at any point. So come on, join us in learning about our UCC global ministries.

Discovery Classes - designed for those who are seeking to become members of the church. If you have been attending but have not yet joined, please consider coming to these discussions and let's talk! If you are new to the UCC or new to the commun-

ity, this is a way to learn more about us and to be connected. See Rev. Faith McCausland for dates, times and location.



Children's Sunday school at St. Peter's-9:45 am

Did you see the crosses on the window sills at St. Peter's? Each child has received a cross (Thanks to Chip Wolfe!) with a footprint on it that reads: "I want to follow Jesus". On All Saints Sunday, the children processed them in and placed them in the windows. Each time a child joins the church they will receive a cross to place in the window. When the child is confirmed, they will take their cross home to make room for new crosses (from new children joining). We hope you enjoy this new tradition and watching our children's attendance and faith commitment grow.

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Joint Consistory Highlights

Joint Consistory met at Salem on October 23, 2007. The minutes from the last meeting stood approved as read and the treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Highlights of the evening's meeting were:

- Corby Fetterolf will be contacted to remove some dead limbs and to do some correctional pruning on the three trees at the parsonage.
- A committee has been organized to design the pictorial directory.
- Hanging of the Greens service will be Dec. 2
- Christmas in Millheim will be December 14, from 6 - 8 pm. Several people are working on different aspects of that evening. Costumes will be given out at St. Peter's on December 8 at 9:00 am. Don't forget to sign up, when the sheets are passed around, to take part in the festivities.
- Longest Night service will be December 21st at 7 pm at St. Peter's
- Installation of Consistory members will be January 6, 2008 along with transfer of new members.
- Ash Wednesday begins Lent on Feb. 6, 2008.
- A supply pastor will be needed for December 30 for Pastor Faith's last week of vacation.
- The next meeting of the Pastoral Relations committee will be January 14, 2008 at the parsonage at 7 pm.
- The Proposed Budget for 2008 was approved.
- A committee will be looking into better policies of insurance for the parsonage, Pastor Faith, Salem and St. Peter's.
- St. John's was excused from their monetary obligations to Joint Consistory for the last three months of the year.
- Pastor Faith's pension was to begin October 16, 2007.
- Permission was given to Pastor Faith to have Dave Edwards get a new answering machine for the parsonage. Please use Pastor Faith's cell phone number for now 571-6681.
- The Youth will be baking Christmas cookies for the Carlisle Truck Stop.
- Pastor Faith attended the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder workshop and one of the same will be presented in February at Northern Association's workshops with Pastor Faith as a leader.
- Pastor Faith is still looking for a volunteer or two to read "I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church" with her.
- Pastor Faith will be checking with Pastor Paula Burns at Hublersburg to schedule a church leaders retreat for January, 2008.

- The revised Constitution and Bylaws for the Aaronsburg Charge of the United Church of Christ was fine tuned and accepted with a few minor corrections. This needed to be done to change the Charge from three to two churches.

Year end committees are:

Audit - Marilyn Weaver, chr., Bob Corman, Wendell Royer

Nominating - John Devinney, chr., Frances Byers, Ginny Hosterman. Nominations need to be announced the two weeks prior to the January meeting.

Gratuity - Kay Brown, chr., Gary Auman, Orvil Hosterman

The next meeting will be January 22, 2008 at St. Peter's. The Joint Spiritual Life committee will meet at 7 pm and Joint Consistory will be 7:30 pm.

Refreshments were served following the meeting.

*Helen Sweeley
Acting Secretary*

Salem's Happenings

A special congregational meeting was held on October 7 to discuss Salem's financial status (special note elsewhere in newsletter) and amendments to the Bylaws. The Bylaws were accepted with the following sentences added: Bylaws: Article 1. Elders and deacons, paragraph 1 - "A waiver consideration will be granted to a Consistory member who transfers membership within the Charge and has served 1 full term." and Bylaws: Article 1. Elders and Deacons, paragraph 2. "A waiver consideration will be granted to a consistory member who transfers membership within the Charge and has served 1 full term." These amendments were made due to St. John's closing. This will allow their Consistory members to run for Consistory at Salem and St. Peter's.

Nominating Committee for Consistory members is John Devinney and Bob Corman. Terms expiring are: Elders - John Devinney and Cindy Ross, Deacons - Bob Corman and Helen Sweeley. Nominations need to be read from the pulpit November 18 and 25. The Annual Congregational meeting will be held December 2 following morning worship.

Michelle Houtz has been taking orders for poinsettias this year through a fundraiser for Jordin. A six inch pot with red poinsettia is \$8.00. Deadline for orders and money is November 4 - so if you missed it, give Michelle a call and maybe she can still turn in your order. Thank you to everyone in advance for your orders.

First Sunday of Advent is December 2 and the Hanging of the Greens service. Following morning worship, we will hold the annual Congregational

meeting, Family Fellowship meeting and have our "Soup & Sandwich" lunch. The committee for the program which included Santa and treats is: Donn & Elva Fetterolf, Rick & Cindy Ross, and Steve & Peggy Swartz.

Look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex in the next couple of weeks for 2008's Greeters, Janitors, and Flowers.

January 6 will be the Sunday for Consistory members to be installed and we will receive our new members: Donald & Virginia Boob, Fred & Karen Boob, Frances Byers, Jean Frankenberger, Michelle Mapstone, Faith McCausland, C. Wendell Royer, and Ken & Lois Royer.

Dates to Remember:

- November 9: Salem Budget Mtg. 7:00 at church
Officers only
- November 10: Thanksgiving Meal at the Gregg
Township Fire Hall 6:30 PM
- November 11: Salem Consistory 8:30 a.m.
- December 2: Salem Annual Congregational Mtg.
Following worship. Family Fellowship
meeting, Soup & Sandwich.

If you know of anyone needing help to winterize their home, try to give them a hand, especially the elderly. As always, pray for those on the Prayer Chain and anyone else you may know that is in distress.

Helen Sweeley

Salem's Special Offering - November 18th

Due to lack of funds, Salem Consistory made the decision on September 17 to cash in a General Account CD to pay the apportionment to Joint Consistory for August and September. This was a hard decision to make, but had to be done to bring our expenses up to date. We cannot keep using our savings to meet our monthly expenses or we will be in trouble.

A special Congregational meeting was held on October 7 to discuss Salem's financial status. At this meeting, it was voted to hold a special offering on Sunday, November 18 to help with the church's expenses. This special offering is over and above your regular weekly offering.

Please keep the future of Salem church in your prayers and give from your heart to this special offering.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,
Salem UCC Consistory

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Salem UCC, 10:30 AM

We will study *That the World May Know*. This unique series will bring God's Word to life with relevance. "By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious and geographical contexts, host Ray Vander Laan reveals keen insight into the scriptures significance to modern believers." If you are new to the Christian faith, this will help bring new lessons and understandings to life. If you are a long-time faithful member, you will be refreshed by new insights. This year Lesa (Fetterolf) Boone will be co-leading the class with Rev. Faith. Join us and bring a friend/neighbor as we journey together!

Following the class, we then go out together for lunch at an area restaurant for some good food, conversation and fun!

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

This class follows the common lectionary used by all mainstream Protestant and Catholic faiths. The word "lectionary" means "the work of the people". As we read over the upcoming scriptures for Sunday worship, we, as God's people, enter into this holy journey. Come join us as we open the scriptures more deeply. Why not invite a friend or neighbor? (Bring your Bible - if you do not have one, we have Bibles at the church you may use.)

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, October 2 at St. Peter's at 7:15 pm with seven members present. We had a nice surprise as April Miller shared her personal experiences from her Ecuador mission trip. She had a very God-filled, inspiring experience. Janie Shook then opened with devotions. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$735.53 and accepted. This includes our profit from Fall Festival of \$290.63.

Old Business

All 2008 calendars have been sold. A reminder to all that we need the items for the Skills Christmas bags by next meeting. We will be filling 40 bags for the Adult Skills Daycare class. We also will give \$80 to the working Skills members for a pizza party in October. Tracy will deliver all to the groups.

New Business

Pastor Faith shared many upcoming events with the group. There will be an Advocacy for



Autism session on November 13 at St. Peter's at 7:00 p.m. This is open to the public and Darice and Don Hampton will be presenting valuable information concerning autism.

On Wednesday, December 5, there will be a bus trip to "The Christmas Story" at Sight and Sound in Lancaster. The bus departs at 7:00 am and cost is \$92.

We will also be making turbans for the local cancer facilities at the November meeting -- bring scissors and pins so you can be nimble and quick. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 6, 2007 at St. Peter's at 7:15 pm and Brenda Stover has devotions.

*Brenda Ream Stover
Secretary.*

St. Peter's News

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the "Neighbors in Need" offering on October 7.

The "Blessing of the Animals" service was held outdoors at St. Peter's on Saturday afternoon, October 13. Janie Shook delivered the donated pet food and cash donations to our local SPCA. Thank you, Janie!

Marlin Snyder passed away on Monday, October 8. Following his memorial service at Heintzelman Funeral Home Sunday, October 14, a meal was served at St. Peter's to family and friends. Thank you to everyone who provided food and served or cleaned up afterward. A special thank you to Frank & Fay Stapleton for preparing the meal - "Thank you Fay & Frank"! Our sympathy to the Snyder family.

On Sunday, October 21, we welcomed Duane and Candace Lowe into the membership of St. Peter's by profession of faith. Pastor Faith and members of the congregation presented a "Welcome Basket" to Duane & Candace. Welcome to our church "family" Candace & Duane.

Thank you to St. Peter's members for their generous donation of \$677 to the Millheim Fire Co.!

On October 28, a special offering was taken to cover the deductible on our insurance claim for the fire damage. Thank you everyone! (The amount collected was \$635.)

Roy Hart will be observing his birthday on November 28. Cards can be sent to him at the following address:

Roy Hart
Riverwoods Room 210
3201 River Road
Lewisburg, PA 17837

The beautiful flowers on the communion table October 28, were given by Richard Pryor in memory of his Mother-in-Law, Polly Ream. The lovely potted mums on the altar were placed by Phoebe Anskis in remembrance of her father Sam Stover's birthday (92nd).

Thank you so very much to Rich Confer, Ed Kerstetter, and Hank Kerstetter for installing a new pole with our dusk-to-dawn light in the parking lot. (This light was given in memory of Glenn Bressler and needed to be replaced after the fire.)

St. Peter's Family Fellowship will host a Thanksgiving meal following worship on November 18. We will be having turkey and all the trimmings. Please join us for good food and fellowship!

November Calendar Worship – 10:45

<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
4	Brenda Stover	Tracy Ridenour
11	Bonnie DeBrasky	David Edwards
18	David Edwards	Nicole Wolfe
25	Bill Miles	Brenda Stover

Greeter: Ed Kerstetter

Offering Counters: Ginny Hosterman & Ed Kerstetter

Consistory Meeting Devotions: Bonnie DeBrasky

November Dates to Remember:

- 6 Women's Guild – 7:15 p.m.
- 12 St. Peter's Consistory 7:00 at the church
- 13 Autism Support Group – 7:00 p.m
- 18 Family fellowship Turkey meal following worship

December

- 2 Hanging of the Greens and Soup & Sandwich luncheon.

Helen Hazel is now a resident of Centre Crest in Bellefonte. Please keep Helen and ALL of our shut-ins in your prayers.

*The front door to the church is now open on Saturdays.

Lori Corman

Community News

The Madisonburg Senior Center is offering free flu shots at the Madisonburg Community Center on November 5. Please call to set up your appointment.

If you have news that would be of interest to the church community, please email to Pastor Faith at aaaronsburgcharge@verizon.net or to the church secretary, Jackie, at jshawver@pennsvalley.org Alternatively, you may drop a note in the milk box (small white metal box) on the front porch of the parsonage.

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, Marion Warntz.

Hurricanes Katrina & Rita Victims, Helen Allison, Dorothy Alters, Mike Auman, Randall Boob, Ashley Braucht, Mike Braucht, Terry Bressler, John "Jack" Brown, Kay Brown, Alex Corman, T.J. & Logan Coursen, Robbi Davis, Gerald Fetterolf, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Benjamin Hosterman, Jim Huey, Jenny Keen, Pat Kelly, Dean Krape, Liz Krout, Bob Lingle, Sr., Dave Lingle, Marcia Lingle, Fred & Betty Mensch, Carrie Neese, David E. Neese, Donna Neideigh, Linda 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, Roy VanGilder, Lester Weaver, and Feryl Winter.

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.



Worship Times Schedule for fall 2007

<u>Month</u>	<u>Salem</u>	<u>St. Peter's</u>
November	9:30 am	10:45 am
December*+	9:30 am	10:45 am

St. Peter's Sunday School is at 9:30 am

* indicates a month, which has a COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE, where all churches worship as one:

+Communion at both churches (Dec. 2 & 24.)

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.

In December the Christmas Eve worship service (evening) is held at St. Peter's at 7 p.m.

For more information, please call **349-5094** or email aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net

Welcome to our Churches!

Salem (in Spring Mills), and St. Peter's (in Aaronsburg) are two UCC churches that worship independently from one another. Recently, St. John's UCC closed and now worships at either Salem or St. Peter's.

However, the two come together as one (which we call the "Aaronsburg Charge") for various groups and activities (i.e. Women's Guild, Youth Group, etc., joint worship services throughout the year, and Christmas Eve candlelight service), and we even share in a "joint budget" (as well as our own individual budgets).

When you become a member, you join the church where you are most comfortable worshipping. You are then a member of that church as well as the Aaronsburg Charge.

Our churches are part of the Northern Association of the Penn Central Conference (located in Harrisburg).

How do I become a member?

*See the pastor - Rev. Faith McCausland, 349-5094 or email at aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net. She will be happy to tell you about our Discovery Classes (4 sessions).

What does it mean to be a member?

*It means that you are part of the church with all its joys and responsibilities. When you become a member, you promise to seek to know God more fully, attend regularly, and support the church and its outreach (with your time, your talents, and your monetary resources). After one year, you are eligible to serve on the Consistory (the decision making body of the church). You have a vote in church decisions.

You do not need to be a member to sing in the choir, attend Bible study or to participate in any of the other activities of the church.

What is the United Church of Christ all about?

Are you new to the UCC? Want to know more? Check out our national web site at: www.ucc.org or www.iucc.org

Here 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.

This is a brief summary just to get you started in thinking about becoming a member. So, if you are thinking of joining with others on the journey of life, with God as our guide; if you are looking for a place where your questions are honored, and your soul can be nurtured, then walk with us.

Remember, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

Shut-in, Nursing Home & Health Care Folks

Randall Stover
PO Box 153
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Mr. & Mrs. Guy Zerby
4412 Penns Valley Road
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Marion Warntz/Eugene Warntz
Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village
889 Fairground Road
Lewisburg, PA 17837-1299

Helen Hazel
PO Box 126
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick Mensch
PO Box 381
Millheim, PA 16854

Alice Sweeley
PO Box 38
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Mildred Wingard
377 Paradise Rd.
PO Box 46
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Mrs. Ellen Huey
168 Long St.
PO Box 289
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Pauline Crader
50 N 3rd St., Apt. 415
Lewisburg, PA 17837

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Riverwoods Room 210
3201 River Road
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Gladys Hartley
242 Heckman Cemetery Rd.
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Bob Lingle
410 Tattletown Road
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Hazel Warntz
167 Cemetery Rd.
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Tom Hazel
120 E. Beaver Ave., Apt 709
State College, PA 16801

***Please give additions, changes or corrections
to Pastor Faith or Jackie. Thank you.***

Sunday, November 4 - 3:00 p.m.

All Saint's Festival:

***From our Churches
4 Our Churches***

***The UCC 50th Anniversary Year
Celebration Finale!***

The Scottish Rite Cathedral
2701 N. 3rd St., Harrisburg

*Featuring various talents of our members
and our churches.*

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