

The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

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The Pastor Writes:



What does the pastor all week? I wonder whether you ask yourself that from time to time; so I thought that this month I would give you a glimpse into my life as your pastor. (I can't really give you a "typical" week, as it seems no two weeks, much less days, are the same!)

Mondays are usually reserved for office work: writing the bulletin, reviewing various calls to worship, confessions, etc. (the bones of the worship). I am VERY grateful for the Hymn selection committee's help! I first look over the scripture passage for the upcoming Sunday and begin the weeklong process of writing the sermon. This is also a time of phone calls, photocopying, filing and writing. Every morning begins with answering emails. Northern Association Ministerium (which I chair) is held on the second Monday of the month, usually. In October, we are reading the book, Why Jesus Makes Me Nervous, for discussion; in November we have invited Scott Watts from Bethany to speak; in Dec., we will bid farewell to our dear colleague and friend, the Rev. Paula Curtis-Burn as she retires, and in January, and we hope to hear from our Conference Minister. Sometimes there is a consistory meeting on Monday evenings.

Tuesdays are spent preparing for the various groups of the church and community—Women's Guild, Grandparent Support Group for Autistic Grandchildren, Penns Valley Women's Group (of which I am one of the auditor this year). This is a part of my ordination vows to be active in the community in which I minister.

Wednesday is visitation day, if it suits members and friends of the church. I take communion on each visit so that I can offer this as desired. Sermon preparation continues with a day of study and research, in addition to preparing for the Bible study classes that take place the next day. (I also print the bulletin and children's bulletin for Jackie to copy, so if you have anything to add, please get it to me by 4 p.m. Wed.)

Thursday is teaching day. Currently, Bible study in the morning is a curriculum I am developing on "Our Jewish Heritage" which will conclude with a field trip to the Synagogue in State College. In the evening, we study the lectionary texts together.

Friday is usually my day off. However, weddings are likely to have rehearsals on Fridays, and of course, emergencies can happen at any time.

Saturday, I write the final draft of the sermon. This is a difficult evening for me to join you for events—I ready myself with prayer and reflection in the evening and try to turn in early.

Sunday, of course, is worship and occasionally is followed by consistory meetings, or other events of the church. I try to leave Sunday evening for family, when possible.

In addition, I chair the Northern Association Ministries Planning Committee (which plans and puts on such events as the Ten Days for Peace, Fall Workshops and the Leadership Banquet). I teach/lead Grandparent Camp at Hartman Center in the summer, attend seminars for continuing ed. credits, teach Bible study two months a year for the Madisonburg Senior Center, lead worship occasionally at Salem Hill Haven, attend Women in Rural Ministry gatherings every other month, write for the newsletter, and plan special worship services (longest night, blessing of the animals, etc.) In addition, I offer spiritual counseling/direction.

I give thanks for the opportunity to serve you and pray that I do this with grace, patience, and a sense of joy.

See you Sunday!

Grace and Peace

Rev. Faith

St. Peter's News

Congratulations to Glenda Dobson on the birth of her great-grandson, Emmett Lewis on Sunday, August 3. Congratulations "Grammy Glenda"!

Rev. Joe Krabill was our guest pastor on August 31 while Pastor Faith was enjoying a week of vacation. It's always nice to have Pastor Krabill fill our pulpit.

The mums on the altar September 7 were placed by Dixie Ort in memory of her husband, Charlie.

The Family Fellowship had a "worker bees" pot luck luncheon following worship on Sunday, September 14. Thank you to everyone for the delicious food (a nice variety) and to all those who set up and cleaned up after the meal.

Pastor Faith offered a blessing to our Sunday school children and their teachers (Pam, Bonnie & Nicole) during worship on September 21. God's Blessing to all of them!

October Calendar

Worship – 9:30

Sunday School - 10:45

<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Monthly Greeter</u>	<u>Monthly Offering Counters</u>
5	Phoebe Anskis		Terry Bressler	Lori Corman & Linda Musser
12	Ed Kerstetter	Orvil & Mary Hosterman		
19	Brenda Stover			
26	Bonnie DeBrasky	Phoebe Anskis		

Consistory Devotions: Frank Stapleton

Communion Ushers (October 5): Ed Kerstetter, Lori Corman, Bonnie DeBrasky, Brenda Stover

October Dates to Remember:

- 4 Haines Township Fall Festival - stop by the Women's Guild Stand at the church for a variety of goods.
- 5 "Neighbors In Need" special offering. Haines Township Fall Festival. **WE WILL WORSHIP AT ST. PETER'S**
- 7 Women's Guild at St. Peter's - 7:15.
- 12 St. Peter's Consistory - 11:30 a.m.
- 14 Autism Support Group, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 "Blessing of the Animals" service at St. Peter's - 11:00 a.m. Friends With a Mission Hayride - 5:00 p.m.
- 19 Leadership Retreat at Hartman Center 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Spiritual Life Committee 7:00 followed by Joint Consistory at Salem - 7:30
- 26 Hymn selection at St. Peter's - 1:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Nathan Royer - our Penns Valley "Athlete of the Week" in September.

Welcome Back! To St. Peter's Choir who began singing on September 21. We look forward to hearing their beautiful music, once again.

-Lori Corman

BOYS' ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

(Centre Daily Times September 17, 2008)

Nathan Royer - Penns Valley

Nathan made 18 saves last Monday in one of the biggest wins in boys' soccer program history, a 1-0 victory against Central Mountain. The Class A Rams had never before beaten the Class AAA Wildcats.

About Nathan:

Favorite Food: Tacos

Favorite movie: Never Back Down

Favorite actress: Rita Wilson

Favorite actor: Will Smith

Career aspirations: Marine biologist

Favorite Restaurant: Roadhouse

Last song downloaded: No Matter Why, by T.I.

Favorite book: Boy, by Roald Dahl

Favorite athletes: Derek Jeter

Favorite TV show: Monk

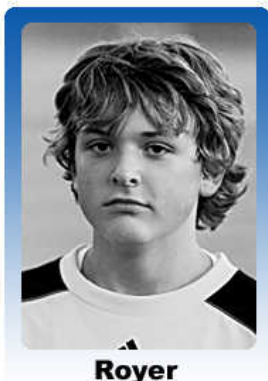
Favorite place to shop: The Mall

Place I'd like to visit: Italy

Hobbies: Soccer

Person in history I'd like to meet and why: Abraham Lincoln, just to see how

he dealt with everything during Civil War time.



Royer

ORGANIST WANTED

Salem United Church of Christ is looking for a church organist. Pastor Faith McCausland is our minister. We have 50 members at the present time. Worship times rotate every four months - September - December is 10:45 a.m., January - April is 9:30 a.m. and so on. You would be responsible for playing prelude, offertory, hymns, some responses through the service and postlude. There could be times when you would be needed for extra services, (funerals, lent service, etc.) We offer \$47 per service. If you are interested, please call to arrange a meeting - Janie Shook, 349-5567 or Dave & Helen Sweeley, 422-8996.

Thank you.

Leadership Retreat

To: All members of Consistory, Sunday school teachers, music teachers, and small group ministry leaders.

What: A time to envision who we are and where we are headed—charting the course.

Where: Hartman Center (our camp) in Milroy

When: October 19th from 1pm - 6pm

Who: Rev. Faith will guide us through the process of visioning as we engage in charting the course together.

Things to bring: A willing, fun spirit, comfy chair, paper and pen, and Bible. We will close with a potluck meal at 5:30. A flyer with more details as well as a sign up sheet will be distributed in church.



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. Coursen, Jody Covalt, Janie Crater, Robbi Davis, Michael Dimock, Dr. Lillian Earle, 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, Fred & Betty Mensch, Teenie Musser, Carrie Neese, David E. Neese, Robert Neill, Dixie Ort, Amanda Rachau, Judy Ripka, Dean & Jean Rishel, The Ross Family, Brenda (Barb Rossman's sister), Shirley Rossman, Warren Royer, Doris Z. Smith, Bernice Snyder, Shirley Snyder-Birth, Frank Stapleton, Barb Stover, Evelyn Stover, Randall Stover, Roy VanGilder, Lester & Marilyn 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.



Friends with a Mission First-Ever Hayride

Friends with a Mission would like to invite one and all to a hayride and potluck
Saturday, October 18 at 5p.m.

We will meet at St. Peter's and leave for the hayride at 5:30p.m. After the ride
we will return to St. Peter's for potluck and fellowship. Hot dogs will be provided
by Friends with a Mission.

There will be a craft for the kids.

Come rain or shine if we can't go on a ride, we will enjoy food and friends.

Please RSVP to Barb & Ed Kerstetter by October 11.

Don't forget your blankets and warm clothes!



Morning Bible Study, Thursdays at 10 am at St. Peter's (Joint study group)

This semester we will be studying "Our Jewish Heritage". Please bring your Bible, (if you do not have one, we are happy to give one to you), paper and pen. Following the class, we usually go to lunch at an area restaurant. Everyone is invited!

Lectionary Bible study, Thursdays at 7 pm, at St. Peter's (Following choir rehearsal -Joint study group: for Salem and St. Peter's and friends.)

Oct. 2	Exodus 17: 1-7; Psalm 78	"God's Sustaining Presence"
Oct. 9	Philippians 4:1-9, Matt. 22: 1-14	"Praiseworthy Living"
Oct. 16	I Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matthew 22: 15-22	"Living Messages"
Oct. 23	Matthew 22: 34-46, I Thessalonians 2: 1-8	"The Compassionate Life"



Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, September 2, 2008, at St. Peter's at 7:15 p.m. with 8 members present. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer reported a balance of \$399.72.

OLD BUSINESS:

Thank you was read from the following from Penn Central Conference for the Dakota school bags. The calendars have arrived and are available in each church for \$6 each.

It was reported that 123 pairs of feet covers and 176 seat covers for the children of Millheim Outreach Center were collected and delivered.

Planning for the Fall Festival was then done as follows: 16 oz water—Brenda & Janet; coffee—Marilyn; hot chocolate, milk, tables—Janie; juice boxes—Tracy; ice and stickers—Helen; sugar packets—Faith.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brenda sewed 8 turbans and Janie will deliver these to Lewisburg Cancer Center.

Janie made a motion that we donate \$80 towards a pizza party for the working Skills members for October.

Tracy made a motion and Brenda seconded to make health kits for Church World Service. We will be passing out the list of items needed for the health kits and asking church members to complete an entire kit and seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. The health kits will be collected until the end of November.

The missionaries from Germany will be staying with the minister from September 30 until around October 2. They will be giving a presentation on Tuesday, September 30 at St. Peter's at 7 pm. Light refreshments will follow. All members of the charge/community are invited.

Faith then conducted Bible Study of Chapter 21, "No Wonder They Call Him the Savior" by Max Lucado.

The next meeting will be October 7, 2008, at 7 pm with Brenda Stover providing devotions. We will be planning and finalizing for Christmas gift bags for Skills clients as well as having Bible Study on Chapter 22.

Brenda Ream Stover
Secretary

THANKSGIVING MEAL! THANKSGIVING MEAL!

I know some have been asking about this. Salem's Thanksgiving Meal will be at the Gregg Township Fire Hall on November 8 at 6:30 p.m. St. Peter's congregation is cordially invited to join us. Bonnie DeBrasky has most graciously agreed to take the reservations and collect the money at St. Peter's and I will do the same at Salem. The meal will be ham and turkey with all the trimmings.

Price: Adults - \$7.50, 5 to 12 year olds - \$3.00, and under 5 - Free.

Reservations and money are due by October 26 so the ladies know how much food to make.

Thank you,
Helen Sweeley

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS are small packages of supplies assembled by volunteers and shipped to people in need around the world.

CWS provides **School Kits**, **Health Kits**, **Baby Kits**, and **Emergency Clean-up Buckets**. The contents of each Kit have been selected with care based on years of experience to make them as useful as possible, wherever and whenever they are sent.

Kits may be sent to Church World Service all year. Your continuing support of this program is very important and helps to ensure Kits are available for immediate response after a disaster in another part of the world or here in the U.S. Thank you for giving from the heart

Women's Guild is asking for your support in helping to provide the Church World Service with health kits until the end of November.

Health Kits— In the face of natural disasters, violence, or grinding poverty, Health kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. Help support the work of the Church World Service.

To assemble a Health Kit you will need:

One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)

One washcloth

One comb

One metal nail file or nail clipper with file

One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

One toothbrush (in original packaging)

One tube of toothpaste (4-7 oz)

Six Band-Aids®

Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit which may be included in each plastic bag.



Worship Times - - - Worship Schedule for 2008

September 2008 - December 2008

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 aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net

Neighbors in Need—Another World is Possible, offering on Sunday, Oct. 5.

(One of the 5 for 5 offerings)

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously. And remember, contributions to NiN can be made on-line at any time at:

www.ucc.org/nin Thank you for supporting Neighbors in Need!

Salem Happenings

Salem's Mission Statement: Our mission goal is to service the community in a Christian way, to love one and to worship God together seeking truth, justice and peace.

Many thanks to Rev. Joe Krabill for supplying the pulpits on August 31 while Pastor Faith was on vacation. Rev. Krabill always does a great job and we enjoy his leadership for morning worship.

Our "Community Night" at Hoss's was a success. We earned \$91.14 plus \$15 was turned in as donations for a total of \$106.14 for "4 Our Churches" campaign. Thank you to everyone who went and ate - it was a hard job, but somebody had to do it. We will be going this again in December, so watch for more information in the next newsletter.

Mandy Grove and Scott Confer were married on Brush Mountain in a Cinderella wedding on September 13. Mandy and Scott have been attending Salem along with Mandy's niece, Amanda. Congratulations to the happy couple and best wishes for a very long and loving marriage. Pastor Faith performed the ceremony.

On September 14, we had guests from Germany with us for morning worship. Rev. Joe and Terri Krabill hosted a married couple and Rev. Marge Holland hosted a mother and daughter. The guests were part of the German band that played at the Fairgrounds that Saturday evening. We also had one of the guys working on the gas line visit us for the morning. He was from Louisiana and our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family due to the hurricanes.

After a very long summer, Consistory met on September 21 following morning worship. Thank you to everyone who stayed way past lunchtime. First and foremost, the treasurer had to transfer \$700 from savings to checking in August to pay the monthly bills and at this time, another transfer from savings to checking will have to be done to meet September's bills. The way it looks, I guess we all need to dig a little deeper if we can.

Marcia Lingle and Jackie Decker have been put on the Inactive List beginning January 1, 2009. Pastor Faith will be transferring to St. Peter's for 2009, leaving Salem with a total of 47 members for Joint Budget.

At this time, we have no leads on an organist. If you know of anyone even willing to play the organ part-time, please let Jane or the Sweeleys know.

It was decided to change our insurance coverage to Frost & Conn, saving us quite a bit of money for the year. It will be one policy sent to the Aaronsburg Charge with 3 entities - St. Peter's church & cemetery; Salem's church & cemetery; and the Parsonage along with liability. This way we aren't paying for anything twice.

The UCC will have a new commercial on CNN running from September 29 through October 12 if you wish to tune in and see what they have to say.

If Gary Auman gives you a call to help do some work at the church, please consider saying yes. The ramp still needs to be repaired and carpeted. At this time, the outside window painting will be put on hold until early spring. A load of stones will come for the parking lot and some work needs to be done there.

Nominating committee for the new Consistory members is Gary Auman and Don Hampton. Terms expire for Gary Auman and Dean Stover as Elders and Donna Auman and Don Hampton as Deacons. If you are asked to run as a candidate, please consider giving it a try.

The church received a check from Steve Rula for \$500 once again this year for cemetery upkeep. The \$500 was turned over to the Cemetery Association. Ever since Mr. Rula visited our cemetery sever years ago and was impressed with the way the cemetery looks, he has been sending a donation to help with the upkeep. Both the cemetery and the church are grateful to Mr. Rula for his continued support.

Salem has pledged \$2,500 to the "4 Our Churches" campaign over the next five (5) years which breaks down to \$500 per year. We already have the first \$106.14 for the first year. If you have any ideas on fundraisers for this campaign, please let Dave Sweeley know since he is Salem's liaison.

Three things to remember for Women's Guild:

1. They are collecting Health Kits for Church World Service, now thru November for flood victims. There lists of items needed in the Narthex - just pull off a copy, take long shopping and return the completed kit to the box in the Narthex.
2. They are selling their beautiful calendars again for \$6.00. They are in the Narthex.
3. They will be holding their baked goods table at the Dutch Fall Festival on Saturday, October 4 and sure would appreciate anything you can make and donate to sell. Thank you in advance!

Stewardship cards to tithe your time and talent will be in the bulletins on October 19 to be returned by November 9. If you wish to donate your time and/or talents, please fill out the card and turn it back in.

Examples: Lay Reader, Sunday School Teacher, etc.

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Dates to Remember:

- September 28 - Harvest Home, if you didn't bring anything, bring it October 5.
- October 4 - Hartman Center Fall Festival
- October 4&5 - Haines Township Dutch Fall Festival
- October 5 - World Wide Communion
- October 18 - Blessing of the Animals 10 a.m. in front of St. Peter's. Donations of pet food will be collected for the S.P.C.A.
- October 19 - Church Leaders' Retreat, Hartman Center 1 - 6 p.m.
- October 20 - Joint Spiritual Life Committee meeting 7 p.m.
- Joint Consistory 7:30 p.m. both at Salem
- October 26 - Hymn Selection at St. Peter's 1:30 p.m.
- November 8 - Thanksgiving Meal at Gregg Township Fire Hall 6:30 p.m. RESERVATIONS & MONEY DUE OCTOBER 26!
- November 9 - Salem Budget meeting 9:45 a.m. - just the officers.
- Ten Days for Peace service, St. John's UCC, Boalsburg 3 p.m.

Hope you all had a great summer, it is now time to enjoy the beautiful colors, sounds and temperatures of Autumn. Please keep those in need of prayers in your prayers and give a helping hand if you can, maybe even just a visit and hug will do.

Helen Sweeley



Our Homebound, Nursing Home or Health Care Residents:

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Gladys Hartley
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Spring Mills, PA 16875

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State College, PA 16801

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Spring Mills, PA 16875

Mr. & Mrs. Fredrick Mensch
PO Box 381
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PO Box 46
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Hazel Warntz
167 Cemetery Road
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Mr. & Mrs. Guy Zerby
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Spring Mills, PA 16875

(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.