

# The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

The  
Charge

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## **The Pastor Writes . . .**

October 10-16 is Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week in the UCC. During this time, we recognize the gift of healing in all its forms. We also celebrate the gifts of all God's people. Because there is so much to learn and to celebrate, our churches will be expanding this to the entire month of October.

Our annual Blessing of the Animals is on October 13, 2007 at 2 pm (see enclosed poster) and will feature a new liturgy for working dogs. Please share this poster with your animal-loving friends and join us for a special time of thanksgiving.

Also in October, the Grandparents of Autistic Children Support group will be hosting a safety seminar that is open to interested persons in the community. We will be discussing how to best keep our EMS, fire and police personal informed and aware of Autistic children and youth in our community and how we can all work together to keep the safe.

The Men's Breakfast Group begins again the second Saturday in October for breakfast at 7:30 am at Lynda's Restaurant on Rt. 45 Aaronsburg.

See you Sunday!

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Faith



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

During the month of October Brenda Stover will be showing the video "Golden Threads", which will help us understand the global mission in the United Church of Christ. Brenda will be facilitating the discussion. Join us for some light refreshment and interesting conversation, downstairs in the kitchen.

## **Children's Sunday School at St. Peter's - 9:45 a.m.**

Our Sunday school is growing! We have total of 10 children on the roster with 7 - 9 in regular attendance. This is great news! It also means that we may need another teacher to assist the youngest children (2 - 4 years of age). If you are interested in helping please let Bonne DeBrasky, Pam Royer or Nicole Wolfe know. Also, please note that Sunday school begins at 9:45.



Special thanks to Fire Chief Duane Lowe for his talk with the children in church. It was very helpful to young and old alike!

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

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## St. Peter's News

Marty Witherite and Fay Stapleton attended the Women's Retreat at Hartman Center on September 7-9. The leader of the retreat was Rev. Paula Burns. Activities included workshops, games, hikes, meals and time for relaxation. The retreat was attended by women from many areas such as Lewisburg, Danville, and York.

September 16 was "Rally Day" in the Aaronsburg Charge. Thank you very much to Paige Myers for serving as our acolyte for the first time. Thanks, Paige! St. Peter's Choir resumed singing following their summer break and we look forward to hearing their beautiful music in the months to come! Pastor Faith offered a blessing to all of our Bible Study participants, the children in attendance and our teachers and teachers' assistants (Bill Miles, Bonnie DeBrasky, Nicole Wolfe, and Pam Royer). A special "THANK YOU" to the children for their "added touch" to our worship service. Following worship, the Family Fellowship sponsored a lunch in the social room for all to enjoy. Thank you to those who helped either before or after the meal.

Thank you to Duane Lowe for helping Pastor Faith with the children's sermon on September 23. They talked with the children about fears concerning the recent fire that destroyed the barns next to St. Peter's. A special offering was given to the Millheim Fire Company for their quick response in saving our church!

Sunday School resumed on September 23 for both children and adults at 10:00 a.m.

### October Calendar Worship – 10:45

<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
7		Ginny Hosterman
14	Ginny Hosterman	Nicole Wolfe
21	Phoebe Anskis	Orvil & Mary H.
28	Ed Kerstetter	Phoebe Anskis

**Greeter:** Terry Bressler

**Offering Counters:** Linda Musser & Lori Corman

**Communion Ushers:** 10/7 Lori C. & Phoebe A.

**Consistory Meeting Devotions:** Lori Corman

### October Dates to Remember:

- 2 Women's Guild – 7:15 p.m.
- 3 Olan Mills Photos taken 3-9 p.m.
- 9 Autism Support Group – 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Blessing of the Animals – 2:00 p.m.
- 15 St. Peter's Consistory – 7:00 p.m.

As always remember our sick and shut-in in your prayers.

Lori Corman

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

**Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>,** we will start our new season of learning with 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. We will be meeting for the next 4 weeks at Lesa's home (she is off Gregg St. just past New Hope Church), please call 349-5094 for directions. 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.)

## 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 [aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net) or to the church secretary, Jackie, at [jshawver@pennsvalley.org](mailto: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, Benjamin Hosterman, Jim Huey, Jenny Keen, Pat Kelly, Dean Krape, Liz Krout, Bob Lingle, Sr., Dave Lingle, Marcia Lingle, 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.

## Salem's Happenings

Autumn has arrived! The mornings are rather chilly, but what beautiful days, who could ask for anything more glorious?

Did you rescheduled your time to get your picture taken on October 3? Smile!!

What a celebration we had on September 16! Aden Christopher Howell and his parents, Amy Johnstonbaugh and Christopher Howell, were all baptized. Daniel Kashtan is Aden's Godfather. Aden was born May 4, 2007 and he thought Pastor Faith was a little slow to dry his head, so he grabbed her stole and was going to do it himself. Amy is the daughter of Janice and Darl Johnstonbaugh of Petersburg and the granddaughter of Bob Lingle. Some of Chris' family and friends were in attendance from Florida. Congratulations to the whole family, and we hope to see you real soon.

Thank you to Lucinda Stover and her crew for decorating the church for Harvest Home Sunday, September 23 and leaving the decorations for an extra Sunday. With all the mums, pumpkins and fall colors, Autumn really did arrive at Salem on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to everyone who donated items for this special time of the year. Everything goes to Salem Hill Haven.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!** Salem will host a Thanksgiving meal at the Gregg Township Fire Hall

in Spring Mills on Saturday, November 10, 2007 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Everyone from the Charge is invited, bring the whole family, even friends are welcome. It will be a Ham & Turkey dinner served homestyle. Price: Children under 5/free; 5 – 12 years/ \$3; and over 12/ \$7.50. Reservations and money deadline is October 28. Bonnie DeBrasky (thank you) will be taking the reservations and collecting the money at St. Peter's; and Helen Sweeley will do the same at Salem. Please come out and enjoy a great meal with us to give thanks for all we have. The Covalts will be gracing us with their musical talents following the meal. They are not charging us anything, so we will take up a "Free Will" offering to show our appreciation.

### Dates to Remember:

- October 7: Special Congregational Meeting at Salem following 9:30 worship.
- October 13: Animal Blessing Service 2 PM at St. Peter's back lot.
- October 21: Hymn Selection 2 PM at St. Peter's
- October 23: Joint Spiritual Life Committee 7 PM  
Joint Consistory 7:30 both at Salem
- November 4: All Saints Festival, Harrisburg 3:00
- November 9: Salem Budget Mtg. 7:00 at church
- November 10: Salem's 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

As always, remember those less fortunate and lend a helping hand where you can. Remember to pray for those on the Prayer Chain and anyone else in need. *Helen Sweeley*

## Salem Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, October 7 following 9:30 Worship

A special meeting of the congregation of Salem will be held Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> following 9:30 a.m. worship to discuss the following items of business:

1. Our current financial status
2. Amendment to the Salem United Church of Christ Bylaws: (posted in the church narthex)
  - a. Article I – Elders and Deacons
    1. Add: A waiver consideration will be Granted to a Consistory member who Transfers membership within the Charge and has served 1 full term.
    2. Add: A waiver consideration will be Granted to a Consistory member who Transfers membership within the Charge and has served 1 full term.

We the Consistory would appreciate your support by attending this important meeting. God Bless.  
- Janet "Janie" Shook, President Salem Consistory

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.ucc.org) or [www.iucc.org](http://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!*



## Worship Times Schedule for fall 2007

<u>Month</u>	<u>Salem</u>	<u>St. Peter's</u>
October+	9:30 am	10:45 am
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 (Oct. 7, 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](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net)

### October Dates to Remember: (Pastor's day off is Friday)

October is UCC "Person's with Disabilities Month" – watch or special events!

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Women's Guild, 7:15 PM, St. Peter's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pictures for Church Directory 3-9 PM at St. Peter's
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Wide Communion Sunday  
Salem's Congregational Meeting
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ministerium in St. College (Pastor Faith)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Animals, St. Peter's 2 PM  
(Special service for "worker" dogs)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Youth Group Tail Gate Party, Trinity UCC in Centre Hall, 10:30 – 12:30
- 21<sup>st</sup> Hymn Selection, St. Peter's 2 PM – all members welcome
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Guest speaker, John Bell – writer, song writer from the Iona community in Ireland. He will be speaking at Lancaster Theological Seminary, 3 PM. Let Pastor Faith know if you are interested.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Spiritual Life 7:00 PM, Joint Consistory at 7:30 PM – both at Salem

## Shut-in, Nursing Home & Health Care Folks

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PO Box 153  
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

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Spring Mills, PA 16875

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Lewisburg, PA 17837-1299

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Aaronsburg, PA 16820

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Millheim, PA 16854

Alice Sweeley  
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Spring Mills, PA 16875

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Lewisburg, PA 17837

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Hazel Warntz  
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Aaronsburg, PA 16820

Tom Hazel  
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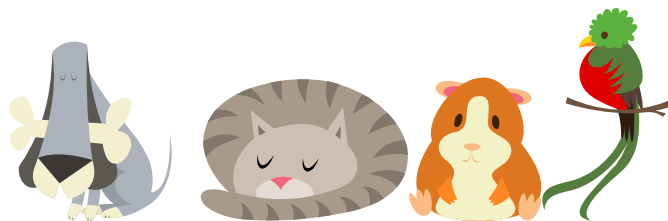
Bernice Warntz  
568 Cemetery Road  
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

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



## *Blessing of the Animals* *St. Peter's United Church of Christ* *Aaronsburg* *October 13, 2007, 2 p.m.*

*You are invited to bring your pet or a picture of  
your pet to the blessing service. Donations of  
canned or dry pet food, cat litter or toys for our  
local SPCA will be gratefully accepted.*



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**SAVE THE DATE!**

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

***All Saint's Festival:***

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

***The UCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year***  
***Celebration Finale!***

The Scottish Rite Cathedral  
2701 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Harrisburg

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

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**SAVE THE DATE...SAVE THE DATE...SAVE THE DATE...**

**ATTENTION Northern Association UCC**  
**YOUTH GROUPS!**

**\*WHO: ALL YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND  
ADVISORS**

**\*WHAT: TAIL GATE PARTY—Penn State VS. Indiana**

**\*WHERE: Trinity UCC, Centre Hall**

**\*WHEN: OCTOBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 10:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Join us for great games, prizes, food and fun! Meet area Christian athletes as they share their faith journeys. Wear Blue and White and come cheer on Penn State (or, if you are an Indiana fan—wear your red & white)!**

**Youth group advisors are asked to email [aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net) or call 349-5094 (Pastor Faith) with the total number attending, by October 12<sup>th</sup>.**