

The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

The
Charge

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The Pastor Writes . . .

In 1961, the first president of the UCC, the Rev. Ben Herbster, counseled that the church ought to remain “experimental...seeking new modes that speak to this day in inescapable terms.” How do we speak to this new day, this generation, about God, faith, discipleship and Christian love in inescapable terms?

I will be putting this question to the consistory, as we review our mission statement, to see if it still clearly articulates what we are about today. In other words, we will be reflecting on the basic question, “why do Salem and St. Peter’s UCC exist?” What is the mission God has called and is calling these churches to?

Join us in thinking about this question and submit your thoughts to us. We want to hear what you think! When we are passionate about our faith-journey, we can share that excitement with others and together, walk with Christ in new and daring ways.

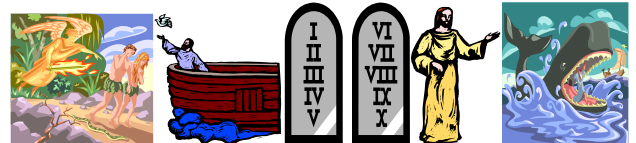
See you Sunday!

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Faith

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Sunday School for Children & Adults



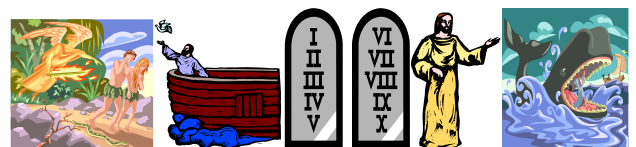
Rally day is September 16th. This is a time of coming back together after our summer vacations, refreshed and renewed. We will be anointing our teachers and the students as they covenant (promise) to join in learning, living, and doing the Word of God in their daily lives.

At St. Peter’s we will also be dedicating our new “cozy corner”, bookcases & books, and new paint & mural in our children’s Sunday school room, followed by a Family Fellowship luncheon. Please plan to attend worship on this special Sunday.

Learning is not just for children, as we all know. Therefore, in addition to our Tuesday morning Bible study and Thursday evening Lectionary study group, we will be having youth/adult learning groups as follows:

St. Peters (9:30 a.m. - Education Room, behind sanctuary, 1st floor) 6-week series, “Connecting Threads, Around the World Through Global Ministries”, video series and study on the UCC global ministries and missions.

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 get connected. See Rev. Faith McCausland for dates, times and location.



Salem's Happenings

FIRST AND FOREMOST: SALEM'S CONSISTORY MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM SEPTEMBER 16 TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 7PM AT THE CHURCH

As usual, the sun came shining thru the trees just in time for outdoor worship on July 15 at the Black Panther Riding Club. There were 34 in attendance, many stayed for lunch. Dave Sweeley grilled the hot dogs and everyone shared in fellowship until they were done. Pastor Faith offered the blessing and everyone enjoyed the meal – great food! Thank you to all who came out to join in our outdoor worship. Thank you to Janie Shook for furnishing the rolls and Family Fellowship furnished the hot dogs.

Salem Family Fellowship hosted the birthday party on August 1 at Salem Hill Haven. We played bingo with prizes going to the winners. Refreshments were served after we sang Happy Birthday. Thank you to Marcia Lingle, Dean & Betty Stover, Dave Sweeley and Janie Shook for supplying goodies for refreshments.

I delivered a fruit basket to Ellen Huey in August following her stay in the hospital. Ellen, we are glad you're back home and hope you keep improving.

Rayme Hazel was our guest speaker on August 19 while Pastor Faith was on vacation. It's always a joy to have Rayme lead us in worship.

Thank you to Robin Warntz for playing the organ on Grange Fair Sunday while Carol took the day off. Rev. Marge Holland was our supply pastor for the Joint service at Salem. This was the first time we were blessed with Rev. Holland's presence but since she recently retired from the Nittany Valley Charge, she is filling pulpits as a supply so we could very easily hear from her again. Rev. Holland did a wonderful job and we celebrated Communion by intinction. We dedicated the Feet & Seat Covers for the Millheim Family Service Center which was sponsored by the Women's Guild and the Joint Spiritual Life Committee. Thank you to everyone who donated. There were 93 pairs of socks and 161 pairs of underwear. Thank you to Bonnie DeBrasky, Wendell Royer and Brenda Stover for helping with the service.

Pictures for the new Pictorial Directory will be taken September 4 & 5 at St. Peter's in Aaronsburg Hope everyone signed up – and smile.

Dates to Remember:

September 17: Salem Consistory 7 PM at church
September 18: Joint Budget at St. Peter's 7 PM
All officers.

October 13: Animal Blessing Service 2 PM at St. Peter's
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 10: Salem's Thanksgiving Meal at the Gregg Township Fire Hall 6:30 PM
More information closer to the time

As always, remember those less fortunate and offer a hand, hug, prayer, anything to let them know we are thinking of them. With the heat, check in on the elderly to make sure they are okay and drinking plenty of fluids.

Hope everyone had a great summer and Grange Fair. Good luck to all the kids returning to school, have a good year!

Helen Sweeley

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

Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 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. 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!

A Word of Thanks

I want to thank everyone who was so concerned about me after my accident on June 13. For the prayers, calls, cards and the visits. For the Aaronsburg UCC Charge for their concern. For Pastor Faith for coming to the accident to see what she could do.

It was my first accident in 79 years and I lost a great car that was so good for me for so many years.

*Thanks again,
Terry Bressler*

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.)

September 20: Amos 8: 4-7, Psalm 113,
*1 Timothy 2: 1-7, Luke 16: 1-13

September 27: Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15,
*Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

October 4: Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4,
Psalm 37:1-9, *2 Timothy 1: 1-14,
Luke 17: 5-10

*indicates sermon focus



A teen's prayer from Daybook for New Voices

When God comes calling, I'm on vacation.
When God needs my help, I'm in the shower.
When God asks a favor of me, I'm on the phone.
Dear God, it's not you, it's me.
You deserve better.

Where are you when God comes calling? How will you answer?

Next meeting of the Aaronsburg Charge Youth Group is:

Time: 2:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Place: St. John's, Lewisburg (we will car pool from Salem UCC, meeting at 1:45)

Event: "Teens Together" fall event of the Penn Central Conference Youth ministry (see flyer posted in Narthex at churches.

Leaders: Tracey Ridenour and Pastor Faith



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!

St. Peter's News

Salem hosted the Charge outdoor worship and picnic on Sunday, July 15. Thank you to Salem Family Fellowship for providing the hot dogs and the "Chef Dave" Sweeley for grilling them. It was a beautiful day for worshipping outdoors!

On July 29, Pastor Faith presented a pin to our Consistory President, Marilyn Weaver, recognizing St. Peter's generous contributions to "5 for 5" offerings given throughout the year.

The altar flowers on August 5, were placed by Ed and Hand Kerstetter in memory of their brother Bob and in honor of Barb Kerstetter's birthday.



Pastor Faith officiated at the wedding ceremony of Kristina Culp and Enrique Garcia at the "Swamp Church" on Saturday, August 4.

Congratulations to the newlyweds!
(Kristina is the daughter of Linda Musser.)

WITH SPECIAL THANKS

– to Bill Miles for all the painting he has done for the children's area of the social room. The rainbow added a nice touch! The Sunday school area looks bright and cheerful and will be in use again very soon.

- to Orvil Hosterman for the beautiful oak bookcase he build to hold literature for our church. It's a lovely addition!

We appreciate, so much, the time and talent of Bill and Orvil and also the generosity of David Edwards who provided and set up the furnishings for our new "comfy corner".



Congratulations to Lynne McCausland and James Warner, Jr. who were married on Tuesday, August 14 at the parsonage in Aaronsburg. Lynne is the daughter of Pastor Faith and David. Pastor Faith wore "2 hats" being both "mother of the bride" and the officiating pastor! Our best wishes to Lynne and James!

Rayme Hazel was our guest speaker on August 19 while Pastor Faith was on vacation. It is always nice to welcome him back to the Aaronsburg Charge. The flowers on the communion table were placed by Barb & Ed Kerstetter in observation of all the blessings God has given us!

Salem hosted the Charge Grange Fair worship on August 26 with Rev. Marjorie Holland leading our worship. Marjorie delivered an inspiring message. Thank you to those who participated in the service: Helen Sweeley and Brenda Stover were offering ushers; Robin Warntz was the organist; Wendell Royer and Bonnie DeBrasky were the communion ushers; Helen Sweeley read

scriptures, served as acolyte and dedicated the "Feet & Seat Covers". Thank you everyone!

September Calendar Worship – 10:45

<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
2	Bonnie DeBrasky	Fay & Frank
9	David Edwards	David Edwards
16	Bill Miles	Linda Musser
23	Lori Corman	Nan Immel
30	Dixie Ort	Nan Immel

Greeter: ???

Offering Counters: Bonnie DeBrasky & Bill Miles

Consistory Meeting Devotions: Pheobe Anskis

September Dates to Remember:

- 4 & 5 Photos taken for Pictorial Directory at St. Peter's
- 6 Women's Guild 6:00 at St. Peter's
- 10 St. Peter's Consistory 7:00
- 11 Autism Support Group 7:00
- 13 First Choir Rehearsal 6:15
- 16 RALLY DAY and lunch after worship
- 18 Joint Budget meeting (officers) 7:00 at at St. Peter's

***Please join us for lunch after worship on September 16 (Rally Day) sponsored by the Family Fellowship

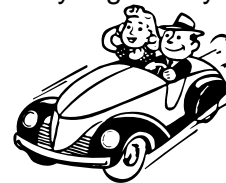
Remember to pray for our shut-ins and give thanks for those who have recovered from surgeries or illness!

Have a happy & safe Labor Day holiday!

Lori Corman

Community News

The Madisonburg Senior Center will be offering the safe driving course, "55 Alive" at the center on September 24 & 25 from 8 AM -12 PM. The cost is \$10 per person. Pre-registration is required and you may register by calling 349-8188.



Church News Wanted:

If you have news that would be of interest to the church community, please email to Pastor Faith at aaronsburgcharge@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.



Worship Times Schedule for fall 2007

<u>Month</u>	<u>Salem</u>	<u>St. Peter's</u>
September	9:30 am	10:45 am
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

Young Adult Group News

A "Get Together" will be held Saturday, September 22 at Dave Edwards house 6 p.m. We will be having tailgate foods, so bring your favorite dish and please join us. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Royer.

To the Young Adult Group, family and friends, Thank you so very much for making my 40th Birthday such a special treat. I want to thank you for the gifts, cards, or just being there. All the food was great and an extra special thanks to Darice and Don for hosting what was supposed to be the Young Adult Group summer get-together.

Last but not least, thank you to my wonderful husband who complete surprised me!! What a lucky person I am to be surrounded by such a great group of friends!!

Love,
Pam Royer

p.s. I'm afraid the name is going to have to stay the Young Adult Group, because 40 is way far from old!

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 – AND – please remember to pray for those listed.

Penn Central Conference Youth Ministries Fall Kick-Off Events

Teens Together North

September 23, 2007

St. John's, Lewisburg

&

Teens Together South

September 30, 2007

Hamilton Park, Lancaster

Both events are from 2:00 – 6:00 PM

Cost: \$5.00 per person (Includes picnic supper!)

For youth in grades 7 – 12

**Make reservations AT LEAST ONE WEEK
before the event you will be attending by calling
Hartman Center (717) 667-2431**

**Join youth from your extended church family for
games, fun, fellowship, celebration and simply a
great time.**

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at St. Peter's at 7:15 p.m. with 8 members present. Pastor Faith opened with devotions from "All Cracked Up" by Patsy Clairmont. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$430.90 and accepted.



OLD BUSINESS

Thank you's were read from Dino Campanis for Operation Shoebox, Julie Parker for missionary trips, and American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

It was decided to purchase calendars for 2008 to sell at Fall Festival and within the churches. These will sell for \$6.00 each.

Janie Shook spoke to Roxie at the Millheim Outreach Center on how to best reach needy local families to give basic food units from the Angel Food Ministries. It was realized that since most of the items need refrigeration this would be difficult to do. We will keep researching on how to best administer to the local needy families.

The Feet & Seat Covers are now being collected for the Millheim Outreach. It was mentioned that we are in greater need for the boys at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

It was decided to send a donation to Hartman Center Fall Festival of \$100. At September's meeting, we will be finalizing the plans for the Fall Festival on September 29. It was decided to hold this meeting on Thursday, September 6 since they will be taking pictures for the church directory on Tuesday, September 4. We will also be making turbans for the local cancer facilities at the November meeting.

Our meeting was followed by Bible Study by Pastor Faith on Chapter 15 of "No Wonder They Call Him the Savior." The next meeting will be Thursday, September 6, 2007, and Tracy Ridenour will have devotions.

Brenda Ream Stover
Secretary

Coming up in October:

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

13th Blessing of the Animals, St. Peter's 2 PM

21st Hymn Selection, St. Peter's 2 PM

22nd Guest speaker, John Bell – writer, storyteller from Ireland. Lancaster Theological Seminary 3 PM. Details in October Newsletter. Interested, see Pastor Faith

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