

# The Aaronsburg Charge United Church of Christ

The  
Charge

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## The Pastor Writes:



*Spring has arrived and with it come the blossoming trees, the budding flowers, and butterflies!*

*Did you know that in order for a butterfly to fly when it emerges from its cocoon it needs to spread its wings in the sun? The sun delivers energy to the wings so that the newly evolved butterfly can fly. It's as if its wings were solar batteries. Butterflies are solar-powered.*

*In many ways, we too need to greet the morning and open ourselves up to the blessings and the energy of God. We need to receive "Son"-power daily if we are to accomplish all God calls us to with energy, patience, hope and joy.*

*I pray that each one of you will find time in your daily schedule for some quiet prayer, meditative reading and maybe even a song of praise. Open your heart before God so that you may go forth Son-powered!*

*See you Sunday!*

*Grace and Peace  
Pastor Faith*

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## Worship Times Schedule for 2008

May - August

**St. Peter's: Worship at 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school at 9:15 a.m.**

**Salem: Worship at 9:30 a.m.**

*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.*

*For more information, please call 349-5094 or email at [aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net).*

## Welcome to our Churches!

Are you new to the UCC? Want to know more? Our web page is [www.aaronsburgchargeucc.org](http://www.aaronsburgchargeucc.org) The national web site is: [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. *Remember, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

## Adult Sunday School at St. Peter's Following Worship

What does my church say about the place of science in religion? Come and see!

Continuing on Sundays through May, we will be reading and discussing together the book, The Language of God, by Francis Collins. (A sign-up sheet to order the book is posted on the bulletin board in the upstairs classroom - \$10 each.) This leads us to our summer break. There will be discussions, videos and more! Join us for a cup of Fair-Trade coffee, cocoa or tea and lively discussion.

## Women's Guild

The Women's Guild met on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at St. Peter's at 7:15 p.m. with seven members present. The treasurer reported a balance of \$456.41.



### Old Business

A thank you was read from Dale Dyke and family for helping them get halfway to their goal for a wheelchair accessible van.

Tracy delivered 92 pounds of supplies to Dino Campanis and was out of supplies for the 17 troops he sends to in Iraq. He mentioned how they enjoy receiving magazines and could use our gently used magazines to send overseas. Tracy has offered to deliver these as well – just let her know if you have these to give.

Also, we made 566 Easter eggs and a profit of around \$400. Thank you all for your support in making, buying, and eating these eggs.

### New Business

Helen Sweeley received a letter from Hartman Center of items they need for summer camps by June 2. The items are as follows:

- > coffee cans with plastic lids (any size)
- > juice containers (wax covered with plastic lid at top)
- > used crayons – any size (the ones that are too small)

Please bring/drop these items off at the church and we will see they get to Hartman Center.

They are also in need of health items for the Health Center. Helen has been allotted \$50 - \$75 to shop for these supplies.

Janie Shook then informed the group that she did speak to Kay and Johnnie Boob who just returned from New Orleans. They will come to the May 6 meeting to give a presentation on the mission work they do. We will also invite the congregations to attend as well.

We planned the Salem Hill Haven birthday party for June 3 at 6:45 p.m. We will play bingo and each member is to bring two wrapped prizes. Tracy & Janie will make ice cream cake, Brenda & Helen S. will make angel food cakes, Marilyn – chips, Janet – paper & supplies, and Helen B. – drink.

We then packed 53 Jared boxes, which Janie will be contacting Lewistown Hospital for their need and delivering them.

Our meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is May 6, at 7:00 at St. Peter's with speakers and Faith McCausland providing devotions.

*Brenda Ream Stover  
Secretary*

## St. Peter's News

There were 17 in attendance for the outdoor sunrise service held at St. Peter's on Easter Sunday. The service was followed by a breakfast in the social room. Thank you to all those who provided food and cleaned up afterwards. Regular worship followed at 9:30. Thank you to those who supplied the flowers for our wooden cross in the sanctuary. It was beautifully decorated by Bonnie DeBrasky and Patty & Bill Miles. THANK YOU!! Ed Kerstetter and Doug Royer carried the cross, which led the procession, outdoors where Pastor Faith gave the benediction to conclude our Easter worship service. Thank you to the children for their special song "Roll Away"! Their participation in our worship services is always enjoyable.

"Friends With a Mission" sponsored their second annual Easter Egg Hunt in Aaronsburg on Saturday, March 22. There were 79 children in attendance and 2319 eggs hidden for the hunt. Thank you to member of "Friends With a Mission" for their dedication to the children of the community. A special thank you to Tracy, Shane, Ed and David for cleaning the snow off the festival grounds before the egg hunt.

Dan Warntz was our guest speaker on April 6 while Pastor Faith was enjoying a week of vacation. Dan did a wonderful job, as always, and we look forward to having him lead our worship again. Also on April 6, Jo LaRoche, a member of St. John's UCC, Lock Haven, attended our worship. She gave a slide presentation on the Penn Central Conference's "4 Our Churches" Capital Campaign. The goal is to raise four million dollars in four years for four projects. (The Beecher Memorial, Support of new & revitalized churches, a new multi-purpose building, and Hartman Center) Marilyn Weaver is St Peter's "Contact" person for the project.

Please join us for a Family Fellowship spring breakfast before worship on April 27 (8:00 a.m. followed by worship at 9:30). We will have breakfast casseroles, pastries, fruit salad, etc. Join us for some good food and fellowship!

Saturday, May 10 has been designated as "Outdoor Clean-up Day" at St. Peter's. Beginning at 1:00 p.m., we will be cleaning debris from the parking lot, former Bartges lot, and front lawn. Please help out if you are able!

The Church Leader's Banquet will be held at New Hope Lutheran Church, Spring Mills on May 22. Please see Ginny Hosterman for tickets. The cost is \$10 for adults.

After an inspection by Doug and Don Royer, there was considerable damage found in the wall behind the altar. Beginning in May, we will have a

special offering the last Sunday of the month. This will help pay for the repairs, which include: ceiling damage, painting, and removal of the old chimney, and insulating. The estimated cost for repairs is \$5000.

### May Calendar

#### Worship – 10:30 Sunday School 9:15

<u>May</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
4	Virginia Hosterman	Nicole Wolfe
11	Phoebe Anskis	Ed & Barb Kerstetter
18	Ed Kerstetter	Brenda & Bonnie
25	Joint Service at Salem 11:00	

**Greeter:** Barb Bower

**Offering Counters:** David Edwards & Linda Musser

**Consistory Meeting Devotions:** Tracy Ridenour

**April:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Spiritual Life 7:00 and Joint Consistory at Salem 7:30 PM

#### May Dates to Remember:

- 6 Women's Guild, St. Peter's 7:15 PM
- 10 Outdoor Clean-up Day 1:00 PM
- 13 Autism Support Group, St. Peter's 7:00 PM
- 18 Teacher & Student Recognition Sunday
- 25 Joint Worship at Salem 11:00 AM

**June:** 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Peter's Consistory 7:00 PM at the church (last meeting before summer break!)

*Lori Corman*

### Salem's Happenings

Thank you to everyone who purchased lilies for Easter Sunday. We had a total of 19. They always make the church smell good.

The following Sunday, March 30 was another good smelling day with 15 bunches of daffodils purchased by members of the congregation in memory and honor of loved ones. The price was \$8 for a bunch of 10 with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Thank you to everyone who bought daffodils.

Dan Warntz was our guest speaker on April 6 while Pastor Faith was on vacation. It is always a pleasure to have Dan with us. He does a great job!

JoLaroque, a representative of Northern Association was also with us on April 6. Danny introduced her after the sermon. After worship, Jo showed a brief DVD on the "4 Our Churches" capital campaign, which included: "Beecher Memorial", "Church Vitality & New Churches", "Outdoor Ministries" and "Our Future". If you weren't there for the DVD and the question/answer time, see Dave Sweeley for a pamphlet on "4 Our Churches". Penn Central Conference is asking each church to hold fundraisers for their contributions or individual/family donations rather than it being put in budgets. Dave Sweeley is Salem's liaison and if

he can't answer your questions, he will know how to find the answers. Janie Shook is also a presenter on behalf of Northern Association. She will be visiting another church to show the DVD and answer their questions. A great big thank you to Jo for spending her Sunday morning with the Aaronsburg Charge (she was at St. Peter's first). A special thank you to her husband, Paul, for spending all morning in their car with his coffee and paper, patiently waiting.

Northern Association's Annual meeting was Sunday, April 13 at St. Peter's in State College. Donna & Gary Auman, Pastor Faith and Dave & I were from Salem. Donna and Gary were our delegates with voting rights. We celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hartman Center. Re. Bruce Druckemiller showed a DVD on what Hartman Center is all about and gave his plea for the Capital Campaign. Dave Sweeley is serving the third year of his term on the Church & Ministry Committee and Pastor Faith is serving her second year on the Ministries Planning Committee. You need to thank these people for serving on these committees along with Janie Shook who is serving for the second year on the Nominating Committee, which is not an easy job when everyone tells you no when asked to serve on a committee. Thank you to all three for your service and dedication to our church. Pastor Charles Fitzgerald (St. Peter's) gave the closing worship service with Rev. Ann Graves reading scripture. Rev. Allen Fluent, Area Conference Minister, installed the newly elected officers and committee members. The guest organist for the service was Richard Merryman from the Tyrone Presbyterian Church and he was out of this world, he really made beautiful music on the organ.

Thank you to everyone who bought Easter eggs fro Women's Guild. Thank you to everyone who donated for the Jared Boxes also. Women's Guild finished 54 boxes, which were taken to the Lewistown Hospital. Don't forget items for the Dakota School Kits, more information elsewhere in this newsletter.

#### May Dates to Remember:

- 5 Salem Consistory at the church, 7:00 PM
- 11 Reservation deadline for Church Leader's Banquet, \$10 per meal. See Janie Shook
- 22 Church Leader's Banquet 6:30 p.m. at New Hope Lutheran Church. Guest speaker will be John Thomas
- 25 Joint Memorial Day Service at Salem, 11:00  
As always, remember those in need whether it be physical, mental and/or spiritual.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

*Helen Sweeley*



**Our Homebound, Nursing Home or Health Care Residents:**

Pauline Crader  
50 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Apt. 415  
Lewisburg, PA 17837

Roy Hart  
Room 243  
Centre Crest  
502 E. Howard St.  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Gladys Hartley  
424 Heckman Cemetery Rd.  
Salem Hill Haven  
Spring Mills, PA 16875

Helen Hazel  
Centre Crest  
502 E. Howard St.  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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

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

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

Randall Stover  
PO Box 153  
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

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

Hazel Warntz  
167 Cemetery Road  
Aaronsburg, PA 16820

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

(If you would like to add someone to the Shut-in list, please submit to [aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net](mailto:aaronsburgcharge@verizon.net) or drop a note in the milk box on the front porch of the parsonage at 232 W. Aaron Square, Aaronsburg.

**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, Bernice Warntz.*

*Hurricanes Katrina Victims, Helen Allison, Dorothy Alters, Mike Auman, Randall Boob, Mike Braucht, Terry Bressler, John "Jack" Brown, Kay Brown, Alex Corman, T.J. & Logan Coursen, Jody Covalt, Robbi Davis, Michael Dimock, Gerald Fetterolf, Jean Frankenberger, Karen Glasgow, Luke Haskell, Benjamin Hosterman, Barbara Hubbard, Jonathan Huey, Jenny Keen, Pat Kelly, Jacob Kerstetter (deployed to Iraq), Dean Krape, Liz Krout, Bob Lingle, Sr., Dave Lingle, Marcia Lingle, Betty (Hironimus) McClintock, Fred & Betty Mensch, Teenie Musser, Carrie Neese, David E. Neese, Donna Neideigh, Robert Neill, Dixie Ort, Amanda Rachau, 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 Van-Gilder, The Warntz Family, and Lester Weaver.*

*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.*

**Vacation Bible School**



This year we will be "Surfin' through the Scriptures" so we should have lots of fun. VBS will be held Sunday, July 27 – Thursday, July 31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Any and all help is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Royer 349-4378 or Kimmy Boller-Beebe 234-0758.

**Dakota School Kits**

Women's Guild is now collecting items for Dakota School Kits. We will collect items through May 25 when they will be dedicated at the Joint Service. Items needed:  
CONSTRUCTION PAPER  
BLUNT ENDED SCISSORS  
PENCIL SHARPENERS  
8 ½" X 11" RULED PAPER (legal tablets, 2 per kit)  
12"X14" CLOTH BAGS WITH HANDLES

THANK YOU!  
Women's Guild



## Friends with a “Mission”

The 2008 Aaronsburg Community Egg Hunt was a big success, even with the weather we had. A total of 2319 eggs were hid and we had a total of 79 kids to hunt them. Thank you to everyone for your donations (time, plastic eggs, and quarters).

Darice Hampton will be planning children’s activities for the Joint service that will be held at Black Panther. Anyone willing to help Darice with the activities should contact her directly for details.

Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Friends with a “Mission” are planning to put peace gardens in place at each of the churches with the approval of each church’s consistory. We plan to plant flowers and put benches in the garden for meditating.

The next meeting will be held on May 17 at St. Peter’s Church for a potluck.

*Nicole Wolfe*

### **Thursday Morning and Evening Bible Study St. Peter’s UCC 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

Through the month of May, we are continuing our Kerygma study on the Lord’s Prayer. The Lord’s Prayer is among the greatest treasures of our faith. This study explores the key phrases of the Lord’s Prayer as they lead us to greater spirituality and growth.

- May 1 Feeding Ourselves: *What place does self-sufficiency have in Christian life?*
- May 8 Writing it off: *What does the reality of our forgiveness say to our treatment of others?*
- May 15 Crying for help: *How does a Christian respond to the enormity of evil in the world?*
- May 22 Last class.

Please bring your Bibles and note paper. We usually go out for lunch at an area restaurant after the morning class.

Evening Bible study is one hour. Friends of the Charge are always welcome!

*Thank you . . .*

*We just want to thank everyone for their thoughts, cards, gifts, meals and just being there for the family. It was a great help in the passing of Eugene Warntz our husband, dad and grandfather.*

*Bernice, Robin, Daniel & Becky Warntz and Lucinda, Joe and Joshua Stover*

## ***An Open Invitation . . .***

***The Aaronsburg Charge UCC Women’s Guild invites you to join us on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs Social Room at St. Peter’s UCC, Aaronsburg. Our guests, local residents, John and Kay Boob will share their experiences over the last several years as volunteers of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) spending time in Louisiana and Mississippi.***

***A Free Will Offering will be given to UMCOR.***

## **Hartman Center Needs Your Help . . .**

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