

the Messenger

July 2006



All during the week of July 19 to 23, the children and youth (and adults) of Emmanuel UCC and New Hope UMC got "fired up about Jesus" at Vacation Bible School. We gathered at Faith UMC for a sizzling Fiesta, celebrating Jesus and his roles in our lives.

**"We are
fired up about
Jesus!"**

We learned that Jesus is our friend on our first day. The lesson was the story of the four men who lowered their paralyzed friend through the roof of the house where Jesus was teaching so that He would heal him. Our Bible verse was "Now, you are my friends" (John 15:15). On the second day, we learned that Jesus is our life thorough the story of Lazarus being raised from the dead and our Bible verse was "And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart" (Deuteronomy 6:5). The Bible verse on day three was "Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me'" (Matthew 4:19), and our lesson taught us that Jesus is our leader as he chose his first disciples. "Since I live, you also will live" (John 14:19) was the inspirational verse on the fourth day which reminded us that through His death on the cross and Resurrection, Jesus is our Savior. The last Bible point we learned was that Jesus is our helper. This was demonstrated through the story of Jesus instructing Ananias to help Saul regain his sight after his vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus. We believe that "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear" (Hebrews 13:6).

Our evenings were filled with songs, games, food and crafts which reinforced the lessons for each day. It was an exciting time with lots of enthusiasm from everyone who attended, from the youngest child (approximately 3 years old) to the oldest adult (perhaps 60?). We all had an amazing time and hope that if you didn't join us this year, you will come when we do it all again next year.

This year's VBS Mission Project will benefit the Janet Weiss Children's Hospital of Geisinger Medical Center. We are asking for donations to purchase DVD's and Play Station 2 games for the hospitalized children to help pass the time. There are VBS envelopes in the pews and we hope you will give something to ease their stay in the hospital.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COMMUNION AND
COFFEE HOUR

July 2

The Worship Service on July 2 will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Coffee Hour will be held after the Worship Service.

WEDNESDAY EVENING
SERVICES

Our Wednesday Evening Worship Service begins at 6:00 pm and includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please join us and bring a friend.

CHURCH PICNIC

July 8

Come join us for an old-fashioned picnic at Ber Vaughn Park. More details are on page 3.

TWILIGHTERS MEETING

July 12

The Twilighters will meet on July 12 for a covered dish lunch.

BECKY BROYAN -
GUEST PREACHER

July 16

Our own Seminarian, Becky Broyan, will be leading the Worship Service on Sunday, July 16. Come and show your support for this promising young lady.

INSTALLATION SERVICE
REV. FRED ROGERS

July 23

Rev. Fred Rogers will be installed as the new pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Panther Valley on July 23 at 3:00 pm. A catered dinner will follow which will cost \$14.00. If you wish to stay for the dinner, please contact the church at 645-5524 or prespv@ptd.net, or Pastor Fred at fatherfr@ptd.net, so they can make the preparations. Directions to the church are on the table in the Narthex for anyone who wishes to attend.

OLD RIVER CHURCH
REVISED SCHEDULE

Due to Pastor Roger's Installation Service being scheduled for July 23, we have asked that our date to host the service at the Old River Church be changed so that whoever wishes to attend the Installation can do so without missing our service at Old River Church. We are now hosting the worship service on August 20.

DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER INFO

July 17

The deadline to put information in the August Messenger is July 17. Please get all information to me before this date so I can publish it.



UCC NEWS

This section is provided to inform you of our local Penn Northeast Conference and National Denomination activities and projects so that we can better understand our role as members of the United Church of Christ.

PENCommUNITY Camp
August 6 to 11, 2006.

A terrific experience for 3-6 graders at Camp Mensch Mill in Alburis, PA. "Dare to Live the Story" is the theme. Reservation forms are on the Narthex table.

Fall PNEC Annual Meeting will be held on October 21, 2006.



Anna May Koons would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls and prayers. Your care and concern was very much appreciated.

God is Still Singing
August 4 to 7, 2006
National Music Workshop to be held at Chapel Hill, NC. Information and Registration Forms are on the Narthex table.

Hilda Lewis would like to thank everyone who made her 80th birthday so special. The balloons, flowers, calls, visits, cards and especially the memory scrapbook were wonderful.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Jane Rinehimer would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls and prayers during her recovery from her recent surgery.

Old River Church Revised Schedule

Worship begins at 6:00 pm

July 9	St. Mark's Union Church
July 16	Mt. Zion UCC
July 23	St. James Lutheran
July 30	St. John's/St. Peters UCC
August 6	St. Mary's Roman Catholic
August 13	New Hope UMC
August 20	Emmanuel UCC
August 27	Old River Cemetery Association

Mountain Top on the Move July 4 Parade

The 20th Annual July 4th parade will begin at 10:00 am near the Chalet Restaurant, go down South Main and end up with a ceremony at the Wright Twp. Municipal Building.

SINGSPIRATION September 17, 2006 6:30 pm at Stairville UMC

Come for an evening of inspirational music at Stairville UMC on September 17. This event has always been very uplifting with choirs from our communities raising their voices in praise to God. There are also congregational hymns so everyone can join in making a joyful noise.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, July 12, at 12:00 pm for a covered dish lunch. Bring a dish and your appetite for a good time with friends.

Bring your picnic baskets filled with your utensils, plates and drink and a covered dish to share and join us for an old-fashioned get together on Saturday, July 8 at Ber Vaughn Park in Berwick. Ber Vaughn is a great place to play ball, climb on playground equipment, swim in the pool, play board games or cards or just sit and talk. So bring your playing cards, games, bats, baseballs, gloves, bingo game, basketballs, swimsuits, towels, lawnchairs, and etc.

There's

something for everyone at Ber Vaughn.

We are having the picnic closer to home so that more people of all ages will be able to come. We will meet in

Pavilions 3 and 4 at 11:00 am and

have lunch at 12:00 and then

enjoy each other's

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company.

YOUTH ACHIVEMENTS!

Let's hear a big cheer for Eric and Justin Rinehimer. They made the All Stars Team for the 10-11-12 year olds. Keep swinging, guys.

A big congratulations goes to Alecia Myers for awards she received at the Rice Elementary sixth grade graduation ceremony. She received the Presidential Educational Award, Academic Excellence Awards in Reading and Science, and the Student of the Quarter Award.

HAM AND CHICKEN SUPPER May 20, 2006

EXPENSES

Mr. Z's	Corn Flake Crumbs	\$29.75
Wal Mart	Sugar, baggies, margarine, salt, tea bags, detergent	28.72
Sam's Club	Broth, Bread Crumbs	42.53
D. W Richards Sons	Ham and Chicken	840.95
Keyco Distributors	Paper Products, vegetables, vinegar, soup base, gloves	246.95
Tuzzi Baking Co.	Bread	21.00
Andy's	Ice	1.50
Pecora's	Milk	22.95
Kenny Stehr & Sons	Potatoes, cabbage, peppers	117.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,351.35

RECEIPTS

Tickets-Door Sales	220 @ \$8.00	\$1,760.00
	5 @ \$3.00	15.00
Tickets - Advance	224 @ \$8.00	1,792.00
	2 @ \$3.00	6.00
Donations		82.00
Surplus		<u>199.00</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,854.00
	LESS EXPENSES	<u>-1,351.35</u>
	PROFIT	<u>\$2,502.65</u>

Organist: Don Eroh
 Greeters: Gary Eigenbrod & Alecia Myers
July 23 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Organist: Don Eroh
 Greeters: Judy Cybulski & Doris Yurchak
July 30 - Seventeenth Sun. in Ordinary Time
 Organist: Don Eroh
 Greeters: Matt Price & Richie Lenahan

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers
 Clifford & Gladys Readler
 Marc & Connie Davis
 John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE
 FOR JULY 2006**

July 2 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Don Eroh
 Greeters: Rich and Jayne Rotski

July 9 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Don Eroh
 Greeters: Dave & Rosemary Myers

July 16 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Donald Myers	12 Ray Seward	17 Linda Wallick
3 Gladys Readler	12 Nathan Kamowski	18 Travis Pickering
4 Ben Wallick	13 Irene Hoch	21 Jennifer Rinehimer
5 Randy Grosz	13 Elizabeth Henry	21 Judy Cybulski
6 April Sakowski	13 Kyle Prelewicz	23 Rachelle Heller
6 Cameron Cox	13 Bonnie Silvetti	24 Shawn Rinehimer
7 Keeley Bedford	14 Carol Duffy	25 Sharon Moyer
8 Samantha Dauber	14 Ruth Polashenski	25 Patricia Grosz
8 Mary Eroh	15 JoAnn Kotarsky	27 Tammy Evans
8 Joshua Brand	16 Jason Buffone	27 Denise Stein
10 Janice Broyan		29 Connie Davis

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 1, 1998.....Mary and Nelson Horwath
 July 6, 1999.....Joel and Sheila Kline
 July 23, 1976.....Stan and Judy Cybulski
 July 23, 2000.....Josh and Janene Mussmon
 July 30, 1983.....Jim and Lynne Stewart