

The Messenger

June 2006

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Worship Services:
Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.

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VBS MEETING

June 1

A meeting to finalized the plans for Vacation Bible School will be held on June 1 at 7:00 pm at Faith UMC. Anyone interested in helping at VBS is welcome to come and get involved.

COMMUNION

June 4

The Worship Service on June 4 will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Coffee Hour will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

June 4

This is one of the special offerings of our denomination. It works to provide the means to increase the number of UCC churches and to provide funding for building leadership skills at all levels of our denomination from local to the national level.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

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

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

June 11

NOTE!!! OUR SUMMER HOURS BEGIN ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11. We will begin our Worship Service at 9:30 am. on that date.

TWILIGHTERS MEETING

June 14

The Twilighters are meeting again and will have a covered dish lunch on Wednesday, June 14, at 12 noon.

CONSISTORY MEETING

June 15

The Consistory will meet on June 15, at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YARD SALE

June 17

Our Sunday School will hold a craft and yard sale on June 17 beginning at 8:00 a.m. We will need plenty of volunteers and your help will be needed to make this fundraiser a success. Please see inside this issue for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 19 to 23

VBS will be held from June 19 to 23 (Monday to Friday). As we did last year, we are joining with the folks of New Hope United Methodist Charge. See more details in this issue.

THE FOOD BANK

is open by appointment. Please call the church office (868-5675) if we can help you or someone you know.



The **deadline to put information into the July Newsletter** is June 20. Please get all information to me before that date. *This includes personal info (births, awards, etc.), pictures and news articles which I would love to include.* I can only print what I am given, so get me some info. Thanks, Denise

UPCOMING DATES

July 8	Church Picnic
July 23	Emmanuel Host for Old River Church
Oct. 1	CROP Walk

Dear Friends,

I thought that you might appreciate a letter of introduction from me. I have enjoyed my brief beginning with all of you. When Margie and I first drove up the hill a few weeks ago we were captivated totally with the beauty of the surrounding hills and the church. If you have not taken the opportunity to approach the grounds with "new eyes" like we did...treat yourself to the pleasure of it. As we drove up, everything looked so fresh...just like the season. The interior of the church, sanctuary, fellowship area and offices were just as special. We met Denise and Sharon and felt an instant rapport with them. At a later date, I enjoyed my interview and thought that it would be great to serve here doing a stated supply or intentional interim position.

I felt that the Wednesday night communion services were wonderful. We were thrilled to be invited to the ham and chicken dinner. Everything was scrumptious. One of the subjects that Margie and I keep returning to is the warmth and friendliness of everyone here at the church. We felt comfortable immediately. We would like to express our gratitude for the great dinner and fellowship. We were just as enthusiastic with Sunday's service and the welcoming time after it. Thank you for sharing your church with us...we knew the sense of a true church family was evident. You have something very unique here and we appreciate it.

In introducing myself, I would like to tell you that I grew up in Dillsburg (rural York County). My family home adjoined the Messiah College and my family worshipped there all of my early life. I started college there and transferred to Shippensburg University and graduated from it. I have a dual degree in Library Science and Social Studies. I was a librarian in the Stroudsburg School District for thirty-three years. I served as president of the Stroudsburg Area Education Association. I was also a teacher representative to it for many years. I had a calling to enter the ministry when I was younger but felt I could not pursue it because I needed to work full time to support my family. I love music and enjoy singing and playing the piano. My other hobbies include fishing, bicycling, reading, walking, hunting and my garden.

As I mentioned in my sermon on Sunday, Margie and I are both in our second marriages. We will celebrate our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary very soon. After my first wife passed away, Margie adopted Bryan and

David. Bryan is married and lives in Walnut, Illinois. He and his wife have the light of our lives, our granddaughter, Kailah. She is sixteen and very active at school and is a great student. Bryan's wife is the county health nurse in their area. David passed his commercial driver's license test recently and is working as a truck driver for Schneider Trucking. Our youngest son, Matthew Lesoine, is a mechanical engineer and just passed his professional engineering test. He works in Stroudsburg. His girlfriend, Sabine, is an important part of our lives as well.

Margie is a math teacher at the Stroudsburg Middle School. She finished her last class for the licensed ministry and is completing her final paper work. I worked as an associate pastor at the Zion United Church of Christ in Stroudsburg since May of 2003. Margie joined us as the pastoral intern in July of 2003. We enjoyed working together at Zion. We have attended many courses, retreats, workshops and professional development opportunities together. We were fortunate to have been trained by the Rev. Dr. William Ramsden there. He is known nationally and internationally for his work in church leadership and growth. He has written several books and served in various capacities in many areas. He worked with us extensively and we feel confident and competent in our capacities due to his expert guidance.

We are looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of you. Our home phone number is 570-424-5251. Our email address is mdl150@ptd.net Our address is 15 Beacon Hill Road, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301. Please feel free to be in contact with us should you ever feel the need. Thank you, again, for our chance to be here with all of you.

God's peace,

Pastor Ted Good



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

CONGREGATIONAL



WE START SUMMER HOURS ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11. So remember to come at 9:30 am or you'll miss out on most of the Worship Service.

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The TWILIGHTERS will meet on Wednesday, June 14, for a covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon. Come on out and enjoy good food and good friends.



Vacation Bible School!!!

June 19 to 23 – 6:30 to 8:15 pm

It's time to get "Fired up for Faith" at this year's Vacation Bible School at Faith UMC. It's going to be a red hot tamale time as we experience New Testament Bible stories through songs, videos, games, and storytelling. The format is like that of past years, with Chadder the Chipmunk getting into his usual problems which in the end teach us basic Bible points. This year we are focusing on Jesus and his purpose in our lives. There are five Bible points, one for each day, which are Jesus is our Friend, Life, Leader, Savior and Helper. The songs will have a Latin flair as will many of the snacks and games. The heat is on for a *caliente* (HOT) time. We will again have crews made of all age groups and are looking for you and your amigos. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the Narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall Doorway. So let's *vamos*, *compadre* (that's "let's go, buddy") and join in the FIESTA! We welcome all members to come join us any evening at 8:00 pm for our evening finale. At this time, our crews come together and review our Bible points and we will sing our songs. On Friday, we will have our Fiesta Finale and we hope that many of you will turn out to see the week's fun and learning experience.



Sunday School **Superintendent**

SUNDAY SCHOOL YARD SALE

Yard Sale June 17 - Our Sunday School will hold a craft and yard sale on Saturday, June 17, beginning at 8:00 a.m. We will need plenty of help setting up tables at 6:30 am (Yes, 6:30 am – the vendors need time to set up their goods so we need to have everything arranged before they get here.) We also need people to donate food and time. We will be selling whimpies, hot dogs, chili, soup, water, soda, coffee, and goodies. There will be lots of help needed in the kitchen and at the food tables. The vendor tables will cost \$10 inside or out. Food and beverages will be available for sale by the Sunday School. We will also have face painting for the kids (and the young at heart). Please contact Sharon Eigenbrod at 868-6723 if you wish to purchase a table or can help in any way.

Thanks for all your help and God Bless,
Sharon E.

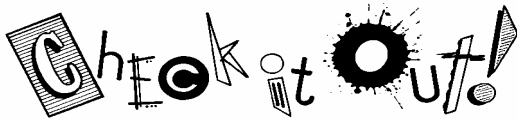
WEBSITE INFO WANTED

Now that our website is fully functional, we are looking for more information about us to put on it. Especially since the *Stillspeaking* advertising campaign, the national and local UCC conferences websites have been logging massive amounts of hits. When someone is looking for a UCC church in our area, they are brought to a page with several area churches listed. From there they can click on a link to that church's website. It not only gives them the church's name, address and basic information, but also some insight into its congregation. We are looking for items which will peak the interest of those who look at our website. These would include photos of church functions and groups, information on church groups such as Twilights, Youth Group and Sunday School, and mission projects. Camille Daniels is coordinating this information and you can get it to her at vidclip@epix.net.



SUMMER PICNIC – Bring your picnic baskets and join us for an old-fashioned get together on Saturday, July 8. This year's church picnic will be held 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. There's something for everyone at Ber Vaughn. Unfortunately, the person who suggested Ber Vaughn for our picnic will not be there to enjoy the fun in person, but I'm sure Seba would have enjoyed this gathering of our church family. She had such a special way of bringing people together. Her idea was to have the picnic closer to home so that more people of all ages would be able to come. We will meet in Pavilions 3 and 4 for lunch and then enjoy each other's company.



Third Marking Period Honor Rolls:

Rice Elementary:

Principal's Honors: Alecia Myers, Jared Yakscoe
Honors: Taylor Farrell, Courtney Kania, Kelly Madigan

Crestwood Middle School:

Principal's Honors: Marc Davis
High Honors: Samantha Dauber, Paige Murphy, Meredith Martin, Jacob Mylet, Jordan Pickering
Honors: Travis Grosz, Kelly Sufrinko

Crestwood High School:

Principal's Honors: Barry Myers, Courtney Day, Amanda Wallick
High Honors: Michael Daniels, Stacy Prelewicz
Honors: Brian DeLuca, Chelsea Myers, Kyle Belanchik

Excellent!! Learning is something you have with you forever – once you know something, it can never be taken from you.

Rice Elementary Science Fair:

Alecia Myers took First Place for her entry in the Science Fair. Her project compared different brands of toothpaste and their ability to remove stains. Good one, Alecia!

ATTENTION GRADUATES!

We would like to recognize our graduates from high school and college. Please fill out the information on the sheets on the tables in the Narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall doorway. You've come a long way and deserve credit for your hard work.



I would like to thank everyone who participated in or helped with the Youth Choir and Sunrise Singers. I had a great time leading these singers and hope that they will keep singing all summer long. Thanks for all your time and enthusiasm. It is not easy to find a time for choir rehearsals these days and the fact that you stayed and gave your time really means a lot to me.

Denise

Around Our Community

OLD RIVER CHURCH SCHEDULE

Worship Services begin at 6:00 pm

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



Bronze Star Project for Junior Girl Scouts Troop 3340 – The Junior Girl Scout Troop which meets in our Fellowship Hall is collecting new or "gently used" books for

the Lending Library at the new Beekman Street facility of the Luzerne County Head Start Program. They originally intended to collect these book by the end of May but realized that we might like to contribute to this project. Please deposit these books in the portable crib which is set up in the Narthex. Rhonda Madigan is their Troop Leader.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

FOR JUNE 2006

June 4 – Pentecost Sunday

Organist: Orceil Bloss

Greeters: Matt Price and Holly Hoffman

June 11 – Trinity Sunday

Organist: Orceil Bloss

Greeters: Roy and Betty Baker

June 18 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Don Eroh

Greeters: Connie Davis and Caroline Cronic

June 25 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Don Eroh

Greeters: Bob and Gwen Hight

Our Cleaning Volunteers

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, J.P. Jankowski



UCC CONFERENCE NEWS

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

Recently the God Is Still Speaking Team was asked, "Is it over? Can we take our banner down?"

The answer in a word is **NO.**

The red and black colors and the common logo are here to stay! The "God is Still Speaking" Campaign is in place to help all churches be **extravagant welcomers!**

If you wish to contact the Stillspeaking Team, just call one of the following:

Jeff Brinks 610-435-1763

Dave Fleming 610-530-2483

Barbara Hanks 610-867-4191

Jane Hess 570-454-5982

Barbara Jennings 610-826-3113

**OPEN HOUSE ...
NOW UNTIL FOREVER**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Rebecca Taney
2 Patricia Marsteller
2 Craig Peters
3 Rico Silveti
4 William Heller
5 Jeff Dauber
6 Deb Dietrich
7 Michael Daniels
7 Emily VanFossen
8 Dawn Kania
8 Gary Eigenbrod, Jr.
9 Rodney Deets
10 Joel Kline

12 Lora Rinehimer
12 Hilda Lewis
12 Jordan Pickering
12 Robert Madigan, III
14 Eileen Buffone
14 Gloria Taney
14 Craig Sakowski
16 Candice Hartman
17 Daniel Kozak
17 Pamela Mylet
20 Thomas Grosz
22 Kasandra Dauber
22 Edward Rinehimer

22 Jim Cease
23 Doreen Oldershaw
24 Carrie DeLuca
24 Rhonda Brand
25 Phyllis Myers
26 Eric Rinehimer
26 Justin Rinehimer
26 Kimberly Hoffman
27 Connie Myers
29 Alda Zindle
29 Colleen Williams
29 George Taney
30 Rebecca Broyan

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 2, 1979 Dave and Debbie Harter

June 3, 1978 Jim and Denise Dean

June 12, 1993 Tony and Lorie DiMaria

June 18, 1988 Brian and Connie Myers

June 24, 1999 Ed and Pamela Mylet