

# The Messenger

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## Worship Services:

Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.

## COMMUNION

May 7

The Worship Service on May 7 will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Coffee Hour will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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.

## TWILIGHTERS MEETING

May 10

The Twilighters are meeting again and will have a covered dish lunch on Wednesday, May 10, at 12 noon.

## CONSISTORY MEETING

May 17

The Consistory will meet on Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m.

## LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 21

We will wrap up our Sunday School program on Sunday, May 21, with a Movie Sunday. There will be popcorn and goodies to eat along with enjoying the company of good friends and a movie.

## MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

May 28

A joint memorial service conducted by the American Legion Posts and VFW will be held in our Cemetery on May 28 to honor our veterans and loved ones. It will take place at 12:00 pm after our Worship Service Please plan to stay after Worship and pay your respects to our fallen heroes.

## 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 June Newsletter** is May 22. 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

June 4 Pentecost Sunday  
June 19-23 VBS at Faith UMC  
July 8 Church Picnic



As was noted in the April Messenger Newsletter, we are making the newsletter available on-line at our website, [emmanuel-ucc.org](http://emmanuel-ucc.org). Just go to the website, click on the Messenger button. This will take you to the page with current and past Messengers. Click on the issue you want and it will be opened in pdf format. You can then click "File" and "Save as" which will download it to wherever you wish on your computer. **If you wish to continue to receive the Messenger by mail**, there are slips of paper on the windowsill in the bell tower and the window next to the Fellowship Hall doorway which you can fill out and give to Denise or put in the offering plate.

**Check out the pictures, monthly calendar and church info on our website.**

Dear Friends,  
Anne Morrow Lindbergh once wrote about "the going-away lump" she felt whenever she had to leave any place that she

had made "with difficulty and affection" her home. I now know what she was feeling. Although the nature of ordained Ministry requires occasional relocations, both Carol and I find leaving a painful process each time we have needed to do so. Moving away means ripping out the little roots that have just begun to be put down.

This is especially true as we leave Emmanuel UCC. We have thoroughly enjoyed you both as a congregation and as friends. Over the brief time since last October when I began to serve the church as your Interim Minister, this church began to feel like home.

We all knew when I accepted the call to serve here that I could be called to a settled pastorate. That time came, as most of you are aware, on April 2. The First Presbyterian Church of Panther Valley in Summit Hill, PA unanimously voted to call me to be their next pastor. This all happened very quickly once it began and we have not had much time to bid you adieu. It is difficult to leave such a great flock of God's people who have been so loving and accepting. We know that moving away will not be the end of our affection for you, nor, we hope, yours for us. The move will be difficult nonetheless. I can only describe it as "bittersweet".

Several of you have inquired about my new call. The church I will be pastoring is as I said First Presbyterian Church of Panther Valley in Summit Hill, PA. It sits atop a mountain (I guess the Holy Spirit wants me to be near mountains). Indeed, it is the highest point in the Lehigh Valley. It is one of 6 churches in town including a UCC Church, which is about to close, a Methodist Church, a Lutheran Church and two Roman Catholic Churches. It is close to Jim Thorpe (Mauch Chunk) and the area offers hiking and camping. I fear that there will be a fair amount of snow in the winter but you all know about snow. While I am anticipating new challenges, I do not leave Emmanuel easily. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that your search will be fruitful soon.

If you extend the same warmth and friendship and trust to your next pastor and family that you have shown to us, I know they will have a fruitful pastorate here at Emmanuel United Church of Christ.

Our new address will be 42 West White Street, Summit Hill, PA 18250. We hope you will keep us in the loop as they say. As soon as I know about my installation I will let you know and hope that you will be able to attend

In Christ,

Rev. Frederick W. Rogers, Interim Pastor  
Charles Kline, Sr., went home to the Lord on February 23, 2006. We extend our sympathy to his children their families.

It is with deep sorrow that we note the passing of Seba Harry on April 6, 2006. Seba was an extremely faithful member of our church, very active, and will be greatly missed.



Marth Grosz would like to thank everyone who remembered her family by their cards and prayers at the passing of Henry. All your support and sympathy is deeply appreciated.

## CONGREGATIONAL

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 BerVaughn Park in Berwick. We will meet in Pavilions 3 and 4. BerVaughn is a great place to play ball, climb on playground equipment, swim in the pool or just sit and relax. There's something for everyone at BerVaughn.

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Mary Rinehimer. **The deadline is May 21.**



The TWILIGHTERS will meet on Wednesday, May 10, for a covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon. Come on out and enjoy good food and good friends.



## SCHEDULE FOR HAM & CHICKEN DINNER



There's plenty to do before, during and after our dinners. Just check out this schedule.

Thursday, May 18	6:30 pm	Set up tables, cut up cabbage, carrots & peppers
Friday, May 19	7:00 am	Peel potatoes
	8:00 am	Make pickled cabbage
Saturday, May 20	6:00 pm	Clean chicken
	8:00 am	Finish food prep
	3:00 pm	Serve Dinner
	7:00 pm	Clean up

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex. Just pick a time (or two or three) and join in.



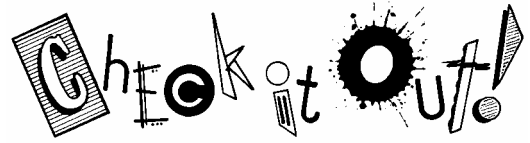
### LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Otherwise know as SCHOOL'S OUT). We will enjoy our last day of Sunday School on May 21 with a Movie Sunday. This will be a great way to finish our program and have fun with each other. So get yourself to Sunday School and bring a friend.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BAKE SALE

We will hold our usual **bake sale during the Ham and Chicken Dinner on May 20**. We really need your help with this fundraiser and any baked good donations are appreciated.

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

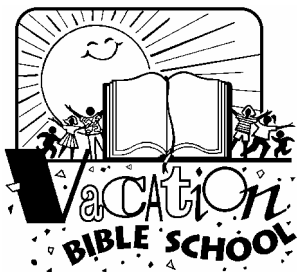


Justin and Eric Rinehimer received awards for their entries in the Rice Elementary Science Fair. Eric was awarded an Honorable Mention ribbon for his entry on gas properties and Justin received a 4<sup>th</sup> Place ribbon for his entry on saltrates. Excellent minds!!

Eli E. Hoyt, currently a King's College junior English writing major, minoring in English literature and marketing, was honored at its All College Honors Convocation Ceremony at the William S. Scandlon Center on April 23, 2006. Eli was recognized for his acceptance into the Aquinas Society, founded in 1953 and named in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, which acknowledges students of superior academic ability and achievement and who also are involved in extra-curricular activities that offer service to the college and community or leadership in campus organizations. A prerequisite for membership is attaining Dean's List status for at least four college semesters. In addition, Eli was also recognized for his acceptance into the Sigma Tau Delta, founded in 1924 to confer distinction for high achievement in English language and literature studies. It is this honor society's intent to foster the discipline of English in all aspects including creative and critical writing.

Following the All College Honors Convocation Ceremony, Eli received his CRLA (College Reading and Learning Association) Advanced Level 2 Tutor certification at the Tutor Certification & Awards Ceremony at the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center, King's College. Level 2 certification requires the acquisition of 20 hours of training to enhance peer tutoring abilities and at least 50 hours of tutoring experience.

If you know of any of our youth who have outstanding qualities, please get the information to me so we can recognize them.



**Vacation Bible School plans are underway.** We will be having it from June 19 to 23 (Monday through Friday). This year, Faith UMC will be host. As more details are worked out, sign-up sheets will be posted. **PLAN TO COME AND JOIN US FOR SUMMERTIME FUN AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH!**



**SONRISE SINGERS**

The Sonrise Singers are taking a short break for a few weeks and then we will start practicing for some summer songs. They are really enthusiastic about praising God (especially 4-year-old Nate who asked right as we finish singing “Shout” during Easter Worship whether we could sing it again). There’s always room for more voices of all ages, so:

Make a JOYFUL NOISE! (Psalm 100:1)  
Denise



**LOLLIPOP SALES** – We will be selling lollipops again to raise funds for our activities. See Marc and start selling!

**CLEAN-UP DAY BREAKFAST TEAM – May 6**  
The Youth Group will be serving breakfast for all the hard-working people who participate in the all-church clean up on May 6. We need youth to cook, serve and clean up.

**HAM AND CHICKEN DINNER – May 20**  
A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. We really need kids who are “brave” enough to: work in the dining room, wait on tables, run for vegetables, and help straighten up after the dinner.

# Around Our Community

The Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company sent us information regarding their Country Breakfast which will be held on Sunday, May 7, from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm at the fire hall. Menu includes scrambled eggs and ham, pancakes and sausage, home fries, toast, donuts, OJ, coffee, fruit or tea. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children, and children under 6 are free. Takes-outs are available.

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**  
**FOR MAY 2006**

**May 7 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Organist: Don Eroh  
Greeters: Roy and Betty Baker

**May 14 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Organist: Don Eroh  
Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers

**May 21 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Organist: Orceil Bloss  
Greeters: Carol Duffy and Eileen Bonzcek

**May 28 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Organist: Orceil Bloss  
Greeters: Dorothy Hoyt and Doris Yurchak

**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 Conference and Denomination’s activities and projects so that we can better understand our role as members of the United Church of Christ.

**PNEC DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM** is planning a “Work Camp Week” for ages 15 and older, Monday, July 31, through Sunday, August 6, 2006. If you feel the call to respond to our work camp trip, please contact the Conference office at 610-826-3113 or Linda Lenhart at 610-434-4363.