

The Messenger

November 2006

TURKEY DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS

Thanks to everyone who helped with making our annual Turkey Dinner on October 21 one of the best we ever had. We started serving meals at 3:00 pm and the place was hopping all night until 7:00 pm. We served approximately 575 meals (Whew!) between the people served in the Fellowship Hall and the take-outs. It takes a lot of people to prepare, serve and clean-up for a dinner; from the initial dining room set-up and cutting up of vegetables on Thursday evening through the clean-up on Saturday night. It is inspirational to see members and friends of all ages (11 through 70-something) working together and having fun doing it. So give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

You may have some trick-or-treaters coming around on Halloween looking for more than just candy. Our youth are attempting to add to the wonderful offering of food which was given on Harvest Home Sunday. They will be going around asking for donations of “kid’s food” type stuff, such as ravioli, beef-a-roni, kids meals, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast treats, cereals (which we could really use), tuna fish and canned meats, juice packs and canned juices. Won’t you please give a treat for God’s hungry to eat?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will have a special time during Worship on November 5, All Saints Sunday, to remember our loved ones. Anyone wishing to have a loved one’s name mentioned, please see Denise Dean or leave a message on the church answering machine (868-5675).

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, November 5, during our regular Sunday Worship Service. Come celebrate the Lord’s Supper and remember his loving sacrifice and amazing resurrection. A coffee hour will follow the Worship Service and everyone is welcome to bring a “goodie” to share.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Thanksgiving Eve Service

The Wapwallopen Ministerium will hold its annual Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 22 at 7:00 pm. The host church will be St. Mark’s Union Church in Pond Hill. Pastor Ted will participate along with the other leaders of the Wapwallopen Ministerium churches. We welcome everyone to join us in an evening of gratitude and appreciation for all God’s blessings to us.

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Calendar Of Events

RECOGNITION OF SAINTS AND LOVED ONES AND COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

November 5

On November 5 we will celebrate the sacrament of Communion Sunday. We will also have a special time during Worship since it is All Saints Sunday to remember our loved ones. Anyone wishing to have a loved one's name mentioned, please see Denise Dean or leave a message on the church answering

machine (868-5675). Coffee Hour will be held after the Worship Service.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 22

We will join with the other churches of the Wapwallopen Ministerium on November 22 at 7:00 pm at St. Mark's Union Church, Pond Hill, to have our annual Thanksgiving Service.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 3 Advent begins
Dec. 10 Caroling
Dec. 16 Sun. School Party
Dec. 17 Christmas Program

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INFO

November 20

The deadline for information for the December Messenger is November 20. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

October was a beautiful month; it was a joy to experience the beauty of God's hand as displayed in the foliage along the roads as we traveled here to Mountain Top. We missed being at the Harvest Home service. Margie and I officiated at a wedding at the historic Millbrook Village along the Copper Mine Road in New Jersey, on that weekend. The bride is the daughter of a friend of ours. When you know someone from before they were born it is so heartwarming to participate in the wedding.

We experienced another touching moment at the Annual Meeting of the PNEC on Saturday, October 21. Becky Broyan was recognized as a student in-care before the entire conference. As her picture flashed up on that huge screen and she went up front, our hearts were bursting with pride. We could not wait to share that news with you.

I was pleased to be elected as a delegate to the General Synod at Hartford, in June of 2007. I am in the class of 2009; so it will be a real honor to represent the conference at that national event. I will be going for training about it in Palmerton.

Another conference opportunity will be the Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 2. The theme is Advent: A Time to Wait. It will be held at St. John's UCC in Emmaus, from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Margie and I look forward to attending it each year. Perhaps you might be able to fit it into your schedule this year.

Another pleasure has been the confirmation class. The students are such a tremendous group of young people. They are working very hard. We are encouraging them to stay for church each week as part of their commitment, if it is at all possible.

The baptism for Deven Sanjay Kamat was another highlight for the month. It was such an honor to have Reverend Ghulam Nasrani here with us. He has been a dear friend of ours for many years so the whole day was a true delight for all of us. Deven's family and friends helped to fill our pews for the sacrament.

We will have a special time during the service on November 5 for All Saints' Sunday. We will remember the saints of our church on that day. Please let us know if you have the name of someone whom you would like to have included for the service. We will remember the recently departed members of our church family and friends by reading their names aloud.

Although we had our Harvest Home service, we will sing hymns about being thankful on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19. We hope that you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Peace, Pastor Ted

Thank You

The family of Bea Moyer would like to thank all of you for your cards, prayers and thoughts on her recent passing. Your sympathy and love are appreciated.

Thank you to those who help around the church:

- Rhonda Madigan and Pricilla Farrell for again reorganizing the food bank
- Hilbert & Lois Eigenbrod for decorating the church for Harvest Home
- The secret planter(s) of beautiful flowers
- The two groups of volunteers who fulfilled our promise to keep Alberdeen Road clean

And a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who works behind the scenes to keep things going! Our church would not be the same without YOU!

Our Condolences

With deep sorrow we note the passing of Bea Moyer. Bea was a wonderful woman and a blessing to all who knew her. She will always be remembered as a pillar of our church and a loving Christian. We offer our condolences and sympathy to all her children and their families.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER TWILIGHTERS

November 1

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, November 1 at 12:00 pm at the Stairville United Methodist Church for our annual Christmas Dinner.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

Our Search Committee will be traveling to a neutral pulpit in November to hear a trial sermon of a potential new pastor for our church. Please keep them and their work in your prayers in their effort to find a pastor for us.

COMPARISON OF GENERAL FUND TOTALS FOR LAST THREE YEARS

	2003	2004	2005
Beg. Balance	13,284.74	8,484.40	15,150.58
Receipts	95,318.21	114,262.00	98,040.22
Expenses	100,218.55	99,475.42	94,530.28
End. Balance	8,484.40	15,150.58	18,660.52

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Family Fun Night on October 6 & 7 was a great time. Many members joined in our potluck dinner and then we all had fun playing games or watching a movie. Several youth stayed overnight. We will be planning similar all-church events in the future, so keep watching for details.

THANKS TO CROP WALKERS

Thank you to all who participated in this year's CROP Walk - those who walked, and their sponsors, those who made food donations, those who worked in the kitchen and with registration. Thanks to everyone's efforts, Emmanuel raised \$574.00. Great Job! Connie Davis

HALLOWEEN TREATS FOR GOD'S CHILDREN TO EAT

On Halloween, many of our youth will be collecting more "kid's stuff" food for the Food Bank. Please give an extra can or box of something that kid's like to eat.

NOVEMBER U-PIK EVENT

Marc Davis would like to meet with all the youth to pick an event for November. The choices would be things like bowling, roller skating, movie and game night, etc. So get with Marc and make a date.

Future plans for the Youth Group include Caroling and going to see the Live Nativity in December, going to see a movie in January and the 30-Hour Famine which will be in either February or March.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR SENIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Marc Davis and Camille Daniels are teaching a class for youth who are in eighth grade and above. Everyone is welcome to join in this high-school grades class. Bring a friend, too, and spread the word – there really are classes for EVERYONE at Emmanuel.

From the Sunday School Superintendent

Our Sunday School is really coming together and I'm so glad to be a part of this energetic group. For our November mission project, we will again assemble turkey dinners for people who frequent the McKinney Clinic. We would appreciate monetary donations to help with the cost of purchasing the turkeys and fixings. So anyone who can help, please see me. And may God give you many more blessings to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Sharon E.

Around Our Community

DORRANCE TWP. VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY CHINESE AUCTION

November 5

The Auxiliary will hold a Chinese Auction featuring new items and Specialty Baskets on November 5 at the Dorrance fire hall beginning at 11 am with the drawings at 2 pm. Food and refreshments will be available. proceeds will benefit the fire, rescue and ambulance departments. Please call 868-6691 for information or to donate new merchandise.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2006

Nov. 5 – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Don Eroh
Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers

Nov. 12 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Orceil Bloss
Greeters: Sami Dauber and Matt Price

Nov. 19 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Orceil Bloss
Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan

Nov. 26 – Reign of Christ (Christ the King Sunday)

Organist: Don Eroh
Greeters: Holly Hoffman and Richie Lenahan

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

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

PENN NORTHEAST CONFERENCE NEWS

We received a thank you letter from Lancaster Theological Seminary for our recent gift to them. The letter also noted that the Seminary will begin to offer evening and weekend courses. The board of trustees has decided to broaden their course offerings and open new avenues of life-long learning. All these opportunities will impose additional costs on the Seminary but they are costs they deem are well worthwhile to provide theological education to youth, lay leaders, congregations, those preparing for authorized ministry and ordained clergy. The Seminary has a lot to offer to anyone interested in deepening their faith. As a congregation of the United Church of Christ, we need to support them as much as possible in their efforts. To

learn more about what is happening at the seminary, log on to www.lancasterseminary.edu.

PNEC ADVENT RETREAT

On Saturday, December 2, from 9 am to 4 pm the Penn Northeast Conference will hold an Advent Retreat entitled “Advent: A Time to Wait”. The focus of the retreat is to take time to wait patiently, which is a hard lesson for us in the midst of our busy world. The retreat will take place at St. John’s UCC, Emmaus and registration forms are on the Narthex table.

BETHANY CHILDREN’S HOME CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST

Copies of the Giving Guide and the 2006 Wish List are on the tables by the Fellowship Hall Doorway and in the Narthex. Please consider the needs (and wants) of these children. Please note that the children at Bethany are between the ages of 11 and 18 years old so when choosing a gift, think about the children you know who are preteens and teenagers. Although the Giving Guide asks that the gifts not be wrapped, we are allowed to wrap them in white paper with a tag indicating whether it is for a boy or girl and what age group (such as “12 year old boy” or “15 year old girl”). There are also letters on the bulletin board in the Bell Tower from Jonathan Henning, CEO of Bethany. Please take the time to read these letters as they share with us the importance of giving.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We received the Christmas Gift catalog from Heifer International, a non-profit organization which helps people here and around the world improved their lives.

Heifer's Mission to End Hunger

Heifer envisions...

A world of communities living together in peace and equitably sharing the resources of a healthy planet.

Heifer’s mission is...

To work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

Heifer's strategy is...

To “pass on the gift.” As people share their animals’ offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.

Heifer’s History

This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for over 60 years. Today, millions of families in 128 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope.

For more information, see the catalog on the Narthex table or visit www.heifer.org.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Carrie Russell
2 Herman Spangler
3 Stanley Cybulski
3 Brenda Heller
3 Terry Belanchik
5 James Daniels
5 Richard Supkowski, Jr.
6 Pauline Dennis
6 Lydon Bloss
7 Elizabeth Sufrinko
8 Diane Yakscoe
8 Gerald Mellas

9 Morgan May Rinehimer
10 Karl C. Kemmerer
10 Rich Rotski
11 Casey Eigenbrod
13 Jack Shafer, Sr.
13 Gertrude Ostrowski
16 Ellen Newell
16 Jeffrey Rinehimer
16 Sharon Horensky
16 Cristy Mulherin
17 David Cronce

17 Donna Lynn Myers
18 Anna Mae Koons
18 Sharon Eigenbrod
19 Lynne Stewart
19 Marie Conrad
20 Janice Rinehimer
21 Eric Hoffman
22 Stanley Stein
23 Caleb Mussman
23 Millard Rinehimer, Jr.
25 Duane Stein
30 Dustin Harter

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 4, 2000Brad and Becky Frey
Nov. 7, 1947Dick and Hilda Lewis
Nov. 11, 1950Cliff and Gladys Readler
Nov. 12, 2001Jim and Laura Cease
Nov. 16, 1996Ronald, Jr. and Lisa Rinehimer