

The Messenger

October 2006

CHECK OUT THE MANY WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN EMMANUEL'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS

All youth who are eligible to participate in the Confirmation Class are urged to contact Pastor Ted. The first class is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, during Sunday School.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with all Christians around the world on Sunday, October 1. Come experience the wonder of all Christians in all walks of life celebrating the Lord's Supper all at the same time.

CROP Walk

The CROP Walk is scheduled for October 1 with registration at Emmanuel at 12:30 and the walk beginning at 1:00 pm. Please see Connie Davis if you wish to walk or sponsor a walker. For more details, see page 4.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

EVENING COMMUNION SERVICES

We will begin evening Communion Services on October 4. Pastor Ted will conduct these services which will start at 6:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come to the Table of the Lord.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 & 7

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Youth Group has a FAMILY Fun Night planned for October 6 and 7. It will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday with a potluck dinner. See more details on page 3.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

NIN OFFERING

As part of our contributions through the United Church of Christ, we donate to the Neighbors in Need offering. This year, the Neighbors in Need offering is scheduled for October 8.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

Also on October 8, we will again fulfill our promise to keep part of our local environment clean and unpolluted. Anyone interested in helping clean up Alberdeen Road should see Gary Eigenbrod, Jr.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

We need to replenish certain items for the Food Bank. Please see page 3.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

TURKEY DINNER

Actually, the preparations for the Turkey Dinner begin on Thursday, October 19 and continue through final clean up after the supper. Please check the schedule on page 2 and the article on page 4 to see where you can help.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL FEST

Come for a great evening of fun at the Sunday School Fall Fest. We will begin by having something to eat around 4:00 pm, play some games and have fun and end the day gathered around the bonfire at 8 pm. See Sharon E. for details.

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Calendar Of Events

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

October 1

On October 1 we will celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday. Coffee Hour will be held after the Worship Service.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

October 4

Pastor Ted will begin conducting Wednesday Evening Communion Services at 6:30 pm. Come to the Lord's Table and be filled.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

October 6 & 7

Bring your family for a night of fun and games on October 6 beginning with a potluck supper at 6:00 pm. Optional sleepover until Saturday morning. See page 3 for more info.

TWILIGHTERS MEETING

October 11

The Twilighters will meet on October 18 at 10:00 pm.

TURKEY SUPPER DATES

Please see the article on page 4 and mark your calendars for times when you are available to help.

October 19

6:00 pm – set up tables, peel potatoes for stuffing, cut up cabbage, carrots, celery & onion for pickled cabbage and stuffing.

October 20

7:00 am – finish peeling potatoes
8:00 am – make pickled cabbage and stuffing

October 21

8:00 am – debone turkeys and final preparations
3-7 pm – Serve Supper
6:30-? pm – Clean up

CONSISTORY MEETING

October 26

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, October 26, at 6:30 pm.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

October 29

It's time to turn your clocks back to Standard Time.

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 5 All Saints Sunday
Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Service at St. Mark's Union Church
Dec. 3 Advent begins

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INFO

October 23

The deadline for information for the November Messenger is October 23. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

All of you have been in our thoughts and prayers with the disappointment about the ministerial candidate. Everyone felt saddened by it. We will continue to move forward at Emmanuel UCC. We have a wonderful search committee and we appreciate their efforts. Let us remember to continue to pray for them. We will get a new pastor and he or she will be the right match for us.

After negative experiences like this one we need to emphasize our energies in positive ways. When we feel hurt it is sometimes hard to remember these ideals. We have various projects coming up at the church that can channel that enthusiasm. In addition to the possibilities for service with the Turkey Dinner on October 21 there are other opportunities. We are discussing a stewardship campaign and having a church growth committee. You may want to join the choir. We have chatted about getting our church nursery active again. We are having an All Saints' Day special service on November 5. We will be remembering our friends and family that have passed away during the last year. We could use some help with this as well. You may see a need around the church that you would like to become active with it. Emmanuel is fortunate to have so many members with great leadership skills.

Speaking of building leadership, there are several of you who may be interested in the licensed ministry program. There are brochures about it in the narthex. Most of the courses are held at Schuylkill Haven, which is not that far from Mountain Top. A few of you might want to carpool together. Margie and I would be willing to talk with you about it. We could plan a time after church some week if a group of you would like to meet about it.

We are excited about the confirmation class, which will begin on October 1. We will use Affirming Our Faith as our main textbook. I will be teaching it in the beginning. Margie will be doing some of the sessions later in the program. She had the major responsibility for it at the Zion UCC, in Stroudsburg. She served as their pastoral intern for two and one half years and was the staff person in charge of Christian education. I was the associate pastor there. She has some plans for some supplementary lessons to make the program more complete. We are looking forward to continuing our interim ministry here.

Peace,

Pastor Ted

Thank You

I would like to express my appreciation and gratefulness to our congregation for the prayers for my mother and your condolences on her recent passing on September 7. The cards and prayers were very appreciated.

Dorothy Hoyt

The family and friends of Lynn Hughes would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness. Lynn appreciated the cards and your concern. She especially appreciated the calls from Pastor and was touched by everyone's concern and hope for her. Lynn passed away on September 8.

Thank you to those who help around the church:

- Lonnie Rinehimer for weed-wacking around the church.
- Lex Koons for mowing "the back forty".
- Lonnie and Jim Rinehimer and Matt Price for cutting the grass.
- Steve Moyer for repairing the Fellowship Hall outside door.

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!

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

30-Hour Famine Certificate

World Vision has recognized our youth for their contribution to help end hunger here and around the globe. A Certificate of Appreciation for all their hard work in collecting sponsors and then participating in the 30 hours of fasting is posted on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

Around Our Community

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENING

October 17, 2006

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will host a Life Line screening for anyone wishing to have testing for stroke indicators, abdominal aortic aneurysms, arterial disease or osteoporosis. You must call 1 800 643-6705 or 1 800 324-1851 for an appointment. Each test costs \$45.

PUMPKIN RIDES

Weekends in September and October

Old-fashioned, western buggy rides are scheduled at Gary Moyer's farm every Saturday and Sunday beginning September 30. For \$12, children 6 and older can ride a horse-drawn buggy ride to the pumpkin patch and pick out a pumpkin to take home. Children under 6 ride for free.

The times are: Saturdays from 10 am to 6 pm and Sundays from 12 pm to 6 pm. Homemade kettle soup, hot dogs and homemade pies will be available for purchase.

A special day is planned for Saturday, October 14, as Gary and his friends bring together an assortment of work horses. Haflingers, Belgians, and other draft horses will be on hand to demonstrate how farming was done before (and sometimes after) the invention of power engines and tractors. It promises to be a fun and informative day for everyone so come out and see how farming was really done.

For more information, please call Gary Moyer at 379-2220.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

October 11

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at 10:00 pm. We will finish our project for the Hobbie Nursing Home residents and favors for the Christmas Dinner. Please bring a covered dish to share for lunch.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays at 7:00 pm

All women of our communities are invited to join us for Bible Study on Monday Evenings. If you are interested in learning more about your faith, please see Camille Daniels.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

October 6 & 7

The Youth Group invites everyone to join in a Family Fun Night and Sleepover. It will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:00 pm on Friday, October 6. After dinner, we will play games and/or watch a movie (whichever you prefer, or both, if you're really talented). The movie is Disney's "Tall Tales" which is a collection of stories about Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill and John Henry. Everyone is welcome to stay as long as you like, even overnight. Youth who opt to stay are required to have a permission slip and parents are asked to pick their children up on Saturday, October 7, by 9:00 am. So bring a favorite game and a covered dish to share and join us for a great evening of family fun.

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

October 15

Recent needs by families in our community have depleted the Food Bank of certain items. There is a need for paper products and "kid's food", like ravioli and beef-a-roni, kids microwave meals, peanut butter, jelly, cereals, juice (packs or jugs), tuna fish & canned meat (not ham – it needs refrigeration), kids soups, "pop tarts" and paper products but not paper towels. Thanks for your generosity.

Dorrance Emmanuel Reformed

Cemetery Association Treasurer's Report for 2005

Working Fund

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| 2004 Balance | \$21,455.18 |
| 2005 Income | <u>1,918.17</u> |
| | \$23,373.35 |
| 2005 Expense | <u>5,437.93</u> |
| Balance 12/31/05 | \$17,935.42 |

Perpetual Care Fund

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| 2004 Balance | \$40,750.00 |
| 2005 Income | <u>-0-</u> |
| Balance 12/31/05 | \$40,750.00 |
| TOTAL OF FUNDS | \$58,685.42 |

Audited by Steve Moyer and Allen Dennis

Turkey Supper Dates

Please remember that it is not necessary to be at the supper "forever". If everyone takes a turn, we can all help each other and feel good about volunteering to support our church.

As always, we need people to cook the turkeys. Don Eroh is the person to see if you can volunteer your time for this important item (what's a Turkey Supper without turkey, right?) The turkeys arrive either at your home or at the church (depending on how you arrange it with Don) on Thursday morning.

On Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m., walls are taken down and tables are set up. Then there is the cleaning and cutting up of the vegetables for the pickled cabbage and "eyeing" and cutting up of the potatoes for the stuffing. (We only have to eye the potatoes, not peel them since we have a potato peeler.)

Early Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. more potatoes are eyed (we need mashed potatoes, too) and then at about 8:00 a.m. we start making the pickled cabbage and stuffing.

Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. we start cleaning the meat off the turkeys, which is easier to do if the turkeys are warm. Then, of course, the actual event begins at 3:00 and goes to about 7:00 p.m. We can always use lots of hands for serving food, working in the kitchen, busing tables, and waiting on tables. By the end of the supper at 7:00 p.m., the workers, many of whom have been there since 2:30 p.m. (mashing potatoes, making gravy, making sure the vegetables and stuffing are hot so that everything is ready at 3:00 p.m.) are ready for a rest. That's when it's nice to have a clean-up crew come in. The tables all have to be cleaned off, tablecloths and chairs wiped down, Sunday School rooms put back into order and the walls put back up. The large roasters and cook pots are washed and put away until the next supper. The kitchen cleaned and floors washed and vacuumed.

As you can see, there is a lot of work involved in having a supper, but it is a lot of fun and fellowship, too. Please consider where you can be of service and join us.

CROP WALK

Many of our youth and adults will join with the other churches in the Wapwallopen Ministerium and participate in our annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 1. CROP events started almost 60 years ago, with the collection and shipping of grain contributed by Midwest farmers to feed starving people in devastated post-World War II Europe and Asia. Today, CROP Hunger Walks are the only events that raise awareness and funds to address both international and local needs. CROP Hunger Walks call us to remember both neighbors a few blocks away and neighbors around the world--from the Indian Ocean tsunami to Pakistan earthquake--in our giving.

Church World Service also provides relief when disasters strike. The agency is a first-responder in domestic disasters, such as last year's Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. CWS currently is working with Habitat for Humanity to rebuild homes in the Gulf Coast and also has helped to start camps for children and youth-at-risk and organized "care for the caregivers" workshops for clergy and other response personnel in the storm-damaged areas. "We walk because they walk" is the CROP Walk slogan. Please support these volunteers and give generously to the CROP Walk.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2006

Oct. 1 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Don Eroh
Greeters: Roy and Betty Baker

Oct. 8 – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Don Eroh
Greeters: Jayne and Rich Rotski

Oct. 15 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Orceil Bloss
Greeters: Dorothy Hoyt and Doris Yurchak

Oct. 22 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Orceil Bloss
Greeters: Connie Myers and Connie Davis

Oct. 29 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Organist: Don Eroh
Greeters: Alecia Myers and Gary Eigenbrod

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

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

PENN NORTHEAST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Penn Northeast Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Jordan UCC, Allentown. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Rob Brand | 8 Alexis Kamat | 16 Mindi VanFossen |
| 3 Tim Miller | 9 John Daniels | 16 Bree Ann Drum |
| 3 Kayla Schwartz | 9 Dawn Lynn Myers | 16 Glenda Supkowski |
| 4 John Rinehimer | 9 Tammy Dauber | 16 Joshua Cronce |
| 4 Harry W. Peters | 10 Jennifer Lesh | 19 Maegan Grosz |
| 4 Patricia Heller | 11 Beatrice Moyer | 20 Linda Gittens |
| 5 Jacqueline Heller | 11 Betty Montigney | 27 Sharryl Kastreva |
| 5 Barry Myers | 12 Janene Mussmon | 27 Kaitlin Brand |
| 5 Cheryl Hoffman | 13 Rosemary Myers | 28 Gary Gittens |
| 6 Glynis Dean | 13 Joan Rinehimer | 28 Betty VanFossen |
| 6 Sheila Deets | 14 Eileen Bonczek | 29 Jared Mellas |
| 7 Margaret Kozak | 15 Michelle Heller | 29 Christian Cox |
| | 15 Kyle Belanchik | |

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Oct. 1, 1983 | Howard and Cecelia Walk |
| Oct. 3, 1964 | Dave and Rosemary Myers |
| Oct. 5, 1991 | Tom and Audrey Grosz |
| Oct. 11, 1975 | Ivan and Dorothy Hoyt |
| Oct. 12, 2001 | Steve and Sharon Moyer |
| Oct. 17, 1987 | John and Camille Daniels |
| Oct. 19, 1949 | Ted and Ellie Arnold |
| Oct. 28, 2000 | Robert and Nicole Johnson |