

# The Messenger

## August 2007

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 5** **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

#### **GUEST PREACHER – PASTOR JIM CRAWFORD**

Pastor Jim Crawford will lead us in the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, August 5, during our Worship Service which begins at 9:30 am. Come join us at the table of the Lord.

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 11** **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Our church has been asked by the Red Cross to sponsor a blood drive for our local communities. This drive will take place on Saturday, August 11, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. We encourage everyone to come donate the gift of life. Your participation in this life-saving event will not only save lives (how obvious), but also makes possible life-improving procedures, such as heart by-pass operations. For every heart by-pass operation, six units of blood are needed. That's donations from six individuals. Most of us know someone who has either gone through this operation or may need it. Let's make this a very successful blood drive by getting the word out. One of the "excuses" used to explain why people don't give blood is "I was never asked". Please, consider yourself asked and ask others.

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 12** **BACKWARDS SUNDAY**

Sunday, August 12, will be Backwards Sunday at Emmanuel. Usually, we have a coffee hour after our Communion Service on the first Sunday of the month. But this month, we are gathering **before** worship at 9:00 am for a "Coffee Break" on the **second Sunday** of the month. We will relax and spend some time in fellowship before coming together in the church to praise God and join our voices in worship of our Lord. So, wake up and smell the coffee (and the donuts and the goodies)!

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 18** **OUTING TO BUSHKILL FALLS**

The Youth Group is inviting everyone to come along to have some outdoor fun at Bushkill Falls. There are various trails viewing the gorgeous falls, fishing, paddle boats, a wild life exhibit, mini golf and an ice cream parlor and fudge kitchen. Folk and country music bands are scheduled to play from noon to 4:00 pm. For more information, see page inside under "Youth Activities".

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Roof Repair**

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for Sunday, August 19, after our worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on repairs to the flat roof which was damaged by ice recently.

#### **EMMANUEL HOSTS OLD RIVER CHURCH SERVICE**

Our turn to host the Old River Church Service will be on August 19. The service begins at 6:00 pm. We hope you will come and enjoy a truly unique and wonderful worship experience.

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## Calendar Of Events

### COMMUNION

**August 5**

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion during our church service. There will be no coffee hour after worship service.

### TWILIGHTERS

**August 8**

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, July 11, at 12 pm for a picnic lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

### CONSISTORY MEETING

**August 16**

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 pm.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**August 19**

A Congregational Meeting has been called to vote on repairs to the flat roof which was damaged by ice this past winter.

### UPCOMING DATES

Sunday Evenings – Old River Road  
Services 6:00 pm

### NEWSLETTER INFO

#### DEADLINE

**August 17**

The deadline for information for the September Messenger is August 17. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

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## **From The Pastor's Desk**

Dear Friends,

The summer is escaping us and we are looking forward to the opening of Sunday school and the swirl of activities that it will bring with it. At Synod, we heard of many churches that are calling this year "Invitation Year." The meaning of it is that we need to ask people to join us for church. Research shows that most people come to a church because a member requests that they accompany them. We might consider trying that idea here at Emmanuel. Any Sunday would be a great time to bring a friend to our service. The first Sunday of the month is special with communion, coffee hour and the interesting talks that we have had at those occasions. Some churches have coffee hour each week. Many have dispensed with the goodies and just serve beverages. It saves preparation time and calories when there are only beverages.

As we ponder the beginning of the Christian education program, we need more Sunday school teachers. The materials that are available today do not require as much preparation time as in years gone by. Please consider teaching Sunday school. You might want to co-teach with someone else so that you have more flexibility with your schedules. A child's Christian journey starts with the church nursery and we are enthusiastic about getting our program underway. We picture having the youngsters start in the church and come downstairs after the children's message to finish the hour there. We are accepting names for this important job as well.

We all love Emmanuel and are longing for a permanent pastor. Our most recent disappointment dashed our hope but did not diminish our vision. There is a correct fit for us here. During these times we need to continue to encourage our Search Committee and one another. Envisioning the glass as half full will help us to remain positive. We need to be patient with one another also. We can see this transition as a time for us to grow together and journey forward with Jesus.

Peace, Pastor Ted

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## **Thank You**

Thanking everyone for the outpouring of love and condolences for the loss of my mother. We greatly appreciated the cards and prayers.

Camille Daniels

We received a letter from Lancaster Theological Seminary for our recent donation of \$250 (Easter Offering). As noted in the letter, our donation is being doubled by a special challenge offering to \$500.

The letter is on the bulletin board in the bell tower if you wish to read it.

Thank you to the many people who work behind the scenes at our church: planters and waterers of flowers; constructors of new doorways; painters of doors and woodwork; "supervisors" and helpers of electrical contractors; and others who remain nameless but are still so vital to the daily operations of our church.

## Our Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Camille Daniels and her family at the passing of her mother, Agnes Bobeck, on July 16, 2007. Your family is in our prayers.

## CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

**TWILIGHTERS** - The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, August 8, for a picnic lunch at 12:00 noon.

## Old River Church Services

These services begin at 6:00 pm. Come and enjoy the experience of worshipping as our ancestors did. The following churches will be in charge of the services:

|                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Aug. 5         | St. Mary's RC            |
| Aug. 12        | New Hope UM Charge       |
| <b>Aug. 19</b> | <b>Emmanuel UCC</b>      |
| Aug. 26        | The Cemetery Association |

## YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

### BUSHKILL FALLS OUTING

The Youth Group is inviting everyone to come along to have some outdoor fun at Bushkill Falls. The main attraction are the various trails viewing the gorgeous falls. These trails are as short as approximately 15 minutes (a view of the main falls with no climbing) to approximately 2½ hours (hiking along the falls, up and down levels and all through the woods). Fishing, paddle boats, a wild life exhibit, mini golf are also available and there is an ice cream parlor and fudge kitchen. A native American exhibit displays life as the Lenni Lenape lived hundreds of years ago. Folk and country music bands are scheduled to play from noon to 4:00 pm. There is a picnic area and a pavilion. For those who are carpooling, we will leave Emmanuel at 8:00 am and drive for approximately 1½ hours to Bushkill. We will leave at 2:30 pm. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex so that we know who is going and don't leave without you!

See you at the falls!!

Marc Davis

## YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

Check out the bulletin board at the front entrance for some new pictures of our youth. **Autumn Atkinson** is a member of the Mountain Top Avalanche Soccer team which finished second in the Lehigh Valley Tournament.

Look for **Stacy Prelewicz** among the seven Girl Scouts who received their Gold Awards.

**Get ready, because the Honor Rolls are out for fourth quarter 2006-07 school year! And the "winners" are:**

### Crestwood Middle School

Principal's Honors: Alecia Myers and Jacob Mylet

High Honors: Marc Davis and Meredith Martin

Honors: Courtney Kania; Kelly Madigan; Jared Yascoe; Katie Rosser

### Crestwood High School

Principal's Honors: Stacy Prelewicz

High Honors: Gary Eigenbrod; Barry Myers; Derek Stein; Kyle Belanchik; Courtney Day; Victoria Kramer; Jordan Pickering

Honors: Matthew Farrell; Kelly Sufrinko; Brian Deluca; Chelsea Myers; Michael Daniels; Robert Madigan

### Rice Elementary (not published in papers)

Justin Rinehimer

Fantastic job by all of you. It isn't easy keeping grades up so well, especially since many of you are involved in extracurricular activities. If you know of anyone who should be on the above lists, but was not noted, *please* let me know. Denise

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2007

### Aug. 5 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist: Harriet Seward

Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers

### Aug. 12 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Organist: Don Eroh

Greeters: Connie Myers & Connie Davis

### Aug. 19 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist: Eugene Good

Greeters: Dylan & Forrest Atkinson

### Aug. 26 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist: Orceil Bloss

Greeters: Sami Dauber and Richie Lenahan

### OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

|                         |                          |                       |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 George Belanchik      | 18 Wayne VanFossen, Sr.  | 27 Jennifer Rinehimer |
| 4 Camille Daniels       | 19 Audrey Grosz          | 27 Debbie Price       |
| 4 Joanne Lesh           | 20 Jillian Evans         | 27 Rick Evans         |
| 4 Debra Prelewicz       | 21 Ronald Rinehimer, Jr. | 27 Greg Heller        |
| 5 Robert Prelewicz      | 22 Wendy Williams        | 27 Samantha Taney     |
| 5 Teresa Day            | 22 Bradley Kline         | 28 Ed Mylet           |
| 7 Ethel Fine            | 22 Eleanor Arnold        | 28 Kara Johnson       |
| 8 Ronald Rinehimer, Sr. | 23 Courtney Kania        | 29 Marc M. Davis      |
| 9 Matthew Price         | 24 Karla Spangler        | 29 Shirley Eckrote    |
| 9 Mary Hartman          | 25 Kelly Sufrinko        | 31 Cheryl Heller      |
| 12 Gladys Peters        | 25 Jeremy Hoffman        | 31 Lisa Shafer        |
| 16 Robert Heller        | 25 Wesley Hoffman        | 31 David Horensky     |
| 17 Sheila Kline         |                          | 31 Nelson Horwath     |

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| August 1, 1992 .....  | Marc and Connie Davis    |
| August 3, 1968 .....  | John and Joan Rinehimer  |
| August 10, 1991 ..... | Bill and Sherri Hoch     |
| August 14, 1971 ..... | Dave and Sharon Horensky |
| August 14, 1976 ..... | Clyde and Brenda Heller  |
| August 17, 1957 ..... | Lydon and Orceil Bloss   |
| August 25, 1973 ..... | Roy and Betty Baker      |
| August 27, 1983 ..... | Rob and Debbie Prelewicz |
| August 27, 1999 ..... | Chris and Deb Dietrich   |
| August 28, 1990 ..... | Joe and Lois Huntzinger  |
| August 31, 1963 ..... | Stan and Darlene Stein   |