

# The Messenger

**July 2007**

## **SUNDAY, JULY 1**

### **COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR**

#### **The Wonderful World of Beanies**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, July 1, during our Worship Service. A coffee hour will follow the Worship Service and everyone is welcome to bring a "goodie" to share. For our sharing time during the Coffee Hour, Glynis Dean will bring a portion of her Beanie Baby collection.

## **SATURDAY, JULY 28**

### **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Bring your picnic baskets filled with your utensils, plates and drink and a covered dish to share and join us for an old-fashioned get together on Saturday, July 28 at Ber Vaughn Park in Berwick. Pavilion 5 has been reserved for us. It is really a wonderful place with plenty of shade trees, playground equipment, ball parks, and a large in-ground pool. You can bring your deck of cards, game boards, bats and balls, and lawn chairs. Don't forget the swimsuits and suntan lotion, too. It is close enough to home for everyone to come for a day of relaxation and fun with our church family. We'll gather at 11:00 am for lunch at 12:00 pm.

## **SATURDAY, JULY 28**

### **TENTATIVE MEET AND GREET EVENING**

The Search Committee has chosen a candidate and has tentatively set Saturday, July 28, at 6:30 pm for a "meet and greet" evening. We will have coffee, beverages and light refreshments. Please plan to come and meet our prospective Pastor.

## **SUNDAY, JULY 29**

### **TENTATIVE DATE FOR**

#### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING and TRIAL SERMON SUNDAY**

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for Sunday, July 29, after our worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on a new settled Pastor. On Sunday, July 29, he will present his trial sermon. As more details of the candidate are made available, they will be passed along to you in our Sunday bulletins.

## **I AM MY CHURCH**

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

It will be friendly... if I am friendly.

Its pews will be filled... if I help fill them.

It will do great work ... if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes... if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship... if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit...if I, who makes it what it is, am filled with these traits.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.

From the newsletter of Hope UCC, Allentown

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## Calendar Of Events

### COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

**July 1**

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion during our church service which begins at 9:30 am. At this month's time of sharing during coffee hour, Glynis will share a portion of her Beanie Baby collection. She has some very interesting Beanies and stories to go with them.

### TWILIGHTERS

**July 11**

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, July 11, at 12 pm for a covered dish luncheon.

### CONSISTORY MEETING

**July 19**

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, July 19, at 6:30 pm.

### TENTATIVE DATES FOR MEET AND GREET and TRIAL SERMON SUNDAY

**July 28 and 29**

The Search Committee has been diligently seeking a candidate to become our next settled Pastor. As a result, a very promising candidate has been found. We encourage everyone to come for coffee and goodies and to meet him on Saturday, July 28, at 6:30 pm. Then, on Sunday, July 29, he will

present his trial sermon during our regular worship service. We will have a congregational meeting after the service to vote on whether to extend a call to him.

### UPCOMING DATES

Sunday Evenings – Old River Road  
Services 6:00 pm

### NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

**July 18**

The deadline for information for the August Messenger is July 18. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

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

Since Pastor Ted is representing us at the UCC Annual Meeting, I am printing a poem which was given to him and which he asked be included in the Messenger for this month. Denise.

### **GOD KNOWS BEST**

It was not my plan or wish  
whatever life to me might dish.  
I wanted the best; not the test,  
But God knows what is best.

Like our roads which twist and turn  
and also continually go up and down,  
My life's journeys also twist and turn  
and my joys go up and down.  
And each day is another test,  
But God knows what is best.

He loaned me my life and that of others  
Just for a while, not forever.  
He gave me friendships, joys and strains.  
He helped me through storms and rains  
and, again, there came that test,  
But God knows what is best.

Thank you, God, for remembering me  
And, human as I am, here's another plea,  
Help me to constantly learn and grow  
So someday, yes someday, I will know  
That what I know now as love will grow.

God will bless my mind from above  
And when again there comes that test  
God knows and will say you are Blessed  
And now you know the rest  
of the story  
You've gotten the best.

Wayne Mast

## Thank You

We received letters from Phoebe-Devitt Homes and Bethany Children's Home for our recent donations. The letters are on the bulletin board in the bell tower if you wish to read them.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a huge success. I received many compliments on the Avalanche Ranch program and just want to say how lucky I am to be part of such a great crew of volunteers. Thank you for all your support (and understanding). Love, Denise

## Our Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families of Nora Sanders, who passed away on June 2, 2007. Please keep Nelson Horwath and Don Eroh and their families in your prayers.

We learned with sorrow of the passing of Betsy Henry on June 18, 2007. Betsy had been living in Florida with her husband, Harry Henry. Our thoughts and prayers are with Harry, their children and families and her mother-in-law, Betty Henry, in their time of sorrow.

## CEMETERY ASSOCIATION 2006 YEAR END REPORT

### WORKING FUND

Beginning Balance	\$17,935.42
Receipts	<u>6,919.35</u>
	24,854.77
Expenses	<u>- 5,443.52</u>
Total Working Fund	\$19,411.25

### PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$40,750.00
Receipts	<u>1,600.00</u>
	\$42,350.00
Plus Working Fund Balance	<u>19,411.25</u>
TOTAL BALANCE	\$61,761.25

### 2007 OFFICERS

President	William Eckrote
Vice President	Lex Koons
Treasurer	Cliff Readler
Secretary	Dave Myers
Trustee	Stan Stein
Custodian	Lonnie Rinehimer

## CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

**TWILIGHTERS** - The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, July 11, for a covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon.

## YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

One of our youth, Meredith Martin, belongs to Girl Scout Troop 3335 which has been granted permission to build a permanent weather-resistant instruction bulletin board at the Wright Township municipal park at the tennis and volleyball courts. This is one more example of how Scouts look for ways to improve our communities. The news article announcing this project is on the front entrance bulletin board.

In the sports arena, the Mountain Top Angels took the Major League championship. Eric and Justin Rinehimer contributed to that award and were also chosen to the 12-yr Old All Stars. Congratulations, guys.

## YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

### PIZZA FUNDRAISER

I would like to thank everyone for your support of our fundraiser. We really count on your backing so that we can continue to grow as a united group of young Christians. Because of you, our youth have a place to meet and enjoy company of other people who share their beliefs. This is especially important considering other influences which they are exposed to. Thank you for believing in our Youth Group.

At this moment, we have no definite plans for July, but keep watching the Sunday bulletin. Hopefully, we will find another "all church" activity and, if we do, we hope everyone will come. It's great to see members of all ages interacting at our get-togethers.

Marc Davis

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Yard Sale on June 23. Whether you bought a table to sell your stuff, purchased items, or just browsed around, you supported us and we are grateful for your love. We had a lot of you come just to eat and hang out, which was great! It was amazing to run out of wimpies and have to make more. Thanks to you, we have a lively and exciting Sunday School.

Sharon E.

## 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:

July 8	Mt. Zion UCC
July 15	St. Mark's Union
July 22	St. James Lutheran
July 29	St. John's and St. Peter's UCC
Aug. 5	St. Mary's RC
Aug. 12	New Hope UM Charge
Aug. 19	Emmanuel UCC
Aug. 26	The Cemetery Association

## VBS at AVALANCHE RANCH

There were plenty of shouts of yee-haw at our Vacation Bible School this year. Over 30 children and youth gathered at Avalanche Ranch (also known as Stairville UMC) to have a rip-roaring adventure. We went on a wild ride through God's Word. Day One's Bible point was God is Real and we learned that the Israelite spies were saved by Rahab when she came to believe that God is real and the only true God, and she helped the spies escape from Jericho. Day Two taught us that God is With Us through the story of the crossing of the Jordan River and the Israelites' need to trust God to always be with them and care for them. On Day Three we learned that God is Strong as Joshua led the Israelites in the conquest of Jericho and, with God's strength, the fortress walls of Jericho came crashing down. The Bible point for Day Four was God is Awesome. We heard again the wonderful story of Jesus' resurrection and came to realize the awesome power of God to raise us from the dead to new life in Heaven. Day Five's Bible Point was God is In Charge. The lesson centered around Naaman, a commander of the king's army and a person accustomed to being in charge. But Naaman had to let God be in charge in order to be cured of his leprosy. Each day we discussed how the Bible Point applied to our lives as Christians today. We also made fun crafts, played games and sang songs which emphasized the lesson for the day. Every part of the program, from beginning to end, was tied together with reminders of the Bible Point for the day, whether eating snacks, making crafts or playing games or picking their daily challenge. This is a great program for learning about our faith and applying it to our everyday lives. We hope to see everyone again next year and bring more friends! YEE-HAW!

## EMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### 2006 TREASURER'S REPORT

#### GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$18,660.52
Receipts	<u>82,941.53</u>
	101,602.05
Expenses	<u>- 76,112.17</u>
	\$25,489.88
Plus Voided Checks from 2005	<u>477.84</u>
Ending Balance 2006	<u>\$25,967.72</u>

#### BUILDING FUND

Beginning Balance	\$9,247.08
Receipts	<u>11,165.80</u>
	20,412.88
Less Expenses	<u>- 13,800.84</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$6,612.04</u>

#### MEMORIAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$5,321.46
Plus Receipts	<u>1,904.50</u>
	7,225.96
Less Expenses	<u>-3,609.65</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$3,616.31</u>

Many thanks to this year's auditors, Allen Dennis, Frank Partington and Steve Moyer, for their commitment and hard work.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2007

#### July 1 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist:	Don Eroh
Greeters:	Doris Yurchak and Caroline Cronce

#### July 8 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist:	Harriet Seward
Greeters:	Forrest and Dylan Atkinson

#### July 15 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Organist:	Orceil Bloss
Greeters:	Connie Davis and Judy Cybulski

#### July 22 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist:	Donald Eroh
Greeters:	Sami Dauber and Richie Lenahan

#### July 29 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist:	Eugene Good
Greeters:	Dave and Rosemary Myers

#### OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

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

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Donald Myers	10 Janice Broyan	17 Linda Wallick
3 Gladys Readler	12 Ray Seward	18 Travis Pickering
4 Ben Wallick	12 Nathan Kamowski	21 Jennifer Rinehimer
5 Randy Grosz	13 Irene Hoch	21 Judy Cybulski
6 April Sakowski	13 Elizabeth Henry	23 Rachelle Heller
6 Cameron Cox	13 Kyle Prelewicz	25 Sharon Moyer
7 Keeley Bedford	13 Bonnie Silveti	25 Patricia Grosz
8 Samantha Dauber	14 Carol Leindecker	27 Tammy Evans
8 Mary Eroh	14 Ruth Polashenski	27 Denise Stein
8 Joshua Brand	15 Joann Kotarsky	29 Connie Davis
	16 Jason Buffone	

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

July 1, 1998 .....	Mary and Nelson Horwath
July 6, 1999 .....	Joel and Sheila Kline
July 23, 1976 .....	Stan and Judy Cybulski
July 23, 2000 .....	Josh and Janene Mussmon
July 30, 1983 .....	Jim and Lynne Stewart