

The Messenger

May 2007

SATURDAY, MAY 5

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

On Saturday, May 5, members from Emmanuel will again confirm their commitment to being good stewards by giving our time to clean up the junk and debris on Alberdeen Road. We will gather at the church at 8:00 am. After the clean up, we will regroup for a bite to eat and share in our fellowship of being good stewards. If you wish to help out, contact Gary Eigenbrod, Jr.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

MASHED POTATO/MOVIE SUNDAY

The Sunday School will meet at 8:00 am to watch a movie and have some popcorn, pizza, and, of course, the traditional mashed potato breakfast. Make sure to set your alarm clocks to get here for this fun time together.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We will welcome two new members into the family of Christ at Emmanuel during our regular worship service. Please give a warm greeting to Beverly and Victoria Kramer as they join our congregation.

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

Artistic Talent Show

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, May 6, 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, the talented duo of Eric and Justin Rinehimer will show their artwork.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

VBS PLANNING MEETING

Anyone wishing to teach or help with Vacation Bible School is welcome to attend the next planning meeting on May 17 at 7:00 pm. We will meet at Stairville United Methodist Church on Stairville Road, which is the host church for this year.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

HAM AND CHICKEN DINNER

Our annual Ham and Chicken Dinner will be held on May 19 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Please see details in this issue and plan to join in this annual event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAKESALE

The Sunday School will hold a bake sale in the Narthex during the Ham and Chicken Dinner. We would appreciate any baked goods you wish to donate.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School program will come to an end on May 20. We hope that all our students, teachers and volunteers will have a happy and safe summer.

SOUND SYSTEM DEDICATION

We will dedicate our new sound system on May 20. The new system has been installed in memory of several of our members, so please come and show your appreciation for this gift given in their honor.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

PENTECOST SUNDAY/MEMORIAL SUNDAY

We have a double recognition on May 27 since it is Memorial Day Sunday and for this year, it is also Pentecost Sunday. Please see inside for details on this special day.

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Calendar Of Events

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS, COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

May 6

On Sunday, May 6, we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion and receive new members, Beverly and Victoria Kramer, into our membership. After Worship we will have our Coffee Hour. As well as getting to meet Beverly and Victoria, Eric and Justin Rinehimer will present their artwork.

TWILIGHTERS

May 9

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, May 9, at 12 pm for a covered dish luncheon.

CONSISTORY MEETING

May 10

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, May 10, at 6:30 pm.

VBS MEETING

May 17

A planning meeting for Vacation Bible School is scheduled for May 17 at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be at Stairville UMC, which is the host church this year.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Mondays

Women's Bible Study continues every Monday evening at 7:00 pm. We invite all women of our communities to come study the Word of God.

UPCOMING DATES

- June 9 Church Clean Up Day
Sunday School Pizza Sale begins
June 10 VBS Sunday
June 17 50th Anniversary of UCC
June 17 to 21 VBS
June 23 Sunday School Yard Sale and pizza pick-up date

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INFO

May 24

The deadline for information for the June Messenger is May 24. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

April brings us to the completion of our first year here at Emmanuel UCC. It has been a wonderful year together. The first Sunday in May will be the first communion for the confirmands. They were confirmed on April 29. Margie will not be with us on that Sunday because she will be doing the invocation for the annual Mother-Daughter luncheon of Beta Sigma Phi. It is an annual tradition for her.

Margie enjoyed her dinner meeting with the Board of Directors of the Penn Northeast Conference on April 11. She traveled back to Palmerton on April 21 with me. We attended an informational program about the National Synod. We will be leaving for Hartford on June 21 and returning on June 27. It will be a very busy week and we are looking forward to it.

Speaking of an exciting experience, I accompanied three of the confirmands on the bus trip to the Lehigh Valley on April 20. We departed with other youth and advisors from the Faith UCC in Hazleton. We left at 7:30 A.M. and returned about 5:30 P.M. Ask Meredith, Sami or Kelly how they liked the excursion. We appreciated the contribution from the donors who made the trip become a reality for all of us.

The baptism of Seth Thomas Barnes was another joy for all of us. Seth is such a beautiful baby. He makes a terrific addition to his family and our church family also.

I had the pleasure of meeting Becky Broyan at the Lancaster Theological Seminary. She participated in a service there and I attended her annual review as well. It was a very worthwhile opportunity to be able to share it with her.

Mother's Day will be on May 13. I hope that you gentlemen remember in time or get this newsletter in time to remember the holiday. Margie will be preaching on Mother's Day. She is looking forward to it.

An additional special event in May is our dinner on May 19. It promises to be a success as usual. May 20 will be the last day for Sunday school. We need some additional Sunday school teachers in September. Please consider joining us in that endeavor.

We are in the process of collecting the names and planning for our Memorial Cross. We will have our traditional ceremony, in the cemetery, after church on Sunday, May 27.

Peace,
Pastor Ted

Thank You

In gratitude for our Christmas Offering, we received a letter from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Please read the letter which is on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

Esther Heller would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls and prayers as she recuperates from her recent surgery.

Sharon Moyer would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers on the recent passing of her sister-in-law, Melanie Williams. Melanie's transplant allowed her an additional 15 months with her family and also provided time for the doctors to perform more research on the very rare disease which attacked her lungs.

Our Condolences

Carl Deets, father of Rodney Deets, passed away on March 28, 2007. Our thoughts and sympathy are with him and his family in their time of sorrow.

We offer our sympathy to Frank Partington and his family on the passing of his brother on April 1. Our prayers and concerns go out to you and your family in your time of mourning.

Our sympathies go out to Sharon Moyer and her family at the passing of her brother, Bob's wife, Melanie Williams. We offer you our prayers to help ease your grief.

Generosity and Participation

When have you felt caught up in something other than just yourself? Can you recall experiences when you have been lifted beyond personal needs to participate in something greater than your own preoccupations? What opportunities are there at Emmanuel to look to tomorrow and to begin in concert with other Christians like yourselves? Let's get into the spirit of generosity! Pastor Ted

A man and his friend took a dog on a hunting trip. Presently he shot a duck, which fell into a lake. The dog ran, walking on the water, to the duck and retrieved it for the hunter. This happened three times. Finally the companion said, "WOW, did you see that?" "See what," the man replied, "that dog can't swim!" Well, a great many people see the glass half empty as the hunter did. We Christians have the privilege of always having the positive point of view. Jesus gave generously of himself to save mankind from ourselves. Let's do likewise and see Emmanuel's financial situation not as a stumbling block but as a minor problem to be solved by each of us through our goodwill. Praise the Lord.

SCHEDULE FOR HAM & CHICKEN DINNER

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

Thursday, May 17	6:30 pm	Set up tables, cut up cabbage, carrots & peppers
Friday, May 18	7:00 am	Peel potatoes
	8:00 am	Make pickled cabbage
	6:00 pm	Clean chicken
Saturday, May 19	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.

NEW SOUND SYSTEM DEDICATION

This system was installed in memory of Myrtle Rinehimer, Franklin Fine, Bea Moyer, Martha Leindecker, Loretta Eigenbrod and Lynn Hildebrand. This is all top-of-the-line equipment and should bring us many years of quality service as we spread the word of God's love for everyone. The dedication has been scheduled for May 20 during our Worship Service.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS - The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, May 9, for a covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS SIGN-UP - **The last day to order is Sunday, May 20.** There are sign-up sheets. Please carefully indicate whether the flowers will be in honor of or in memory of someone. You may pay Mary Rinehimer.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE - A joint memorial service conducted by the American Legion Posts and VFW will be held in our Cemetery on May 27 to honor our veterans and loved ones. It will take place at approximately 12:00 pm after our Worship Service. Please plan to stay after Worship and pay your respects to our fallen heroes.

SPECIAL GERANIUM FLOWERS SIGN-UP - In honor of Pentecost Sunday, which is May 27 this year, and to beautify our church grounds, we will have sign-up sheets on the tables in the narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall doorway for red (the color of Pentecost) geraniums. These geraniums will be planted around our church lawn and flower beds. **The deadline to order is Sunday, May 20.**

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

30 HOUR FAMINE

THE RESULTS ARE IN! **Our youth and adults raised \$1,039.50.** This is a new record for this event. I'd like to thank everyone that participated, sponsored and prayed for us. Our church continues to raise great kids generation after generation.

Thanks to all of you, Marc Davis

YOUTH IN THE NEWS

Famine Celebrities

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the picture of Alecia, Courtney and Sharon E. at the 30 Hour Famine. Nice footwork, gang.

YOUTH BLOG ON OUR WEBSITE

Everyone can View

Only approved logins can Use

If you didn't get a chance to check out the blog, here's a reminder. Each week there is a question to answer and the first correct person gets a prize. So sign on and get your brains in gear. See Marc Davis to register to logon.

ATTENTION YOUTH!!

Youth Group has done so much. You've had fun and done God's work. What ideas do you have for the group? Do you want to do more? Was there anything we could have done better?

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

Crestwood Middle School Honor Roll:

Principal's Honors: Alecia Myers
High Honors: Kelly Madigan, Jared Yakscoe, Marc Davis, Meredith Martin, Jacob Mylet, Kathryn Rosser
Honors: Courtney Kania, Samantha Dauber

Rice Elementary School Honor Roll:

Honors: Rachelle Heller and Justin Rinehimer

Mountain Top Avalanche Field Hockey Champs -

The Mountain Top Avalanche placed first in the 7th grade and under dome championships with a 7-1-1 record. The 5th grade team played mostly against 7th graders to take first place. Among the team members is our own Autumn Atkinson. Way to go, Autumn!! Check out the picture on the front entrance bulletin board

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY

The Hobbie Fire Department will hold a Country Breakfast on Sunday, May 6 from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Take outs are available.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We have some activities planned for the months of May and June. Jump in and help out wherever you can.

May 5 – Alberdeen Road Adopt-a-Highway clean up day beginning at 8:00 am. It's real simple. Just pick up the junk. We start out by seeing a safety video so that everyone knows what to watch out for. After the clean-up, we will get together for some food. Call Gary Jr. at 868-6723.

May 6 – Mashed Potato Movie Sunday – 8:00 am and don't be late or the potatoes might be gone (right Marc?). We will also have pizza, popcorn and drinks.

May 19 – Bake Sale at the Ham & Chicken Dinner – fire up your ovens. This is one of our main fundraisers to help pay for Sunday School materials. So get baking!!

May 20 – Last day of Sunday School (did I hear someone cry?). Hope you have a safe and fun summer.

June 9 – Sunday School Pizza Sale – to help purchase Sunday School Materials. Pick up will be during the yard sale on June 23.

June 23 – Yard Sale (didn't I just say that?) from 8 am to 2 pm – all tables will be \$8.00 inside or out. Food and drinks will be available to buy. Call Sharon at 868-6723 to reserve a table or if you can help with food and drink sales.

Good things just keep happening at our Sunday School. Thanks for all your enthusiasm.

Sharon E

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2007

May 6 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Organist: Orceil Bloss
Greeters: Doris Yurchak and Caroline Cronce

May 13 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Organist: Orceil Bloss
Greeters: Connie Davis and Connie Myers

May 20 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Organist: Harriet Seward
Greeters: Sami Dauber and Alecia Myers

May 27 – Pentecost Sunday

Organist: Wayne Mast
Greeters: Forrest and Dylan Atkinson

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Ernest Heller	11 Steve Moyer	21 Caroline Cronic
2 Byron Moratori	12 Harriet Seward	21 Joel Kline, Jr.
2 Carol Taney	14 Richard Supkowski, Sr.	22 Rachel Paterson
2 Dean Kline II	14 Richard Lewis	22 Brooke Rinehimer
3 Krystle-Lynn McNeal	15 Wayne VanFossen, Jr.	24 Gene Broyan
5 Travis Grosz	18 Kelly Madigan	26 Darlene Duke
6 Sanjay Kamat	18 Harold Walk	28 Courtney Day
8 James Aumick	20 Susan Heller	29 Denise Dean
10 Harry Peters, III	20 Kara Peters	30 Derek Cease
11 John Jankowski	21 Donald Oldershaw	31 Betsy Henry

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 2, 1942	Albert and Millie Myers
May 7, 1988	Ronald and Dawn Kania
May 8, 1993	Lonnie and Paula Rinehimer
May 14, 1978	Gary and Linda Gittens
May 21, 1971	Gene and Janice Broyan
May 22, 2001	Donnie and Doreen Oldershaw
May 27, 1989	Gary and Sharon Eigenbrod
May 29, 1976	Hilbert and Lois Eigenbrod
May 30, 1998	Rosanne and Sanjay Kamat