

The Messenger

November 2007

TURKEY DINNER A GREAT SUCCESS

Thank you to the hard-working youth and adults who worked at this year's Turkey Supper on October 20. To those who prepared the food, whether roasting a turkey, making stuffing and pickled cabbage, or cleaning potatoes and veggies, your hard work is greatly appreciated (especially when it is time to eat). It was really wonderful to have everyone pitching in wherever needed, especially since this was one of the best attended suppers in a long time. By the time the last table was served at about 7:30 pm (we're usually done serving just around 7:00), most of us were pretty tired. But that's when more of our members and the Cub Scouts come to help with clean up. In fact, since we were still serving later than usual, the Cub Scouts were helping with busing and resetting tables. The large pots and pans that need scrubbing, the dishes that need washing and putting away, the vacuuming of the church and narthex, all the paper products that need putting away, disposing of trash and so much more that is "behind the scenes" is done after the last table is served. Thanks to everyone!

WEDNESDAY, 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 canned meats, bisquick and pancake mixes, pancake syrup, jelly, juice packs and canned juices among other items to help supplement the Harvest Home gifts. Won't you please give a treat for God's hungry to eat?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

It's time to turn your clocks back so you won't miss any of the All Saints Day worship service.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

We will have a special time during Worship on November 4, All Saints Sunday, to remember those from our congregation who have joined the church triumphant this past year.

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, November 4, 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 21

Thanksgiving Eve Service

The Wapwallopen Ministerium will hold its annual Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 21 at 7:00 pm. The host church will be Faith United Methodist Church in Slocum. The Pastors of the Wapwallopen Ministerium churches will all take part in leading the service with Pastor Ted preaching the sermon. 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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY AND COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

November 4

On November 4 we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will also have a special time during Worship, since it is All Saints Sunday, to remember loved ones from our congregation who are now living with our Father in Heaven. Coffee Hour will be held after the Worship Service.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 21

We will join with the other churches of the Wapwallopen Ministerium on November 21 at 7:00 pm at Faith UMC, Slocum, to have our annual Thanksgiving Service.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 2 Advent begins
Dec. 9 Caroling
Dec. 15 Sun. School Party

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

Grace

Grace is something you can never get, only be given. There is no way to earn it or deserve it or bring it about, any more than you can deserve the taste of raspberries and cream.

Frederick Buechner

Dear Friends,

Someone once said that a grateful mind is a great mind. While there are 138 pieces of Scripture on being thankful there are only a handful of hymns devoted to that topic. One of those however is that wonderful hymn **Now Thank We All Our God**. Martin Rinkar, it's writer, (1586-1649) who was the son of a coppersmith in Germany became a Lutheran pastor in Germany at the time of the Thirty Years War. This war, which ravaged Germany, created many refugees and devastated large portions of that country. Rinkar was at one point the only pastor left and is said to have conducted as many as 50 funerals a day.

But Rinkar, knew that there could be no healing without thanksgiving. In composing this hymn he created a legacy of thanksgiving which was to last until this very day.

On November 21 our community will hold it's joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at Faith United Methodist Church on Slocum Road at 7:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for the people of God of all denominations to come together to be grateful for the many blessings of life we enjoy. Please find time to join in this time of mutual thanksgiving.

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom this world rejoices.*

Peace, Pastor Ted

Our Condolences

Steve Moyer's father, Delbert Moyer, passed away on September 28, 2007. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Steve and his family.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER TWILIGHTERS

November 14

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, November 14 at 12:00 pm at the Stairville United Methodist Church for our annual Christmas Dinner.

CONSISTORY MEETING

November 15

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, November 15, at 6:30 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

On October 18, 2007, Joshua and Janene (Broyan) Mussman became the proud parents of Lucas Gray Musson. Lucas started life at 8 lb. 9 oz. and 21 inches long. Congratulations to his parents and to his grandparents, Gene and Janice Broyan.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

30-HOUR FAMINE SHOPPING TRIP

On Nov. 11 all the youth and adults who participated in this year's 30-Hour Famine will go on the Shopping Trip to Mr. Z's. We will meet at the church at **8:30 am** and be back for church service. This trip is to purchase the food we were going to get during the 30-Hour Famine except we were snowed in. Anyone who participated in last year's famine see Marc Davis. **Please be sure to get your permission slip signed.**

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.

Future plans for the Youth Group include Caroling on December 9 and going to see the Live Nativity in December (hopefully, this will be a bus trip), and the 30-Hour Famine which will be in either February or March.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls and prayers at the passing of my father, Delbert Moyer.

Steve Moyer

CROP WALK

Thank you to all who participated in this years CROP Walk! Whether you walked, worked in the kitchen, sponsored someone or donated food, your support makes this mission project a success year after year.

Thank you,
Connie Davis

Thank you to those who help around the church:

- Rhonda Madigan for again reorganizing the food bank
- Hilbert & Lois Eigenbrod for decorating the church for Harvest Home
- Lynne and Jim Stewart for setting up the "History Room" downstairs
- Those who cleaned the church and hall and set up for the Turkey Supper
- Cliff Readler for making sure everyone can see our steeple by replacing the flood light

I am sure there are many more of you who work behind the scenes and remain unidentified. I often come to work noticing that grass has been cut, bushes trimmed, flower beds weeded, windows washed and many other "little" things done. A BIG THANK YOU is due to you for keeping things going! Our church would not be the same without YOU!

From the Sunday School Superintendent

Turkey Supper Bake Sale

Thank you to everyone who baked goodies and purchased them. Your support for our Sunday School program is very much appreciated. And thank you to the volunteers who set up for and worked at the sale.

Fall Fest

We all had a wonderful time at Fall Fest. Eight youth and children and seven adults came out to eat and have fun. We bobbed for apples, ate "swinging donuts", played games and ate a great potluck supper. Thanks for everyone who helped make this a fun evening.

Lisa Rinehimer

Turkey Supper Report

October 20, 2007

RECEIPTS

Tickets		
Door	459 @ \$8.00	\$3,672.00
	10 @ \$3.00	\$30.00
Advance	254 @ \$8.00	\$2,032.00
Donations		\$120.00
Surplus Sold		\$17.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$5,871.00

EXPENSES

Main Source	Carrots, Onions, Take Out Trays	\$20.21
Sam's Club	Eggs, Pepper	\$25.26
Carone's Market	Sugar, Bread Cubes	\$125.97
Keyco Dist.	Turkeys, Vegetables, Paper Products	\$1,132.07
Wal-Mart	Margarine, Butter, Coffee, Baggies, Vinegar	\$50.86
Sunshine Market	Celery & Flour	\$19.00
Tuzzi's Bakery	Bread	\$27.00
Lex Koons	Potatoes, Cabbage, Peppers	\$109.00
Gould's Market	Milk	\$29.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,538.37

PROFIT \$4,332.63

Around Our Community

CHICKEN AND WAFFLE SUPPER

FAITH UMC

November 3

Faith UMC will hold a Chicken and Waffle Supper on November 3 from 4 to 7 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adult and \$4 for children under 10. Take outs are available.

DORRANCE TWP. VOLUNTEER

FIRE DEPT. AUXILIARY

CHINESE AUCTION

November 4

The Auxiliary will hold a Chinese Auction featuring new items and Specialty Baskets on November 4 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.

PENN NORTHEAST CONFERENCE NEWS

BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME

CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST

Copies of the 2007 Wish List are on the table 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").

This year, we also received a "2007 Christmas Year Round" flyer which provides a list of items to which you can donate. For example: \$5 for a "Good Night's Rest" pillow or \$50 for a "Cozy and Warm Feeling" winter coat. Copies of the flyer are also on the table in the Narthex.

Letters from Jonathan Henning, CEO of Bethany are on the bulletin board in the Bell Tower. Please take the time to read these letters as they share with us the importance of giving to these children.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2007

Nov. 4 - Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Connie Davis & Caroline Cronic

Nov. 11 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Sami Dauber & Matt Price

Nov. 18 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Eileen Bonczek & Carol Duffy

Nov. 25 - Reign of Christ (Christ the King Sunday)

Greeters: Tammy Dauber & Gary Eigenbrod

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

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 Beverly Kramer

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 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