

The Messenger

October 2007

SUNDAY, October 7

ORGANIST RECOGNITION and POTLUCK DINNER

We would like to recognize our retiring organists during our worship service on Sunday, October 7, for their faithful dedication and hours of practice to bring music to our worship experience. After worship, we welcome everyone back to the Fellowship Hall for a potluck dinner in honor of our organists.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, October 7, during our Worship Service which begins at 10:30 am. Come join us at the table of the Lord.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

We will celebrate Harvest Home on October 14 with the decorating of our Sanctuary with canned goods and autumn decorations. If you wish to bring in something but are not sure what, please see the "Food Bank Needs" list in this issue. All items brought in will be used to supply the Wapwallopen Food Bank housed here at Emmanuel.

CROP WALK

Sunday, October 14, will also be the annual CROP Walk. The walkers will meet here at 12:00 pm. For more information, please see inside this issue.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

TURKEY SUPPER

Our annual Turkey Supper will be held on October 20 from 3 to 7 pm. We will begin preparations on Thursday evening at 6:30. Please see the article in this issue for full details on where you can help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BAKE SALE

The Sunday School Bake Sale will be set up in the Narthex during the Supper. We appreciate all your support in donating baked goods to help the Sunday School.

YOUTH GROUP TRIP TO NESCOPECK STATE PARK

Nescopeck State Park is hosting storyteller Lisa Facciponti to present songs and bonechilling tales from around the world. The event starts at 6 pm and will be held outside at Lake Frances. See Marc Davis if you are interested in going.

PNEC ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Penn Northeast Conference will be held from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Faith UCC in Hazleton.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL FEST

Come for a great evening of fun at the Sunday School Fall Fest. We will begin by having supper around 4:00 pm, play some games and have fun and end the day around 7:00 pm.

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From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

With October we enjoy cooler temperatures and the return of heating bills. Our less fortunate neighbors need to struggle even more to purchase food and other necessities. We do a great job with the food pantry here at Emmanuel. Let us continue to keep it as a focus as one of our missions. It is an important task and I respect the job that all of you do with it. We express our thanks to Denise Dean and Rhonda Madigan for their dedication to keeping it running so smoothly.

We have the turkey dinner approaching and the Annual Meeting of the PNEC. A few of us will be at the meeting on Friday, October 19, and Saturday, October 20. The meeting will be over in time for us to come to the dinner. Autumn brings us a more structured schedule, which is a welcomed routine. Enjoy the beauty that God's hand has brought to this season.

Peace,

Pastor Ted

FOOD BANK NEEDS

The Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank is in need of restocking. Most of the families have children of school age so it would help if you would think of foods that kids like. Please keep in mind that we cannot distribute outdated food.

Donations of the following will really be appreciated:

Ravioli, Beef-a-Roni, etc.	Microwave or Canned Kids Meals
Peanut Butter	And (of course) Jelly
Canned Juice	Juice Packs (good for lunches)
Mac & Cheese	"Kid" Soups (chicken noodle, etc)
Canned Tuna Fish or Meat	Canned Stews
Pasta/Noodles/Rice	Spaghetti Sauce/Gravy Mix
Boxed dinners (w or w/o meat)	Ketchup & relish
Cereals/Oatmeal	Breakfast Treats (pop tarts, etc)
Bisquick/Pancake Mix	Syrup
Canned Potatoes/Veg (except peas)	Instant & Boxed Potatoes
Fruit (jar/can or individual cups)	Applesauce (jar/can or individual cups)
Crackers/snacks	"Kid flavor" Puddings
Paper Products	Soap & Detergent
Coffee/Tea	Hot Cocoa Mix

**THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY
families in our communities will not go hungry.**

CONGRATULATIONS

On Thursday, September 6, 2007, our former pastor, Rev. Neil Partington and his wife, Annie, became the lucky(?) parents of twins, Samuel Tyler and Ella Ann. Samuel started life at 7 lb. 5 oz. and Ella at 7. lb 1 oz. Samuel and Ella join the rest of the family, Noah, Josh and Caleb. Congratulations to their parents and to their great-grandparents, Joan and Frank Partington.

Mary Rinehimer has been named A Patriot of the Year for 2007 by the Help Hospitalized Veterans organization for her kindnesses, thoughtfulness, constant caring, and unselfish generosity on behalf of the thousands of hospitalized veterans throughout the United States and overseas.

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 14. 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 in our giving.

Church World Service also provides relief when disasters strike. The agency is a first-responder in domestic disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

"We walk because they walk" is the CROP Walk slogan. Please support these volunteers and give generously to the CROP Walk.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

CREEPY TALES AT NSP

Nescopeck State Park is presenting Creepy Tales on Saturday, October 20, at 6 pm. Storyteller Lisa Facciponti will present songs and bone-chilling tales from around the world. The presentation will be outside at Lake Frances. Anyone wishing to go must see me so we can make the necessary reservations.

Marc Davis

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

It's time to check out the bulletin board at the front door for pictures and articles of the following youth:

Justin and Eric Rinehimer, members of the Mountaintop Boys Majors Angels helped their team win the first and second half championships and won the season with a 19-1 record. Their father, Lonnie Rinehimer, Jr., is one of the coaches for this winning team. GO, GUYS!!!

Autumn Atkinson's soccer team, the Mountain Top U2, recently took first place in the White Water Soccer Tournament. KICK IT, GIRLS!!

Stacy Prelewicz was recognized by the Pennsylvania Governor's School of Excellence for Health Care at Pittsburgh University. The programs offered selected students from across the state the opportunity to indulge and inform their creativity and intelligence in the fields of Global Entrepreneurship, Agricultural Science, Arts, Health Care, Information Science and Technology, International Studies, Sciences and Teaching. Let your imagination grow!

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS - The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, October 10, for a covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon.

The Adult Sunday School Class is studying Proverbs and looking at scriptural women who model the characteristics found in Proverbs. Proverbs are general truths, rather than promises. These general truths guide you wisely through life. Come join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am.

CONSISTORY MEETING

October 11

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, October 11, at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

October 22

The deadline for information for the November Messenger is October 22. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

BAKE SALE AT THE TURKEY SUPPER

We are again holding our bake sale in the Narthex during the Turkey Supper. We are asking anyone who will donate baked goods to please bring them as early as possible so that they can be packaged and priced before the diners arrive. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser which helps us to purchase our Sunday School materials.

FALL FEST

The Sunday School will celebrate the fall season with a Fall Fest on Saturday, October 27, beginning at 4 pm with a potluck supper for which the Sunday School will provide hot dogs. Games are planned which will include "swinging donuts" and dunking for apples. Come out and bring your friends for a great time.

Lisa Rinehimer, Superindendent

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 6:30 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. Those of you who clean your own turkeys and then deliver them really help to speed up this process. 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.

Calling all Scrapbookers!

We have a number of photos that need to be put into albums to record our history. If anyone would like to have some fun getting together to look at photos and put them into albums for the church, please contact Sharon Moyer or sign the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Around Our Community

DORRANCE CONCERN CITIZEN'S GROUP PASTIE, PIEROGI AND POT PIE SALE

Janice Broyan is organizing a pastie, pierogi and pot pie sale to help with the cost of litigating the recent opposition to the quarry expansion. Anyone who can sell items or wishes to purchase them, please see her.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCREENING

October 8, 2006

St. Jude's Church

St. Jude Parish will host a health screening on October 8. Life Line Screening will offer screenings to identify possible health risks for stroke, peripheral arterial disease, aneurysms and osteoporosis. The results are sent directly to you and referred back to your own doctor. They are painless, take about 45 minutes each and cost \$45 each. Screenings are by appointment only. Call 1-800-643-6075 or 1-800-324-1851 for an appointment or more information. Flyers with more information are on the table in the Narthex.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH BEEF DINNER

October 13

St. James Church will hold their annual Beef Dinner from 3 to 7 pm. Tickets for adults are \$9; children 6-12 are \$4 and under 5 are free. Take-outs are \$9. Please support our neighborhood church in their fundraiser.

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 through October 27. 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, homemade pies and other delicious food will be available for purchase.

A special day is planned for Saturday, October 20, as Gary and his friends bring together an assortment of work horses. Beginning around 12 noon, 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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

Oct. 7 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters: Dylan and Forrest Atkinson

Oct. 14 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters: Alecia and Connie Myers

Oct. 21 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Greeters: Judy Cybulski and Doris Yurchak

Oct. 28 – Reformation Sunday

Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 4 **Daylight Savings Ends**

Communion & Coffee Hour

Nov. 21 Community Thanksgiving Service at Faith
UMC – 7:00 pm

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Alecia Myers	11 Brian A. DeLuca	19 William Schabener
2 John R. Walck	11 Debbie Harter	19 Marc J. Davis
2 Robert Duffy, III	11 Hunter Rinehimer	20 Michael E. Heller
2 Brian Kramer, Jr.	11 Frank Kastreva, Jr.	22 John Lesh, Jr.
3 Devon Harter	12 Helen Heller	23 Kristen Kania
3 Rachel Gittens	12 Gary Eigenbrod, Sr.	23 Jim Dean
4 Matthew Farrell	14 David J. Myers	26 Ted Arnold
4 Lois Eigenbrod	15 Bradley Kotarsky	27 Orceil Bloss
4 Kristina Walck	16 Leah Dietrich	27 Eric Walck
5 Martha Myers	16 Deborah Mellas	28 Amy Polashenski
5 David Harter	16 Holly Hoffman	28 Martha Grosz
5 Maeghan Day	16 Peter Dickson, Sr.	30 Mark Sufrinko
8 Rhonda Keller	18 Ivan Hoyt	30 Brian DeLuca
10 Erin Walck		30 Paula Rinehimer

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 3, 1997Fritz and Gloria Schreyer
Sept. 4, 1993Bob and Ellen Newell
Sept. 5, 1945Lex and Anna Mae Koons
Sept. 10, 1983Jeff and Tammy Dauber
Sept. 12, 1970Bill and Patti Heller
Sept. 14, 1973Tim and Connie Miller
Sept. 17, 1983Rob and Rhonda Brand
Sept. 20, 1975John and Linda Jankowski
Sept. 24, 1960Pete and Betty Dickson
Sept. 24, 1977John and Donna Walck
Sept. 24, 1994Jeff and Joann Kotarsky
Sept. 26, 1998David and Caroline Cronce
Sept. 27, 1975Rich and Jayne Rotski