

The Messenger

September 2007

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, September 2, during our Worship Service which begins at 9:30 am. Come join us at the table of the Lord.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
RETURN TO REGULAR WORSHIP TIME

On Sunday, September 9, we will return to our regular worship time of 10:30 am. Please be sure to spread the word to make sure everyone knows.

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, September 9, will also be the first day of Sunday School. Everyone has a class with us, from pre-k to high school to adults. Whatever your age, come and experience how coming together with other Christians in an informal, informative setting can improve your daily living.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16
RALLY DAY

Get ready for Rally Day Sunday! We're kicking off Sunday School with a day highlighting the Sunday School and its role in educating all of us about our faith. The youth will have special parts during the worship service and there will be special songs emphasizing the importance of following our faith. A covered dish picnic and games will follow our worship service. Good friends, good food, good fun – all in one place!

SINGSPIRATION

Stairville UMC is again hosting Singspiration on September 16 beginning at 6:30 pm. This has been a great evening of song and fellowship between all the churches of our communities. Every year there are more choirs participating and more people coming to listen and sing along.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
MINIATURE GOLF OUTING

Come along for another Youth Group outing. This time we're going to Good Time Golf on Route 93 outside of Nescopeck. There's also batting cages and other amusements. We'll be leaving the church shortly after our worship service has ended, at about 11:45 am. So get a group of friends together and enjoy the day.

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Calendar Of Events

COMMUNION

September 2

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion during our worship service. Coffee hour will be held after worship.

RETURN TO REGULAR WORSHIP TIME

September 9

On September 9, we will return to our regular worship time of 10:30 am. Please tell everyone you know so that no one misses out on worship that day.

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

September 9

At 9:00 am on September 9, we will meet for our first day of Sunday School for this 2007-08 season.

RALLY DAY

September 16

We will celebrate Rally Day and the official kick-off of Sunday School during worship on September 16. For more info, see "Sunday School News".

CONSISTORY MEETING

September 20

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, September 20, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 14 Crop Walk

Oct. 20 Turkey Supper

Oct. 28 Fall Festival

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

September 17

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

From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

As we enter into September we return to a regular schedule for our church. We think about how we can use our time, talents and treasure for our Christian lives. There are many ways we can offer our time and talents to the service of our Lord. We need Sunday school teachers and nursery volunteers. Co-teaching has become a method to help two or three people maintain a bit more flexibility in order to teach on a rotating basis. That idea may work for you and a friend. You may have an idea for a project that you would like to do at Emmanuel. We need to consider ways to continue to give our treasure to God also. In addition to our weekly offering we might have ideas for extra participation. Perhaps a portion of your garage sale profits or another windfall might be a chance for you to assist our efforts here. We are moving forward in finding a permanent pastor here and will need to support him or her.

Peace,

Pastor Ted

Our Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Camille Daniels and her family at the passing of her brother, Joseph Bobeck, on August 6, 2007. Your family is in our prayers.

We note with sadness the passing of Lois Moyer on August 3, 2007. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Monday, August 27, 2007, Jonathan and Cristy (Boyer) Mulherin became the parents of Maura Ann. She started life at 6 pounds and 18 inches long. Congratulations to her parents and to her grandparents, Sharon and Steve Moyer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 9:00 AM.

This will be a day to meet your teachers and get to know who is in your class. We will also be preparing for Rally Day. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the worship service on September 16 will be asked what they are willing to do. Bring your enthusiasm, your curiosity and maybe even a friend. As they say, the more the merrier.

RALLY DAY, SEPTEMBER 16

We will begin Rally Day with Sunday School at 9:00 am. Anyone wishing to take part in the worship service can volunteer. After the worship service, we will have a covered dish lunch for which the Sunday School will provide wimpies and hotdogs. We are planning a fun-packed day with games such as twister, badminton, bingo (for all ages), horseshoes (again, for all ages), and kickball (for anyone brave enough). Please sign the sheet on the tables next to the Fellowship Hall Door or in the Narthex if you are planning to come so that we can be sure we have enough hotdogs and wimpies.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

MINIATURE GOLF OUTING

The Youth Group is again inviting everyone to have fun together. This time we are going to Good Time Miniature Golf on Route 93 outside of Nescopeck on Sunday, September 23. We will leave shortly after the worship service. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex so that we know who is going and don't leave without you!

Marc Davis

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

RETURN TO REGULAR WORSHIP TIME

On Sunday, September 9, we will return to our regular worship time at 10:30 am.

TWILIGHTERS - The Twilights will meet on Wednesday, September 12, for a covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS – A very informative and uplifting class is held each Sunday for the adults of our church. This age group already knows the basic lessons of the Bible so the focus is on applying that knowledge to our everyday lives. In this world where there is so much negative influence on each one of us, it is good to have a place and time to have our faith fortified and to reinforce each other so that we can face each day with the confidence that God is everywhere we are and always with us. Come and have your faith strengthened.

Thank You

I again wish to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and condolences for the loss of my brother, Joe Bobeck. We greatly appreciated the cards and prayers.

Camille Daniels

We received a letter from Lancaster Theological Seminary for our recent donation of \$1,000 representing our annual donation. The letter is on the bulletin board in the bell tower if you wish to read it.

I would like to thank the wonderful people who volunteered for our blood drive. Whether you donated blood, made goodies or helped out during the drive, your donation is very appreciated. The gift of life is so very important in many ways. I learned many things about the blood that we donate, such as the amount needed for "routine" operations (see the Red Cross website at www.givelife.org), that type "O" donors are still reserved for the pediatrics ward (baby donors rock!) and that blood is used to alleviate the side affects of cancer treatment. So, donors, take a bow. Also, many thanks to the people who volunteered their time and those who made goodies for the blood donors. There are many ways to volunteer and the donation of time is often an overlooked treasure. Thank you. Denise

Calling all Singers

Senior choir practice will begin again this fall on Tuesday, September 4, at 7:00 pm. Their melodious return will be heard on September 9 during our regular worship service.

The Sonrise Singers is also looking for returning members and new ones. We have a great sound system which will add to our songs and allow us to have more variety in the types of music we sing. This choir will practice after worship service beginning on September 9.

Anyone and everyone who has the love of singing and wishes to make a joyful noise to the Lord is welcome. The choirs are such an important part of our worship experience. Please come and add your voice to the chorus.

Nursery Helpers Wanted

Each time we have a baptism in worship we promise "our love, support and care" to the one who is baptized that day. We are starting to see a new generation crop up at Emmanuel and so we are looking for volunteers to help restart our nursery program during the morning worship service. Can you read a story, serve a snack, "play" a tambourine, triangle or drum, march or sing? Can you give twenty minutes once every couple months to the little ones at Emmanuel? We have a beautiful nursery with books, toys and games to help our youngest members (infants to age 6) have fun while learning about our faith. We have a speaker in the nursery so that those volunteering will still be able to hear and participate in worship as well. Please contact Pastor Ted if you are willing to help this program get started here again. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

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

St. James Lutheran Church Yard Sale September 15

St. James Church is holding a yard sale on Saturday, September 15, from 8 am to 3 pm. Please support our neighborhood church in their fundraiser.

Singspiration at Stairville UMC September 16

Stairville UMC has again invited area choirs to participate in Singspiration. The celebration of song will begin at 6:30 pm on Sunday, September 16. Each choir sings two selections plus the congregation is invited to join in the singing of hymns between the choral presentations. Come and lift up your voices in praise of our Lord. "Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome." Psalm 47

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

Sept. 2 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist: Orceil Bloss

Greeters: Doris Yurchak and Connie Myers

Sept. 9 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist: Don Eroh

Greeters: Eileen Bonczek and Carol Duffy

Sept. 16 – Rally Day – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Organist: Don Eroh

Greeters: Sunday School Youth

Sept. 23 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist: Eugene Good

Greeters: Sami Dauber and Matt Price

Sept. 30 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Organist: Eugene Good

Greeters: Jayne and Rich Rotski

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

SEPTEMBER 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