

The Messenger

APRIL 2008

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

COMMUNION

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, March 2, during our regular Sunday Worship Service. Please bring a “goodie” to share and stay for coffee hour after worship.

COFFEE HOUR RECEPTION

We will have a special reception for our new Pastor, Rev. Penny Dollar, during our coffee hour on April 3. Please be sure to stay after our Worship Service so we can welcome her to our family of faith.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

The Wapwallopen Ministerium will hold a special service of Prayer for Christian Unity on Sunday, April 13, beginning at 3:00 pm, at Emmanuel. Pastor Leslie Halchak, New Hope UMC Charge, will preach with Rev. Penny Dollar (Emmanuel UCC), Pastor Shirley Yolton (St. Mark’s UCC), Rev. Rachael Dietz (St. James Lutheran), and Rev. Phyllis Pelletier (St. Mark’s Lutheran) joining in the service. The theme for this year’s ecumenical celebration is “Pray without Ceasing” and reminds us that in all places and at all times God is with us, inviting us to talk with him. During this service, we will especially pray for unity for all Christians, that we will be able to continue the work of the saints who lead us to this point. One hundred years ago, in 1908, at Graymoor in Garrison, New York, the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Atonement held the first Church Unity Octave and have prayed for Christian unity “without ceasing” ever since. Today, Christians around the world celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity together, with the encouragement of the World Council of Churches’ Faith and Order Commission and the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Please set aside time for this special worship experience and join together in unity of our Christian spirit.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, APRIL 18 & 19

POTLUCK AND FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Come out for a fun-filled evening of food and games. We will gather on April 18 at 5:30 pm for a potluck dinner beginning at 6:00 pm. There will be word games and Bible trivia brainteasers. Bring along your favorite food, cards, board games, and puzzles to share with each other. After the games are over, the youth will have a sleepover.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 OR 27

ALBERDEEN ROAD CLEAN-UP

We are tentatively setting a date of either April 20 or 27 to fulfill our promise when we adopted Alberdeen Road for clean up. Anyone who is willing to help, please see Marc Davis so we can finalize a date.

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From The Pastor's Desk

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! I am really looking forward to being with you very soon. As far as packing and being ready to move it is coming too soon but as far as getting to know you folks in Mountain Top it seems that the time has been moving very slowly.

We closed on our house in Walden Park in February and have been trying to work on it as time permits. Of course I have only had one or – at the most – two days a week I could be up there working so it is not as far along as I had hoped. Removing the wall paper paste in the living room has been a real nightmare! That part is just about done now but there is much to do. Archie is cutting a hole in the wall between the living room and kitchen for me to reroute some of the wiring over the new doorway. He is just about done in. Lent is not a good time to try to move with all the extra services and duties that are expected during that time. But, God willing, we will be there the first of April.

This final Sunday in Millersburg is going to be difficult for me. I was just doing the bulletin and cried while typing in the farewell part of the service. I will be a mess. There are lots of good folks here and I will miss them. They are giving me a farewell dinner and things may get a little salty from the tears that will be falling in the food.

Anyway – enough about my foibles. Hope you all had a blessed Easter and that it will continue all the way to Pentecost. I will be there soon. I would covet your prayers as we continue to prepare for the move.

Blessings,
Pastor Penny

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and outpouring of sympathy on the death of my mother-in-law, Mary Polashenski. Your expression of concern is deeply appreciated. Ruth Ann Polashenski

Thank you for all your cards, flowers and calls and expressions of concern for us during the Easter season and throughout the year. Ellie and Ted Arnold

Bethany Children's Home sent us a thank you letter for our Christmas offering contribution, noting that our gifts help provide for the needs of 75 to 100 kids on a daily basis. The letter is posted on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

Lancaster Theological Seminary sent a letter thanking us for our Christmas offering contribution which has been added to their Annual Fund.

Phoebe-Devitt Homes sent us a letter expressing their thanks for our Christmas offering donation. Our offerings help Phoebe Devitt keep their promise of affordable care for everyone.

We received a thank you card from Bernie Baluta, R.N., of the McKinney Clinic, expressing their appreciation for the Easter candy donated through our Sunday School mission project for their patrons.

Our Condolences

We wish to send our sincere sympathy to Ruth Ann and Peter Polashenski on the passing of his mother, Mary Polashenski, on February 28, 2008. We pray for God's peace in your time of sorrow.

Mary Ganc, sister of Eugene Broyan, passed away on March 3, 2008. We send our condolences to Gene and Janice and pray for God's love and healing.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters are planning a covered dish lunch for Wednesday, April 9, at 12:00 pm.

CONSISTORY MEETING

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 pm.

From the Sunday School Superintendent

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to our March mission project to purchase candy for the clients of the McKinney Clinic. Through your offering, you shared the sweetness of Easter and the story of Christ's resurrection.

Thank you for all your support, Lisa Rinehimer

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

Get your tickets for "The Sound of Music", this year's play at Crestwood High School. Sami Dauber will be portraying the part of one of the nuns. The play will be presented on April 11 and 12 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium.

The following youth were named to the Honor Rolls for the second marking period:

Crestwood Middle School

Principals Honors: Alecia Myers

High Honors: Kelly Madigan, Jared Yakscoe

Honors: Rachelle Heller, Courtney Kania

Crestwood High School

Principal's Honors: Jordan Pickering, Barry Myers

High Honors: Marc Davis, Jacob Mylet, Richard Lenahan, Stacy Prelewicz

Honors: Samantha Dauber, Dylan Atkinson, Matthew Farrell, Travis Grosz, Kelly Sufrinko, Chelsea Myers, Derek Stein, Kyle Belanchik, Robert Madigan

It's really amazing to see such intellectual talent in one place!! We're glad these bright stars are part of our congregation.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

GAME NIGHT AND SLEEPOVER

April 18 and 19

Bring your appetites and games for an evening of fun and food on February 8. Beginning at 5:30 pm, we will gather for our potluck dinner which will begin at 6:00 pm. After that, we will play a variety of games including word games, Bible games, po-ke-no, plus whatever games you would like to bring. There will be a sleepover for the Youth Group members after the games are all played out. Youth Group members are reminded that they will need a permission slip in order to sleep over.

FUTURE DATES:

April 20 or 27 – Alberdeen Road Clean-up

May – Movie date to see "Prince Caspian", the next movie in the "Chronicle of Narnia" series.

June – Tour of St. Mark's Church, Jim Thorpe

Thanks, Marc Davis

MILE MARKERS

This heading is being created to highlight achievements and records reached by our members. If you know of anyone who has received an award, accomplished something unique, or has been recognized for community service, etc., please let me know so that we can let everyone know.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack and Bonnie Shafer will be celebrating their 40th anniversary on April 27.

Duane and Denise Stein will celebrate anniversary number 20 on April 30.

Congratulations and here's to many more years of togetherness.

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Beef Dinner – St. James Lutheran

St. James Lutheran Church will hold a Beef Dinner on Saturday, April 26, from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Please contact the church (379-3878) or a member of St. James for ticket information.

If you know of some event being held in our area, please let me know so we can get the word out.

Thanks Denise

In the News

Check out the picture of Emmanuel's Girl Scouts, Morgan Rinehimer, Kelly Madigan and Sami Dauber, as they participated in our service on March 9, Girl Scout Sunday. It's great to have Girls Scouts who are also active members of our congregation.

And... don't forget the Cub Scouts. Their picture was snapped as they recited the Cub Scout oath during the coffee hour after Boy Scout Sunday. Their participation in our service exemplifies Scouting's commitment to God and our Christian faith.

Brad Kotarsky's picture can be seen in the article reporting on his Rice Elementary class' studies about immigration. Brad is a student in Miss Ciavarella's third grade class which created a cultural cookbook using recipes from their family's heritage.

We just can't seem to get Kyle Prelewicz off the bulletin board. This time the article summarizes the Middle School Hockey team's win against the Blacks Hawks (Ice Box In-House team) (6-0) and their loss at the hands of the Wyoming Valley West Middle School team (8-1). We'll keep rooting for you and your team, Kyle.

Guess who got caught feeding their faces? Don and Mary Eroh, with Mary's sister, Ruth Ioanna, were caught on film at the Ham and Cabbage Dinner sponsored by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Mmmm, good.

UPCOMING DATES

- Apr. 6 Coffee Hour to celebrate Pastor Penny Dollar's first Sunday with us
- Apr. 13 Christian Unity Service at Emmanuel at 3 pm
- Apr. 18 & 19 – Potluck, Games and Sleepover Night
- Apr. 20 OR 27 – Alberdeen Road Clean up Day
- May ?? – TBA – Movie date to see Prince Caspian
- June ?? – TBA – Tour of St. Mark's, Jim Thorpe

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INFO

April 21

The deadline for information for the May Messenger is April 21. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2008

April 6 – Third Sunday of Easter

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan

April 13 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Greeters: Caroline Cronce and Rich Lenahan

April 20 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Greeters: Sharon Moyer and Doris Yurchak

April 27 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Greeters: Matt Price and Connie Myers

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Allen Dennis | 6 Priscilla Farrell | 19 Larry Arnold |
| 1 Jayne Rotski | 7 Peter Sakowski | 19 Keirsten Whitmire |
| 3 Clifford Readler | 8 Chelsea Myers | 20 Elizabeth Dickson |
| 4 Amber DeLuca | 8 Doris Yurchak | 22 Hilbert Eigenbrod |
| 4 Derek Stein | 12 Sara Silvetti | 23 Lisa Kemmerer |
| 4 Holly Henry | 13 Jeffrey Brand | 24 Kathy Rinehimer |
| 4 Wayne Mast | 15 Amanda Wallick | 26 Dorothy Fine |
| 5 William Hoch | 15 Barbara DeLuca | 27 Stacy Prelewicz |
| 5 Shane Oldershaw | 16 Rosanne Kamat | 28 Dean Kline |
| 5 Betty Baker | 16 Priscilla Farrell | 28 Clyde Heller |
| 6 Jim Stewart | 18 Carissa Hoch | 28 Lorie DiMaria |

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- April 14, 1979Randy and Pat Grosz
- April 20, 2002Kevin and Debbie Price
- April 21, 1990David and Donna Myers
- April 26, 1952Donald and Mary Eroh
- April 27, 1968Jack and Bonnie Shafer
- April 30, 1988Duane and Denise Stein