

The Messenger

August 2008

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

COMMUNION & COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, July 8, during our regular Sunday Worship Service. Please bring a “goodie” to share and stay for coffee hour after worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING

Calling everyone and anyone who has a passion for passing on our faith! Teachers, helpers, crafters, leaders of all kinds are welcome to join together in leading our Sunday School program. We will have a planning meeting on Sunday, August 3, after Sunday worship. Please come and bring your enthusiasm for sharing your faith with children and youth.

HELP WANTED

Tired of the same old Youth Group stuff?
Up for a challenge? Want some ownership?
Apply at Emmanuel UCC on September 14
after church. Looking for officers to run
Youth Group with assistance from advisors.

OWN IT, IT'S YOURS!!!

Summer Music

There are only three dates left in August for anyone wishing to share their musical talent in praise of God. August 17, 24 and 31 are still free. So hurry up and get your voice heard.

Old River Church Services

These services begin at 6:00 pm. Come and enjoy the experience of worshipping as our ancestors did. The following churches will be in charge of the services:

Aug. 3	Historical Society
Aug. 10	St. John's & St. Peter's
Aug. 17	New Hope UM Charge
Aug. 24	Emmanuel UCC
Aug. 31	The Cemetery Association

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From The Pastor's Desk

Here it is – August already. I am really looking forward to the Olympics. I am an Olympics junky. When they are on television I could just sit and watch them for hours. I am in awe of the discipline and time it takes to get to the point of being chosen for an Olympic team. It takes commitment, dedication, time, and lots of hard work. Their chosen field consumes the lives of the athletes. They must put this desire to be an Olympian above all other desires.

Of course, as your pastor, I have to turn this into being a Christian. It also takes commitment, dedication, time, and lots of hard work. And as we sit watching the Olympics, I want each one of you to ask yourself, “How much of each of the things listed above am I willing to give to my church?”

In September we will start our Sunday school program again. Our kids must depend on parents to get them to the church and encourage them in living a Christian life. The best gift a parent can give to a child is a good example. There is an adult class that could use your input. If there are those of you who would like a more contemporary class there are those willing to listen to your ideas. But we do need the children so that we can begin to nurture them into the Christian life.

We have lots of things planned for the fall beginning on September 7th with Rally Day. I hope to have much more involvement by everyone for this special day and continuing on into the rest of the year.

We have the resources at Emmanuel to be a great light in our community but it takes all the things mentioned above and it takes everyone to be involved. Each of us needs to examine his or her own use of time and talents and to pray about what more you can do for your church. Let's work toward “bringing home the gold!” to Emmanuel.

Blessings,

Pastor Penny

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers at the passing of my husband, Albert, and especially thank Pastor Penny for all her help and all the time she spent with us.

Millie Myers

Thank you to everyone for all your prayers, cards and concerns while I am recovering from my fall.

Anna Mae Koons

We would like to thank Pastor Penny and all who helped out in the kitchen for Ellie's funeral. Thanks also to everyone for their love, cards and caring thoughts and to the choir for the beautiful bouquet.

Ted and Larry Arnold

Thank You (continued)

The family of Shane Hildebrand would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers for him. He came home recently and is still recuperating, but improving well. He still needs your prayers and we believe it is because of your prayers that he is doing so well.

Joe and Lois Huntzinger

Gene, Darlene, Miranda and Shane Hildebrand

Our Condolences

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Ted Arnold at the passing of Ellie on July 5, 2008. We offering our prayers for comfort to him and his son, Larry, and their families in their time of grief.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS - The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, August 13, at Doris Yurchak's for a covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon.

NURSERY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS – As is noted in our newspaper article each week, we have a nursery room for infants and children up to age 6. When we expanded our church to add the narthex and downstairs rooms, we wanted a place for children to feel welcome and foster a good attitude toward coming to worship. The room is on the lower level with a painting of Noah's ark on the one wall and lots of shelves and bins of toys and games. The children usually stay with us in our worship service until after the Young Christians Message and then can go down to their own space. Plus, parents who take advantage of this area won't have to miss out on the service since the room also has a speaker which is tied in to our sound system.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

The Cemetery Association wants to inform everyone that there are burial lots and cremation lots available for sale for both members and nonmembers. For more information, call Dave Myers, Secretary, Emmanuel Cemetery Association, at 868-3655.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

GRADUATE AWARDS

Richie Lenahan received two graduate awards. He was awarded the President's Education Award for excellence in academic achievement and the 2008 Robert F. Jones Achievement Award from the Kiwanis. He was also honored at a dinner held by the Kiwanis Club.

Stacy Prelewicz received the Board of Education Award, the Paul E Kanjorski Award and a Scholarship to Wilkes University. Stacy is also a member of the National Honor Society.

A Scholarship Award was also received by Kyle Belanchik who will attend Millersville University.

Autumn Atkinson and the Mountain Top Avalanche Team Wins AGAIN! The team played in the sand at the Wildwood Beach Blast Soccer Tournament. This time they captured the Surf Division Championship. Check out the picture on the front bulletin board. Kick it, girl!!!

Here is a list of the great minds at Emmanuel. These youth have been named to the **Crestwood High School Honor Roll**.

Principal's Honors: Barry Myers, Jacob Mylet, Jordan Pickering

High Honors: Forrest Atkinson, Marc Davis, Richie Lenahan

Honors: Sami Dauber, Dylan Atkinson, Matt Farrell, Kelly Sufrinko, Kyle Belanchik, Robert Madigan, Stacy Prelewicz

And those who are on the **Crestwood Middle School Honor Roll**:

Principal's Honors: Kelly Madigan, Alecia Myers, Jared Yakscoe

High Honors: Courtney Kania

OLYMPIC TEAM ALTERNATE -- As reported last month, Sara Silvetti has been named to the US Field Hockey Team for the Summer 2008 Olympics. Check out the picture of her on the bulletin board at the front door. GO, TEAM USA!!!

The July 3, 2008 issue of the Mountain Peaks highlighted the various Vacation Bible School programs in the Mountain Top area. One of the pictures was of our VBS Beach Party youth decorating beach bags in which to keep their supplies and crafts. Rachel Betz, Lifesaver (Team Leader) Marne Stover, and Nate Kamowski are shown painting the stamps that they used to decorate the bags, with Denise Dean in the background.

BE A LEADER - VOLUNTEER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL Planning Meeting - August 3

We're gearing up for another fun-filled, faith-filled year for Emmanuel's Sunday School. In order to prepare a curriculum that will be both spiritually strengthening and interesting, we are meeting on August 3 after our Worship Service to review several different programs. Anyone wishing to pass their faith on to our youth is welcome. Since this meeting will coincide with our coffee hour, grab a cup and a goodie and bring your thoughts and ideas to our meeting. Please join us as we discuss the best way for us to lead our children and youth in the Christian way.

UPDATES ON OUR YOUNG ADULTS

It is official!! Rebecca Broyan graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary on May 17, 2008. While attending the Seminary, Becky maintained a 3.5 grade point average. Although she is currently home, she is working toward becoming an ordained minister in the UCC. We wish her the very best and want her to know how very proud we are that she chose to enter the ministry. An article from the July 16, 2008, issue of the Mountaintop Eagle is on the front bulletin board with more details.

Karl Kemmerer was presented with the Wandell Award for highest grade point average by Wilkes University Provost Dr. Reynold Verret. Karl attained a 3.99 GPA and earned a Bachelor of Science degree, summa cum laude. He also received the award for Academic Achievement in accounting and was chosen Outstanding Graduate of the Jay Sidhu School of Business and Leadership. The full article from the June 11, 2008, Mountaintop Eagle is on the front bulletin board.

2007 TREASURER'S REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE 01/01/07	24,677.97
PLUS INCOME	75,093.17
LESS EXPENSES	<u>-84,498.90</u>
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/07	15,272.24

We would like to thank Frank Partington and Cliff Readler for auditing the financial books this year. It's always a daunting challenge and we are fortunate to have members who will take on such a project.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

August 18

The deadline for information for the September Messenger is August 18. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2008

August 3 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Sharon Moyer and Caroline Cronce

August 10 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Sami Dauber and Alecia Myers

August 17 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers

August 24 – Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Doris Yurchak and Connie Myers

August 31 – Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Connie Davis and Richie Lenahan

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 George Belanchik	17 Sheila Kline	27 Debbie Price
4 Camille Daniels	18 Wayne VanFossen, Sr.	27 Rick Evans
4 Joanne Lesh	19 Audrey Grosz	27 Greg Heller
4 Debra Prelewicz	20 Jillian Evans	27 Samantha Taney
5 Robert Prelewicz	21 Ronald Rinehimer, Jr.	28 Ed Mylet
5 Teresa Day	22 Wendy Williams	28 Kara Johnson
7 Ethel Fine	22 Bradley Kline	29 Marc M. Davis
8 Ronald Rinehimer, Sr.	23 Courtney Kania	29 Shirley Eckrote
9 Matthew Price	24 Karla Spangler	31 Cheryl Heller
9 Mary Hartman	25 Kelly Sufrinko	31 Lisa Shafer
12 Gladys Peters	25 Jeremy Hoffman	31 David Horensky
16 Robert Heller	25 Wesley Hoffman	31 Nelson Horwath
	27 Jennifer Rinehimer	

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 1, 1992.....	Marc and Connie Davis
August 3, 1968.....	John and Joan Rinehimer
August 10, 1991.....	Bill and Sherri Hoch
August 14, 1971.....	Dave and Sharon Horensky
August 14, 1976.....	Clyde and Brenda Heller
August 17, 1957.....	Lydon and Orceil Bloss
August 25, 1973.....	Roy and Betty Baker
August 27, 1983.....	Rob and Debbie Prelewicz
August 27, 1999.....	Chris and Deb Dietrich
August 28, 1990.....	Joe and Lois Huntzinger
August 31, 1963.....	Stan and Darlene Stein