

# The Messenger

## July 2008

### SUNDAY, JULY 8

#### 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, JULY 13

#### CHURCH PICNIC

This year our church picnic will be held on the lawn of Emmanuel. The picnic will begin after our worship service with a covered dish dinner for which the church will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and buns. After our meal, we will join in playing indoor and outdoor games, such as bingo, bean bag, tag and kickball. So bring your appetites and enthusiasm for a great day of family fun.

#### OLD RIVER CHURCH SERVICES

The Old River Church Services will begin on July 13 with Mt Zion UCC as the host church. The services will begin at 6:00 pm every Sunday evening through August 31. For a complete schedule, please see inside this issue.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Worship Committee will be held on July 2 at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who is a member or wishes to become a member of this committee is asked to attend.

#### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee's first meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, at 7 pm. Committee members and anyone wishing to increase awareness of our role in being good stewards of God's resources are asked to attend.

## Beach Party- Surfin' through the Scriptures

The surf was up for Vacation Bible School! We had over 30 children and youth attend this year's program. The Bible Storyteller and drama team told the Bible basis for each **Be-Attitude**. Sunday we learned to **Be Obedient** through the story of Gideon. Monday's story showed us to **Be Kind** like King David was to Jonathan's son, Mephebosheth. **Be Forgiving** was the Be-Attitude for Tuesday as Jesus' parable of the Unforgiving Servant explained to us. On Wednesday, we learned how to **Be Bold** for Christ through the story of how the sick woman was healed by her faith in Jesus. But the most important Be-Attitude, **Believe**, was the lesson for Thursday as we learned the story of Thomas and how he came to **Believe** when he saw proof that Jesus rose from the dead and how we can **Believe** in Jesus without seeing. There was plenty of singing and dancing at the Sound Waves with songs such as *Beach Party* and *Beach Be-Attitude* which were reminiscent of a Beach Boys flair, while *In the Son* reminded us of a laid back Jimmy Buffet tune. The children made crafts such as surfboard magnet notes, personalized beach bags and sand treasure bottles in Surfin' Crafts. They watched cool science experiments in the Surf-n-Sand Science Lab and ate scrumptious snacks at the Snack Shack. In each area, the Be-Attitude of the day was reinforced. It all wound up with our Beach Party Celebration on Thursday evening and we hope you came and enjoyed seeing everything the children learned and did at Beach Party! SURF'S UP!!!

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## From The Pastor's Desk

From the Pastor's desk

What fun we've had at Bible School this week! It is so rewarding watching the kids have fun and learn about God and Jesus at the same time. And I've had lots of fun being a "surfer dude". If you had been here you would have been able to see me do the "paddle, paddle, pop-up" but if you weren't – you missed it. Only God got me through it the first time. And I believe I heard God speak to me saying, "Don't do that again because I can't promise to protect you the next time."

Now we have begun the process of getting our committee activities started. I would invite anyone who would like to have input in any phase of Emmanuel to get on one of our committees. We have lots of things to accomplish for our church and can use all the help we can get. We are not like a football game where only those who are in good shape and have practiced can participate while all others must sit on the sidelines and watch. Here at Emmanuel everyone can participate. If you haven't done it for a while, we will be glad to get you on board and up to snuff on what is going on. We love to see all of you in the action.

Realizing that many folks will be going away on vacations and family visits this summer, I pray traveling mercies for you all. Please come back safe. We miss you when you're gone. And remember that when you go somewhere it's lots of fun to find a church to attend – not only to serve God but to see how things are done in different places.

When you do attend other churches, I would love to see the bulletins if you could bring them to me.

The peace of God be with you all as we continue on this journey together.

Blessings!

Pastor Penny

### *Thank You*

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School another huge success. I received many compliments on the Beach Party program but I couldn't do it alone. I can't emphasize enough how important it is to have a great bunch of volunteers. Thanks to Sally, Christine and Theresa for handing the crafts; Jill for being a great Bible storyteller; Cindy, Lisa, Ron, Joanne, Rhonda, Mary, Erin and Robin for assembling and serving the snacks; Allison for her talent for applying science to our lessons; Judy, Allison, Pastor Leslie, Pastor Penny and Wayne for their drama skills; Ginny and Vicky for their patience and love of teaching preschoolers; and our Lifeguards: Kimmy, Alex, Kelly, Marne and Glynis for leading the children and helping them to learn and understand the day's lesson. I also thank the parents and families who stayed and helped out wherever needed and those who were faithful in bringing their children to this special summer Bible program. Thank you to everyone for all your support (and understanding).

Love, Denise

### *Our Condolences*

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Millie Myers and her family at the passing of her husband, Albert, on June 29, 2008. We offering our prayers for comfort in your time of grief.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Rinehimer family at the passing of Millard Rinehimer on June 10, 2008. We sympathize with you in your time of sorrow.

## CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

**TWILIGHTERS** - The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, July 9, for a covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon.

**COMMITTEES** – An initial meeting of all the committees, old and new, was held on June 11. We had a productive meeting in which everyone in attendance offered suggestions and brought their ideas to light. The members of the committees are as follows:

Pastoral Relations: Barb DeLuca, Gary Eigenbrod, Cindy Heller, Jim Rinehimer, Rosemary Myers and Bob Heller

Stewardship: Connie Davis, Connie Miller, Lynne Stewart, Frank Partington, Dave Horensky and Ruth Polashenski

Missions: Lynne Stewart, Dave Horensky, Ellen Newell and Janice Broyan

Kitchen: Cindy Heller, Linda Jankowski, Ron Rinehimer, Lois Eigenbrod, Mary Eroh and Volunteers

Worship: Chris Dietrich, Lois Eigenbrod, Eugene Good and Denise Dean

Altar: Mary Rinehimer, Lex and Anna Mae Koons, Gladys and Cliff Readler and Volunteers

Prayer Group: Camille Daniels, Connie Davis, Mary Martin and Ruth Polashenski

Promotions: Camille Daniels and Chris Dietrich

Membership: Janice Broyan, Connie Miller, Mary Eroh and Irene Hoch

Men's Group: Dave Myers

Women's Group: Rosemary Myers, Mary Rinehimer, Cindy Heller and Janice Broyan

This is only a tentative list, since we hope that others will volunteer to serve. Please watch for meeting times and places in the Messenger and our weekly bulletin so that you can join in serving our church and Lord.

## YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

### ST. MARK'S TOUR

The Youth Group is inviting everyone to a tour of historic St. Mark's Church in Jim Thorpe. We will meet at our church on Saturday morning, July 12 (please check the weekly bulletin for the exact time) and carpool to Jim Thorpe where we will spend the day touring the church and seeing the local sights.

Marc Davis

## YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

Once again our youth have made the Honor Roll at Rice Elementary.

Principal's Honors: Glynis Dean

Honors: Autumn Atkinson and Devin Stein

**OLYMPIC TEAM ALTERNATE!!!** Sara Silveti has been chosen to be an alternate on the US Field Hockey team for the 2008 games in Beijing. Sara was a member of the 2006 World Cup team that finished sixth in Spain and the 2007 Ataholding Championship Challenge squad which took fourth in Azerbaijan. She began playing field hockey at age 12 and participated in various competitions and games throughout her youth, high school, college and post-collegiate years. For additional highlights on Sara's athletic achievements, go to [www.usfieldhockey.com/teams/women/silveti.htm](http://www.usfieldhockey.com/teams/women/silveti.htm).

## 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:

July 13	Mt. Zion UCC
July 20	St. Mark's Union
July 27	St. James Lutheran
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

### NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

**July 21**

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

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2008

July 6 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Connie Davis and Rich Lenahan

July 13 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan

July 20 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Jayne and Rich Rotski

July 27 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Carol Duffy and Eileen Leindecker

### OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

**Be careful not to void the warranty on your new pastor**

by Craig MacCreary – United Church News, March 2002

Congratulations, you have acquired a new clergyperson. To get maximum performance and many years of useful service out of your religious professional, you must provide careful maintenance and follow this manual.

1. Your religious professional needs to be well oiled and prepared. Sermons most often come from prayer, reading, study and staring out the window. Allow room for these activities.
2. If your clergyperson comes in a family model, do not put too much tension on this attachment. Your religious professional will rely especially on the spouse to clean out the usual buildup of anger, confusion and stress.
3. If your clergyperson comes with children attachments, allow room for the children to act out and rebel like all children.
4. Frequent oiling and healing balm will improve the life of your clergyperson. Watch for stress building between funerals, divorces, baptisms and weddings. Though your clergyperson has been hand tooled to handle issues of life and death in the same hour, you will extend the life of the relationship by paying attention to this.
5. Do not allow excessive heat buildup by forcing your religious professional to be a mind reader. This often results in meltdown and can void the warranty.
6. Follow all scheduled maintenance instructions. These include constructive feedback, regular days off and sabbatical leave. This will result in longer life for the original cutting edge that came as part of your religious professional's standard equipment.
7. Much of this manual also applies to directors of religious education, organists, choir directors and church secretaries.
8. For maximum performance, remember that religious professionals like to be invited to New Year's and Christmas parties.
9. Do not remove the denominational plug. Many religious professionals have taken an oath not to short circuit their commitment to the larger faith community. Removal of the denominational/larger faith connector in some models can result either in fire or fire going out.
10. Make sure all parts are in working order. In many models there tends to be a high buildup of tension from internal pressure to save the world, make everyone happy and avoid all conflict. Do not apply external pressure to these areas.
11. Do not wind too tightly or run for excessive periods of time. Repeated weeks without days off will void the warranty. As well, repeated 60-hour work weeks will result in slowed performance or meltdown.
12. Develop a good theology of stewardship and finances in your congregation. Most clergy models do not come well-equipped to talk about money in a time when more and more faith communities need to talk about money.
13. When encountering difficulties, avoid the temptation to immediately replace with a newer model. Minor adjustments will often lead to years of service.

We hope that your religious professional will help provide you the growth and relationship to God you are seeking. Please fill out and return the warranty card.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Donald Myers	10 Janice Broyan	17 Linda Wallick
3 Gladys Readler	12 Ray Seward	18 Travis Pickering
4 Ben Wallick	12 Nathan Kamowski	21 Jennifer Rinehimer
5 Randy Grosz	13 Irene Hoch	21 Judy Cybulski
6 April Sakowski	13 Elizabeth Henry	23 Rachelle Heller
6 Cameron Cox	13 Kyle Prelewicz	25 Sharon Moyer
7 Keeley Bedford	13 Bonnie Silveti	25 Patricia Grosz
8 Samantha Dauber	14 Carol Leindecker	27 Tammy Evans
8 Mary Eroh	14 Ruth Polashenski	27 Denise Stein
8 Joshua Brand	15 Joann Kotarsky	29 Connie Davis
	16 Jason Buffone	

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

July 1, 1998 .....	Mary and Nelson Horwath
July 6, 1999 .....	Joel and Sheila Kline
July 23, 1976 .....	Stan and Judy Cybulski
July 23, 2000 .....	Josh and Janene Mussmon
July 30, 1983 .....	Jim and Lynne Stewart