

The Messenger

June 2008

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Worship Begins at 9:30 am for Summer Hours

COMMUNION & COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, June 1, during our regular Sunday Worship Service. Please bring a “goodie” to share and stay for coffee hour after worship.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, June 1, during our worship service. If you know of someone who is graduating, please provide their name and future plans on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Congratulations to you all.

EACH ONE BRING ONE BACK

Has there been a familiar face missing from the pew next to you lately? Do you wonder about the empty spaces? All churches go through times when attendance is down, especially during the summer months. But sometimes all it takes to fill those spaces is dropping a line, picking up the phone or stopping in for a visit – just enough to let others know we miss them and are thinking about them. For this Sunday, let’s all take the time to connect with someone and help them reconnect to God.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

VBS PLANNING MEETING

The next meeting will be June 4 at 7 pm. Our theme for this year is “Beach Party – Surfin’ through the Scriptures”. It is a lively program centered around a surf/beach theme which teaches “Beach Be-Attitudes” – Be Obedient; Be Kind; Be Forgiving; Be Bold (the good way); and Believe. Please see inside this issue for more information on how you can get involved.

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

EACH ONE BRING ONE

We’re aiming to fill the pews on June 15. Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend (or two or three) to worship. Let’s spread the joy of having a new Pastor and introduce her to our families and friends.

FATHER’S DAY

We will also honor the men of our church on Father’s Day during our worship service.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, June 11, at 12 noon for a covered dish dinner.

JUNE 22 TO 26

BEACH PARTY – SURFIN’ THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES

This year’s theme is (in case you didn’t catch the wave, yet) BEACH PARTY!! We will be getting sand in our toes as we learn about Beach Be-Attitudes. The party starts each evening at 6:30 and ends at 8:30 pm. See inside for more details.

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From The Pastor's Desk

"Summertime and the living is easy," that is unless you still have lots of painting and fixing up to do. Maybe one of these days things will get done but Archie's being in the hospital for five days didn't work into our schedule very well. My brother and sister-in-law from Louisiana and my son and daughter-in-law from Richmond are coming for a visit in June and my house is not really ready for company. I'm glad this is family and so hopefully will understand the continued chaos. I just have to refer to the gospel of Matthew to remind myself not to worry about things. God will take care of us.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Let us all remember these verses as we move into the summer. We can certainly look at the beauty of creation and appreciate how God dresses the earth in such splendor at this time of the year.

But let us also remember that even though we may be away enjoying ourselves on vacation or at a family reunion that the work of the church must go on. Your tithes and offerings – as well as your prayers – are much needed throughout the year.

This has been a very fast two months since I arrived in Mountain Top. I am enjoying meeting and getting to know all of you. God be with y'all.

Blessings,

Pastor Penny

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, visits and prayers and especially thank Pastor Penny for all her concern and visits during our hospitalization and recovery. Your support has been wonderful.

Dick and Hilda Lewis

Thank you to the painters and spacklers of the Fellowship Hall, restrooms and hallway. The fresh coat of paint really brightens up our church.

Thanks to the planters of flowers. All the geraniums which were purchased in celebration of Pentecost have been planted around the front area of our church. They look beautiful.

We received thank you letters from Bethany Children's Home and Phoebe-Devitt Homes for our donations. We sent \$150 from our Easter Offering to Phoebe and \$1,150 for our Easter Offering and our Annual Support to Bethany. These organizations truly depend on the generosity of our members to provide services and programs to improve the lives of others.

Our Condolences

We wish to express our sincerely sympathy to Tommy and Audrey Grosz and their family on the passing of his father, Leonard W. Grosz, on May 16, 2008. Our prayers are with you in your time of mourning.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

Father's Day

June 15 is Father's Day and we hope to see all the men of our church in Worship. Whether you ever had children as part of your household or not, you are all special role models for our youth.

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters are planning a covered dish lunch for Wednesday, June 11, at 12:00 pm.

CONSISTORY MEETING

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, June 15, at 6:30 pm.

Celebration of New Life

A son was born to Eric and Kristina Walck on Saturday, May 24. Clayton Paul weighed in at 8 lb 6 oz and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to the new parents!

VBS PLANNING MEETING

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From the Sunday School Superintendent

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Sunday School a great experience. It has been a learning experience for me and I really want to thank Sharon Eigenbrod for answering all my questions and helping me grow into the Superintendent position. I would also like to thank all the teachers and helpers for their time and commitment to the children. Thank you to everyone who helped with our parties and our Yard Sale and who baked and helped at the Bake Sales. Thanks especially to the members of our church for contributing to our mission projects. Everyone's support has been tremendous and I really appreciate it.

Lisa Rinehimer

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

FUTURE DATES:

June – **Movie date to see "Prince Caspian"**, the next movie in the "Chronicle of Narnia" series. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to see when people can go. We need to set a date soon so please sign up asap.

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

Thanks, Marc Davis

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

The following students achieved academic excellence by earning grades which placed them on their school's honor roll:

Crestwood Middle School

High Honors: Courtney Kania, Kelly Madigan

Honors: Rachelle Heller, Jared Yakscoe

Rice Elementary

Honors: Autumn Atkinson, Glynis Dean, Devon Stein

In the News

Autumn Atkinson is again pictured for her sports ability; this time in the arena of indoor soccer. The Mountaintop Avalanche captured the U13 Girls Championship. Their season record was 7-0-2. They defeated Back Mountain Fusion 1-0 in the semi-finals, and the Wyoming Valley Soccer Club 95G by 3-2 for the championship. Way to go, Autumn. Kick it up a notch!!!

Karl C. Kemmerer was named Outstanding Senior by Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Wilkes University. The award is given to one senior accounting major at each of the 64 participating Pennsylvania colleges and universities. Karl will begin his accounting career with PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

DORRANCE EMMANUEL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION 2007 REPORT

WORKING FUND

Balance 12/31/06	\$19,411.25	
2007 Income	7,209.49	
2007 Expenses	<u>9,244.89</u>	
Balance 12/31/07		\$17,375.85

PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Balance 12/31/06	\$42,350.00	
2007 Income	<u>1,400.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/006		\$43,750.00
TOTAL		<u>\$61,125.85</u>

HAM & CHICKEN DINNER REPORT

RECEIPTS

Tickets		
Door - 171 @ \$9.00	\$1,539.00	
8 @ \$4.00	\$32.00	
Advance 199 @ \$9.00	\$1,791.00	
Surplus Sold	\$281.50	
Donations	\$87.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,730.50	\$3,730.50

EXPENSES

Burke's Mt. View	Posters	\$25.00	
Printing			
Sam's Club	Bread Crumbs, Broth, Pam	\$56.98	
Wal-Mart	Corn Flake	\$92.96	
	Crumbs, Salt, Butter, Oleo, Coffee, Flour, Sugar, Baggies		
Maine Source	Carrots, Celery	\$18.91	
Keyco Dist.	Vegetables, Paper Products, Orange Syrup, Latex Gloves	\$340.55	
Weis Markets	Milk	\$28.65	
D. W. Richards	Ham & Chicken	\$910.79	
Sons			
Kenny Stehr & Sons	Potatoes, Cabbage, Peppers	\$108.00	
Tuzzi Bakery	Bread	\$27.00	
Mr. Z's	Baggies	\$6.70	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,615.54	\$1,615.54

PROFIT **\$2,114.96**

BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME SEARCHES FOR HOUSE PARENTS

We received a letter from Bethany Children's Home asking for help in recruiting House Parents for their children. They are looking for married couples to provide compassion, structure and daily supervision for their young people. In addition to salary and great health care benefits, houseparent couples receive room and board within their own private living quarters. Anyone interested, please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Bell Tower. You can learn more and apply online at bethanyhome.org or call 610-589-4501.

UPCOMING DATES

June ?? – TBA – Movie date to see Prince Caspian
 June ?? – TBA – Tour of St. Mark's, Jim Thorpe
 July 13 – Old River Church Services begin

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INFO

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

June 1 – Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers
June 8 – Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Greeters: Sami Dauber and Alecia Myers
June 15 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Greeters: Sharon Moyer and Caroline Cronce
June 22 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Greeters: Forrest and Dylan Atkinson
June 29 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Greeters: Doris Yurchak and Connie Myers

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers
 Clifford & Gladys Readler
 Marc & Connie Davis
 John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

TEN OTHER COMMANDMENTS

1. You shall not worry, for worry is the most unproductive of all human activities.
2. You shall not be fearful, for most of the things you fear will never come to pass.
3. You shall not carry grudges, for they are the heaviest of all life's burdens.
4. You shall face each problem as it comes
5. You shall not take problems to bed with you, for they make very poor bedfellows.
6. You shall not borrow other people's problems. They can take better care for them than you.
7. You shall not try to relive yesterday. For good or ill, it is forever gone. Concentrate on what is happening in your life and be happy now!
8. You shall be a good listener, for only when you listen do you hear ideas different from your own.
9. You shall not become "bogged down" by frustration, for 90% of it is rooted in self-pity and will only interfere with positive action.
10. You shall count your blessings, never overlooking the small ones, for a lot of small blessings add up to a big one.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Rebecca Taney	10 Joel Kline	23 Doreen Oldershaw
2 Patricia Marsteller	12 Hilda Lewis	24 Rhonda Brand
2 Craig Peters	12 Jordan Pickering	25 Phyllis Myers
3 Rico Silvetti	12 Robert Madigan, III	26 Eric Rinehimer
4 William Heller	14 Eileen Buffone	26 Justin Rinehimer
5 Jeff Dauber	14 Gloria Taney	26 Kimberly Hoffman
6 Deb Dietrich	14 Craig Sakowski	27 Connie Myers
7 Michael Daniels	17 Daniel Kozak	29 Alda Zindle
7 Emily VanFossen	17 Pamela Mylet	29 Colleen Williams
8 Dawn Kania	20 Thomas Grosz	29 George Taney
8 Gary Eigenbrod, Jr.	22 Kasandra Dauber	30 Rebecca Broyan
	22 Jim Cease	

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 2, 1979	Dave and Debbie Harter
June 3, 1978	Jim and Denise Dean
June 12, 1993	Tony and Lorie DiMaria
June 14, 2003	Eric and Kristina Walck
June 18, 1988	Brian and Connie Myers
June 24, 1999	Ed and Pamela Mylet