

# The Messenger

## **MARCH 2008**

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

#### **COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR**

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.

#### **SHARING OUR PASSIONS**

It's been awhile since we had someone share their favorite talent or collection with us during coffee hour, but someone has been given some beautiful calligraphy work and would like you to see it. Sharon Moyer received pieces of artwork from a 90-year-old calligrapher who just passed away. Most of the pieces are religious in nature and very beautiful. So come back, share some coffee and relax while you view his handiwork.

#### **OGHS OFFERING**

We will receive our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on Sunday, March 2 and 9. Please give generously to this offering which helps people around the world and here at home.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PARTY**

The Sunday School will hold its Easter Party on March 8 from 10 am to 12 pm. For more information, please see inside this issue.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

#### **GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**

Our regional Girl Scouts Troops will be joining us for worship on Sunday, March 9. This is a great way to show our support for these young women as they express their faith in our God by participating in our service.

### **FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MARCH 14 AND 15**

#### **30 HOUR FAMINE**

The youth and several adults of Emmanuel will participate again in this important mission event. Please see inside for more details.

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 16 - PALM SUNDAY**

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 20 – MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 23 - EASTER SUNDAY**

For details on our services during Holy Week, please see inside this issue.

### **FAREWELL LUNCH FOR PASTOR TED AND MARGIE**

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

On Sunday, March 30, we will bid farewell to Pastor Ted and Margie Good. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch after our Worship Service.

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## From The Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Greetings from your soon to be ex-interim pastor. Life can really be amazing. Who would have thought a year and a half ago that you and I (congregation and interim) would have bonded like we have. Margie (Pastor Margie) and I have discussed how we have been spoiled by our first churches, Zion and Emmanuel. Anywhere we go from here is not likely to be quite as satisfying as our time spent with both of these churches. Nothing is ever perfect is it? But WOW, what a ride! Margie and I have enjoyed many moments being in the Lord with you at Emmanuel. On more than one occasion I have been near tears with you. And on others in laughter. And how about those jokes!!!

But life does go on, and Margie and I wish only the best for "our" church here and its people. Yes, we will miss you and maybe it will be the same for you. Your new pastor will find you delightful, even you will be, Hilbert. As part of our last pieces, Margie and I will be doing a joint Maundy Thursday Service. This will be a time of reflection of what it is that the Lord has done for us in bringing us salvation. Please plan to attend.

Goodbye, but never forgotten.

Peace, Pastor Ted

## Holy Week Services

### MARCH 16 - PALM SUNDAY

We begin our observation of Holy Week with our worship service on Palm Sunday. Come and praise the King as he enters into Jerusalem.

### MARCH 20 – MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

At 7:00 pm on March 20 we will gather to remember the events of the Upper Room and the crucifixion of our Savior. We will celebrate the Last Supper and witness the stripping of the altar. We encourage everyone to come to this service of remembrance.

### MARCH 23 - EASTER SUNDAY

**COME CELEBRATE THE RESSURECTION!!** At 7:00 am we will gather for Sunrise (Sonrise) Service after which we will have a continental breakfast. Our regular worship service will begin at 10:30 am. Both services will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Come, celebrate Jesus and his saving grace.

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## Thank You

To all our friends: I pray your holiday was blessed and your new year will be happy. Thank you so much for the caroling, for your cards, for beautiful flowers and delicious fruit. God bless each one.

Love, Ellie and Ted Arnold

We would like to thank everyone for their cards and well wishes on the birth of our daughter, Haylie Marie.

Ellen and Bob Newell

The VA Hospital sent us a letter thanking us for our thoughtfulness in sending St. Valentine's Day cards for their residents and patients. The cards and well wishes

were given out on St. Valentine's Day and in celebration of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans week.

Thank you to Joe and Lois Huntzinger for donating a microwave for use at the church.

Thank you to the members who took advantage of the Times Leader subscription promotional. We received donations to the General Fund and Memorial Fund because of your thoughtfulness.

## Our Condolences

We wish to send our sincere sympathy to Billy, Mary and Meredith Martin on the passing of Billy's father, Henry "Bill" Martin, on February 17, 2008. We pray for God's peace in your time of sorrow.

# CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

## TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters are planning a covered dish lunch for Wednesday, March 12, at 12:00 pm, weather permitting.

## CONSISTORY MEETING

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 pm.

## BABY DAUGHTER BORN TO THE NEWELLS

Ellen and Bob Newell celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Haylie Marie, on January 9, 2008. Haylie was 6 lb. 13 oz. and 19 inches long. Congratulations to Ellen and Bob and big sister, Bethany.

## From the Sunday School Superintendent

For our March mission project, we will be gathering donations for Easter candy for the McKinney Clinic and hope you will support us in bringing a little sweetness into the lives of the clients of the clinic.

The Sunday School Easter Party will be held on Saturday, March 8, from 10 am to 12 pm. Each child should bring six candy eggs for the egg hunt. We will be painting toast, enjoying games and have a fun project. All Sunday School students are welcome to come have fun together.

Thank you for all your support, Lisa Rinehimer

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### 30-HOUR FAMINE

**March 14 and 15**

**be seen, be heard - BE  
HUNGRY**

This year, our youth will participate in the 30-Hour Famine beginning on March 14. Youth who want to participate can see Marc Davis for a pledge folder. Each youth has been instructed that they are not to eat after finishing their breakfast on Friday, March 14. The idea is that their friends will see them not eating lunch and ask why. This will be a way for our youth to make others aware of world hunger and the part youth can play in combating it. The 30-Hour Famine started 16 years ago as a way for junior high, high school and college-age students to help save – and change –

children's lives. By going without food for 30 hours and raising money to help needy children, young people gain a deeper awareness of the needs in our world and realize they can play a vital role in making a difference. The youth go without food but can drink plenty of water and juices so they experience true hunger and learn powerful lessons of compassion for those who live with hunger daily. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm on Friday evening. During Friday evening and Saturday morning we will play games, read Scripture, have devotions and learn about the difficulties children around the world face just trying to survive. We will also take our shopping trip during this time to purchase items for the food bank with your donations from Souper Bowl Sunday. (Think about shopping when you are hungry – how many impulse items do you add to the cart?) The youth will end their fast with lunch on Saturday at 1:00 pm and parents may pick up their children at 2:00 pm.

Marc Davis

## YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

The following youth were named to the Honor Roll at Rice Elementary for the second marking period:

Principals Honors: Glynis Dean

Honors: Autumn Atkinson, Devin Stein

Congratulations to Autumn Atkinson and the Avalanche Girls Field Hockey Team. They finished their season with a 9-0 record to win the Dome 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and Under Championship. You can check out the champions in the picture on the front bulletin board.

Once again, you can see an article about Kyle Prelewicz and Ice Hockey. Kyle is a member of the Pocono Pirates Pee Wee B Ice Hockey Club and the 01/30/08 issue of the Mountaintop Eagle recapped their win over Wissahickon. The article is on the bulletin board at the front entrance. Keep smacking that puck, Kyle!

Speaking of ice hockey, the Crestwood High School Varsity team is had a great season with the help of Bobby Madigan. They made it all the way to the play-offs but lost in overtime against Abington. You can check out articles documenting their exploits as of the 02/20/08 issue of the Mountaintop Eagle on the bulletin board.

Kyle Belanchik will attend Millersville University, majoring in biology. Kyle has been a major player for the Crestwood baseball team and, as noted in the article on the bulletin board, will now have a chance to play at the next level. Congratulations to you, Kyle.

## 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.

### 65<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**Ernie and Esther Heller** will be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on March 18, 2008. Congratulations for a lifetime of togetherness.

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

**Alecia Myers** was chosen as Student of the Month for January. Alecia is a member of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Red Team at Crestwood Middle School. Way to go, girl!!

## In the News

Dorothy and Ivan Hoyt have published a book on hex signs. As many of you know, Ivan is nationally recognized expert on the subject and an accomplished artist whose hex signs are well-known in our area. Dorothy used her skills as a photographer to bring Ivan's work to vibrant print and typed the manuscript which Ivan wrote. Their book is entitled "Hex Signs, Tips, Tools, and Techniques for Learning the Craft" and Ivan was approached by Stackpole Books to write a book as part of their "Heritage Crafts Today" series. The book will be available in March from Amazon, Tower, and FYE Books on the internet, as well as Barnes & Noble, Borders and other local bookstores.

Morgan Rinehimer has two pictures for her participation with Brownie Troop #3305 on the front bulletin board. Check out the picture of her on a brisk February weekend, selling those delicious cookies with her fellow scouts in front of Turkey Hill. Another picture is of their Brownie Investiture Ceremony.

## UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 2 OGHs Offering Sunday  
Mar. 14 & 15 – 30-Hour Famine  
Mar. 16 Palm Sunday  
Mar. 20 Maundy Thursday  
Mar. 23 Easter Sunday  
Mar. 30 Farewell lunch for Pastor Ted and Margie  
Apr. 6 Coffee Hour to celebrate Pastor Penny Dollar's first Sunday with us  
Apr. 13 Christian Unity Service at Emmanuel at 3 pm

## AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

### Fish Fry Dinner – Stairville UMC

Stairville UMC will hold a Fish Fry Dinner on Friday, March 7 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, with takes-outs available starting at 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$4.00 for children ages 6 to 12 and \$8.00 for adults and all take-outs.

### ADDICTION AWARENESS SEMINAR

The Kirby Library, Mountain Top, will present "The Effects of Addiction on the Entire Family System" on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:30 pm.

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

Thanks Denise

## DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER INFO

### March 17

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

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2008

### Mar. 2 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Greeters: Forrest and Dylan Atkinson

### Mar. 9 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Greeters: Girl Scouts

### Mar. 16 – Sixth Sunday in Lent

Greeters: Sharon Moyer and Connie Myers

### Mar. 20 – Maundy Thursday

Greeters: Caroline Cronce and Connie Davis

### Mar. 23 – Easter Service

Sonrise (7:00 am)

Greeters: Hilbert and Lois Eigenbrod

Regular (10:30 am)

Greeters: Sami Dauber and Alecia Myers

### Mar. 30 – Second Sunday of Easter

Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers

### OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Jane Rinehimer	12	Debbie Fine	27	Connie Miller
2	Ashley Sabonas	14	Devin Stein	28	Brian Heller
2	Ron Day	14	Jessica Gittens	28	Samantha Kotarsky
3	Carey Hoffman	16	David DeLuca	29	Amanda Bickham
7	Jason Mellas	21	Lisa Caffrey	29	Joe Huntzinger
7	Cindy Heller	23	Hailee Smith	29	Lois Huntzinger
7	Dorothy Hoyt	24	Deven Kamat	31	Gwen Sakowski
9	Reece Mylet	26	Brad Frey	31	Michael Supkowski
9	Gloria Schreyer			31	Bethany Newell

### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 4, 1954 .....Ray and Harriet Seward  
 March 18, 1943 .....Ernie and Esther Heller  
 March 20, 1982 .....Bob and Helen Heller