

The Messenger

November 2008

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Remember to set your clocks back for Sunday morning as Daylight Savings Times ends on November 2.

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, November 2, during our regular Sunday Worship Service which begins at 10:30 am.

NEW MEMBERS

On November 2, five new members will join the family of God at Emmanuel. We welcome them as they journey with us in faith.

MISSION POSSIBLE "THANKS-GIVING" DINNER

Immediately following our worship service on Sunday, November 2, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a dinner commemorating the finale of our stewardship campaign, Mission Possible. This potluck dinner is in celebration of the spirit and vision shown by our members as we plan for the mission and activities of Emmanuel for the upcoming year.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

TWILIGHTERS DINNER

The Twilighters will hold their annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, November 5, at 12 pm at Stairville UMC. The main course will be roast pork and the dinner will cost \$8.50. Please bring a \$3 gift if you wish to participate in the gift exchange.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 9, we will recognize the members of Emmanuel who are veterans or currently members of the military. If you are a veteran or are in the military, please sign the sheets on the tables in the Narthex or next to the Fellowship Hall doorway.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Wapwallopen Ministerium will hold its Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23, at 6:00 pm at Emmanuel UCC. *Please note that the location has been changed since this newsletter went to print and let your family and friends know about it.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

On October 29, Emmanuel held its first Wednesday evening service for this year. We will meet at 6:30 pm for a time of reflection and discovering God's Word and its meaning for us.

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From The Pastor's Desk

What do we have to look forward to in November? Oh – so many things. The first Sunday we will be celebrating the completion of our Stewardship Campaign for this year with a potluck dinner. I have enjoyed working with the team on this project. They were so energetic with such good ideas. I hope you have enjoyed the Mission Possible moments that we have had each Sunday. Hopefully you have heard the reminder that everything we have comes from God and have been inspired to give a little more to God's work than in the past.

Confirmation classes are underway. There is a wonderful class this year – so smart. I will have to work to keep up with them. We hope to go on some field trips in addition to our study time together.

We will be taking in some new members on November 2, and on November 9 will have another baptism. Let's keep inviting friends and acquaintances to church and show them how excited we can be as we share our love of God together. If you can pull off that turkey supper together, I don't know why there's anything you can't do.

During the second week of November I will be attending the Pennsylvania Pastor's Conference in Harrisburg. This year it is on "preaching". I have been going to this for some years now and it is usually a very good conference. I'll try to pick up some good pointers while I'm away.

I'll be preaching at the Wapwallopen Ministerium's joint Thanksgiving Service on Nov. 23. It will be held at St. Mark's in Pond Hill. Hopefully, many of you will be able to attend since this year it is being held on Sunday evening instead of Wednesday evening.

And don't forget the first Sunday of Advent is Nov. 30. O Lord, so much to do – so little time.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness."

Just a quick reminder of how we are to serve God – with joy and gladness. Of course, we think of this theme at Thanksgiving but let's keep it in mind every day of every season.

Blessings,

Pastor Penny

Thank You

I would like to say "thank you" to everyone for their cards and prayers when my brother, Bill Moyer, passed away. Your expressions of sympathy and concern are greatly appreciated.

Ethel Fine

Thank you again to those who pitch in wherever needed. It's always hard to keep track of everything that our members do, but recently the Alberdeen Road was cleared of junk, the kitchen and side room were painted, a roaster for our dinners was purchased, the "back 40" field was mowed, bushes were trimmed and dead flowers removed from around the church, a bulletin board was mounted in the kitchen, hoagies were made for our fundraiser and the church was beautifully decorated for the harvest season (and that's not even a complete list). God loves a cheerful giver and we have so many of them at Emmanuel.

Our Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is offered to Esther Heller, Judy, Stan and Jim Cybulski, Billy and Patti Heller and their families on the passing of Ernie Heller on October 21, 2008. Ernie will be missed by us. May our prayers comfort them all in their loss.

We offer our sympathy to Ethel Fine and the entire Rinehimer clan at the passing of her brother, Bill Moyer, on October 5, 2008. We offer our prayers for comfort in their time of grief.

It is with deep regret that we bade farewell to Catherine Rinehimer. Catherine concluded her journey in this life on October 10, 2008, and will be greatly missed by all of us at Emmanuel. Our sympathy is extended to the families of Ruth Roth, Dick and Hilda Lewis, Gene Rinehimer, Dale Rinehimer, and Luther Rinehimer. May God's love sustain you in your time of sorrow.

MISSION: POSSIBLE†

On Sunday, November 2, we will celebrate the finale of our Stewardship Campaign, MISSION POSSIBLE†. We have spent the last four weeks considering how we can best serve God, our church and our community. We have been encouraged through chapel talks, messages and scriptures. We have heard how our time, talents and offering are important to the work of God. We have been challenged with a vision for the future of our church and its role in our communities. Now, we celebrate the generosity and confidence of our members who have made a commitment to support Emmanuel UCC so that our church can minister to others. Without support, the mission of Emmanuel – weekly worship services, Christian education, youth activities, ecumenical services, and outreach – would not be possible. To recognize the spirit of giving which we have embraced, we will gather after our worship service on November 2 for a dinner of thanksgiving for all that God has given us and all that we are then able to pass on to others. “All things are possible with God.” Mark 10:27 Our vision is a MISSION POSSIBLE† thanks to all who have committed themselves to Emmanuel’s mission.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS - The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, October 5, at Stairville UMC for their annual Christmas Dinner at 12 pm. The meal will include roast pork and costs \$8.50. If you wish, bring along a \$3 gift to exchange. See Ethel Rinehimer to reserve a meal or for more information.

ADVENT SEASON BEGINS – The season of advent begins on November 30. At this time, we anticipate the coming of our Savior. Each Sunday holds a different message as we prepare ourselves, our homes and our church for the true meaning of Christmas.

ALUMINUM CAN TABS – There is a container on the table in the Narthex for can tabs. We are again collecting them to help Audrey Grosz with her dialysis treatments. Thanks to everyone who helps out.

EVENING SERVICES

October 29 was the first Wednesday evening service for this year. We will be meeting at 6:30 pm for worship as we delve into the Bible and seek its relevance for us and our world.

Turkey Supper Report

Once again, your time and effort has made our annual Turkey Supper a HUGE success. It is a daunting project and can only be accomplished with everyone working together. Three days of preparation culminating in a delicious home-cooked meal. Donnie can really keep those tables moving (can you say “Hot stuff for a new table” three times within five minutes?). Whew!! And Dave and his crew really handle the take-out crowd. But, the reward is much more than raising funds for our church. It is the fellowship we had all joining together with a common mission and enjoying every minute of it. The result is that we served 664 dinners and made a profit of \$4,273.04. Thanks to everyone who helped!

TURKEY SUPPER October 18, 2008

RECEIPTS

Tickets

Door Sales	425 @ \$9.00	\$3,825.00
	12 @ \$4.00	\$48.00
Advance	227 @ \$9.00	\$2,043.00
Donations		\$66.00
Surplus Sold		\$144.25

TOTAL

RECEIPTS	\$6,126.25	\$6,126.25
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EXPENSES

Keyco Dist.	Vegetables, Paper Goods, Cranberry Sauce, Turkeys	\$1,377.84
Maine Source	Eggs & Onions	\$24.97
Sunshine	Celery & Carrots	\$20.00
Market		
Walmart	Butter, Oleo, Flour, Sugar, Vinegar, Coffee, Baggies	\$76.40
	Bread Cubes	\$140.00
Carone's Market		
Tuzzi's Bakery	Bread	\$33.00
Lex Koons	Potatoes, Cabbage, Peppers	\$127.00
Gould's Shur Save	Milk	\$27.00
St. James Church	Beans	\$27.00

TOTAL

EXPENSES	\$1,853.21	\$1,853.21
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PROFIT

\$4,273.04

Sunday School News

THANK YOU

I would really like to thank everyone who brought goodies for our bake sale which was held during the Turkey Supper. Also, thanks to everyone who helped plan and participated in our Fall Fest on October 25. We really had a fun time.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY DINNERS

As we do every year, we are gathering the food for Thanksgiving dinners to be given out to families who come to the McKinney Clinic. We put together 10 dinners, complete with stuffing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, gravy, dessert and, of course, a turkey. If you wish, please bring in a canned or boxed food or you can give a donation which will be used to purchase the turkeys. We appreciate all that you do to help us share God's blessings with others.

crop walk

THANK YOU!!! To everyone who walked and to those who sponsored us. This year, we had 36 walkers who raised \$1,620 to help people around the world improve their lives. Emmanuel had 11 walkers and raised \$562!! Great Going Emmanuel!!

YOUTH GROUP

We are reorganizing the Youth Group to let the youth actually run it. As you might have seen previously, the youth are being encouraged to be officers and plan the events and missions they want to do.

As far as activities, it's been too long since we had a Movie Night. The details aren't finalized, but it will be in early November. So keep checking your Sunday bulletin for more details.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee will meet on Sunday, Nov. 9, after worship to finalize a budget to be presented to the Consistory for their approval.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

November 17

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

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Sunday, November 23, the churches of the Wapwallopen Ministerium will gather to thank our Lord for all his blessings to us. We will meet at St. Mark's Union Church in Pond Hill at 6:00 pm. Come, praise our Creator for his great abundance and generosity.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 7 – Guest Speakers – John and Kathy Dech

Dec. 21 – Caroling

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Services

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2008

Nov. 2 – Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Justin Rinehimer and Kyle Prelewicz

Acolytes: Autumn Atkinson and Rachelle Heller

Nov. 9 – Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Sami Dauber and Richie Lenahan

Acolyte: Kyle Prelewicz

Nov. 16 – Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Connie Davis and Doris Yurchak

Acolyte: Glynis Dean

Nov. 23 – Reign of Christ (Christ the King Sunday)

Greeters: Judy Cybulski and Caroline Cronce

Acolyte: Eric Rinehimer

Nov. 30 – First Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers

Acolyte: Justin Rinehimer

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Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Carrie Russell	8 Gerald Mellas	17 Beverly Kramer
2 Herman Spangler	9 Morgan May Rinehimer	17 David Cronic
3 Stanley Cybulski	10 Karl C. Kemmerer	18 Anna Mae Koons
3 Brenda Heller	10 Rich Rotski	18 Sharon Eigenbrod
3 Terry Belanchik	11 Casey Eigenbrod	19 Lynne Stewart
5 James Daniels	13 Jack Shafer, Sr.	19 Marie Conrad
5 Richard Supkowski, Jr.	13 Gertrude Ostrowski	20 Janice Rinehimer
6 Pauline Dennis	16 Ellen Newell	21 Eric Hoffman
6 Lydon Bloss	16 Jeffrey Rinehimer	22 Stanley Stein
7 Elizabeth Sufrinko	16 Sharon Horensky	25 Duane Stein
8 Diane Yakscoe	16 Cristy Mulherin	30 Dustin Harter

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 7, 1947..... Dick and Hilda Lewis
 Nov. 4, 2000..... Brad and Becky Frey
 Nov. 11, 1950..... Cliff and Gladys Readler
 Nov. 12, 2001..... Jim and Laura Cease
 Nov. 16, 1996..... Ronald, Jr., and Lisa Rinehimer

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