

The Messenger

October 2008

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, October 5, during our regular Sunday Worship Service which begins at 10:30 am. We will then have a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a “goodie” to share as we enjoy fellowship together.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

The Neighbors in Need offering is traditionally held on the first Sunday of October. There are envelopes in the pews for your donations which will help the United Church of Christ in its mission to promote justice and compassion throughout the United States. The theme for this year is “Another World is Possible” and the UCC is working to make that vision a reality. As the scriptures state, “All things are possible with God,” so please contribute to NIN and envision a new world.

CROP WALK

The Annual CROP Walk will again gather here at Emmanuel on October 5. Registration is at 12:30, followed by a time of prayer. The walk begins at 1:00 pm from Emmanuel to St. James in Hobbie and back again. Please see Cindy Heller if you can provide refreshments for the walkers upon their return to Emmanuel after their 8-mile hike.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

MISSION:POSSIBLE

Things may have seemed impossible for the Mission Impossible team, but our Stewardship Team is turning that phrase around. Our Mission **Possible** will begin on Sunday, September 12, and continue four Sundays until November 2. The Stewardship Team has scheduled chapel talks centered around a theme for each week. The speakers who will be sharing their thoughts are Frank Partington, Lynne Stewart, Mary Martin and Dave Horensky. The finale of the Campaign will be on November 2 and we will gather for a meal of thanksgiving after our worship service. Everyone is asked to bring a dish for everyone to enjoy as we celebrate our commitment to share our gifts of time, talents and treasure for the work of our church.

HARVEST HOME

On October 12, we will again decorate our sanctuary with canned goods and paper products for our Harvest Home Sunday. This is a beautiful way to help restock the food bank as we recognize God’s rich blessings to us.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

It’s time for our annual Turkey Supper. Please see the article in this issue for dates and times where your help will be needed.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL FEST

The Sunday School’s Fall Fest will be on October 25. Please see the article in this issue for more information.

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From The Pastor's Desk

What a wonderful day was Sunday! The Installation Service was just wonderful. I must say "Thank You" to everyone who took part in the service, those who helped to get the church ready for our visitors (everything looked beautiful), all who brought food, the person who left the mystery gift outside my office door, and all those who attended the service. Thanks to the church for the generous gift certificate to Cokesbury – one of my favorite places to shop. It was very nice that Alan Miller, our Conference Minister, was able to join us. I suppose this means I'm official now so it will be harder to get rid of me.

My friends from Virginia came up on Saturday and spent the night. We had a house full since Kirk came and brought his girlfriend along as well. It was lots of fun to sit around and reminisce about old times. These are the friends who went through the death of my husband Jack with me and kept me covered in prayer. We have had some real praying times together. They are very special friends and they got the impression that this church was a good place for me to be. I happen to agree with them.

Thursday afternoon we leave for vacation but in the midst of everything we are trying to get Archie's mother transferred up this way. Things seem to be in the works for that and we also have to get our boat out of the water in Sunbury before we go. They will be putting the dam down before we get back and we don't want to be left high and dry without enough water to float the boat to the launch ramp. We will really be ready to have a little rest by the time we do get away.

I will be assisting with the wedding of my cousin in Knoxville, TN on Saturday. Our aunt who lives in North Carolina died on Monday night so one cousin who was planning to come won't be in attendance since he needs to take care of his mother's funeral. What a week it's been – and it's only Tuesday! I am enjoying the cooler weather though.

I'm sure God will be with us as we muddle through it all. I ask for your prayers while we are away. I will be returning refreshed and ready to get going again. I am looking forward to the Stewardship Campaign that will begin on October 12th. We have lots of fun things planned for everyone. Please be here to be a part of this drive and to support our church family.

God's blessings to you,

Pastor Penny

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their cards, and prayers when my brother Butch Badman passed away. Your expressions of sympathy and concern are greatly appreciated.

Gladys and Cliff Readler

Our Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is offered to Esther Heller, Martha Grosz and Dorothy Heller on the passing of their sister, Alma Hoch, on August 28, 2008. May our prayers comfort them and their families in their loss.

We offer our sympathy to Catherine Rinehimer and her family at the passing of her son-in-law, Clarence "Butch" Roth, on September 13, 2008. We offer our prayers for comfort in their time of grief.

Sunday School News

BAKE SALE AT THE TURKEY SUPPER

We are again holding our bake sale in the Narthex during the Turkey Supper. We are asking anyone who will donate baked goods to please bring them as early as possible so that they can be packaged and priced before the diners arrive. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser which helps us to purchase our Sunday School materials.

Our classes have started and plans are being made for activities and mission projects for the new season.

Our first mission project will be a blanket and coat drive to benefit the children and adults who are helped by the McKinney Clinic. We are asking for gently used or new items – ones that will cover a person in warmth. In this case, the warmth will be physical, but also spiritual as we minister to the needs of God's less fortunate children.

We will also provide Thanksgiving dinners in November for families of the Clinic. More details will be in next month's Messenger.

FALL FEST

Now for the fun. Our **Fall Fest** will be held on **Saturday, October 25**, beginning at 5 pm. We will have hot dogs and the fixings. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. After our meal, we'll play games, like "swinging donuts" and dunking for apples. So come and have a great time celebrating our colorful season of fall.

crop walk

Participants from the local Wapwallopen Ministerium churches will gather at Emmanuel for the Annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 5. Registration is at 12:30 pm. After we gather in the church for a time of prayer, the walk will begin at 1:00 pm. We will walk from Emmanuel to St. James Lutheran Church where we will enjoy a brief break and some refreshments. Then, it's back on the road again as we trek back to Emmanuel where more refreshments will be waiting (if you can help with refreshments, please see Cindy Heller). The round trip is an 8-mile hike (or run for some of our more fit participants). But no matter if you run, walk or just take a leisurely stroll, the end result is the same. We raise awareness of the dreadful conditions in which many of the world's children live. The funds donated through the CROP Walk are used to support self-help development, meet emergency needs and address the root causes of poverty. For more information on how your Hunger Walk gifts help alleviate poverty and hunger, go to www.churchworldservice.org.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS - The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, September 10, at in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch at 12:00 noon.

Turkey Supper Dates

Please remember that it is not necessary to be at the supper "forever". If everyone takes a turn, we can all help each other and feel good about volunteering to support our church. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the Narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall Door.

As always, we need people to cook the turkeys. Don Eroh is the person to see if you can volunteer your time for this important item (what's a Turkey Supper without turkey, right?) The turkeys arrive either at your home or at the church (depending on how you arrange it with Don) on Thursday morning.

On Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m., walls are taken down and tables are set up. Then there is the cleaning and cutting up of the vegetables for the pickled cabbage and "eyeing" and cutting up of the potatoes for the stuffing. (We only have to eye the potatoes, not peel them since we have a potato peeler.)

Early Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. more potatoes are eyed (we need mashed potatoes, too) and then at about 8:00 a.m. we start making the pickled cabbage and stuffing.

Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. we start cleaning the meat off the turkeys, which is easier to do if the turkeys are warm. Those of you who clean your own turkeys and then deliver them really help to speed up this process. Then, of course, the actual event begins at 3:00 and goes to about 7:00 p.m. We can always use lots of hands for serving food, working in the kitchen, busing tables, and waiting on tables. By the end of the supper at 7:00 p.m., the workers, many of whom have been there since 2:30 p.m. (mashing potatoes, making gravy, making sure the vegetables and stuffing are hot so that everything is ready at 3:00 p.m.) are ready for a rest. That's when it's nice to have a clean-up crew come in. The tables all have to be cleaned off, tablecloths and chairs wiped down, Sunday School rooms put back into order and the walls put back up. The large roasters and cook pots are washed and put away until the next supper. The kitchen cleaned and floors washed and vacuumed.

As you can see, there is a lot of work involved in having a supper, but it is a lot of fun and fellowship, too. Please consider where you can be of service and join us.

Choir Notes

Our choir has been busy this last month. The start up of a regular season was “kicked up a notch” with the Singspiration service at Stairville UMC on September 14 and Pastor Penny’s installation service on September 21. The use of the CD player which was purchased with our new sound system has added another dimension to our music, to compliment our organ and piano. We hope you enjoy the choir’s anthems and perhaps you would like to add your voice to our voices as we raise them in praise and thanksgiving. Our practices are on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Come – and make a joyful noise!!

YOUTH GROUP

As we have done for several years, the members of the Youth Group are encouraged to help with the Turkey Supper. Many of them will be working in the hall, waiting on tables and generally keeping the diners full of food and beverages. Others will be helping keep the take-out orders flowing smoothly or working at the Sunday School bake sale. Wherever they work, it’s all for a good reason – to support the work of our church.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

As has been noted in our Sunday bulletin, the Pastoral Relations Committee meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, October 7, at 6 pm. If you have an question or concern to be addressed, please see one of the following committee members: Barb DeLuca, Gary Eigenbrod, Sr., Bob Heller, Cindy Heller, Jim Rinehimer, or Rosemary Myers.

EVENING SERVICES PLANNED FOR OCTOBER

A lot of interest has been shown in having an evening service during the week. Pastor Penny is planning to begin evening worship beginning the second week in October. Additional details will be available as they develop.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

October 20

The deadline for information for the November Messenger is Thursday, October 20. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

ST. JAMES BEEF DINNER

St. James annual Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 11 from 3 to 7 pm. Please support our neighborhood church in their fundraiser.

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 2 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Stewardship Thanksgiving Meal
Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Eve Service
Nov. 30 – First Sunday of Advent

PNEC ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Penn Northeast Conference will be held on Saturday, October 18. As an ordained pastor of the PNEC, Pastor Penny will be attending and representing Emmanuel as the Conference makes plans and decisions for the upcoming year.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Rob Brand	8 Alexis Kamat	15 Michelle Heller
3 Tim Miller	9 John Daniels	15 Kyle Belanchik
4 John Rinehimer	9 Dawn Lynn Myers	16 Mindi VanFossen
4 Harry W. Peters	9 Tammy Dauber	16 Glenda Supkowski
4 Patricia Heller	10 Jennifer Lesh	16 Joshua Cronic
5 Jacqueline Heller	11 Betty Montigney	27 Sharryl Kastreva
5 Barry Myers	12 Janene Mussmon	27 Kaitlin Brand
5 Cheryl Hoffman	13 Rosemary Myers	28 Victoria Kramer
6 Glynis Dean	13 Joan Rinehimer	29 Jared Mellas
7 Margaret Kozak	14 Eileen Bonczek	29 Christian Cox

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 3, 1964..... Dave and Rosemary Myers
 Oct. 5, 1991..... Tom and Audrey Grosz
 Oct. 11, 1975..... Ivan and Dorothy Hoyt
 Oct. 12, 2001..... Steve and Sharon Moyer
 Oct. 17, 1987..... John and Camille Daniels

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