

The Messenger

September 2008

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

RALLY DAY!!!

A day of celebration and fun – that's Rally Day. We're kicking off our Sunday School program and need help from every Sunday School student to really make it great! Our theme is "Let Your Light Shine". Our Sunday School will be the focus of our worship service, with special readings, songs and a skit performed by the Sunday School students, all which emphasize Jesus as our Light and Strength.

After worship, we will have a covered dish dinner with the meat and drink provided by the church. Then, there will be plenty of games for everyone and, for extra fun, a giant slide. (Anyone want to see Pastor Penny slide down it?)

As Matthew 5:14 says, "A city on a hill cannot be hidden;" neither can a church on a hill. So, since we're already highly visible, let's shine our lights bright as a beacon to show everyone Jesus is our Light and our Strength. That way, our lights can bring others to the Light of the world. Come, bring your family, friends and neighbors and spread the Light.

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, September 7, during our regular Sunday Worship Service.

RETURN TO REGULAR HOURS

Sunday School will meet at 9:00 am and **our worship service will begin at 10:30 am on Sunday, September 7.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

RALLY DAY PROGRAM PRACTICE

In order for our Rally Day festivities to run smoothly and to let everyone know what to expect, we need all the students who are involved in the Rally Day worship service to meet on Saturday, September 6, at 4 pm. We will practice our parts in the service so that we know what to do and when to do it.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

CONFIRMATION PARENTS & STUDENTS MEETING

An informational meeting for parents and students of the upcoming Confirmation Class will be held Sunday, September 14, after our worship service. All students who plan to be confirmed during the 2008-09 year and their parents/guardians, are requested to attend this meeting.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR PENNY

At 3:00 pm on the afternoon of September 21, we will have a special worship service installing Rev. Penny Dollar as our permanent pastor. Please see inside this issue for more information.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

GUEST PREACHER

Rebecca Broyan will be our guest preacher on Sunday, September 28, while Pastor Penny is on vacation.

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From The Pastor's Desk

Thanks to all of you who came out to Old River Church last Sunday. It was a fun and interesting afternoon. I didn't really enjoy going up into that high pulpit but once up there it was okay. It would have been nice to have a railing on those stairs. OCEA would not approve that construction but I guess they weren't around in the 18th century when that little church was built. Archie wanted to go around with a feather on a long stick to make sure everyone stayed awake. I didn't really see anyone sleeping. It was such a beautiful day in every way – including the wonderful refreshments on the lawn (actually in the cemetery) after the service.

September is going to be a very busy month getting Sunday School underway, meeting with the new confirmation class, getting the choir back in service, going to the Singspiration at Stairville for an afternoon of music and having my installation on the 21st. And I must not forget my vacation starting on the 26th. Archie and I will be going to Knoxville, TN where my cousin is getting married and I am assisting in the ceremony. It should be lots of fun.

There are plans to start Wednesday evening meetings in October beginning on the 8th. Any input you have on what you would like to see happen will be welcomed. I know there are several folks who have to work on Sunday mornings and perhaps will be able to come on Wednesday evenings. This will provide an opportunity for worship for them and for those who would just like to spend more time strengthening their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Summer is over. Let's get these kids back in Sunday School. We have a new curriculum this year. I've used it before at other churches - the kids enjoy it and the teachers like the lessons, too. There will be lessons and crafts and lots of fun and learning. There is also a class for adults and if it grows too big for the meeting room, I'm sure we can find another venue in which to hold it. Like I've said before, "The best thing you can give your children is a good example."

I covet your prayers for me and for the entire church as we begin this year together.

God bless!

Pastor Penny

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, concern and gifts while I am ill. Your willingness to help my family during this difficult time is appreciated more than I can say. It is so very good to know we have friends we can count on.

Audrey and Tom Grosz and family

Thank you to the families of Martha Myers for purchasing the new dehumidifier for the Nursery. The notice was only in our bulletin for one week and the need was quickly filled by her caring families as a memorial to their mother.

We received a letter from Lancaster Theological Seminary thanking us for our gift of \$1,000, which is our annual allotment to this ministry.

Our Condolences

We offer our sympathy to Gladys Readler and her family at the passing of her brother, Joseph "Butch" Badman on August 21, 2008. We offer our prayers for comfort in their time of grief.

Our sincere sympathy is offered to Carol Duffy her husband, Robert, and Robert, III, on the passing of Robert's uncle, Norman Myers, on September 1, 2008. May our prayers comfort them in their loss.

Installation Service for Pastor Penny

Our Service of Celebration installing Rev. Penny Dollar as our permanent pastor will be held **on Sunday, September 21, at 3:00 pm**. There will be representatives from the Penn Northeast Conference, area UCC churches, and the Wapwallopen Ministerium. After the service, we will have a dinner in the Fellowship Hall for which the church will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a covered dish to share in this special meal celebrating another milestone in our church's history.

Confirmation Class Informational Meeting

All students who will be attending the 2008-09 confirmation classes and their parents are needed at a meeting on Sunday, September 14, after our Worship Service. Pastor Penny will be outlining the requirements for confirmation and setting the class meeting dates.

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.

NURSERY IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS – As is noted in our newspaper article each week, we have a nursery room for infants and children up to age 6. When we expanded our church to add the narthex and downstairs rooms, we wanted a place for children to feel welcome and foster a good attitude toward coming to worship. The room is on the lower level with a painting of Noah's ark on the one wall and lots of shelves and bins of toys and games. The children usually stay with us in our worship service until after the Young Christians Message and then can go down to their own space. Plus, parents who take advantage of this area won't have to miss out on the service since the room also has a speaker which is tied in to our sound system.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

The Cemetery Association wants to inform everyone that there are burial lots and cremation lots available for sale for both members and nonmembers. For more information, call Dave Myers, Secretary, Emmanuel Cemetery Association, at 868-3655.

Choir Practice

Our first choir practice will be on Tuesday, September 2, at 7 pm and we will be practicing some special music for Rally Day. We are always looking for more voices to blend together in "heavenly" harmony. So, tune up those vocal chords and sing out!!

YOUTH GROUP

HELP WANTED

Tired of the same old Youth Group stuff? Up for a challenge? Want some ownership? **Apply at Emmanuel UCC on September 14** after church. Looking for officers to run Youth Group with assistance from advisors.

OWN IT, IT'S YOURS!!!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Stewardship Committee Meeting

The Stewardship Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All members are urged to attend.

Pastoral Relations Committee Meeting

The Pastoral Relations Committee will meet on Thursday, September 25 at 6 pm. If you have a 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**

September 18

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

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

SINGPIRATION AT STAIRVILLE UMC

Stairville UMC is again hosting their *Singspiration* on Sunday, September 14, at 6:30 pm. This has proven to be a very inspirational and enjoyable musical experience and everyone attending has a wonderful time listening to the choirs and singing along to their favorite hymns.

UPCOMING DATES

October 5 – NIN Offering and CROP Walk

October 18 – Turkey Supper

October 18 – PNEC Annual Meeting

November 2 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

September 7 – Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Dylan and Forrest Atkinson

September 14 – Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan

September 21 – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Sami Dauber and Alecia Myers

September 21 – Installation Service at 3 pm

Greeters: Ruth Ann Polashenski and Don Myers

September 28 – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Marc & Connie Davis

John, Linda, & J.P. Jankowski

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Alecia Myers	11 Brian A. DeLuca	19 Marc J. Davis
2 John R. Walck	11 Debbie Harter	20 Michael E. Heller
2 Robert Duffy, III	11 Hunter Rinehimer	22 John Lesh, Jr.
2 Brian Kramer, Jr.	12 Helen Heller	23 Kristen Kania
3 Devon Harter	12 Gary Eigenbrod, Sr.	23 Jim Dean
3 Rachel Gittens	14 David J. Myers	26 Ted Arnold
4 Matthew Farrell	15 Bradley Kotarsky	27 Orceil Bloss
4 Lois Eigenbrod	16 Leah Dietrich	27 Eric Walck
4 Kristina Walck	16 Deborah Mellas	28 Amy Polashenski
5 David Harter	16 Holly Hoffman	28 Martha Grosz
5 Maeghan Day	16 Peter Dickson, Sr.	30 Mark Sufrinko
8 Rhonda Keller	18 Ivan Hoyt	30 Brian DeLuca
10 Erin Walck	19 William Schabener	30 Paula Rinehimer

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 3, 1997.....	Fritz and Gloria Schreyer
Sept. 4, 1993.....	Bob and Ellen Newell
Sept. 5, 1945.....	Lex and Anna Mae Koons
Sept. 10, 1983.....	Jeff and Tammy Dauber
Sept. 12, 1970.....	Bill and Patti Heller
Sept. 14, 1973.....	Tim and Connie Miller
Sept. 17, 1983.....	Rob and Rhonda Brand
Sept. 20, 1975.....	John and Linda Jankowski
Sept. 24, 1960.....	Pete and Betty Dickson
Sept. 24, 1977.....	John and Donna Walck
Sept. 24, 1994.....	Jeff and Joann Kotarsky
Sept. 26, 1998.....	David and Caroline Cronce
Sept. 27, 1975.....	Rich and Jayne Rotski