

The Messenger

August 2009

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, August 2, during our regular Sunday Worship Service which begins at 10:30 am. After worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

MINI-GOLF OUTING

Everyone is invited to join the Youth Group for a day of fun on Saturday, July 8. We will meet at the church at 10:30 am and go mini-golfing at Rich's Golf and Fun Center in Wyoming. Come out and play!!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

TWILIGHTERS

CORRECTION TO DATE PUBLISHED IN THE PAPERS

Contrary to the date published in the papers and on the August calendar, the Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, **August 12**, at 12 pm for a covered dish dinner. We welcome you to join our group of "60-somethings" for good food and fellowship. If you wish to come, all you need is a good appetite for food and friendship. So bring a dish to share and join us. If you want to know more about our group, please call Lois Eigenbrod at 868-6419 or Mary Eroh at 868-5268.

P.S. from Denise – sorry for any problems publishing the wrong date might have made and thanks Lois for pointing it out to me.

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN AUGUST

OLD RIVER CHURCH SERVICES

The Old River Church Services will continue through the month of August. The services will begin at 6:00 pm every Sunday evening through August 30. Please note that the schedule has been revised and a complete schedule is included in this issue.

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From The Pastor's Desk

Who said summer was a good time to relax? I would like to question their reasoning. We have been very busy here at Emmanuel. July was a wonderful and busy month. I would like to thank everyone who participating in any way in the big yard sale with breakfast and lunch and baked goods. We did make some money but for me, even more important than that was the way everyone worked together to get it all done. What a time for fellowship and getting to know folks. Please remember that we still have the quilt to be raffled off. The drawing will be Rally Day.

This is a good time to remind you all to make sure you plan to attend church on Sept. 13. That will be our Rally Day when Sunday school begins officially and we get back on our regular schedule - whatever that is. This will be a special day when we will get as many people involved as possible - maybe in surprising ways.

Sparkles tells me she had a really fun time when she filled in for me a couple of weeks ago. Sometimes I am very concerned when she does that because one never really knows what she might do. She told me that she was received very well. Thanks for welcoming her with open arms.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. May God bless you every day!

Pastor Penny

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for visits, cards and calls when I had my hip replacement surgery. It is wonderful to have such thoughtful friends. Ethel Fine

Elizabeth Henry and family thank you for your phone calls and sympathy cards at the passing of her sister, Anna Eicher. They were greatly appreciated.

She would also like to thank everyone for the birthday cards celebrating her 87th birthday.

Harriet Seward, Rhonda Keller, and Jason and Gavin Seward sincerely thank everyone for their cards and prayers that were offered at Ray Seward's passing.

The Youth Group thanks Pauline and Allen Dennis and Pete and Betty Dickson for their donation to help with our expenses. We also like to thank you for all the time you help us out with our projects.

We again received a thank you card from Bernie Baluta, RN, at the McKinney Clinic. We recently sent them some clothing that had been donated and toys which were given after our Sunday School Christmas mission (they can be used as birthday presents). The card is on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

Thanks to Jim and Lynne Stewart for installing the new window screen in my office. It's funny how you take things for granted, like not opening a window. But when you think about it, it seems weird not to be able to do that. Thanks again for taking care of something I would overlook. Denise

Don Eroh and his family would like to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy at the passing of his Aunt Sarah Reader. Aunt Sarah was 106 years old and would have celebrated her 107th birthday in August. Here's to remembering a long and well-lived life.

Our Condolences

Sarah Readler, a former member and aunt of Don Eroh, passed away on July 2, 2009. Our condolences are offered for their loss.

Anna "Mim" Eicher, sister of Elizabeth Henry, passed away on July 4, 2009. Our prayers and thoughts are with Elizabeth in her time of sorrow. May they help to sustain her.

Robert (Hub) Duffy, Sr., passed away on July 20. Hub was the father of Robert Duffy, Jr. (Carol Duffy's husband) and grandfather of Robert III. We offer our sincere sympathy for their loss.

FLEA MARKET

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

Our Flea Market on July 25 was a GREAT success. It was a hot, muggy day – which was better than the wet weather we had been having. Just right to get people out and buying. There were people in and out all day long. We'd like to thank everyone who came and supported us by purchasing items from the flea market.

Many thanks to the people who donated all the treasures, clothing and baked goods. We also couldn't have done this without the volunteers in the kitchen and at the stands. (Pastor Penny looked good in that brunette wig. Something Sparkles would have liked ☺.) Let's hear it for everyone who turned out to price the items on Thursday evening, too. How about all those people who arrived early to set up and stayed late to pack up? Just goes to show you that when we come together with a single purpose, we can do anything (with a little help from upstairs, of course).

QUILT RAFFLE

We unveiled *the quilt* at the Flea Market. It is a gorgeous "north woods" pattern and you can see it hanging from the Narthex railing at the front entrance of the church. We will be selling tickets through Rally Day, September 13, at which time it will be raffled off as part of our Rally Day celebration. Thank you to Diana Decker for making and donating the quilt. Please see Hilbert if you wish to purchase tickets.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

This is going to be a large portion of the Messenger this month. (YES!!) There were so many events and honors that involved our youth. It is great to see the many things in which they participate.

CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL:

Principal's Honors: Jacob Mylet, Jordan Pickering

High Honors: Courtney Kania, Kelly Madigan, Alecia Myers, Sam Dauber, Marc Davis, Chelsea Myers

Honors: Kelly Sufrinko, Barry Myers, Allison Bernetski

WILKES UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

Stacy Prelewicz and Amanda Kemmerer were named to the Dean's List at Wilkes University.

CRESTWOOD CLASS OF 2009 AWARDS

Board of Education Award: Barry Myers

Scholarship from Robert Morris University: Derek Stein

Sara Silvetti was chosen for the USA National Field Hockey Team. She has been a member since 2005. Just ask Bonnie and she will tell you all the amazing places around the world to which Sara has traveled as she represents the USA (and Wapwallopen) as part of this prestigious team. There is a "post card" on the front bulleting board showing Sara in action.

Check the front door bulletin board for these mug shots!

How about a little music? Check the picture of the piano students of Michele Millington and you will find Leah Dietrich. She recently participated in a recital at Wilkes University. Keep making that sweet music, Leah.

We just can't keep Autumn Atkinson off the bulletin board. The Mountain Top Avalanche took 2nd place in the Beach Blast Soccer Tournament in Wildwood, NJ. Soccer on the Beach – kick it up a notch!

The Crestwood Girls Soccer Team finished their season with a 5-9-1 record. Look in the back row for Jordan Pickering. Also in the second row is Allison Bernetski, one of the girls from our area.

Another of our area girls was featured in an article about the Mountain Top Relay for Life event. Kimmy Bernetski walked/ran an incredible **31 miles**. Kimmy and her friend, Danielle Metzger, had a friendly competition as to who could walk further and Kimmy

won. (Wonder how far Danielle walked? WHOA!) That's some stroll around the grounds!!

YOUTH GROUP

MINI-GOLF OUTING

Fore!! Look out for those golf balls! The Youth Group has invited everyone to another fun event on Saturday August 8. This time we are going mini-golfing at Rich's Golf and Fun Center in Wyoming (near the Wyoming Air Port). There are plenty of things to do, like mini-golf (of course), batting cages, a double-decker driving range, bumper boats and even mini go-carts for the young kids. Everyone planning to go needs to meet at Emmanuel UCC by 10:30 am. Sounds like fun for everyone! Don't miss out on a good time – come out and play with us!

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, August 20, at 6:30 pm.

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

OLD RIVER CHURCH SERVICES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE SCHEDULE AND ST. PETERS WILL BE HOSTING ON AUGUST 23. Services will begin at 6:00 pm and there will be snacks and beverages afterward. Come and enjoy the experience of worshipping as our ancestors did. The following churches will be in charge of the services:

Aug. 2	St. Mark's Union
Aug. 9	St. John's UCC
Aug. 16	New Hope UM Charge
Aug. 23	St. Peter's UCC
Aug. 30	The Cemetery Association

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the September Messenger is Monday, August 20. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 George Belanchik	12 Gladys Peters	27 Greg Heller
4 Camille Daniels	16 Robert Heller	27 Samantha Taney
4 Debra Prelewicz	19 Audrey Grosz	28 Ed Mylet
5 Robert Prelewicz	21 Ronald Rinehimer, Jr.	29 Marc M. Davis
5 Teresa Day	22 Wendy Williams	29 Shirley Eckrote
7 Ethel Fine	23 Courtney Kania	31 Cheryl Heller
8 Ronald Rinehimer, Sr.	25 Kelly Sufrinko	31 Lisa Shafer
9 Matthew Price	27 Jennifer Rinehimer	31 David Horensky
12 Dylan Atkinson	27 Debbie Price	31 Nelson Horwath

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 1, 1992..... Marc and Connie Davis
 August 3, 1968..... John and Joan Rinehimer
 August 10, 1991..... Bill and Sherri Hoch
 August 14, 1971..... Dave and Sharon Horensky
 August 14, 1976..... Clyde and Brenda Heller
 August 17, 1957..... Lydon and Orceil Bloss
 August 25, 1973..... Roy and Betty Baker
 August 27, 1983..... Rob and Debbie Prelewicz
 August 27, 1999..... Chris and Deb Dietrich
 August 28, 1990..... Joe and Lois Huntzinger
 August 31, 1963..... Stan and Darlene Stein

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