

The Messenger

October 2009

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, October 4, 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.

HARVEST HOME

On October 4, we will decorate our sanctuary with canned goods and paper products for our Harvest Home Sunday. Please see the list for items that are still needed. This is a beautiful way to help restock the food bank as we recognize God’s rich blessings to us.

Please check the expiration date since we will not distribute old food.

Canned meats (corned beef, ham, tuna, salmon, spam, etc.)	Paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, saran wrap, foil, etc)
Angel Hair Spaghetti	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Jelly (but <u>not</u> grape, we have that)
Canned stews and chilis	Soaps and Detergents
Fruit/applesauce (for lunches)	Cans/boxes of juice (for lunches)
Pop Tarts, Toaster Treats, etc.	Hot Chocolate , coffee, tea

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY

families in our communities will not go hungry.

CROP WALK

The Annual CROP Walk will again gather here at Emmanuel on October 4. 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, OCTOBER 11

fearless giving IN FEARFUL TIMES

Our stewardship campaign begins on October 11 with a “coffee hour” in the Narthex at 9:45 – **before worship**. The theme for this year is very appropriate: **fearless giving** IN FEARFUL TIMES. Come and hear how other members are coping and finding the path out of the fear of the economy and into the hope of God’s abundance.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

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.

SUNDAY, 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

Here I sit in beautiful Myrtle Beach. It has been very nice here and I look forward to a couple more days of relaxation. The weather has been beautiful, the water warm, and the shopping great. The girl who checked us in to our place is from Hazleton (Barletta's neice) and the waitress we had on the first night was from Burnville and lived right next to Christmas Village where Archie and I went on our first date.

My cousin from Knoxville, TN and her husband are here this week too – not staying at the same place. While Sandra and I went shopping Archie and Shannon went out on a fishing trip. They actually caught some fish and had a real good time. I cooked sea bass and shark for supper last night. It was soooo good and fresh.

When I get back to Mountain Top I will be refreshed and ready to get back in the swing. I pray that we have a good Wednesday night book study class. Those of you who have signed up – please read Chapter 1 in the book before the first class. If there is anyone interested who didn't sign up, know that you will be welcome and we have a couple of extra books.

I would love to share more but I'm going out to look for the Greek Orthodox Church. The Greek Fest started yesterday and I LOVE Greek food. I am going to find me some. What a stroke of luck that their fest is this weekend. Archie's grandkids even call me Yaya which is Greek for grandmother.

It has been a wonderful vacation. "GOD IS GOOD - ALL THE TIME"

See you soon. Blessings,

Pastor Penny

BLOOD DRIVE
On Saturday, October 10,
we will host a blood drive at Emmanuel.



The Red Cross will start taking donations at 11:00 am and the last donation will be scheduled for 4:30 pm.

This blood drive has a dual purpose. Weekend blood drives are often used to provide blood for pediatric units and so there will be an emphasis on "Type for Tots" and anyone who is type O is especially encouraged to give. (I have been fortunate enough to give to this type of blood drive in the past and it always makes me feel especially good – Denise)

The other purpose of our blood drive is to give Gene Broyan a chance to say thanks. Gene recently underwent major heart surgery which resulted in some complications. As a result of the complications, Gene needed extra units of blood. He is very grateful that the blood he needed was available when he needed it and wants everyone to know how important your donation was to him personally. You just never know who might be in need of the gift of life, so keep donating.

We will need help setting up for the blood drive. The volunteers and personnel from Red Cross will arrive at 10:00 am to organize the Fellowship Hall for donations. We will need people who can arrange the tables and chairs. Then, after the drive, we need to rearrange everything back so that we will be ready for Sunday School the next day. Also, anyone who wants to donate a baked good for the refreshment table, is welcome to bring it Saturday morning. Anyone willing to help out, please see Denise Dean.

Thank You

Our September hoagie sale was a terrific success and everyone who helped out deserves hearty pats on the back. For those who organized the sale, sold hoagies, got the meat and etc for the hoagies, assembled them, and delivered them, and did whatever else that was needed, here's thanks for a great job. We have a great group of volunteers and they deserve recognition.

fearless giving IN FEARFUL TIMES

Come early on October 11 to kick-off our stewardship campaign with a "coffee hour" in our Narthex. The theme for this year is very appropriate: **fearless giving** IN FEARFUL TIMES. It's hard not to hear about some upheaval with our economy these days. Everyone is waiting for the recession to turnaround and hoping that they can last long enough to find a way out of it. That's when it is so important to come to the one you can count on for true direction – God (no not your GPS). Over the next couple of weeks, we will hear words of encouragement and hope from our own members – the ones just like us who are finding the path out of the fear of the economy and into the hope of God's abundance. We will conclude our campaign with a special dinner after worship on November 1, celebrating our trust in God's overflowing bounty.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY

At 6:30 pm on October 7 (the first Wed of the month) will be the first meeting for our book study. The name of the book is *Stretch Out Your Hand – Exploring Healing Prayer* by Tilda Norberg and Robert Webber. The study will be open to all. This will not be me lecturing you but will be a class with group participation. Don't be afraid though. The study is well worth your time. Pastor Penny

TWILIGHTERS

CHRISMON PROJECT - The Twilights will meet on Wednesday, October 14, at 10:00 am to work on the new Chrismons for our Christmas tree. We will then enjoy a covered dish dinner at noon. 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.

CHRISTMAS DINNER – The Twilights Christmas Dinner will be held on November 11 at Stairville UMC. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and indicate your choice of meat.

CHURCH NURSERY

Our nursery for our children through age 6 has started. You can still volunteer to watch the children with the assistance of a teen helper. If enough parents sign up for this, you will only be in charge of the nursery once every two months. Parents and Teen Helpers are asked to sign up on the sheet in the Narthex for the Sundays they can volunteer.

VETERANS PLAQUE UPDATE – Don Myers and Nelson Horwath are gathering additional names and information for the Veteran's Plaque. If you have the name of an Emmanuel member to include or additional information for someone already on the plaque, please see them. They need to have all information by the first week in October so that the plaque will be ready for Veteran's Day.

WINNER OF THE QUILT RAFFLE

Congratulations to Nelson Horwath for holding the winning ticket in the quilt raffle. He's going to be nice and warm this winter with that beautiful quilt to snuggle into. It was a great way to raise funds and we thank everyone who bought tickets.

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.

Sunday School Fun

FALL FEST

Our **Fall Fest** will be held on **Sunday, October 25**, from 4 to 6 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. Let's see who gets the closest with "pin the stem on the pumpkin". You can even dress-up in costume if you want to. Everyone is welcome, 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). Many of our youth and adults will be looking for sponsors and we are asking you to seriously consider their request for support. The theme for this year's walk is "*Enough for All*" which takes on considerable significance for everyone these days. Many people have had to turn to soup kitchens and food pantries for the first time in their lives as the result of our unstable economy. Donating to the CROP Walk will help strengthen our local resources since a portion of the donations is returned to local organizations, in this case the Wapwallopen Crossroads Ministerium and the food bank it supplies. Thank you. Your generosity helps feed and strengthen people around the world and neighbors in our own back yard.

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.

Turkey Supper Dates

October 15 to 17, 2009

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. Yeah!!)

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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 pm.

CONSISTORY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It's that time of year again when the Consistory is looking for new members. If you are interested in serving on the Consistory, please see Donnie Myers and Ron Rinehimer.

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

ST. JAMES BEEF DINNER

St. James will hold its annual beef dinner on Saturday, October 10.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the November Messenger is Monday, October 19. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Stewardship Thanksgiving Meal
Nov. 29 – First Sunday of Advent

mug shots

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following mug shots:

Who's that leading our service on Holy Humor Sunday? Why, it's Sparkles, of course. We all had a good laugh with our service devoted to the joy of worshipping God.

Ivan Hoyt has one of his Pennsylvania German Folk Art paintings on display at the *Raw to Refined* exhibition at the Reading Public Museum, Reading, PA. The exhibit continues through October 31, so there is still time to check his wonderful handiwork.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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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