

The Messenger

September 2009

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, September 6, during our regular Sunday Worship Service which begins at 10:30 am. After worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour. Please bring a goodie to share and stay for some good fellowship.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, September 9, at 10:00 am to make a special craft. They will then have 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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

SAMC PICNIC AT KNOEBEL'S

The SAMC (Susquehanna Area Mission Council) is our local UCC churches whose pastors meet on a monthly basis. They have planned a picnic to bring our church families closer together. See the article under Congregational Corner for more information.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

RALLY DAY !!!!

Our Rally Day celebration will be held on September 13, beginning with Sunday School at 9:00 am. Details are in this issue.

PASTOR PENNY ON VACATION

September 21 to 27

Pastor Penny will be on vacation from September 21 through 27. If you are in need of Pastoral care during that period, please contact Tina Kensinger at (570) 683-5808 or dtkensinger@minister.com.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

TUESDAY EVENINGS

Our Choirs are back in full swing and full voice.

The Sonrise Singers practice at 6:30 pm and everyone of all ages is welcome to join us

The Senior Choir practices at 7:00 pm and there is always room for more voices. So, come and make a joyful noise to our God!!

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From The Pastor's Desk

The end of summer - just as the weather begins to get hot it's time to start back to school. As the kids go back to school it's also time to get things charged back up at church. It really seems that things never lost momentum during the summer. We had so much going on there has been little time to rest.

I know that many of you had wonderful vacation trips to the beach or visiting with family or just seeing parts of our beautiful country. Now that you're all rested (you are rested aren't you?) and back home, let us begin our new season.

Sunday school will get underway on Sept. 13th with Rally Day. We hope to get as many kids involved as possible. It's so important to get that basic knowledge of the Bible stories that we learn as children. And this year our intern, Tina Kensinger will be teaching the adult education class focusing on discipleship. As I said last Sunday - let's not just drop off our kids for Sunday school - let's bring them along as we attend the adult class. Get your kids excited about coming.

On October 7 (the first Wed of the month) I will begin a 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. I would like for you to read the book ahead of time - it's an easy read. Sign up on the list in the Narthex by Sept. 15th. I can order them all together and save on shipping. The price of the book is \$8.50. Please don't let the price of the book keep you from coming. We will have some available for those who need a copy. Just let me know. 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.

I am looking forward to September and beyond. We have such a wonderful family here at Emmanuel. As you say your prayers, remember your brothers and sisters in Christ - not just those that are ill but everyone. If we all take this advice to heart, then we will feel the love of others that are praying for us as we pray for them. As Paul always prayed for the people in his churches, we always pray for you.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4, "We always thank God for you all and always mention you in our prayers. For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love made you work so hard, and how your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ is firm."

Blessings,

Pastor Penny

Thank You

Thank you to Jim, Justin and Mary Rinehimer for trimming the shrubs (again). And thanks to Lonnie, Sr., Justin and Eric for keeping our cemetery looking neat and tidy. This has not been an easy year for keeping ahead of the greenery – every time you turn around something needs trimming.

The family of Sarah Readler would like to express their thanks for the wonderful service, warm welcome and expressions of sympathy they received when Aunt Sarah passed away. It's always nice to "come home" to family and friends. A card from the family is on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

Gene and Janice Broyan would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls while Gene is recovering from heart surgery. It has been a challenging experience and we appreciate knowing that our church family cares so much.

Our Girl Scout Troop would like to thank everyone for the donation of materials for the quilts for Ruth's Place. So far, they have completed two quilts and are working on more. Your support of this project is really appreciated.

Thank you to Steve Moyer for installing the sprayer for the kitchen sink. This addition will make cleaning all those large pots and pans at our suppers much easier.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS CHRISMON PROJECT

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, September 9, 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.

CHURCH NURSERY

Beginning in September, we would like to have a nursery for our children through age 6. We are looking for moms and dads 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.

Susquehanna Area Mission Council Invitation

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! COME ONE, COME ALL!! The Susquehanna AMC invites you to a Church Family Picnic, to be held at Knoebel's Park on Saturday, **September 12**. Pavilion No. 5 has been reserved just for us. Please provide your own beverages and place settings (paper plates, napkins, etc.), and bring a covered dish to share with other merry-makers. All are welcome - pastors AND congregation members, their families and friends.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDY

Beginning the first Wednesday in October, Pastor Penny will lead a book study. For more information, please read Pastor's message on page 2.

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.



Our Sunday School will begin on September 13 at 9:00 am. We have a great program planned with classes for **every age group**.

The children and youth will have a new format for their program, which will be similar to the Vacation Bible School program. There will be teen leaders to help the younger students with their lessons and to lead them to the different stations. The stations will be a learning center where they will listen and respond to a Bible story, a craft center to make something which relates to the lesson and a games/activity center for something fun which reinforces the Bible lesson. We will break up into two groups: one for pre-school through kindergarten and the other for 1st through 6th grade. The teen leaders will be in charge of helping the groups learn their lesson and get them to the different stations at the right time.

The adults will have a class this year which will be taught by our intern, Tina Kensinger. She is planning a wonderful program to provide spiritual inspiration and life applications of the Bible's lessons.

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.

Emmanuel's Choirs

Our Choirs are back in full swing and full voice.

The Sonrise Singers practice at 6:30 pm and everyone of all ages is welcome to join us. This choir is for children who are able to learn a tune through 70-somethings (or even more mature, if you're willing to sing out loud). We learn songs that are enjoyed by all age groups and welcome as many voices as we can possibly get.

The Senior Choir practices at 7:00 pm and there is always room for more voices. There are still some vacant chairs we need to fill. So, come and make a joyful noise to our God!!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The **Pastoral Relations Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30 pm. If you have any information for this committee, you can give it to Pastor Penny, Barb DeLuca, Gary Eigenbrod, Bob Heller, Cindy Heller, Jim Rinehimer or Rosemary Myers.

STEWARDSHIP

The **Stewardship Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 pm at Ruth Polashenski's home.

CONSISTORY

The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 pm.

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

SINGSPIRATION

BRING YOUR SINGING VOICES AND JOIN THE CHORUS OF VOICES PRAISING GOD!!

Stairville UMC will again host their Singspiration on Sunday, September 20 at 6 pm. This annual event has been thoroughly enjoyed by our communities and we

again look forward to singing along with the hymns and hearing the many choirs perform.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the October Messenger is Monday, September 21. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2009

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Liturgist: Meredith Martin

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Clifford & Gladys Readler

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 Gary Eigenbrod, Sr.	23 Kristen Kania
3 Devon Harter	14 David J. Myers	23 Jim Dean
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. 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

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