

# The Messenger

## January 2010

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

#### COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

Rev. Craig Stout will lead us in celebrating the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, January 3, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. After worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and goodies. Please bring something to share and stay for a while.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Group will be on January 10 at 6:30 pm.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

#### TWILIGHTER'S MEETING

The Twilighters will meet on January 13 at 12:00 pm for a covered dish lunch.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 18

#### SCOUTS AND YOUTH SKATING PARTY

The Cub Scouts have invited us to a skating party on January 18 from 6 to 9 pm at Skateaway. The cost is \$2.00 plus skate rental. This is a closed party for the Scouts and their guests only.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

#### NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting information to be included in the February Messenger is January 20. I really like to include as much information as possible about our congregation and our activities, so please get it to me as early as possible. Thanks, Denise

### SONRISE SINGERS

#### TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:30 PM

The Sunrise Singers would like to invite everyone who likes to sing to join us as we raise our voices in song. Our practices are on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm and we have voices of all ages (pre-k to ??). It is a very energetic crowd (think 4-year-old excitement overflowing to our senior members) and we have a lot of fun as we learn our songs. We will be learning songs for OGHS offering Sunday and Lent and Easter. So, come out for a lively and inspiring practice.

### EMMANUEL CHOIR

#### TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:00 PM

The Emmanuel Choir would also like to invite new (and prior) singers to join us. Our practice begins around 7:00 pm on Tuesday Evenings. This choir performs more difficult music than some of the younger voices in our Sunrise Singers could handle, but not so difficult as to be intimidating. We also will be

gearing up for Lent and Easter and hope you will lend your voices to swell our ranks.

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## From The Pastor's Desk

What a wonderful Christmas! I must thank everyone for all that you did during this time. Our kids did a great job on Christmas Eve for the pageant - so thanks to them as well as to the parents who were cooperative in getting them to church for practices. Thanks to all those who helped with setup and breakdown for the pageant. May thanks to the choir for coming to rehearsals and being Johnny-on-the-spot when needed. And thanks to Denise for all that she does to help - not only with the children but all around. It couldn't have been pulled off without all of you.

On a personal note I want to thank you for the gifts that you gave to Archie and me. It is very heartwarming to feel appreciated. You know that we are leaving for vacation in a couple of days and these gifts will make our vacation very enjoyable. We aren't going very far - just to Hershey - but it will feel good just to get out of town for a few days. Of course on New Year's Day we will be watching Penn State play LSU. My brother lives in Louisiana so we will have a little rivalry going.

I also need to thank the consistory of 2009 for all the hard work. We will miss the ones who will be going off but give our appreciation to those coming on. Our church couldn't not operate successfully without the dedication of those who see to the business of Emmanuel. And I must say thanks to all the members of our church who give their time lovingly and faithfully. We are a family and must continue to support one another.

Our book study class on Healing Prayer decided that we wanted to have a healing service for the community after the first of the year. Keep tuned in for the date and the details. And there are also some new things being looked into for fund raising. All we need is your continued support.

As Paul would say: I give thanks for you daily in my prayers. You work hard and love the Lord. Continue your good work that will spread the name of Jesus throughout the community and keep alive the faith in our church.

God bless you all! HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
PASTOR PENNY

## *Our Condolences*

Evelyn Byrnes, mother of Linda Byrnes, passed away on December 16, 2009. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Linda and her families and we pray for God to ease their sorrow.

## *Thank You*

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone for supporting our recent fundraiser by donating cookie dough and allowing us to use their kitchens. We also appreciate everyone who bought the cookies and made donations of bows and monetary donations. You helped us to raise over \$200. We would like to plan some Christian activities and this will help pay for our expenses.

Before the end of the year, we made good on all our benevolence offerings and forwarded them to Phoebe Devitt Homes, Bethany Children's Home and Lancaster Theological Seminary. Cards expressing their thanks are on the bulletin board in the bell tower. Thanks to you, we continue to support these organizations affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

Bernadine Baluta, R.N., of the McKinney Clinic wrote us a letter thanking us for all our generosity toward the homeless and less fortunate people in our area. The donations of Thanksgiving turkey dinners, care packages and Christmas gifts for adults and children are very much appreciated. The letter from her and the McKinney Clinic staff is on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

I would like to thank you all for your Christmas gift. I can't really express how grateful we are for it and want you to know that we appreciate it very much. Denise Dean

## CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

### OPERATION SNOWFLAKE

If our Worship Services need to be cancelled due to bad weather, please tune in to radio stations WARM, Magic 93, 97BHT, 97.9X, or JR93.7.

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your offering envelopes for 2010 are on the table in the Narthex for you to pick up. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving to Emmanuel UCC and its program and missions.

### TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, January 13, at 12 noon for a covered dish lunch. Bring your favorite dish and spend some time with us. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information about our group.

### ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The chart for the altar flowers is on the table in the Narthex. The price is still \$12.50 per vase. Please pay Mary or Jim Rinehimer for the dates you sponsor.

### EMMANUEL CEMETERY

The Emmanuel Cemetery has burial lots and cremation lots for sale to members and non-members. For more information call Dave Myers at 868-3655.

### CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers has placed a 2009 calendar in the custodian closet. We encourage you to sign up for any week during the year to clean your church. Our church has been cleaned by our volunteers for over 12 years and is something anyone can do to help out. Please see Dave or call him at 868-3655 if you have any questions or would like to help with this very important volunteer project.

### NEW ADDRESS FOR CONNIE & TIM MILLER

Connie sent an e-mail to many of us informing of their new address in Delaware. I printed out a copy and put it on the bulletin board in the bell tower. I wonder how many will take her up on her offer to come visit and bring their bikinis?! Rehoboth Beach, here we come!

### CUB SCOUT PIZZA & HOAGIE SALE

The Cub Scouts will be selling pizza and hoagies in January for pick-up on Saturday, February 6. Please

sign up on the sheets in the Narthex and thanks for supporting our scouts.

## Sunday School News

Bernie Baluta at the McKinney Clinic has alerted me that they have a real shortage of socks this year. With the economic problems, they are seeing more people than before. It would be very helpful for us to continue gathering **care packages** for distribution to the people served by the McKinney Clinic. Bernie says that they are still ministering to more men than women and so there is a greater need for men's gifts. The packages should include:

*new white socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, comb, razor, hand lotion and a candy cane. If you would like to add anything else, please feel free (only nothing with alcohol in it). Also appreciated are gift cards from Walmart and K-Mart. A freezer bag holds the items very well.*

We will keep the Christmas tree in the Narthex for you to put the care packages under.

Please keep watch for our next mission project for February. It will probably have a St. Valentine's theme. Thank you for all your support, Lisa Rinehimer

## YOUTH

## Accomplishments

If you know of any of our youth who deserve recognition for their scholastic, talent or sports abilities, please let me know. Better yet, if there is a news article, cut it out and give it to me. Thanks, Denise

Barry Myers was named to the Dean's List at Penn State. Congratulations, Barry.

### Crestwood Middle School Honor Roll:

Principal's Honors: Kimberly Bernetski  
High Honors: Glynis Dean  
Honors: Autumn Atkinson

### Crestwood High School Honor Roll:

Principal's Honors: Kelly Madigan; Jordan Pickering  
High Honors: Justin Rinehimer; Allison Bernetski; Courtney Kania; Alecia Myers; Marc Davis; Jacob Mylet  
Honors: Rachelle Heller, Eric Rinehimer; Samantha Dauber; Kelly Sufrinko

Congratulations to the Crestwood Jr. High Field Hockey team and **Autumn Atkinson** for winning the 2009 District 2 Championship. The team has won **31 consecutive games!** 17-0 in 2008 and 14-0 in 2009. A picture of the victors is on the bulletin board near the front entrance. Go, Lady Comets!!!

## YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be meeting at 6:30 pm on Sunday, January 10, at Pastor Penny's house.

We will be planning the 30 Hour Famine and setting a date for it. It is tentatively set for sometime in March. Keep watching for more on this, too.

Marc Davis

## mug shots

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

The Crestwood Middle School Student Council collected items for the Feed-a-Friend program. **Kimmy Bernetski** is pictured with the other members of the council on the front entrance bulletin board.

Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant was captured on film. There are plenty of pictures on the front entrance bulletin board. We had a lot of frantic fun which resulted in a wonderful performance on Christmas Eve at the early service.

## HALL RENTAL AGREEMENT REVISED

Due to increased costs, we are revising our Fellowship Hall Rental agreement. There will be a \$200 deposit to reserve the hall, half of which (\$100) may be refunded if the hall is left in good order and clean. The deposit will be the same whether a member or non-member

rents the hall. This change will be effective January 1, 2010.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONSISTORY

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, January 21, at 6:30 pm.

## UPCOMING DATES

- Feb. 6 – Cub Scout Hoagie Sale Pick-up
- Feb. 7 – Cub Scout Sunday – Coffee Hour sponsored by our Scouts
- Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday

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- Liturgist: Jim Rinehimer

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- Greeters: Frank Partington and Diana Decker
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- Liturgist: Meredith Martin

## OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

- Dave & Rosemary Myers
- Clifford & Gladys Reader

## A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Eternal God, thank you for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2010 to following your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord in all our decisions and actions, day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that you desire for us to do, until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Clip art and New Year Prayer courtesy of NewsletterNewsletter.com

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Agnes Fornett  | 11 Eli Hoyt        | 22 Dorothy Heller     |
| 3 Matteo McCord  | 12 Taylor Thomas   | 22 Mary Horwath       |
| 4 Kari Hoch      | 13 Paul Thomas     | 22 Jacob Mylet        |
| 5 Sherri Hoch    | 13 Chris Dietrich  | 25 Christopher Peters |
| 7 Kevin Price    | 14 Rhonda Madigan  | 26 Ethan Hoyt         |
| 9 Donna Aumick   | 15 Amanda Kemmerer | 28 Mildred Myers      |
| 9 Haylie Newell  | 16 James Cybulski  | 28 James Rinehimer    |
| 10 Tarah Slusser | 19 Maegan Grosz    | 29 Mary Martin        |
|                  | 20 Keegan Farrell  |                       |

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- January 3, 1989.....Ron and Teresa Day  
January 13, 1990.....Bill and Mary Martin  
January 14, 2005.....Bob and Carol Duffy

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