

The Messenger

May 2010

SATURDAY, MAY 1

BREAKFAST AND CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Breakfast will be served by the Youth Group at 7:30 am. After that, at about 8:00 am, it's time to roll up your sleeves to give our church a good cleaning.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on May 2, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The May Youth Group Meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 2**, instead of the second Sunday of the month, to avoid conflicting with Mother's Day. We will meet at Pastor Penny's at 6:30 pm. See you there.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will hold a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 9, to approve the building of a pavilion in our "back yard".

MONDAY, MAY 3, TO SUNDAY, MAY 10

VISION MISSION PROJECT

We will host the men from VISION from Monday, May 3, to Sunday, May 10. All they ask is a hot meal for supper. Anyone able to provide one, please see Pastor Penny or Denise.

MONDAY, MAY 10 & 24

VBS PLANNING MEETINGS

The initial meeting for VBS Planning has been moved to Monday, May 10, at 7:00 pm at Stairville UMC with a follow-up meeting on the 24th. Anyone interested in leading or helping is welcome. See inside for more details.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

GENESIS PROJECT SEMINAR

A seminar on strategies to reduce our impact on the environment and lower costs will be held on Wednesday evening, May 12, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, see inside this issue.

FRIDAY, MAY 14, TO SATURDAY, MAY 22

PASTOR'S VACATION

Tina Kensinger will be available if you need Pastoral care while Pastor Penny is on vacation. Her phone number is 683-5808.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

GUEST PREACHER

Tina Kensinger will lead our worship service on Sunday, May 16. This may be the last time that you will hear Tina preach since her time as our intern is ending soon. Please come and show her your support as she guides our worship.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

CONSISTORY MEETING

The Consistory will meet on the fourth Thursday, May 27, instead of the third week.

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From The Pastor's Desk

It's been a busy year. I keep thinking things are going to let up for a few days but it seems we just keep going. It's very exciting – all the things that are happening. May is also going to be a busy month but I have found a week that I can get away for a vacation. Archie and I don't have any great plans. We are going to Sunbury to spend some time at the river. We are really looking forward to it. The dam won't be up so we probably won't get the pontoon boat in the water but that's all right. It will be nice to just get away and relax.

Sharon, Becky, Dustin, Archie, and I went to a wonderful Annual Meeting for Penn Northeast Conference. As you heard Sharon say in church, the speaker, Gil Rendle, was excellent. His topic was *Is Your Church Thriving or Surviving*. We got lots of information that we want to share with the congregation. We have to decide the venue we are going to use. Stay tuned for some ideas.

Happy Mother's Day on May 9th. We will also be having a baptism at worship that day. Then comes Pentecost – Be ready for an exciting service on May 23rd as we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. Then the following week is Memorial Day as we remember those who have gone on before. The 16th is the Sunday I will be away. Tina is going to preach that day. Her last day with us will be May 30th so we will plan a pot luck dinner after church that day to say our "good-byes".

I feel things are going well here at Emmanuel. We are truly blessed as we go about our work for God. On the 9th we will have a short meeting with the congregation about building a pavilion in the back of the church. I really believe this will add to the appeal of our congregation. It will be a wonderful place to have services in the summer and for picnics and celebrations with our children. I'm sure that after it is built we will find much use for it. The benefits will far outweigh the cost that we will incur which is really rather low since many members have obligated themselves to help build it. It sounds very exciting to me to add to the amenities of Emmanuel that can be used by all of us. I believe the children will really appreciate something they can feel they can use. This is one way our church can "thrive".

May God bless you all as we move forward. I pray for you and our church each day.

Pastor Penny

Thank You

Hilda Lewis would like to express their sincere thanks for the cards, calls and prayers on the death of her brother-in-law, Jim Gross. Your warmth and sympathy are greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank the choir for the beautiful rendition of *Ivory Palaces* in honor of my birthday.
Hilbert Eigenbrod

Girl Scout Troop 3340 sent us a card thanking us for letting them use the Fellowship Hall for their meetings. The card is on the Bell Tower bulletin board.

We received a letter from Church World Services thanking us for the hygiene kits we assembled in response to the earthquake in Haiti. The letter is on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 1, has been set as the annual church clean-up day. The Youth Group will serve breakfast at 7:30 am and then we will get to work at about 8:00 am. It takes quite a few people to tidy-up our building and all hands are very much appreciated.

GENESIS PROJECT

Wednesday, May 12, at 6:30 pm, Emmanuel UCC invites all clergy, lay leaders and others who are interested in learning strategies to reduce our impact on the environment and lower costs to attend this Genesis Project Seminar. This one-hour presentation is offered by Scott Kriner of Green Metal Consulting, Inc. and outlines ways to lower operating costs and energy consumption, reduce waste, enhance the worship and educational environment, improve water management, and reduce the drain on natural resources. It provides a blueprint for becoming better stewards of God's resources and assists in implementing a green program. We hope you will join us as we learn how to make more responsible use of the resources provided to us.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, May 12, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Steve and Sharon Moyer are the proud grandparents of Hailey Peters, daughter of Frank and Wendy Peters. She was born on April 22 and weighed 6 lb. 5 oz and was 18½" long. Hailey has an older brother, Luke.

300 CLUB FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, June 19, there will be an exciting extravaganza at Emmanuel. Beginning at noon and until 6 pm, we will hold a 300 Club Fundraiser. By purchasing a ticket for \$35, you and a friend are given a pass to free food and entertainment for the day. The ticket also enters you in drawings for monetary prizes which will be held every hour with the grand prize of \$1,000 drawn at 6 pm. Other prizes include one at \$500, one at \$250, ten at \$100, ten at \$50 and ten at \$25. You do not have to be present to win. The entertainment will be provided by the Mud Pond Boys

from 12:30 to 2:30 pm and JT & Carol from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. There will be games and prizes for the kids, also. If you don't want to be entered in the drawings, you can still come out and enjoy the food and entertainment by paying \$10 at the door. Please see Allen Dennis if you want tickets or can help out.

Sunday School News Last Day of Sunday School

JUNE 6 will be the last day of Sunday School. I really appreciate the help from the Sunday School teachers and helpers. You do a terrific job.

Bake Sale

Thanks so much to everyone who donated baked goods for our bake sale during the Turkey Supper. We really need this fundraiser to help purchase our program materials.
Lisa Rinehimer

2010 VBS

SonWorld Adventure Park

Vacation Bible School volunteers from the churches of Emmanuel UCC, Stairville UMC and Faith UMC are meeting on **Monday, May 10**, at 6:30 pm to begin planning our program which will be held in July this year. We will meet at Stairville UMC, the host church for this year. At this planning meeting, we will review the materials for this year's VBS, SonWorld Adventure Park and decide who will be in charge of the various areas. SonWorld Adventure Park is based on a theme park, with different "attractions" representing the different areas. Volunteers are needed to lead the crafts, games, story center, music and snacks areas. There's great decorating ideas, too, for those who are creative. Through the program, we will help children **Choose to BELIEVE** that Jesus is God's promised Savior, **Choose to ACT** and care for others, **Choose FORGIVENESS** from Jesus, **Choose to OBEY** Jesus even when it's hard and **Choose JESUS** as our guide and source of wisdom! A follow-up meeting will be held on **Monday, May 24**, at 7:00 pm at Stairville. We will review what materials are needed for the various areas and how much will need to be ordered. If you are interested in leading or being a helper, we welcome you to help plan this special event to help our children learn to make good choices.

YOUTH GROUP

We would like to thank everyone for their support (past, present, and future)!!!!

The next **Youth Group meeting** will be at 6:30 pm on Sunday, May 2, at Pastor Penny's. We will have it a week ahead of our regular schedule so we don't mess with Mother's Day.

SOME RECENT ACTIVITIES

Soup-er Bowl Sunday

We received donations of \$152.30. During the 30-Hour Famine, we divided into two groups with \$76.15 each. The object is to spend as much of the money without going over (we also teach money management ☺). One team spent \$75.94 and the other \$75.76 for a total of \$151.70 worth of food to restock the food bank. The change was donated to the food bank.

Valentines Dinner

We served 40 guests (35 adult, 2 youth and 3 free). From the sale of dinners, bows, pies and donations we made a total profit of \$290.00. **THANK YOU!**

30 Hour Famine

30 HOURS – NO FOOD. Instead, we focus on devotions, games and we have joys, concerns and confessions at the altar late Friday night. We went to see *His Last Days* at Christ UCC in Conyngham. Many of the kids said the play really had a positive impact on them. Saturday we went shopping for the food bank (*on an empty stomach*, which was this year's motto). When we came back we had communion and ended the famine with a spaghetti lunch.

PICTURES ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Turkey Supper

Our Youth Group is encouraged to help with the supper and it's good to see them taking a responsible part in our church's events.

We are planning to have an sleepover, and would like to plan some activities such as bowling or going to the movies. Be at the meeting on May 2 for more info.

Marc Davis

MUG SHOTS

A lot of our people were involved in a lot of activities recently. Check out these pictures on the front board:

Kyle Prelewicz got himself in two pictures – both pertaining to sports, of course. We're used to seeing him pictured with the CHS varsity hockey team. Their picture shows the team at the end of their season. It

was a tough one this year as they rebuilt their team. The other picture is of a new sport to Mountain Top: Lacrosse. Kyle scored in the first period, but the Lewisburg High Team was more experienced and won in the end. We wish the new team good luck and great times!!

Robert Duffy, III, was snapped with the Easter Bunny at the Rice Township Easter Egg Hunt.

Several of our kids are pictured doing their favorite "craft" at our Sunday School Easter Party. Nate Kamowski, Robert Duffy, III, and Alyssa Shuman are showing their artistic talent painting toast. Also in the pic are Robert's mommy, Carol, and Pre-K/K teacher, Tammy Dauber.

Diners at our Turkey Supper are pictured filling up their plates. You can see Steve Moyer and his mom, Lillian, enjoying the meal.

Emmanuel was the host for the Good Friday Service lead by pastors of the Mountain Top Ministerium. There was a very good attendance for this solemn service as the pastor's each spoke about the seven last words of Christ.

Someone snapped pictures of members enjoying themselves to a delicious breakfast Easter morning. These pictures are on the table in the Narthex.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CONSISTORY

A "group" e-mail address has been set up so that you can contact members of the consistory by using just one address: consistory@emmanuel-ucc.org.

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PASTOR PENNY ON VACATION

Pastor Penny will be on vacation from Friday, May 14, to Saturday, May 22. If you need pastoral care during that time, please call Tina Kensinger at 683-5808.

GUEST PREACHER – TINA KENSINGER

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Turkey Supper Report

April 17, 2010		
RECEIPTS		
Tickets -Door- Adult	249@ \$9.00	\$2,241.00
Child	18 @ \$4.00	\$72.00
Advance	256@\$9.00	\$2,304.00
Donations		\$87.00
Surplus Sold		\$127.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$4,831.50
EXPENSES		
Carone's Market	Bread Crumbs	\$108.00
Keyco Dist	Turkeys, Vegetables, Paper Products, Vinegar	\$988.01
Wal Mart	Margarine, Coffe, Salt, Detergent, Eggs, Sugar	\$52.35
Malacari's Produce	Celery, Carrots	\$16.74
Tuzzi's Bakery	Bread	\$33.00
Kenny Stehr Sons	Potatoes, Cabbage, Peppers	\$98.00
Weis Markets	Milk	\$27.60
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,323.70
PROFIT		\$3,507.80

UPCOMING DATES

June 6 – **LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL**

June 6 – Graduation Recognition Sunday during
Worship

June 6 – Baccalaureate service – Christ UMC – 7 pm

June 13 – Ordination Service for Rebecca Broyan
3 pm – Dinner following Service

June 19 – 300 Club Fundraiser

June 20 – Father's Day

July 26-30 – tentative date for VBS Program –
Stairville UMC

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the June Messenger is Monday, May 24. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

APRIL 2010

I have made a "2010 Volunteer Schedule" sign-up sheet for those who would like to be Greeters, Liturgists and Acolytes. Please pick a date or two (or three). This way you can choose the dates when you are available, instead of having them assigned by me. For the liturgists, I will provide a copy of the bulletin either by paper for you to pick up or via e-mail, for your review before Sunday morning. Thanks. Denise

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Liturgist: Beverly Kramer

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Greeters: Frank & Joan Partington

Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

May 30

Greeters: Don Myers & Bob Heller

Liturgist: Jim Rinehimer

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Diana Decker

John and Linda Jankowski

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Dean Kline II	11 Steve Moyer	22 Brooke Rinehimer
5 Travis Grosz	18 Kelly Madigan	24 Gene Broyan
6 Sanjay Kamat	20 Susan Heller	24 Clayton Walck
10 Harry Peters, III	21 Donald Oldershaw	26 Pastor Penny Dollar
11 John Jankowski	21 Caroline Cronce	29 Denise Dean

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 3, 1986.....	Beverly and Brian Kramer, Sr.
May 7, 1988.....	Ronald and Dawn Kania
May 8, 1993.....	Lonnie and Paula Rinehimer
May 21, 1971.....	Gene and Janice Broyan
May 22, 2001.....	Donnie and Doreen Oldershaw
May 27, 1989.....	Gary and Sharon Eigenbrod
May 29, 1976.....	Hilbert and Lois Eigenbrod
May 30, 1998.....	Rosanne and Sanjay Kamat

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