

The Messenger

November 2010

HEALING RETREAT CANCELLED

Nov. 5 & 6

The Healing Prayer Retreat which was scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 5 and 6, has been cancelled at this time. Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in this event and please keep it in mind since we plan to hold it at a future date.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Remember to turn your clocks back and sleep in for an extra hour! But only for one hour and then join us for Sunday School at 9:00 and worship at 10:30 am.

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on November 7, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IDENTITY CAMPAIGN

Beginning on Friday, November 5, the UCC is launching Uniquely UCC, the new internet ad of the Stillspeaking Campaign. This week-end long campaign will culminate on **Sunday, November 7, with the first Annual Friend-Raising Sunday**. See inside for more details on this ad campaign and how you can help spread the word of who we are.

MONDAY, NOV. 8, THROUGH WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

ANNUAL PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

Pastor Penny will be attending the Annual Pastor's Conference of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact the office (868-5675). We will also have more specific information in the bulletin as to who is covering for Pastor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

TWILIGHTER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Twilights Christmas Party will be on November 10 at 12:00 pm at Stairville UMC.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Our community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 24, at 7:00 pm at the Mountain Top Presbyterian Church. Pastor Penny will be participating with the other Ministerium pastors in the service.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The name of the season of Advent originated from the Latin word, *adventus*, which means "coming". Our Advent season is a time of expectation and waiting for the *coming* of Christ – we prepare for his *second coming* as we celebrate his *first coming*. How will you prepare for Christ's coming? Just remembering what was, or preparing for what will be? Come, join in the preparations.

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From The Pastor's Desk

It has really been quite a month for me and my family and I want to thank each of you for being so kind and loving. I appreciate all your cards, gifts, and prayers. We truly would not have made it through without your wonderful support. Thanks to all who showed their support at visitation and the memorial service. And thanks for the wonderful lunch. With all the goodies I took home I didn't have to cook for days. When I wrote my family and friends in the South about how good everything was I did mention that things were different here. That is – I didn't even get one piece of fried chicken. But now I appreciate the haluski and the piggies.

When I went to Richmond, I attended church at the Presbyterian Church where I attended up until 1996. It was good to see some old friends. I got lots of hugs which felt mighty good.

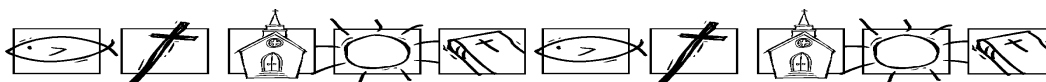
I believe I'm getting back on track now. I guess my immune system suffered from the stress and now I have a cold. I'll get over it soon.

I truly don't understand how people make it through these tough times without God holding them up. I have felt that love and care through it all. It is also wonderful to have a husband who will pray for me and with me whenever I feel the need. There were times I just had to get quiet and remember that God was there to take care of the family.

We are getting into a very busy season for the church with Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. I will now be able to immerse myself in those concerns and plans. Forgive me if sometimes my mind wonders –hopefully you will understand. I want to pop right back and do everything but I have begun to believe that emotional exhaustion is worse than physical exhaustion. Please continue to pray for me and for our church.

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Penny



Thank You

We received a thank you card from the Ceaser family for our VBS selecting Paige Ceaser as our mission project. They are very grateful for our compassion and generous gift. The card is on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

Thank you to Paul Peters for donating the corn stalks for decorating our church for Harvest Home.

We received letters from Bethany Children's Home, Lancaster Theological Seminary and Phoebe Devitt Homes thanking us for our recent donations. Our gifts help to provide services and support for these organizations. The letters are on the bell tower bulletin board.

Our Condolences

John "Sam" Rhodes, son of Pastor Penny and Robert Rhodes and father of Kirk Dollar, passed away on October 8. We deeply sympathize and pray for God's healing touch on Pastor Penny, Kirk and their family. May you find strength and solace in God's grace.

Robert Rhodes, grandfather of Kirk Dollar and former spouse of Pastor Penny, followed his son, Sam Rhodes, into eternal rest on October 20. Our hearts go out to Kirk and Pastor to support them in their loss and we pray for God's guidance and love to embrace them.

We express our condolences to Lois and Joe Huntzinger on the passing of their nephew, Eric Young, on October 6. May God grant you peace in your time of sorrow.

Geraldine Izzo, sister of Fern Taney and Nora Cybulski and aunt of Caroline Cronce, passed away on September 26. May God's love and compassion support you in your loss.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS CHRISTMAS DINNER – The Twilighters Christmas Dinner will be held on November 10 at Stairville UMC. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and indicate your choice of meat.

35th ANNIVERSARY – Ivan and Dorothy Hoyt just celebrated their 35th anniversary on October 11. Here's to many more wonderful years together.

CROP WALK

Thanks to everyone who supported this year's CROP Walk. We had about 17 walkers and raised a total of \$1,092. Thanks to the members of Emmanuel for contributing \$241 of that total. We'd like to specially thank Cindy and the kitchen staff for providing food and drink at the beginning and at the journey's end.

Sunday School News

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT
BAKE SALE AT THE TURKEY SUPPER - Our bake sale during the Turkey Supper was very successful. I would like to thank those who helped run it. Thank you also to those who support this fundraiser which helps us to purchase our Sunday School materials.

THANKSGIVING DINNERS - We will again provide Thanksgiving dinners for families of the McKinney Clinic. We would appreciate any monetary donations to help purchase the turkeys and if you would like to, you can donate some of the "fixings".

Lisa Rinehimer

Youth Group

At the meeting on September 3 we made plans for some things to do. We decided to have a fundraiser through the Weis Gift Certificates program. That will help with paying for things we want to do. We also will be redesigning the garden outside the Fellowship Hallway entrance. It's gotten pretty overgrown and needs some TLC to make it look good. We are going to have a Family Game Night/Sleepover and need to set a date for it. I will get back to you about when our next meeting will be. Bring a couple of friends and some more ideas. Youth Group is for all kids in grades 7 to 12.

Marc

Turkey Supper Report

October 16, 2010

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this the most successful Turkey Supper EVER.

RECEIPTS

Tickets –		
Door - Adult	395 @ \$9.00	\$3,555.00
Child	18 @ \$4.00	\$72.00
Advance	330 @ \$9.00	\$2,970.00
Donations		\$191.00
Surplus Sold		\$10.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$6,798.5

EXPENSES

Keyco Dist	Paper Prod, veggies & Turkeys	\$1,508.77
Maine Source	Eggs	10.99
Wal Mart	Flour, Butter, Coffee, Margarine, Salt	47.20
Weis Markets	Sugar, Beans, Milk, Foil, Pam	65.61
Carone's	Bread Cubes	145.00
Tuzzi's Bakery	Bread	33.00
Chapin's	Potatoes	120.00
Allen Dennis	Onions, Celery, Carrots, Splenda	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,443.98

PROFIT

\$4,497.02

V.I.S.I.O.N MISSION WEEK

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our mission to the men of V.I.S.I.O.N. while they stayed with us. The men had many complimentary comments about their time with us and are very grateful for our response to their needs.

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

CHINESE AUCTION – The Dorrance Fire Department will hold a Chinese Auction on November 7 beginning at 11 am with the auction called at 2 pm.

CHICKEN & WAFFLE DINNER – Faith UMC will hold their Chicken & Waffle Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 6. from 4 to 7 pm.

FALL BREAKFAST – Mt. Zion UCC will hold its annual Fall Breakfast on Sunday, November 7, from 8 am to 1 pm at the Slocum Fire Hall.

BETHANY CHILDREN'S HOME NEWS

In August, Bethany's Children's Home became the first residential facility in Pennsylvania to receive Sanctuary Certification. This accreditation requires facilities to undergo a rigorous training and implementation process that can take up to five years to achieve. At Bethany, this sets the tone for residents to experience a positive and emotionally and physically safe family environment. Bethany's Model is based on the premise that when something traumatic happens to a person, it affects everything about that person – from how they think and learn to how they feel about other people. We congratulate Bethany on receiving this honor and support them in their ongoing labor of love.

BETHANY CHRISTMAS LIST

Copies of the 2010 Christmas Wish List and 2010 Christmas Year Round List are on the table in the Narthex. Please be aware that the children at Bethany are between the ages of 13 and 18 years old. If you prefer, the children love to receive gift cards to department stores, craft stores, area malls, etc. Specific gift items are included on the Christmas Wish List. All they ask is that you choose age-appropriate gifts with consideration for parental warnings, modest clothing and safety. The gifts should not be wrapped since Bethany's staff will do that. Their Christmas Year Round Fund asks for donations which will be used to provide gifts for special occasions like birthdays and funds for special group activities like going to the movies or their annual day-out at Knoebels.

"3 CUPS OF TEA" - BOOKS DONATED TO EMMANUEL'S LIBRARY

A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps. (Proverbs 16:9)

In 1993, Greg Mortenson – Author of "3 cups of Tea" had his heart set on climbing K2, the world's 2nd highest mountain peak but the world's most difficult to climb. His plan to climb K2 failed. God directed his steps in another direction which lead him to success not failure. In his attempt to climb K2, he got lost and wandered the frozen Karakoram Himalaya mountains of Pakistan. Near death, he stumbled into a poor village where the chief and his people nursed him back to health. The village people opened up their poor homes, giving him their best blanket and feeding him their scarce food. Greg was

impressed with the generosity and kindness of such poor people.

Greg vowed to return to this village and build schools for children who were so hungry to learn they wrote in the dirt with sticks, having no note pads. The obstacles to keeping his promise were not only the bone chilling Himalaya mountains but this was a region where many feared and hated Americans. It was also the breeding ground for the Taliban. Over the next 10 years he built more than 60 schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Most of the students are girls. Greg and his supporters realized that when you educate a boy, he leaves the village; educate a girl and she stays to make a change in the village. Educated girls are the best weapon against terrorism.

It is exciting to read his adventures as he escapes kidnapping, death threats and hiding from the Taliban. Through this man's failure to climb K2, God used him to built 131 schools for 58,000 students of which 44,000 are girls. "3 Cups of Tea" is exciting, educational and inspirational. God took this man and directed his steps to this remote region of Pakistan. I have two books for children in our library. One book is for the early grades and the second is for preteens to adults. I encourage you to read this book about one man who changed the world not by his plan or desire but by the guidance of God our Lord.

God Bless, Camille Daniels

PICTURE PERFECT

**Check the front door bulletin board
for these mug shots!**

Robert Duffy, Jr. was one of the youngsters enjoying Story Time at the Kirby Library recently. Although his is turned around so you can't see his face, he is seated with the others, listening intently.

CONSISTORY MEETING

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.

The Consistory will meet on **Monday, November 15**, at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the December Messenger is Monday, November 22. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

UCC LAUNCHES IDENTITY CAMPAIGN

Our UCC denomination is still one of the best kept secrets. Talk to anyone about our church and the usual reaction is: "Is that a Methodist sect?" or "I don't know that church – is it new?" The UCC has been around for over 50 years, but our identity is still unknown. The following identity awareness ad can be found at the UCC website:

http://act.ucc.org/site/MessageViewer?em_id=29301.0&dlv_id=32061.

Or you can go to the National Website (ucc.org). The "Featured Items" tab on the left side will lead to several issues, one of them being the "Friend Raising" event. Click on that to see details and learn more about the ad and event.



On Friday, November 5, we're launching Uniquely UCC, the new internet ad of the StillSpeaking Campaign! We'll need YOU once again to share our message of extravagant welcome with your internet friends – help us reach millions with just a click of the mighty mouse. It's that easy – plus it's a whole lot of fun!

There's one more thing we need you to help accomplish that weekend.

On Sunday, November 7, we're celebrating the very first **StillSpeaking National Friend-Raising Sunday**. We want you to gather up family and friends and invite them to worship with you on Sunday. Hospitality starts with you - join us to bring the festivities to your church home.

So, make a call, send a note, an e-mail or a tweet, or share this with your facebook friends. There is no better time than this moment to be Uniquely UCC!

**It's time to make ourselves known
to our families, friends and communities!**

UCC'S 5 FOR 5 OFFERINGS

As you have noticed, the Neighbors in Need offering envelopes have been in the pews for the last several weeks. Earlier we had Strengthen the Church and OGHS envelopes and before the end of the year will be the Christmas Fund. These are the four special mission offerings of the UCC. OGHS provides resources for international programs. Strengthen the Church funds new and renewing churches, youth and young adult ministries, lay and pastoral leadership formation and, most recently, the StillSpeaking Ministry. Neighbors in

Need supports ministries of justice and compassion. The Christmas Fund helps provide pensions and health-premium supplements to low-income, retired church workers, emergency assistance to clergy families in need, and Christmas checks to hundreds of annuitants. The fifth offering is Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) which we support through our weekly envelope offering. Each year, our budget sets aside \$1,500 of our offering for OCWM which provides funding for the work of UCC Conference and National ministries in support of the life and work of the local church and its members. By participating in all five offerings, we are known as a "5 for 5" church, a number which is growing steadily. The concept began in 2003 as part of a "thank-you" for the stewardship display at the General Synod. Since that time, the number of churches giving to all five offerings has nearly doubled. Being a "5 for 5" church is a sign of congregational vitality by giving to Basic Support (OCWM) and Special Support (the four special mission offerings).

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 12 Caroling
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2010

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Election Day – November 2, 2010 – Why should we care?

Perhaps the following quote answers this question.

The Importance of Voting

You are wrong if you do not vote.

You are to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. Our Caesar [in the United States] is a government of the people, by the people, for the people. One vote may make the difference.

ONE VOTE made Oliver Cromwell Lord Protector of the Commonwealth and gave him control of England. (1645)

ONE VOTE caused Charles I to be executed. (1649)

ONE VOTE kept Aaron Burr - later charged with treason - from becoming President. (1800)

ONE VOTE elected Marcus Morton governor of Massachusetts. (1839)

ONE VOTE made Texas part of the United States. (1845)

ONE VOTE saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment. (1868)

ONE VOTE changed France from a monarchy to a republic. (1875)

ONE VOTE admitted California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho into the Union. (1850, 1850, 1889, 1890)

ONE VOTE elected Rutherford B. Hayes to the Presidency, and the man in the Electoral College who cast that vote was an Indiana Representative also elected by ONE VOTE. (1876)

ONE VOTE made Adolf Hitler head of the Nazi Party. (1923)

ONE VOTE maintained the Selective Service System only 12 weeks before Pearl Harbor. (1941)

ONE VOTE per precinct would have elected Richard Nixon, rather than John Kennedy, President. (1960)

I'm only one but I am one. I can't do everything but I can do something and what I can do I ought to do and that, by the grace of God, I will do. Brett Blair



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Carrie Russell	9 Morgan Rinehimer	17 Beverly Kramer
3 Stanley Cybulski	10 Karl C. Kemmerer	17 David Cronce
3 Brenda Heller	10 Rich Rotski	18 Anna Mae Koons
3 Terry Belanchik	11 Casey Eigenbrod	18 Sharon Eigenbrod
5 James Daniels	13 Jack Shafer, Sr.	19 Lynne Stewart
5 Richard Supkowski, Jr.	16 Ellen Newell	20 Autumn Atkinson
6 Pauline Dennis	16 Sharon Horensky	21 Eric Hoffman
6 Lydon Bloss	16 Cristy Mulherin	22 Stanley Stein
7 Elizabeth Sufrinko		25 Duane Stein

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 4, 2000.....Brad and Becky Frey
 Nov. 11, 1950.....Cliff and Gladys Readler
 Nov. 16, 1996.....Ronald, Jr., and Lisa Rinehimer

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