

The Messenger

October 2010

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY AND COFFEE HOUR

Along with the rest of the world, we will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on October 3, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

CROP WALK

On October 3, the Wapwallopen Ministerium will again participate in the CROP Walk. This event includes all the churches in our area and we are hoping for a really great turn-out. If you never participated, it's a great way to get your exercise and do something productive at the same time. If you would like to be a walker, please see **Marc Davis for more details and a sponsor packet.**

NIN OFFERING

Sunday, October 3, is the official day for the Neighbors in Need Offering. This is one of the "five for five" offerings which are promoted by the UCC. Envelopes will remain in the pews for several Sundays after October 3.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7 TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

PASTOR PENNY ON RETREAT

Pastor Penny will participate in a retreat from Thursday until Saturday, October 7 to 9. Rev. Rachelle Dietz, St. James Lutheran Church, (379-3878) will be available if you need pastoral care.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

GUEST PREACHER

Leona Brown will lead us in worship on October 10. Pastor Penny will assist as the liturgist for that Sunday. Please come to worship and to hear Ms. Brown's message for us.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

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 17

HARVEST HOME

We will celebrate God's good gifts on Sunday, October 17. Please bring canned/boxed goods to offer in response to all our loving Father has given us.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

V.I.S.I.O.N MISSION PROJECT

We will host the men from VISION from Monday, October 18, to Sunday, October 24. All they ask is a good, hot meal for supper. Anyone able to provide one or wishing to donate toward the cost of a meal, please see Pastor Penny or Allen and Pauline Dennis. If you want to know if a date is available for you to volunteer to serve, Cindy Heller is coordinating the volunteers.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL FEST

The Sunday School's Fall Fest will be on October 30. Please see the article in this issue for more information.

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From The Pastor's Desk

I just came from a prayer meeting with four other ministers. We meet together every other Wed. at one of our churches. Today it happened to be here. We talk about what is going on in our respective churches and lives and then go into prayer together and lift up all kinds of things. We all feel very cared for by each other.

Two of the pastors at the meeting today were from churches that tithe and have a difficult time understanding churches that do not have the tithing ethic. In their churches they do not need to have a stewardship campaign because people naturally give 10% of their income and then when anything else is needed they give over and above. Those of us who do tithe but are in churches that have not grown up tithing also have a difficult time understanding why people don't know how much they are blessed when they give to God from the heart – maybe even having to give up something else to support God's work in their lives, churches, and communities.

For the last two years Emmanuel has conducted a stewardship campaign. We have come up with ideas trying to encourage people to be more generous with the gifts they have been given by God. Nothing seems to have worked. Now, we are at a loss. Nobody wants to hear sermons on money all the time and preachers don't want to preach sermons on money all the time and they really shouldn't need to.

One of the pastors said "People just don't realize what a privilege it is to give a tithe. They miss out on so many blessings when they don't give back to God. If they would just try it for a while they would see the results in their lives and in the life of the church." How true that is. How wonderful it would be not to have to always be looking at the bottom line and wonder how we are going to pay our bills next month.

We wouldn't always be having to have suppers, and sub sales, and silent auctions, and flea markets. We would continue to have these things just because we enjoy the fellowship with one another and it gives us "extra" funds to do more good things for God's people and God's world whether in our own backyard or around the world. We could send people on mission trips to be a blessing and to be blessed.

Read Malachi 3:8-10 ⁸"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'

"In tithes and offerings. ⁹You are under a curse—the whole nation of you—because you are robbing me.

¹⁰Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Why do we often overlook Malachi when quoting scripture?

I hear many of you say we need more members. If the members we had were truly committed to the word and work of God we could support ourselves with the members we have and then I'm sure we would be blessed with more people with whom to share God's word and God's love.

This shouldn't come as a shock to anyone. Our giving is published in the bulletin most Sundays so it should be obvious that we are not being generous with our resources. I don't mean everyone. But you know who you are. Open your hearts to your church and to the work of God in your church. You don't have to wait until January to give more. We need it now.

God bless you in your giving! **Pastor Penny**
last year.

Thanks to Irene for sharing this cartoon with me



Thank You

Thanks to everyone who donated to replenish the Food Bank. During the summer, we don't get as many requests but it usually starts up again in late fall, possibly due to people needing to purchase fuel, school supplies and such.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the hoagie sale. We appreciate those who donate their time and energy so that we can hold this fundraiser. Ron

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

GUEST PREACHER – Leona Brown will lead our worship service on October 10. She will be assisted by Pastor Penny as liturgist. We encourage you to come to hear Leona's message to us.

TWILIGHTERS – The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, October 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.

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.

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.

SonWorld VBS Wrap-Up

The last thing to do to finalize our Vacation Bible School was to forward the mission funds we collected for Paige Cesare. On August 20, I was happy to send a letter to Paige's parents which enclosed the mission total of \$150. I am thankful that we have children and adults who support our VBS Missions each year and look forward to your continued support. Your attitude of caring is a great legacy to pass on to our children.

Denise

Healing Prayer Retreat at Emmanuel

Pastor Penny will lead a retreat entitled "Exploring Healing Prayer" at Emmanuel on November 5 and 6. Other members of the leadership team include retired and active UCC and United Methodist pastors, plus Pastor Archie, with Dwain Straight providing the music. The retreat will guide participants as they experience the power of God in prayer and in healing. Registration is Friday evening at 6:00 pm and the first session begins at 7:00 pm. Participants will return on Saturday morning at 9:00 am for an all day session ending at 9:00 pm. Lunch and dinner will be provided on Saturday. The cost for the retreat is \$30. Please see Pastor Penny for a brochure detailing more information about this event.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

NIN is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. We will be gathering this offering for several weeks during October and ask that you be generous in supporting this mission.

CROP WALK

Participants from the local Wapwallopen Ministerium churches will gather at Emmanuel for the Annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 3. 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). You can support this event by sponsoring a walker or by placing your donation in the basket on the bulletin table in the narthex. Donating to the CROP Walk will help strengthen our local resources since a portion of the donations is returned to local organizations, in our 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.

Turkey Supper Dates

October 14 to 16, 2010

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.

Don Eroh is looking for people to sell tickets. He has plenty for everyone, so get them and sell, sell, sell. The fall Supper is usually our best fundraiser and is easy to promote. Why? Because people love to eat – especially good food!!

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.

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.

Fall Fest

October 30 From 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

Come on out for fun in the fall – and don’t forget to put on your “best” face! We will have a party to celebrate fall. 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. **This party is for everyone of any age**, so come and have a great time celebrating our colorful season of fall.

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.

As we have done for several years, *the members of the Youth Group are encouraged to help with the Turkey Supper*. They will be working in the hall, waiting on tables and generally keeping the tables 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.

Marc

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

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

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front door bulletin board for these mug shots!

Our Cub Scouts showed off their mechanical skills by helping to assemble picnic tables which were donated to Rice Elementary. Pictured among the Scouts is **Hunter Rinehimer**. Scouts in Action!!

Who's that with the **CHEER-ful** face? Why it's Sami Kotarsky with the rest of the Blitz cheerleaders. The Blitz cheerleaders attended a camp sponsored by the CHS Varsity Cheerleaders. S – A – M – I – who's the one who cheers the best – SAMI!!!

A picture of the happy couple who has been married for 50 (yes, 50 – count them) years is on the front bulletin board. Congratulations to Pete and Betty Dickson.

A picture of our kids enjoying Rally Day shows Morgan Hodle, Keirsten Whitmire, Brooke Rinehimer, Hunter Rinehimer, Alyssa Shuman and Gemma Walsh. The “big kid” with them is Jeff Shuman, who kept them entertained with games. Thanks Jeff.

V.I.S.I.O.N FUNDRAISER

There is still time to purchase a shopping pass good on October 5 at Boscov's to support V.I.S.I.O.N. As with many programs these days, V.I.S.I.O.N., the shelter program which services homeless men, has been notified that their 2010/2011 funding has been reduced. In order to offset this funding cut, they are participating in a promotion sponsored by Boscov's. For \$5 you can purchase a 25% off shopping pass good on October 5. All checks should be made to VISION for the ticket sales. When you go shopping, please tear off the bottom portion and drop it in the Friends Helping Friends Ballot Box. The agency selling the most tickets will be awarded a prize.

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

We will again host the men who use the services of V.I.S.I.O.N. during the week of October 18 to 24. The men arrive around 5:00 pm on Monday the 18th. They leave each morning for work, returning around 5:00 for their evening meal. After they leave on Monday, the 25th, their belonging will be packed up and moved to the next host facilities. If you would like to help feed the men or donate toward the meals, please see Pastor Penny, Allen and Pauline Dennis or Cindy Heller.

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 5&6 Healing Retreat
Nov. 7 Daylight Savings Time ENDS
Nov. 10 Twilights Christmas Party

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, October 18**, at 6:30 pm.

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

BEEF DINNER – October 9 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm at St. James Lutheran Church.

CHICKEN BAR-B-Q – October 10 – Dorrance Fire Hall.

PHOTO EXHIBIT – The Mountain Top Photo Club has an exhibit at the Kirby Library for the month of October. Camille Daniels and Sharon Moyer have pictures displayed. The library's hours are:
Monday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 5 pm
Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE OCTOBER 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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Dave & Rosemary Myers
Clifford & Gladys Readler
Diana Decker
John & JP Jankowski

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Tim Miller	7 Margaret Kozak	13 Joan Rinehimer
4 John Rinehimer	8 Alexis Kamat	14 Eileen Bonczek
4 Harry W. Peters	9 John Daniels	15 Michelle Heller
4 Patricia Heller	9 Dawn Lynn Myers	15 Kyle Belanchik
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		28 Victoria Kramer

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 3, 1964	Dave and Rosemary Myers
Oct 3, 1953	Frank and Joan Partington
Oct. 5, 1991	Tom and Audrey Grosz
Oct. 10, 2008	Paul and Angie Thomas
Oct. 11, 1975	Ivan and Dorothy Hoyt
Oct. 12, 2001	Steve and Sharon Moyer
Oct. 17, 1987	John and Camille Daniels

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE **AUGUST 2010**

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