

The Messenger

August 2011

SATURDAY, JULY 30, TO SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

YOUTH GROUP MISSION CAMP

Kimmy and Allison Bernetski are at the mission camp in the Carolina Coast area. They will be representing us, along with Pastor Penny and Marc Davis who are chaperoning them. There was no set idea about what project they would be working on, but most of the work done by the teen volunteers is general upkeep and repairs to homes. Can't wait until they return and tell us all about their trip!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, August 7, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. Please bring a dessert to share during Coffee Hour after worship.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Hot time – summer in the country – must mean it's time for our picnic. We'll start with worship under the pavilion and then have a terrific day of fun. See inside this issue for more details.

AUGUST 16

SpiriTed CONCERT

We are again hosting a concert event for the whole community. This time the duo SpiriTed will present an invigorating intergenerational variety show combining music, singing, humor, wit, spirit and social commentary. On Tuesday evening, August 16, 2011, daily columnist/humorist Jonathan Richard Cring and master musician Janet Clazzy will bring their wit, wisdom and talent to enlighten and entertain us. The performance will begin at 7:00 pm; an evening of music and monologue, including readings from Mr. Cring's book *Digging for Gold (in the rule)* with original musical tunes performed by Ms. Clazzy on the oboe and WX-5 Wind Machine. For more information, see inside this issue.

SUMMER MUSIC

**VOICES AND INSTRUMENTS
WANTED**

We still need some lyrical lyrics and moving melodies for August 14, 21 and 28 and September 4. Anyone who will sing, play an instrument or (if you're really talented) do both, is welcome to pick a

Sunday to make a joyful noise to our God. Please see Denise or Pastor Penny so we can fill the air with music on Sunday mornings.



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From The Pastor's Desk

Allison, Kimmy, Marc, and I are about ready to take off on our mission journey. We haven't done this before so don't really know what to expect but we're excited and ready for whatever comes our way. I found this quote this morning and thought it appropriate to use for our motto on this trip – since we are from Pennsylvania.

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."
William Penn 1644-1718, Religious Leader and founder of Pennsylvania

We will be doing good things for the people of South Carolina who can't help themselves. I'm sure we will have lots of stories to tell upon our return. Please pray for us while we are away.

(Don't think it's going to be all work and no play. We do have one free day to plan fun things. I believe I heard the words "water park" mentioned.)

Dave and Archie will serve you well while I am away from the pulpit – on that you can rely. Please give them your full support.

It has been so wonderful to be able to worship in the pavilion the last few weeks. There seems to always be a nice little breeze to cool us off just a smidgen. There are still a few finishing touches to get done but I'm just happy that we are using our new facility and that all of us seem to be enjoying the informality but sincerity of our experience. Most of all I love the closeness of everyone sitting together. It seems to bring a closeness of Spirit that isn't as evident when we are spread out in the sanctuary.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support of our mission.

God bless you all!

Pastor Penny



Thank You

The following letters are posted on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

Heifer International sent a thank you letter and certificate for our Sunday School's donation of \$140 which purchased a pig and a flock of 20 chicks. Offspring of the pig and chicks will be shared with people in villages where they were donated so that more people will be able to raise them and make a better life for their families.

Thank you letters were sent by Lancaster Theological Seminary and Phoebe-Devitt Homes for our continued support of their missions.

Our Sympathy

We offer our sincere sympathy to Stan and Judy Cybulski on the passing of his brother, Robert Cybulski, on July 23, 2011. May our Heavenly Father support you and your family in this time of sorrow.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, August 10, 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.



ANNUAL PICNIC AUGUST 14

We will again have our church picnic on the lawn of Emmanuel. The picnic will begin after our worship service with a covered dish dinner for which the church will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and buns. After our meal, we will join in playing indoor and outdoor games, such as bingo, bean bag, tag and kickball. So bring your appetites and enthusiasm for a great day of family fun.

Summer Concert

SpiriTed

On July 16, at 7:00 pm we will have the honor of hosting Jonathan Richard Cring and Janet Clazzy, known as SpiriTed. On his daily column website, www.jonathots.com, he is described as “a Billboard Music Award winner and screenwriter who has traveled for thirty-seven years to churches, colleges, schools, organizations and at least one bar mitzvah, sharing the blending of the humor of life with spiritual insight and a delightful piece of heart to get people to do something that they rarely pursue themselves, but are always glad when it happens--to THINK.” Janet is the director of the Clazzy Ladies, an oboe player and a movie-music composer. She also plays the WX-5 Wind Machine, a horn containing the sounds of 250 instruments.

“We give you music, humor, dialogue and some fresh insights about bringing creativity into our practical lives,” Mr. Cring shares from his home in Hendersonville, Tennessee. “The presentation is a delicate and delicious blending of spirit and humor that produces the wonderful by-product of good cheer.” They have been touring together for 15 years, spreading their message of faith.

At their website, www.spirited2011.com, you can preview their unique inspirational style for spreading their faith through word and music.

There is no fee or charge for this concert, only a love offering will be gathered. For more information call the church office at (570) 868-5675

2011 VBS Program

SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ!!

Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

VBS was really HOT this year – and I don’t just mean the temperature, which was a bit too warm for the first couple of days. But REALLY HOT as in COOOOOL! We had a blast learning about the festivals of the Bible and how we can relate those to events. Each day we learned a *secret ingredient* which pertained to the Bible story and festival. On Sunday, we learned to *Be Ready for God*, just as the Israelites had to be ready to leave Egypt at a moment’s notice at Passover. We found out that being ready didn’t mean that we had everything done and were just waiting around. It is really keeping alert and improving ourselves through things like prayer, Bible reading and service. On Monday, the *secret*



ingredient was *Give Happily to God*. In Leviticus, God gives the Israelites certain harvest festivals to celebrate each year. These festivals taught the Israelites the importance of thanking God through giving. Just as the Israelites gave thankfully to God, we can, too. Tuesday’s *secret ingredient* was *Believe Fully in Jesus*. At the Festival of Booths, Jesus invited people to drink from water he could provide so that he could fill them with the “water of life”. Through these words, Jesus is telling all who would listen that he is the Son of God. Some believed and others didn’t. We need to believe in Jesus fully so that our hearts can be filled with his love and we can tell others about him. *Remember Jesus Often* was the *secret ingredient* for Wednesday as we again celebrated Passover, but this time with Jesus in the upper room. We learned that it is important to connect with Jesus through Communion. Whether the children could actually receive the elements or were in preparation for the time when they would, we learned that every time we take Communion we should concentrate on Jesus and how much he loves us and not let our minds wander. (That’s a good lesson for us that have been communing, too.) Our last *secret ingredient*, *Celebrate God Forever*, was the point on Thursday. The Festival of Weeks and Pentecost were the focus as Peter joyfully told the crowds about Jesus. Peter celebrated his faith by spreading the good news that Jesus rose from the dead to bring everlasting life to everyone. Just as Peter was so happy telling others, we can celebrate our faith forever! We want everyone to share in the good times and invite them to celebrate with us.

I would also like to thank everyone for their support and generosity. We received school supplies for the kids in Birmingham, Alabama, and food items to restock the Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank. Both boxes were really good size and literally overflowed with your donations.

I would also like to thank everyone who donated their time and talents for VBS. The kids really had a great time, but it wouldn’t happen without all of you. Pre-K class (Ginny & Donna), food (Cindy, Lisa, Diana, and a host of others), games (Jeff, Jill and Judy), Bible Stories (Janet), Discovery lessons (hey, Allison), crafts (Sally, Christine & Theresa), crew leaders (Hunter, Rachael, Glynis & Kimmy), sound and video expert (“can you hear me now?” Hunter) and puppeteers (hi, Kimmmy & Glynis) were all possible because of you. Thanks for making my job easy (again!!!).

Denise Dean

YOUTH GROUP

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

The Youth Group's fundraiser is really paying off. They have sold almost \$4,000 worth of cards, netting them \$200 for their projects. Thanks to everyone who purchased Weis cards, and please keep signing up. Marc is looking into purchasing Carone's cards and hopes to have that in place after they return from mission camp.



The Youth are still looking for jobs to do so they can raise more money for mission camp. So far they sold their muscles for \$350, but they still have some strength left for more to do. Just give Marc a call and he will set up a date for them to get working on your project.

In addition to the money mentioned above, they cleared \$214 from the Mardi Gras brunch and \$46 from their yard sale.

Thank you for supporting us – we appreciate your belief and trust in us to represent you on our Mission Project to the Carolina Coast!! **Also, thanks for your fundraising ideas – we are looking more!**

WANTED: NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUTH GROUP

As you can see by the previous article, our Youth Group is alive and well. We are having a great time as we plan our activities and find really cool ways to serve God. Some things we have done for many years, like the road clean up, and other ways like the Mission Project are new. We also plan fun stuff like going to the movies and bowling. Come and join us so we can plan bigger and more exciting ways to show what **real teen Christians** are like! *We'd also like some more adults to get involved with us.* Show us what **real adult Christians** are like!!

Old River Church Services

The 2010 Worship Schedule is set and we hope everyone will find time to worship in this historic setting. The Wapwallopen Ministerium churches and Cemetery Association have set the schedule as follows:

- Aug. 7 New Home UMC (Archie Preaching)
- Aug. 14 St. Mark's
- Aug 21 St. Peter's
- Aug 28 Cemetery Association

Youth Achievements

It's always great to see so many of our youth on THE honor rolls. If you know of someone who is has earned honor roll status, please let me know so we can recognize their achievement.

Thanks, Denise

Crestwood High School

Principal's Honors: Kimmy Bernetski, Alecia Myers
High Honors: Rachelle Heller, Justin Rinehimer, Courtney Kania, Kelly Madigan

Honors: Autumn Atkinson, Glynis Dean, Eric Rinehimer, Allison Bernetski, Marc Davis

Rice Elementary:

Honors: Brad Kotarsky, Hunter Rinehimer



CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our church is in need of volunteers who aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and get the dirt out. Unlike many churches, we do not have a paid janitor. We have taken care of the weekly cleaning of Emmanuel for many years through the dedication of volunteers. At this time, though, there are only enough volunteers to clean twice a month. (Two crews per week) That leaves two weeks that our church does not get cleaned. Dave Myers can tell you all about how you can serve God by keeping His house clean and shiny. Just a couple hours a month and Emmanuel will be sparkling. Please see Dave and help Emmanuel to look its best.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the August Messenger is Monday, July 18. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONSISTORY

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, August 18, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 11 – RALLY DAY!!

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Shake it Up Café was a really “cooking” VBS program. We had a great time. There are pictures on the front board showing the assembly, Discovery Time, Bible story, crafts, and games. You can even meet Scraps and Rocky, our raccoon chefs who taught us a lot about cooking and living out God’s recipe for our lives. Let’s all “shake it up!!!!” That was our response every time we heard the secret ingredient.

Some of our graduates are pictured with their classes. Crestwood’s graduating class included Marc Davis, Sam Dauber, and Forrest Atkinson. Holy Redeemer’s graduates included Meredith Martin. We wish them God’s guidance and encourage them as they pursue the next phase of their lives.

Rice Elementary’s Spring Concert was held on June 8. Among the melodious voices were Morgan Rinehimer and Michelle Heller. Sweet singing, girls!

Members of Dorrance American Legion and Auxiliary Post 288, Mountain Top American Legion and Auxiliary Post 781, Boy scout Troop 433, Slocum VFW Post 7918 and Ashley American Legion Post 673 are pictured with Pastor Penny at the Memorial Day Service held in our cemetery on May 29. Thanks to all the veterans and volunteers who come every year to help us pay tribute to those who lived their faith to the very end.

Our Scout Troop 434 held their annual fundraiser at the I-81 rest stop near White Haven over the Memorial Day weekend.

The 300 Club was an awesome event with something for everyone. But who’s that caught feeding her face? Must be me, Denise Dean, with friends Wendy and Frank Peters and their children Hailey and Luke. It was a wonderful day with plenty of good food and lively music by the Mud Pond Boys and Cramer Brothers. Can’t wait until next year!!!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE AUGUST 2011

August 7

Greeters: Connie Davis & Connie Myers
Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

August 14

Greeters: Mary Martin and Sharon Moyer
Liturgist: Beverly Kramer

August 21

Greeters: Allison and Kimmy Bernetski
Liturgist: Frank Partington

August 28

Greeters: Don Myers and Diana Decker
Liturgist: Jim Rinehimer

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers
Clifford & Gladys Readler

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 George Belanchik	16 Robert Heller	27 Debbie Price
4 Camille Daniels	16 Brayden Belanchik	27 Greg Heller
4 Debra Prelewicz	19 Audrey Grosz	27 Samantha Taney
5 Robert Prelewicz	21 Ronald Rinehimer, Jr.	29 Marc M. Davis
7 Ethel Fine	22 Wendy Williams	29 Shirley Eckrote
8 Ronald Rinehimer, Sr.	23 Courtney Kania	31 Cheryl Heller
9 Matthew Price	25 Kelly Sufrinko	31 Lisa Shafer
12 Dylan Atkinson	27 Jennifer Rinehimer	31 David Horensky
12 Gladys Peters		31 Nelson Horwath

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 1, 1992.....	Marc and Connie Davis
August 3, 1968.....	John and Joan Rinehimer
August 10, 1991.....	Bill and Sherri Hoch
August 14, 1971.....	Dave and Sharon Horensky
August 14, 1976.....	Clyde and Brenda Heller
August 17, 1957.....	Lydon and Orceil Bloss
August 25, 1973.....	Roy and Betty Baker
August 27, 1983.....	Rob and Debbie Prelewicz
August 27, 1999.....	Chris and Deb Dietrich
August 28, 1990.....	Joe and Lois Huntzinger
August 31, 1963.....	Stan and Darlene Stein

AUGUST 2011

I have made a "2011 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. Some of the dates are already filled in (Hooray!!). For the liturgists, I will provide a copy of the bulletin either by paper for you to pick up or via e-mail, so that you can review it before Sunday morning. Thanks. Denise

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