

# The Messenger

## February 2011

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

#### HOAGIE AND PIZZA PICK UP

Anyone who ordered hoagies or pizza from our Cub Scouts is asked to **please pick them up before 12 noon on Saturday, February 5** or after worship on February 6. Thanks for supporting our Scouts.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

#### COMMUNION

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, February 6, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am.

#### SCOUT SUNDAY

Members of our Scout Dens/Troop will be joining us on February 6 for Scout Sunday. They will participate as greeters, readers and ushers. To show their appreciation for all our support, they invite everyone to stay after worship for a coffee hour sponsored by them.

#### SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

The Youth Group will be collecting the "soup pot" offerings again to raise money for replenishing the food bank. They will purchase the food during the 30-Hour Famine which is tentatively scheduled for March.

#### SOUP SALE

On Soup-er Bowl Sunday, you can pick up the delicious soup you ordered. The cooks have been busy filling the orders for Vegetable, Broccoli Cheese, Chicken Noodle and Ham & Bean soups. The quart containers cost \$5 each.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

#### TWILIGHTER'S MEETING

The Twilighters will meet on February 10 at 12:00 pm for a covered dish lunch.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

#### YOUTH GROUP MEETING

The Youth Group will meet on February 13 at Emmanuel.

### PNEC WINTER YOUTH EVENT

#### FEBRUARY 19 TO 21

The PNEC Winter Youth Retreat will be held from Friday, February 18, through Sunday, February 20. Two of our youth, Allison and Kimmy Bernetski, will be attending with Tina Kensinger.



#### 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.



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## From The Pastor's Desk

For any of you who missed church on January 30 you missed a wonderful worship service. Our Youth were in charge of the service and did it all - and what a great job they did! I want to thank all who participated. On Sunday March 6 they have a Mardi Gras brunch planned for after church. If I were you, I would plan to attend - they have some good stuff (fun and food) planned. Some of the kids want to go on a mission trip this summer and this is their first money raising effort to defray the cost of the trip.

I know that weather has kept some of you in for much of this winter - and sometimes I don't blame you for staying in. I know that for some it is scary to go out when it's slippery. It would be terrible to have to come visit you in the hospital because of a broken hip. It is discouraging though to see others stay home from church and then see you out and about other places. Let's begin to make coming to worship a priority.

Since October and the death of my son Sam I have been in a bit of a funk. I think I'm finally beginning to see the light again. I know that Jesus has walked with me through this difficult time and I thank all of you who have walked with me as well. Just this morning as I was reading I came across a hymn that really personifies what I believe and how that belief makes me feel.

I have a song that Jesus gave me,  
It was sent from heav'n above;  
There never was a sweeter melody,  
"Tis a melody of love.

In my heart there rings a melody,  
There rings a melody with heaven's harmony;  
In my heart there rings a melody;  
There rings a melody of love.

This song will probably be in my mind and on my lips all day and maybe even longer. Won't you join me in the chorus as you go about your day? Feel the peace and joy that knowing Jesus brings to your life and show it to those around you!

God bless!  
Pastor Penny

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### *Our Condolences*

Our most sincere condolences are offered to Gwen Sakowski and her family on the loss of her grandmother and brother. On January 12, Brian Gillman was suddenly struck down by a heart attack. Then, on January 28, Dolly M. Spaide entered into eternal rest. May God strengthen and console you in your time of mourning.

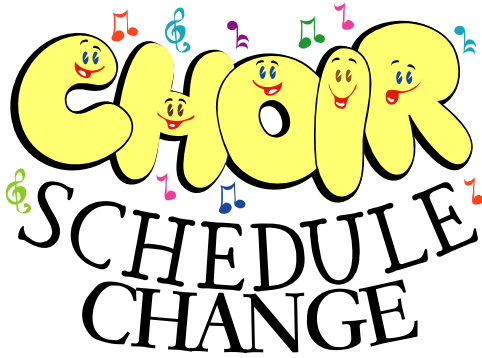
### *Thank You*

Thank you letters are on the Bell Tower Bulletin Board from the following:

**Bethany Children's Home** – for the Christmas gifts which brighten the holidays for their children.

**McKinney Clinic** – for the Giving Tree gifts, Christmas presents from the Sunday School and the “care packages”. Everyone at the clinic from December 21 on, received a gift – men, women and children.

**Church World Service** – For Hygiene Kits which are necessary for them to respond quickly to disasters.



**Adult Choir Practice** has been changed to Wednesday evenings **beginning February 2**. The **Kid's Choir** will begin practicing on Wednesdays on **February 9** (**No practice for Kids on the 2<sup>nd</sup>**). We are always looking for new members for both choirs, so come and join us.

## CONGREGATIONAL CORNER TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, February 9, 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.

## VALENTINES FOR VETS

Cindy Heller has placed a large box in the bell tower in which everyone can drop a valentine or two. We will collect them through Sunday, February 13. Cindy then delivers them to the Veterans Administration Hospital so they can be passed out to the men and women there in time for St. Valentines Day. Please bring a couple extra Valentines and bring a smile to their faces and warmth to their hearts.

## NEW FAMILY MEMBER

Gary and Sharon Eigenbrod are the proud grandparents of Dayton Michael Adamczyk, son of Casey Eigenbrod and Matt Adamczyk. Dayton was born on January 5, 2011, and weighed 6 lb. 10 oz and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to Casey and Matt, and also "Grammy", "Gramps" and "Uncle Gary".

## SCOUT SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 6, members of our Cub Scout Pack 433 and Boy Scout Troop 434 will join in worship with us. After our worship service on Sunday, they are hosting a "meet the scouts" coffee hour. Come out and worship with our young scouts and then stick around for some refreshments and to discover more of their projects, values and beliefs.

## YOUTH GROUP

### SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY

As we have done for the past several years, we will ask for monetary donations for Soup-er Bowl Sunday on February 6. This money will be used during our 30-Hour Famine to purchase food to restock the Food Bank. Please help us to help other people in our neighborhoods as we fight famine around the world. The **30 Hour Famine is tentatively scheduled for March**. Keep watching for more on this, too.

### MARDI GRAS BRUNCH (MARCH)

Mark you calendars for the Mardi Gras celebration at New Orleans (North) – also known as Emmanuel UCC. The Youth Group will serve a Mardi Gras Brunch on **March 6** after our worship service. They are planning a great time with good food and games for everyone to enjoy. This fundraiser will help pay for expenses for a mission trip and some other projects they are planning for this summer. Thanks for supporting our youth.

### COMING SOON – WEIS GIFT CARDS

The Youth Group has come up with a way to raise funds for their treasury without selling the usual hoagies, pizza, candy, etc., etc. Instead, we will be able to purchase Weis gift cards for \$25 which can be redeemed for \$25 worth of groceries, paper products, cards, knick-knacks, or whatever Weis Markets is selling. It's a great idea since you get exactly what you want and it doesn't cost any extra. The gift card plan will provide \$50 to the Youth Group for every \$1,000 cards sold. They are also looking into gift cards from other grocery stores and may be able to offer them also.

Marc Davis

## HALL RENTAL AGREEMENT

Due to the addition of the Pavilion, the Hall Rental Agreement has undergone major changes. Rental fees have been determined as follows:

Hall	\$150.00
Kitchen (up to 4 hours)	\$100.00
Kitchen (over 4 hours)	\$25/hour
Pavilion	\$100.00
Hall & Kitchen	\$200.00
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Hall, Kitchen and Pavilion	\$250.00

With this version, there is no deposit or refund. The facilities rented will determine the amount due. For a full copy of the agreement, please see Denise Dean.

## Sunday School News

**Valentine Candy Donations** – The Sunday School will be collecting donations for Valentine Candy to be distributed to the clients of the McKinney Clinic. Please see Denise Dean or me if you would like to make a donation.

Lisa Rinehimer

## PICTURE PERFECT

**Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:**

It's Christmas year-round at **Doris Yurchak's**. Doris has a wonderful Christmas display which can be seen at any time of the year (talk about keeping Christmas in your heart). Her display takes up her entire basement and continues to grow as she picks up new items wherever she goes.

**Leah Dietrich** is pictured among the piano students who recently entertained the residents of the Mountaintop Senior Care. Leah also played for us on Christmas Eve prior to the 7:30 service. Keep practicing, Leah. Your fingers sound great!!!

Who's that pictured with **Robert Duffy, Kelsey Rinehimer and Leah Dietrich** at our Christmas Party? **Lisa Rinehimer** is shown helping the kids with their craft. Our kids also wrapped dozens of toys and stuffed animals for the children who visit the McKinney Clinic and made fruit baskets for our members who are homebound. They also gathered the "care packages" for distribution to the adults of the Clinic.

**The Gift of Life** was given by many students at Crestwood High School at the yearly blood drive sponsored by the Junior Class. Members of the Student Government, which include **Alecia Myers**, volunteered and ***gave blood***.

Music was filling the air at the Crestwood Holiday Concert. Pictured is **Sami Dauber** performing a duet with Philip Kaufman, as they sang *Baby, It's Cold Outside*. Also just barely pictured at the left side of the photo of the Junior/Senior High Choir is **Glynis Dean**. Listen to that sweet, sweet sound of music.

**Sharon Moyer and Camille Daniels** are pictured with their friends of the Mountain Top Photography Club at their Christmas Dinner. You can check out their photos on the walls in Cavanaugh's Bar and Grill dining room.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### CONSISTORY

The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, February 17, at 6:30 pm.

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

If you like a good meal, join the Stewardship Committee. Recently, Lynne Stewart made "World's Best Potato Soup" (compliments of Allrceipes.com) which was declared by the other members of the committee to really be the world's best. Copies of the soup recipe are on the table in the Narthex (or just show up for a meeting for more delectables).

## UPCOMING DATES

Mar 6    Mardi Gras Brunch – Youth Group  
Mar 9    Ash Wednesday  
June 5    Men in Harmony Concert

## NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the April Messenger is Wednesday, **February 16**. Please get all information to me before this date.

Thanks, Denise

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2011

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### February 27

Greeters:    Alecia Myers & Meredith Martin  
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Clifford & Gladys Readler  
Diana Decker  
John and JP Jankowski

## CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Dave Myers has placed a calendar in the custodian closet. We encourage you to sign up for any week during the year to clean your church. 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.

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Ronald Williams	10 Olivia Palubinski	16 J.P. Jankowski
4 Dave Horensky	11 Taylor Farrell	16 Brian Myers
4 Donna Walck	11 Arline Rinehimer	17 Charles Kania
6 Richie Lenahan	13 Floyd Fenstermacher	18 Brenda Kline
8 Maria Storti	13 Ethan Supkowski	19 Joann Sabonas
9 Phillip Aumick	14 Roy Baker	19 John L. Walck
9 Bianca Oldershaw	14 Donald Eroh	25 Lisa Rinehimer
9 Becky Frey	14 Michael Heller	29 Jan Rinehimer

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

February 1, 2003.....Pastor Penny and Archie Passmore  
February 14, 1988.....Bob and Rhonda Madigan  
February 15, 1991.....Brian and Priscilla Farrell

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