

The Messenger

January 2011

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY

During our Worship Service on January 9, we will install our Consistory for 2011. Please come and show your support for our fellow members as they accept their positions as Elders and Deacons of our Congregation.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on January 12 at 12:00 pm for their monthly meeting. "Admission" is one pot-luck dish to share. We welcome you to come and join us for lunch.



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From The Pastor's Desk

Archie, Kirk, and I had a nice Christmas morning in Mountain Top. Then about 2pm Archie and I left for Richmond and Kirk left for Philly. By the time we arrived in Richmond we had a nice white Christmas - had to go south to get the white stuff. It snowed the rest of the day and all day on Monday. We only had about 6 inches but it was very pretty. We enjoyed our Christmas with Charlie and Lisa and my granddogs, Koda and Casey. We were planning to go to church Sunday morning but nobody was having services.

When we leave here on Tuesday we plan to be in Mountain Top for a day - to the doctor then we go to Sunbury for a couple of days to have Christmas with Archie's kids and grandkids.

I want to thank everyone for your thoughtfulness this Christmas. Archie and I have enjoyed all the goodies and stuff that we received. To me the Christmas Evening services were very meaningful and made a wonderful Christmas for us - even though we were exhausted by the time we got home at 12:45 on Christmas morning from church. God was with us.

Thank you for all the work that everyone did in 2010. We will enjoy our pavilion for years to come, I'm sure. Now we face a new year with new challenges. I just pray that we are all ready to make this a wonderful year at Emmanuel.

See you on the 2nd. Blessing to all of you!

Pastor Penny



CHRISTMAS WISHES

We received Christmas Cards from Phoebe Ministries and Bethany Children's Home. The illustrations on these cards were created by residents of these facilities. Ferdie Kuczala painted a wonderfully colorful scene of children playing in the snow outside Applegate Lodge at Bethany and Vera Bronsky designed a welcoming picture of a home in a winter setting. Both these cards are on the bulletin board in the Bell Tower.

Thank You

Emily Jean Gilbert, PNEC Board Member, expresses the gratitude of the Penn Northeast Conference for our OCWM offerings. She especially appreciates our faithfulness to supporting the Conference and United Church of Christ in these trying times. As of our last installment in December, we have fulfilled our promised benevolence of \$1,500.

Thanks to Roy Baker for donating a photo printer to the church. I will now be able to print off the photos submitted for our bulletin boards in full living color!

Esther Heller wants to thank everyone for their birthday cards and the Sunday School for the beautiful and delicious fruit basket.

Letters expressing thanks for our continued support are on the bulletin board in the bell tower. Two letters from Lancaster Theological Seminary and one from Phoebe-Devitt Homes gratefully acknowledge our donations so that they can continue to support those they serve.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported me and my family during Jim's surgery and his continuing recovery. It was especially difficult on Christmas Eve when I was called out of worship. I thank God for my family, both blood and spirit, for all they have done and continue to do to help us through this time. It would have been much harder on us without you. Denise

Our Condolences

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of Betty Henry who passed away on December 2, 2010. May God's presence be with you and bring you peace.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS LUNCH

The Twilighters will meet on December 8 at 12:00 for lunch. Come join us for food and fellowship.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The chart for the altar flowers is on the table in the Narthex. The price is still \$12.50 per vase. Please pay Mary or Jim Rinehimer for the dates you sponsor.

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Your offering envelopes for 2011 are on the table in the Narthex. Please remember your church and its programs throughout the year. We depend upon your support to be a vital influence to our members and our community. Your gifts are important to continuing work of Christ through your church. Consistency is the key.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

I would like to really, **really**, REALLY thank all the cast and crew of our Christmas Program, *Here We Come to Bethlehem*. Everyone did a terrific job and your efforts made the program come to life. Many people commented about how well the soloists and choir performed. They admired how well the speakers and performers played their parts. I am very happy to work with such a wonderful crew. Denise

HEIFER PROJECT

Our Sunday School Heifer Project offerings will be totaled up shortly so that we can report exactly what we were able to donate to this exceptional program. The children made offering envelopes to gather donations to purchase an animal (or two, three) from Heifer International. This organization makes a difference in the world through providing livestock and education for sustained living – not just a one-time gift. Please see any of our children if you wish to help with this project. They are really enthusiastic about getting a rabbit – or was it a cow? pig? chicks? all of the above? All they know is the more they gather, the more they will be able to purchase so that others can learn to live more self-sufficiently.

February Soup Sale

Warm up with a hot bowl of soup for Superbowl Sunday. We will be selling several flavors to help you heat up your passions for your favorite team. They will be made on Saturday, February 5, and you can pick them up then or after worship on Sunday. A sign-up sheet will be posted as soon as more details are available.

HALL AND PAVILION RENTAL

With the addition of our pavilion, the Facilities Rental Agreement was reviewed and revised. Beginning with reservations made after January 1, 2011, the cost to rent our facilities is 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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Pavilion & Kitchen	\$200.00
Hall, Kitchen and Pavilion	\$250.00

Denise Dean will help you in reserving the facilities and completing the rental agreement.

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

If you know of any of our youth who deserve recognition for their scholastic, talent or sports abilities, please let me know. Better yet, if there is a news article, cut it out and give it to me. Thanks, Denise

Rice Elementary Honor Roll:

Honors: Hunter Rinehimer

Holy Redeemer Honor Roll:

Honors: Meredith Martin

Crestwood High School Honor Roll:

Principal's Honors: Kimmy Bernetski, Rachelle Heller; Justin Rinehimer; Kelly Madigan

High Honors: Eric Rinehimer; Allison Bernetski; Courtney Kania; Alecia Myers

Honors: Autumn Atkinson; Glynis Dean; Devin Stein; Kyle Prelewicz; Sam Dauber; Marc Davis

Sunday School News

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

I would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas gifts. The children had many wonderful toys and stuffed animals to wrap during our Christmas Party. They were taken to the McKinney Clinic to be passed out to the children whose families need to use the services of the clinic. The gifts you provided from the Giving Tree were also delivered and distributed to those whose needs are so much greater than ours.

The children also assembled the fruit baskets which were delivered to our shut-ins. It is so important for them to learn that we, as Christians, need to support each other and give of ourselves.

Thank you for showing them the true meaning of Christian love.
Lisa Rinehimer

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front door bulletin board for these mug shots!

Who was that "Caught Being Good"? At Rice Elementary, there is a program which rewards those students who exhibit good behavior while at school. Pictured among the most recent recipients of the award is Kelsey Rinehimer! "GOOD" Going, Girl!!

Check out the next roller derby queens – Morgan Rinehimer and Kristen Kania. Rice Elementary recently had a stating party and they were pictured having fun on wheels.

Many times Bernie Baluta has been mentioned in our newsletter, especially in connection with our Sunday School Mission, the McKinney Clinic. Recently there was an article in the newspaper about Bernie and how she became involved with helping others, not only in her current position at the clinic, but before that and her continue efforts to help in other areas. Please take the time to read this inspiring story of a woman dedicated to helping others.

Our "Thanksgiving Tree" is pictured with its leaves, each bearing something or someone we are thankful for. It's message was beautiful as we remembered that we have so much for which to thank God. Many leaves held names of family members, our pets, or gratefulness for our health and all we have. The leaves that amazed me the most were the ones with children's handwriting which had written "God" or "Jesus". How perfectly innocent and wonderful.

UCC'S 5 FOR 5 OFFERINGS

Count us now among the UCC churches who are "5 for 5" supporters. During the past year, we have made donations through the special offerings of OGHS, NIN, Strengthen the Church and the Christmas Fund (formerly the Veterans of the Cross). These four special offerings plus our donations to OCWM award us the distinction of being "5 for 5" which will be noted in the PNEC and National records. Congratulations and thanks to everyone who support our denomination in its efforts through these offerings.

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, January 17**, at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the February Messenger is Wednesday, January 20. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 6 Scout Sunday

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE JANUARY 2011

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Liturgist: Jeff Shuman

Jan. 9

Greeters: Dave & Barb DeLuca
Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

Jan. 16

Greeters: Eric and Justin Rinehimer
Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

Jan. 23

Greeters: Frank & Joan Partington
Liturgist: Meredith Martin

Jan. 30

Greeters: Connie Myers & Judy Cybulski
Liturgist: Dave Myers

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Agnes Fornett	11 Eli Hoyt	22 Dorothy Heller
3 Matteo McCord	12 Taylor Thomas	22 Mary Horwath
4 Kari Hoch	13 Paul Thomas	22 Jacob Mylet
5 Sherri Hoch	13 Chris Dietrich	25 Christopher Peters
7 Kevin Price	14 Rhonda Madigan	26 Ethan Hoyt
9 Donna Aumick	15 Amanda Kemmerer	28 Mildred Myers
9 Haylie Newell	16 James Cybulski	28 James Rinehimer
10 Tarah Slusser	19 Maegan Grosz	29 Mary Martin
	20 Keegan Farrell	

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 3, 1989.....Ron and Teresa Day
 January 13, 1990.....Bill and Mary Martin
 January 14, 2005.....Bob and Carol Duffy

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