

The Messenger

JULY 2011

SUNDAY, JULY 3

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, July 3, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. Please bring a dessert to share during Coffee Hour after worship.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

VBS DECORATING

Get ready for a yummy transformation of our Church and Fellowship Hall. On Saturday, July 9, we will be decorating for **Shake It Up Café**. This year's program will focus on the festivals and feasts of the Bible, therefore, the café theme. It will be a delicious experience for the children, youth and adults. The time for the decorating will be decided at our next meeting on June 30, which will be after this newsletter is published. So watch the bulletin and news article for more info.

SUNDAY, JULY 10, TO THURSDAY, JULY 14

SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ VBS

Shake, shake, shake - shake, shake, shake it up!!! That's the purpose of our VBS program – to shake up our belief and become more dedicated Christians. The overall theme is “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation...(2 Corinthians 5:17a). We will be learning about feasts and festivals of the Bible as we find new ways to put our belief into action. Please see the article in this issue to find out more about the program and our mission project.

SATURDAY, JULY 30, TO SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

YOUTH GROUP MISSION CAMP

Our Youth Group is sending Kimmy and Allison Bernetski to be part of a mission camp in the Carolina Coast area. Most of us associate Myrtle Beach with great vacationing, but this will more than just a relaxing day at the beach. For details on the projects they will be doing, see inside.

SUMMER MUSIC

VOICES AND INSTRUMENTS WANTED

It's summer and time for our choir to be on vacation. But that doesn't mean that we want a vacation from music. 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

Good morning! What a beautiful day. Yesterday was a little chilly when we had our first worship service of the season in the pavilion but I hope the fire of the Lord kept you warm – along with a few blankets people pulled from your cars. I thought it went well. I like having the seats filled and everyone sitting close together. Even the singing sounds fuller. We will worship outside when the weather is nice.

June was such a busy month with the yard sale, the concert by Men in Harmony, and the 300 Club that I just don't know how it was all accomplished. Due to the hard work of many, we pulled together like a well-oiled machine and got everything done with wonderful results. I have met several people that attended the events and all of them have had good things to say and that they will be back.. Thanks for all the hard work.

Maybe we can get a good breath during July and August before we start back on our regular schedule in September. (Just like football – choir practice will begin in August.) However a few of us are heading off to Myrtle Beach the end of July for a mission trip. We are excited that we can go help out some less fortunate folks by building ramps, painting, and other odd jobs. There will be a little time left for some fun too. Since Richmond, VA is halfway to Myrtle Beach we are stopping there to spend the night with Charlie and Lisa (my son and daughter-in-law) on the way down and on the way back. It will be nice to be able to drive 6 hours a day and stop (without having to pay for a motel) to break up the trip. They've even promised to feed us!

There are so many terrible things going on around our nation with wild fires, floods, tornadoes, and hurricane season about to begin. We have been truly fortunate this year with our weather. Continue to pray for those who have lost so much – even family and friends. But also continue to praise God for his bountiful goodness. As the psalmist wrote in Psalm 105, "Thank the Lord for all the glorious things he does; proclaim them to the nations. Sing his praises and tell everyone about his miracles. Glory in the Lord; O worshipers of God, rejoice. Search for him and for his strength, and keep on searching!"(paraphrase from *Living Letters*)

May God bless you all!

Pastor Penny



Thank You

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

Vicky Kramer sent us a Thank You card for the "lovely graduation card, poem and gift card. She will be starting her new career as a Project Engineer at Marathon Petroleum in Findlay OH, but will come home to us as her schedule allows.

Meredith Martin sent a Thank You card for her graduation gift and thanking us for recognizing her as one of our graduates. Meredith will be attending Temple University in the fall where she will major in psychology.

Our support of Church World Service's efforts to minister to the people whose homes and communities were devastated by the Spring Storms is gratefully acknowledged. In addition to the seven clean-up

buckets, we forwarded \$58.56 (the balance of money given specifically for the buckets) to help with the cost of processing and shipping the kits.

Thank you letters were sent by Bethany Children's Home and Phoebe-Devitt Homes for our continued support of their missions.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

NEW BIRTH

Mike and Amber (Deets) Lazo increased their family's size on May 31, 2011, with the birth of their son, Adain Rodney. He was 7 lbs 8 oz and 20½ inches. Emmy is really proud of her new brother.

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, July 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.

2011 VBS Program SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ!!



Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

Registration Forms are on the Narthex Table

VBS is *cooking* at Emmanuel UCC and all “young chefs” are welcome for a tasty Bible School experience. Our Bible School program is *Shake It Up Café* – Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe. We will explore Biblical feast and celebrations to find out how we can *shake up* our lives when we follow God's plan. Each day, our young chefs will discover a *secret ingredient* for living as a follower of God. First we'll gather at the Café where we'll learn songs and the day's *secret ingredient*. From there, we split up to make crafts at Tangy & Tart Arts, play games at Spork Sports, eat our snacks at the Take-Out Treatery, learn science activities that reinforce our Bible Story at Foodology Factory and learn about Biblical festivals and the Bible Bite (memory verse) at Kitchen al a King. The end of the day brings us back to the Café for reflection time and music. Our Mission Project is still being finalized and we'll get that info to you as soon as possible. We will *serve up* this VBS Sunday, July 10, through Thursday, July 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This is a joint program of Faith UMC, Stairville UMC and Emmanuel which is open to all children of our communities. For more information or to register your child call Emmanuel UCC at 868-5675, Stairville UMC at 868-6078 or Faith UMC at 868-3247. Registration forms can also be picked up at the churches.

Shake It Up Café coloring pictures – There are coloring pictures on the table in the narthex for our kids to color so we can decorate the Narthex and get some enthusiasm going for our VBS. After you have it colored, just give it to Denise and she will hang it up for everyone to see. Let's Get Cooking, I mean, Coloring!!

Special PreK-K Mission Project

In their program materials, the PreK-Kindergarten class has a special project. They will decorate a box for food pantry items (the whole VBS is about food – go figure). Our kids will be filling the box during VBS and will be looking for donations of the following:

Cans/boxes of juice	Canned or Cups of Fruit or Applesauce
Stuffing	Instant Potato/Boxed Potatoes
Spaghetti Sauce	Spaghettio's, Ravioli, etc
Angel Hair Spaghetti	Cereal
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Ketchup, mayo, salad dressings, etc.	Snacks, Crackers, Pretzels (healthy, if possible)

YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH GROUP MISSION CAMP

Kimmy and Allison Bernetski will be representing Emmanuel UCC at the Carolina Coast Mission Project of TEAMEffort, a multi-denominational organization which coordinates projects for youth. We might chuckle a little at their choice of site – Myrtle Beach – who are they kidding. But if you think this is just a beach party, think again. Just a few miles up the coast there is great need. Due to the economic recession and the loss of hundred of jobs, there are many families struggling to just make enough for their daily needs. This leaves no money for needed repairs to their homes. There are also elderly who can't physically perform maintenance on their homes. Our kids will be assisting people to construct wheelchair ramps, painting and performing general maintenance. While their days are filled with volunteer work, their evenings will revolve around worship and interacting with other youth who share their drive to help others. As a reward for all their hard work and devotion to serving Christ's sheep, they will have one day to have fun. Then, they'll be back with us and tell us what a mission camp is really all about. Pastor Penny and Marc Davis will also be going as the adult volunteers.

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!**

NEW MEMBERS WANTED 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!!

Congratulations to our Graduates

Forest Atkinson – Graduating from Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical School. His main focus was in Audio Visual Communications. He will be attending Luzerne County Community College, majoring in Audio/Visual Communications.

Sam Dauber – Graduating from Crestwood High School, Sam received the Unsung Hero Award. While at Crestwood, Sam acted in the annual school plays. She also is part of the Wilkes-Barre Little Theater. Her beautiful voice will be highlighted as she will be singing a solo during Crestwood's Graduation ceremony.

Mark Davis – Graduating from Crestwood High School. While attending Crestwood, he was also in the Dual Enrollment program, taking college courses at Wilkes. He earned a partial scholarship to Wilkes University, where he will major in Biology.

Vicky Kramer – Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Penn State University Main Campus with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering on Friday, May 13, 2011. While at PSU she was the Activities Coordinator for new members of Tau Beta Pi and Vice President of the Career Fair for the American Society of Civil Engineering. She was also a member of Women in Engineering and Society of Women Engineers. She was on the Alumni Relations Committee for THON (Fundraiser for childhood cancer) to which she donated and was a participant (dancer). 2011 THON raised \$9.56 million. She will be employed as a Project Engineer with Marathon Petroleum in Findlay, OH, as of June 20.

Meredith Martin – Graduated June 1 from Holy Redeemer High School. She received the Presidential Education Award for outstanding academic excellence; the Mountain Top Women's Association Scholarship for academic, community and church involvement; and a scholarship to Temple University. She was a member of

the National Honor Society and a member of the Holy Redeemer Swim Team which are Conference and District Champions. She will attend Temple University, majoring in psychology.

300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION

Thanks to everyone who gave their time and talent to make this year's 300 Club and Silent Auction a success. There was plenty of good eats, plenty of good music and plenty of good fun. Can't wait for next year!

YARD SALE!

We had a good turnout for our yard sale on June 4 and thank everyone who helped set up everything for the shoppers. Thanks to everyone who donated items. It was really great to have such a variety of merchandise.

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.

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:

July 10	Mt Zion
July 17	St. James
July 24	Emmanuel UCC
July 31	St. John's
Aug. 7	New Home UMC (Archie Preaching)
Aug. 14	St. Mark's
Aug 21	St. Peter's
Aug 28	Cemetery Association

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, July 21, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

July 10-14 Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel UCC

July 24 – Emmanuel hosts Old River Church Service

July 30- Aug 7 – Youth Group Mission Camp

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Something's fishy – Check out the catch of the day!! **Robert Duffy III**, is pictured with his first rainbow trout which he caught on Mother's Day. Some catch there, Robert.

Some shoppers were enjoying the **Yard Sale** on June 4. Young and old checked out the market. Shown are Devin and Logan Spaide with Cynthia Myers, along with Abigail Spaide in the background.

The Memorial Day Whitewater Cup Classic – U15/16 Girls' Blue Bracket Championship went to the Re-United soccer team. This team was formidable the first time around and now, reunited, is just as tough. Pictured among the champs is **Autumn Atkinson**. Can't stop those girls!!!!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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Dave Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Donald Myers	13 Irene Hoch	21 Jennifer Rinehimer
3 Gladys Readler	13 Kyle Prelewicz	21 Judy Cybulski
5 Randy Grosz	13 Bonnie Silvetti	23 Rachelle Heller
8 Samantha Dauber	14 Carol Duffy	25 Sharon Moyer
8 Mary Eroh	14 Ruth Polashenski	25 Patricia Grosz
10 Janice Broyan	15 Jo Ann Kotarsky	27 Denise Stein
12 Nathan Kamowski		29 Connie Davis

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 1, 1998.....Mary and Nelson Horwath
July 20, 2003.....Brad and Jennis Bunnell
July 23, 1976.....Stan and Judy Cybulski
July 30, 1983.....Jim and Lynne Stewart

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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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