

The Messenger

May 2011

SUNDAY, MAY 1

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 1, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. We will have a coffee hour afterward and hope you will join us and bring a goodie for everyone to share.

MONDAY, MAY 2

VBS PLANNING MEETING

The first planning meeting for this year's Vacation Bible School will be on May 3 at 7:00 pm. We will meet in our Fellowship Hall since this year's program will be held here from July 25 to July 29. Everyone who has an interest in passing on our faith to our children is welcome.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 5 & 6

PNEC ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Penn Northeast Conference will be held May 5 and 6. Pastor Penny and Beverly Kramer will be representing Emmanuel with Victoria Kramer attending as well.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

MOTHER'S DAY

The Kid's Choir will help us celebrate Mother's day by praising God with a song thanking him for our families.

ROAD CLEAN-UP

We are asking for a lot of help to clean up the Alberdeen Road on May 8. It seemed like a logical date, until someone mentioned it is Mother's Day. But, if we get a lot of our members to come help us, it will get done fast. Please come out and help us get done before Mom calls us for dinner.

MONDAY TO SUNDAY, MAY 9 TO 15

VISION MISSION WEEK

We will host the men from VISION from Monday, May 9, to Sunday, May 15. All they ask is a hot meal for supper. Anyone able to provide one, please see Cindy Heller.

MONDAY, MAY 29

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The Sunday School Easter Party will be held on April 23 from 10 am to noon. Each child should bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs for the egg hunt. The Sunday School will provide the candies this year so they do not have to bring any eggs. We will have a brunch with cereals, fruits and juices, and, of course, painted toast. Come out and bring a friend for a fun time.

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From The Pastor's Desk

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Easter! Beautiful Easter! It was a wonderful Sunday for me with Kirk and Juliana here. I had a great time with them and Archie and the visit from the Easter Bunny. But most of all knowing that Christ made it out of the tomb to be our Savior – Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Now I have time to breathe. Holy Week seemed especially busy this year – maybe it's because I'm getting older that I seem to run out of time. But everything got done and now we move on. How many of you have made already made egg salad from all those dyed eggs left over? I know that's what I plan to have for lunch today. YUM! YUM! Oh yes - there are some wonderful Easter candies to be eaten but I have to hide them and just get out a piece at a time so we don't pig out.

It was a busy April and I want to thank all of you for your hard work – with the soup sale and the turkey dinner. They were both very successful – again. To all who volunteered to furnish and serve a Wednesday night meal, I just want to tell you all that they were very delicious. And now we have many things to look forward to – Mother's Day is just around the corner following the PNEC Annual Meeting. Then the day after, VISION will be here for a week. Also – remember to call the youth to help you with your yard work. They are really excited about their upcoming mission trip in July and are willing to work hard to pay some of their way.

“What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole.” 1 Peter 1:3-5 (the Message)

This reading is part of our scripture for this upcoming Sunday. Let's not get into the doldrums now that the joy of Easter has “passed”. Let's keep that joy knowing that we do indeed have great fortune in having our wonderful God. God is always with us to lean on if we have that need, to hear us when we cry and bring us comfort. But God is also with us to laugh with us and share our joy and to listen when we pray. As we consider all that God has done for us, we must be humbled and forever grateful. Let us rejoice together in those very familiar words:

“How great Thou art, how great Thou art!”

See you on Sunday! God's blessings be with you.

Pastor Penny

Thank You

Joe and Lois Huntzinger are thankful for their wonderful church family who supported them when Lois' brother Ed Cooper lost his courageous battle with cancer. Your prayers, gifts to the church, cards and phone calls helped them through this difficult time.

Jim Dean would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and support. His last radiation treatment was on April 7. He will have some follow-up appointments with the doctors in Philadelphia, but the daily trips down there are thankfully over. Your concern has helped to strengthen him during his ordeal.

Hilbert Eigenbrod thanks those who sent cards, called and kept him in their prayers as he underwent heart surgery and is recovering.

Thank you to Cliff Readler for many years of faithful service as Treasurer of the Cemetery Association. Bill Eckrote, Chairman

The Easter Breakfast was a wonderful time for us to joyfully celebrate with each other. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare it and those who came to enjoy the fellowship. Jim Rinehimer

Thanks to everyone who helped out in any and every way with our Turkey Supper. It's great to see members of all ages working together and having fun. Yes, you can do both at the same time – just ask anyone who was there!! So, let's hear it for the food prep crew, cooks, wait staff, clean up crew and diners. We couldn't have this event without you. Denise Dean

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, May 11, 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.

YARD SALE

We are collecting items for our next yard sale on June 4. If you have "stuff", just put it in the "purple room" downstairs. If you need help, just call Denise and she will arrange to have someone pick up your "treasures".

VISION Mission Week

We will again host the men of V.I.S.I.O.N. during the week of May 9 to May 15. As most of you know, V.I.S.I.O.N. is no longer able to operate as it has in the past and has joined with Catholic Social Services in order to keep providing for the men who need its services. These men are working toward financial independence and want to be contributors to our communities. When we hosted them last spring, our road clean-up day was scheduled during that time and some of the men came out with our members to pick up the trash along Alberdeen Road, confirming their commitment to be productive community members. If you would like to help us by preparing a supper for them, please contact Cindy Heller at 868-5101. *As we minister to these men, we are reminded of Jesus' words, "As you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me."* Let us serve Christ by serving others.

Men in Harmony

Come out for a great concert by Central Pennsylvania's Premier Men's Christian Chorus. On Sunday, June 5, we will host **Men in Harmony**. The concert will begin at 4 pm with musical selections for everyone's enjoyment. Featuring inspirational hymns, traditional faith songs and contemporary Christian music, the sound of their male voices is inspiring. Be sure to put this date on your calendar and tell all your friends, family and neighbors to join us!!!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, May 19, at 6:30 pm.

Turkey Supper Report

April 16, 2011

RECEIPTS		
Ticket Sales		
Door	245 @ \$9.00	\$2,205.00
	14 @ \$4.00	56.00
Advance	314 @ \$9.00	2,826.00
Donations		36.00
Surplus Sold		91.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,214.00
EXPENSES		
Keyco	Paper prod., vegetables	336.99
Weis	Eggs, coffee, milk	57.00
Carones	Sugar, flour, butter, margarine, bread crumbs	147.00
Maine Source	Cranberry sauce, vinegar, carrots, onions, pam, pepper, poultry seasoning, potatoes	168.00
Shady Maple	Turkeys, potatoes	711.00
Kenny Stehr	Cabbage, peppers	43.00
Tuzzi's Bakery	Bread	33.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,495.99
	PROFIT	3,718.01

2011 VBS Program

SHAKE IT UP CAFE!!!

Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

We're getting started with our plans for this year's VBS with our first planning meeting on Monday, May 2. Since our church is host, the meeting will be held in our Fellowship Hall at 7 pm. It will be great to see everyone who helped with past programs and I'm looking forward to welcoming new faces. The focus for VBS is food – yeah!! We will explore our faith through the festivals and celebrations in our Bible. Come help us whip up a good helping of God's recipe for life for our kids.

Denise Dean



YOUTH GROUP

3RD WORLD COUNTRY

Our Mission Sleepover this year will be to live like people in Third World Countries. We usually do the 30-Hour Famine, but the Youth thought this would be more realistic. We'll still be doing things like asking for donations and shopping for the Food Pantry. Details are being finalized and we'll have them for you soon.

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

If you ordered Weis gift cards, I have them for you. Remember that the gift card plan will provide \$50 to the Youth Group for every \$1,000 cards sold so please keep signing up. There are sheets on the table in the narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall doorway. We are also looking into gift cards from other grocery stores and may be able to offer them sometime soon.



Youth for Hire – The Youth Group members are hiring out for spring cleaning chores. Need a hand with some house cleaning or yard work? They're available for everything from dusting to raking and only ask for a donation for their time. You can hire them by signing the sheets on the table in the Narthex or next to the Fellowship Hall doorway. This is another way they are raising money for the mission trip, so let's get them busy!!

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Here we go again, with this quarter's list of smart alecks. But really, it's refreshing to see so many young people in a positive lights. Kind of makes you wonder if the evening news is keeping something from us – like the good stuff kids do.

MMI:

Honors: Keegan Farrell – keep up the good thinking, smart girl.

Crestwood High School:

Principal's Honors: Kimmy Bernetski, Alecia Myers

High Honors: Rachelle Heller, Justin Rinehimer, Allison Bernetski, Courtney Kania, Kelly Madigan

Honors: Autumn Atkinson, Glynis Dean, Devin Stein, Eric Rinehimer, Sami Dauber

Sunday School News

I would like to say thanks to everyone who donated to our bake sale during the Turkey Supper on April 16. We really appreciate your support so that we can have a great Sunday School for our kids.

We will have our last day of Sunday School on May 29. I appreciate all the effort and work that the teachers put into the lessons. When you bring your children, you can count on them learning more about our faith through these volunteers. Lisa Rinehimer

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Hobbie Volunteer Fire Department Country Breakfast will be May 1 from 8 am to 12:30 pm.

Stairville UMC's spring craft sale is May 7 from 9 am to 2 pm.

If you have information about events in our communities, please get it to me so I can promote activities to help organizations in our communities.

Thanks - Denise

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Who's that serving up the sausage at the Dorrance Twp. Fire Department Breakfast? Looks like **Brad Kotarsky**. Brad is very involved with the Volunteer Fire Department and we're proud of his dedication.

Crestwood's Varsity Ice Hockey Team had a great year with regular season record of 15-4-1. They lost the semifinals to the Back Mountain Hawks by a score of 3-2. The game was tied at 2 and went into overtime in which neither team scored, resulting in a shootout in which the Hawks won. How nerve wracking!! **Kyle Prelewicz** is credited with assisting on one of the scores. Kyle is pictured with this young team which, considering how well they did against more seasoned teams, has an exciting future. GO, COMETS!!

Yum, yum. Caught digging into the food at our delicious Turkey Supper are **Pete and Betty Dickson**, along with Janet and Leon Moyer. We had a great turnout again for this dinner. It's very popular and we receive a lot of compliments.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the June Messenger is Monday, May 23. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

UPCOMING DATES

June 4 Yard Sale
 June 5 Men in Harmony Concert
 June 18 300 Club and Silent Auction
 July 25- 29 Vacation Bible School at Emmanuel UCC

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MAY 2011

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Greeters: Connie Myers & Mary Martin
 Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

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The following was produced by the kids who attended the 2011 Annual PNEC Winter Youth Retreat. Kimmy and Allison Bernetski were there and shared some of their thoughts the Sunday after the event, but I think they left out some fun details. Really girls, "Smoke on the Water"? I didn't know anyone still listened to Purple. It is uplifting to note that one of the creators of the theme, God Rocks, is Sarah Kensinger who we know well since her mom, Tina, interned with us. Rock on, Sarah!! And let's show others that God is our ROCK and our SALVATION!

*Sharing the Good News - Created by the Youth of
PNEC - May 2011*

**I LOVE GOD!
 GOD LOVES ME!
 WE'LL ROCK ON FOREVER!**

Sung to the tune of Smoke on the Water and played by our PNEC youth praise band this chorus was part of the February 2011 PNEC Winter Youth Retreat, held at Blue Mountain Retreat Center. 44 youth and 17 adults, representing 14 churches, gathered for "God Rocks". The "God Rocks" theme was created by Felicia Shaner, Dalice Hess, Sarah Kensinger, Tanner Gutekunst and Emily Ferrol, youth of PNEC who served on the planning team! We had a Spirit-filled and Spirit-led time together as we worshiped, prayed via a percussion circle, sang in praise of the God who is the rock of our lives, participated in activity stations which challenged us to use our abilities in new and unique ways, shared our faith stories in small group Bible study, watched a contemporary movie revolving around the theme, and spent time in a quiet but powerful devotion time as we reflected on our relationship with God. The creative use of technology provided us with a variety of resources to support the theme... You tube clips, projected music and lyrics, and power point presentations.

**Mark your calendars for the 7th Annual PNEC
 Winter Youth Retreat
 February 17- 19, 2012 at
 Blue Mountain Retreat Center**

Hysterical Mountain Day

By Jocelyn Nieves of Trinity UCC, Pleasant Valley

I went on youth retreat on a mountain
 I learned about the Lord, stayed up with friends.
 We formed small groups, and learned about Bible.
 We sat in a quiet circle to pray.

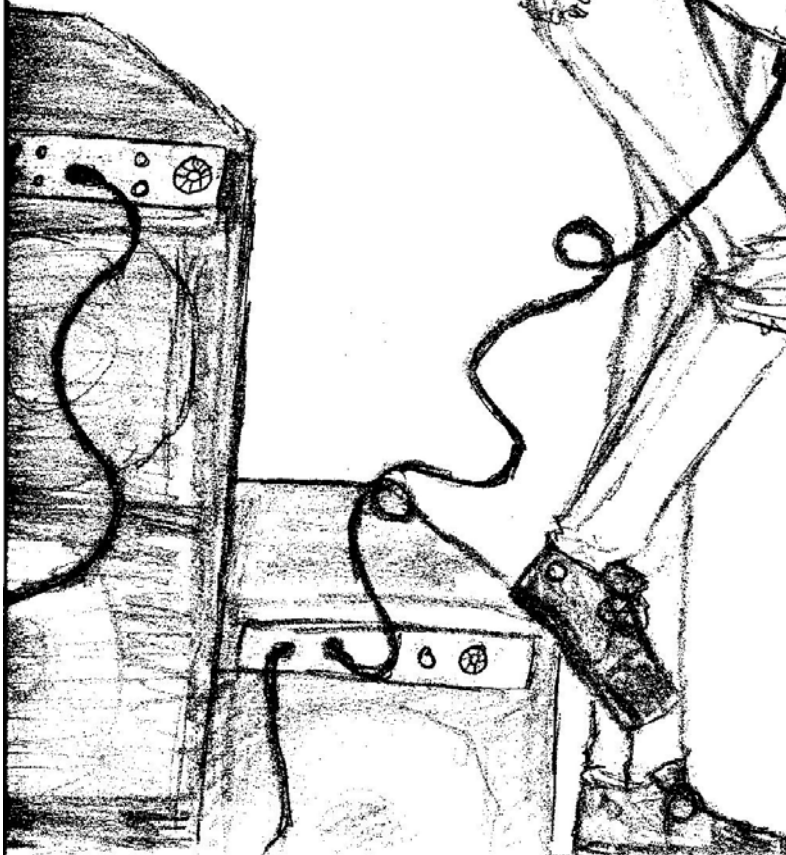
Moments of pure silence, dark room, teary eyes.
 Small lights and crosses in the middle round.
 Music and flute came from the back hallway
 Stillness and feelings for other people.

And then it happened deep within my soul.
 Whispered for help because I had to burp.
 She giggled then I burped and tried to hide.
 The group all laughed and quiet time was done.

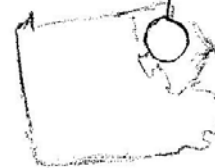
I learned it's not appropriate to burp
 So next time I will wear a big muzzle.

I ♥ God
God ♥ Me

We'll
Rock
on



6th
Winter Youth
retreat
Feb 16-20, 2011
"God Rocks"



Korah Kinsinger

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Dean Kline II	11 Steve Moyer	22 Brooke Rinehimer
5 Travis Grosz	18 Kelly Madigan	24 Gene Broyan
6 Sanjay Kamat	20 Susan Heller	24 Clayton Walck
10 Harry Peters, III	21 Donald Oldershaw	26 Pastor Penny Dollar
11 John Jankowski	21 Caroline Cronic	29 Denise Dean

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 3, 1986.....	Beverly and Brian Kramer, Sr.
May 7, 1988.....	Ronald and Dawn Kania
May 8, 1993.....	Lonnie and Paula Rinehimer
May 21, 1971.....	Gene and Janice Broyan
May 22, 2001.....	Donnie and Doreen Oldershaw
May 27, 1989.....	Gary and Sharon Eigenbrod
May 29, 1976.....	Hilbert and Lois Eigenbrod
May 30, 1998.....	Rosanne and Sanjay Kamat

MAY 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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