

The Messenger

November 2011

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS



Remember to turn your clocks back and sleep in for an extra hour! But only for one hour and then join us for Sunday School at 9:00 and worship at 10:30 am.

GUEST PREACHER, COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

Tina Kensinger will lead us in celebrating Holy Communion during our worship service on November 6, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Calling all tweens and teens to join our Youth Group!! If you didn't get a chance to join us when we went to the Apple Festival and Council Cup on October 16, now's your chance to find out what we're all about. Come join us at our meeting on November 6 at 5 pm as we plan future outings, a holiday cookie fundraiser and our hunger-awareness event, Third World Country Living. So, if you're 10 years old or older, we'll be looking for you!!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

CPR CERTIFICATION COURSE

The Boy Scout Troop has scheduled a CPR Certification Course on Saturday, November 19, which will be open to anyone who wishes to become certified. The cost is \$28 per person. and the class will last four hours. For more information, please see Ron Rinehimer.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 pm at Emmanuel. Pastor Penny will be participating with the other Ministerium pastors in the service.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The name of the season of Advent originated from the Latin word, *adventus*, which means "coming". Our Advent season is a time of expectation and waiting for the *coming* of Christ – we prepare for his *second coming* as we celebrate his *first coming*. How will you prepare for Christ's coming? Just remembering what was, or preparing for what will be? Come, join in the preparations.

SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS
IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SONGS PRACTICE

We'll be flying high with Pop and Candy as they go around the world in their dirigible looking for the Song of Christmas. Along the way they'll hear different songs from different lands, celebrating the birth of Christ. Come join our group of singers as we learn the Songs of Christmas, Wednesdays at 6:30 and Sundays before Sunday School at 9:00 am.

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From the Pastor's desk

Here I sit – in a room at Lodge of the Ozarks in Branson, MO. It's a fine room as hotel rooms go. Even if it were a terrible room I think I could fall asleep tonight just fine. I drove 1,155 miles to get Archie and me here. He made it pretty well. He rode without too much pain. Part of his pain was having to listen to the book on CD that I listened to on the way. But if I have to drive I have to do what it takes to keep myself awake. We spent the night in Zanesville, OH last night waking up bright and early today and getting on the road this morning at 6.

What beautiful scenery I have seen today – mountains, flat land, acres and acres of corn fields. The farms that appeared on the flat lands in Illinois were like little cities where the clusters of silos rose in the air like skyscrapers dotting the skyline. The rock formations coming into the city of Branson were just spectacular to my eyes. And maybe the most unusual thing I saw today was gasoline for \$2.97!!! What a bargain!

If you don't know why we came to Branson, it is the National ARMM (Association of Retired Ministers & Missionaries) Retreat. It's Archie's denomination. It starts tomorrow afternoon and goes through Fri. morning. Hopefully he will see some clergy folks that he has known from years past. We are both looking forward to our time here. We do have lots of free time to do whatever we chose.

I hope to be well rested when I get home next week. When we leave on Friday we will be coming back through Virginia to visit a friend of mine who has been diagnosed with very serious cancer. I will see some other friends too while I'm there.

God has really been good to us as we prepared to get on the road to come here and I thank God for that.

Know that I will continue to pray for our church family while I am away. We are coming up on some very busy times with Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. I would ask you to keep Archie and me in your prayers too.

God bless!
Pastor Penny

PASTOR ON VACATION – PASTOR BECKY COVERING

Pastor Penny will be on vacation, leaving after worship on October 30 and returning the evening of Nov. 6. During this time, Rev. Becky Broyan will be available if you need pastoral care. Her home/office number is 520-4195 and her cell number is 332-2421.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OPERATION SHICKSHINNY

There was a spectacular outpouring of generosity and compassion in response to the Scouts' appeal for donations for the flood victims of Shickshinny. There's so much that we take for granted, like that morning cup of coffee or sleeping comfortably in our bed, choosing just the right outfit for today or relaxing in front of the TV. All these things and more were lost to the people who live in the flood's path, but through your donations, many will enjoy that cup of coffee, experience a restful night in a comfortable bed, have an assortment of clothes to choose from, and check out the game or their favorite show on TV. The people of our communities took the appeal to heart, searched high and low, and donated so much that the entire basement of Emmanuel was filled with furniture, clothing, bedding, towels, cleaning supplies, appliances, dishes, glassware, flatware, games, toys, TV's lamps, videos, books, strollers, stuffed animals, bikes, and all sorts of items. From the front office reception room, through the nursery, middle room and into the basement kitchen, there was only a path left wide enough to walk through. When this project started, we expected to have some donations, maybe enough for a couple of pick-up truck loads. Instead, you donated enough for a couple of tractor-trailers plus a cube (or straight) truck – yes, two trailers and another smaller truck of donations were taken to Shickshinny on the morning of October 8. Thank you for proving that the spirit of generosity and kindness is alive and well in Mountain Top.

Our Condolences

We offer our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Cindy Heller and her entire family on the passing of her mother, Joyce Moyer. Our thoughts, prayers and love go out to Cindy and Brian, her children and grandchildren, her sisters and brothers, and to all touched by Joyce's spirit. May God support you through your grief.

Thank You

Cindy Heller would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, calls and food which she received after her surgery. You are a wonderful family.

We received a card from Bernadine Smith who is a recipient of Operation Shickshinny. Bernadine expressed her thanks for the generosity of everyone involved.

Thanks to everyone who supported the CROP Walk. Even without much preparation (most of us were involved with Operation Shickshinny), we had four walkers from Emmanuel: Marc Davis, Hunter Rinehimer, and Sam and Autumn Atkinson. This mission project not only raises awareness and funds for disadvantaged people in other areas of the United States and around the world, but also benefits our own area as we receive back a portion of the money raised to supplement the Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank.

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone for supporting them through the Weis and Carone's Gift Card fundraiser. If you would like to purchase cards, please see Marc Davis. They are \$25 or \$50 each.

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

Thank you letters were sent by Phoebe Devitt Homes, Bethany Children's Home and Lancaster Theological Seminary for our continued support of their missions and by The UCC Justice and Witness Ministries for our support of Neighbors in Need.

CARONES AND WEIS CARDS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!! Thanks to everyone who purchases Weis cards, and please keep signing up. We now have Carone's cards, too. Please see me or any member of the Youth Group. And THANKS for all your support.

Also, thanks for your fundraising ideas – we are looking more! Marc

TWILIGHTERS CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Twilighters Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday, November 9, at 1:30 pm at Bonanza. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information.

Turkey Supper Report

October 15, 2011

RECEIPTS		
Ticket Sales		
Door	305 @ \$9.00	\$2,745.00
	19 @ \$4.00	76.00
Advance	338 @ \$9.00	3,042.00
Donations		57.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$5,920.00
EXPENSES		
Shady Maple	Turkeys	\$734.76
Maine Source	Paper Prod., Cranberry Sauce, Corn, Potatoes, Onions, Carrots	486.06
Sam's Club	Pepper, Flour, Sugar, Vinegar	33.30
Keyco	Beans, Celery	153.30
Wal Mart	Butter, Margarine, Broth	32.93
Nova Equipment	4 Tubs	29.40
	Gas	50.00
Carone's Market	Bread Cubes	150.00
Tuzzi Bakery	Bread	33.00
Wal Mart	Coffee	21.00
Weis Markets	Milk	29.70
Andy's Market	Milk	12.75
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,766.20
PROFIT		\$4,153.80

**THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE
WHO MAKES THIS FUNDRAISER
A SUCCESS!!!**

Also, if anyone has any brown paper bags they would like to get rid of, Dave Myers needs them for take-outs. Just get them to Dave and he will store them until the next supper. THANKS.

SOUP AND HOAGIE SALE FUNDRAISERS

The Cub Scouts are having a hoagie sale on December 3 with the last day to order November 28. They are 8" Italian hoagies for \$4 each, with or without onions. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

To go along with your hoagie, the members of Emmanuel will have a soup sale on December 3. Details of what flavor soups and the cost will be on a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex shortly.

CHRISTMAS SONGS PRACTICE



Christmas is in the air – well, maybe not quite yet. But it is getting cooler and we are starting song practice for our Christmas Program, *Pop, Candy and the Christmastime Travelers*. Get your spirits warmed up with some great familiar carols and new tunes for this heartwarming story about a world-wide search for the Song of Christmas. We practice on Sunday mornings at 9 am and on Wednesday evenings during Kids Choir at 6:30 pm. ***Voices of all ages are wanted and welcome*** as we learn new arrangements and harmonies. ***Let's find the Song of Christmas together!***

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Turkey Dinner Mission Project

As we have done for many years, we will again collect items and monetary donations to prepare 10 Thanksgiving Dinners for people who are served by the McKinney Clinic. For many people, this year has been very challenging. Through your donations, they will be able to have a bit of their normal lives returned to them on Thanksgiving. So, please give thanks for all God gives us and pass the blessings along.

Thank You

To everyone who donated baked goods for our Bake Sale during the Turkey Supper, thank you. Also, thanks to everyone who came to our Fall Fest and brought such wonderful side dishes and desserts.

Christmas Party

The Sunday School Christmas Party has been set for Saturday, December 17. We will be collecting "Care Packages" and making fruit baskets. More details will be in December's Messenger.

YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS WANTED

Calling all tweens and teens
to join our Youth Group

Come and join us so we can plan bigger and more exciting ways to show what *real teen Christians* are like! So, if you're 10 years old or older, we'll be looking for you!! *We'd also like some more adults to get involved with us. Show us what real adult Christians are like!!*

The next **Youth Group Meeting** will be on Sunday, November 6, at 5 pm at the church. We'll be discussing lots of stuff like:

1. **Third World Country Living** – this is our version of 30-Hour Famine. We want to plan this with all our new members, too, and get everyone's ideas.
2. **Cookie Fundraiser** – This fundraiser was really good and easy. We bake cookies and sell them to everyone and anyone. We'll discuss the date for this fundraiser at the meeting.
3. **Youth For Hire** – We are still looking to help people around their homes/yards. This idea benefits our group and the people we work for so think of people who might want some extra muscle for fall chores.
4. **Next Outing** – We all had a great time at Heller's Orchard and Council Cup on October 16. So, what's next?

BETHANY CHRISTMAS LIST

Copies of the 2011 Christmas Wish List are on the table in the Narthex. Please note that the children at Bethany are between the ages of 13 and 18 years old. Specific gift items are included on the Christmas Wish List or if you prefer, the children love to receive gift cards to department stores, craft stores, area malls, etc. Please choose age-appropriate gifts with consideration for parental warnings, modest clothing and safety. The gifts should not be wrapped since Bethany's staff will do that. Just drop them in the box wrapped in Christmas paper in the Narthex.

V.I.S.I.O.N MISSION WEEK

Thanks to all who supported our efforts to provide food and lodging for the men of Mother Theresa Haven (formerly known as V.I.S.I.O.N.). The men expressed their gratefulness, not only for their meals

and a place to stay, but especially for welcoming them to worship with us.

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Our church was really active this past month – just look at these pictures.

Operation Shickshinny was highlighted with pictures of our Scouts and members. There were hundreds of items to sort through as Betty Dickson and Ron Rinehimer found out as they try to organize them. Who's that loading up one of the tractor-trailers? Ron Rinehimer and Marc Davis alongside the scouts, including one youngster who was probably a little sister – everyone was in on the act! Which is good, because without everyone's help, it would have been impossible.

Delicious desserts were showcased in the picture of Diana Decker and Gladys Readler serving up cakes for our Turkey Supper. All those homemade goodies really compliment the turkey and fixings.

Members of the churches that make up the Wapwallopen Ministerium were photographed leaving Emmanuel for the annual CROP Walk. This was the 21st year that we have been involved with this mission.

Who's that with the **CHEER-ful** face? Why it's Sami Kotarsky with the rest of the Blitz cheerleaders. The Blitz cheerleaders participated in the Freeland Whippets Cheerleading Competition and took 1st place for their dance routine and hello cheer and 2nd place for their hometown cheer. S – A – M – I – who's the one who cheers the best – SAMI!!!

Yum, yum – Ruth Polashenski enjoyed some of the scrumptious food featured at “A Taste of the Mountain” held on September 11.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

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

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 11 – Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Dec. 18 – Christmas Program during Worship
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Services

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the December Messenger is Monday, November 21. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

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 month) 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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers
Clifford & Gladys Readler

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Carrie Russell	9 Morgan Rinehimer	17 Beverly Kramer
3 Stanley Cybulski	10 Karl C. Kemmerer	17 David Cronce
3 Brenda Heller	10 Rich Rotski	18 Anna Mae Koons
3 Terry Belanchik	11 Casey Eigenbrod	18 Sharon Eigenbrod
5 James Daniels	13 Jack Shafer, Sr.	19 Lynne Stewart
5 Richard Supkowski, Jr.	16 Ellen Newell	20 Autumn Atkinson
6 Pauline Dennis	16 Sharon Horensky	21 Eric Hoffman
6 Lydon Bloss	16 Cristy Mulherin	22 Stanley Stein
7 Elizabeth Sufrinko		25 Duane Stein

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 4, 2000.....Brad and Becky Frey
Nov. 11, 1950.....Cliff and Gladys Readler
Nov. 16, 1996.....Ronald, Jr., and Lisa Rinehimer

NOVEMBER 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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