

The Messenger

October 2011

SHICKSHINNY FLOOD RELIEF

As has been published in our bulletin and in the local papers, our Scout Troops - Cubs, Boys and Girls - have adopted the *entire Borough of Shickshinny* to send aid for flood relief. Our church is the drop off point and is open as follows:

Thursday, Sept 29 – 5 pm to 8 pm

Saturday, Oct 1 – 9 am to 2 pm

Tuesday, Oct 4 – 5 pm to 8 pm

Thursday, Oct 6 – 5 pm to 8 pm

Or, you can call me at the church for morning drop off during the week. **All items need to be received by October 6** so we have time to process and pack them up for delivery on Saturday, October 8. We will be distributing in Shickshinny from 10 am to 2 pm. *Please see inside this issue for more areas where help is needed and for a suggestion list of items.* Denise (868-5675)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY AND COFFEE HOUR

Along with the rest of the world, we will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on October 2, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

CROP WALK

On October 2, the Wapwallopen Ministerium will again participate in the CROP Walk. This event includes all the churches in our area and we are hoping for a really great turn-out. If you never participated, it's a great way to get your exercise and do something productive at the same time. If you would like to be a walker, please see **Denise Dean for more details and a sponsor packet.**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13 TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 **ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER**

It's time for our annual Turkey Supper. Please see the article in this issue for dates and times where your help will be needed.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, TO SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 **V.I.S.I.O.N MISSION PROJECT**

We will host the men from VISION from Monday, October 17, to Sunday, October 24. All they ask is a good, hot meal for supper. Anyone able to provide one or wishing to donate toward the cost of a meal, please see Pastor Penny or Allen and Pauline Dennis. If you want to know if a date is available for you to volunteer to serve, Cindy Heller is coordinating the volunteers.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 **SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL FEST**

The Sunday School's Fall Fest will be on October 30. Please see the article in this issue for more information.

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From the Pastor's desk

If you notice I've changed my font this month. This one I am using is called Chiller. It's a bit "out of sorts" looking and it may even be a challenge to read. But that's kinda how I feel today as I write this. After three weeks of cleaning up after the flood in our Sunbury home and trying to get all I need to get done there and here, I'm just a bit tired. This coming Sunday is World Communion Sunday and I want to make it special - not that every Sunday is not special. But it just takes a little more work. We've had a lot of special Sundays this past month and each special service just takes a little more prayer, planning, and preparation.

And the rain continues! Can you believe it? Our Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts are doing a wonderful thing in taking on this tremendous job of helping out our brothers and sisters in Shickshinny who had so much devastation from the flood. There is so much work to do and the scouts and their leaders are right on top of it. Also, the community has responded nicely bringing lots of house "stuff" to be given away. Let's pray lots of prayers for all involved. They will be needed for continued strength to make it through the trials placed before them.

Let's not forget the work that we have ahead of us with the Crop Walk this week then the turkey supper followed by feeding VISION the following week. (If you haven't taken the opportunity to meet our homeless brothers and fix a meal for them I would encourage you to get involved.) It is a very rewarding experience. I am so proud of the work you are doing in the name of God. We have been blessed this past year with so many good things happening at our church. Let's continue the blessing by continuing to bless others.

Archie and I will be going to Branson the first week in November - leaving after worship on Oct. 30. We will be there with many retired Nazarene pastors and spouses. The featured singers are a couple that Archie knew when he was on the road years ago. It should be fun and relaxing. We are looking forward to a little time away - not that we don't love you!

GOD IS GOOD!

ALL THE TIME!

God bless y'all!

PASTOR PENNY

SHICKSHINNY FLOOD RELIEF

The Scout packs and troops of Emmanuel UCC are pairing up with our members to help with Disaster Aid. There has been horrendous devastation in our area and the Cub Scout Packs 433, Boy Scout Troop 434 and Girl Scout Troops 3340 and 33369 are coordinating our efforts to send relief to the borough of Shickshinny (*yes, the whole borough*). We are accepting donations of **new or lightly used furniture and house wares, towels and blankets, cleaning supplies, and clothing**. So we're asking you to look through your unused stuff and see what you might have laying around. Check out what is really hiding in the shed, besides the spiders. We are also collecting toiletry items and packages of new socks. Most of us assemble "care packages" at Christmastime for our Sunday School's mission project, the McKinney Clinic. We can use their list as a guide to realize how much the families lost, right down to their toothbrushes. **The packages include: new white socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, comb, razor, and hand lotion packed into a freezer bag. Also appreciated are gift cards from Walmart and K-Mart.** We are also accepting "loose" items if you have extras and will distribute them individually. Our delivery date is October 8 and we would appreciate receiving your donations by October 6. We will need time to sort and pack everything to truck down to Shickshinny. Volunteers are needed to help with receiving times which are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We will also need volunteers to help with distribution in Shickshinny on October 8. If you can help or have items to donate, please call the church at 868-5675, Ron Rinehimer (868-5006 (rinehimer@frontiernet.net), or Harold Fisher (daboysfish2@yahoo.com). Drop off times can be arranged for morning hours, if needed.



Thank You

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

Thank you letters were sent by Phoebe Devitt Homes for our continued support of their missions and by The UCC Justice and Witness Ministries for our support of Neighbors in Need.

We would like to recognize the generosity of Brian Steinbrenner. Brian owns Hontz Sanitation and has repeatedly emptied the dumpster out back without charging his usual fee. So far this year, there have been 10 pick ups for no charge. Thank you, sincerely, to Brian and Cindy Heller.

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

We will again host the men who use the services of V.I.S.I.O.N. during the week of October 17 to 24. The men arrive around 5:00 pm on Monday the 18th. They leave each morning for work, returning around 5:00 for their evening meal. After they leave on Monday, the 24th, their belonging will be packed up and moved to the next host facilities. If you would like to help feed the men or donate toward the meals, please see Pastor Penny, Allen or Pauline Dennis.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, October 12, 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.

crop walk

Participants from the local Wapwallopen Ministerium churches will gather at Emmanuel for the Annual CROP Walk on Sunday, October 2. Registration is at 12:30 pm. After a time of prayer, the walk begins at 1:00 pm. We will walk from Emmanuel to St. James Lutheran Church where we will enjoy a brief break and some refreshments. Then, back again to Emmanuel where more refreshments will be waiting. The round trip is an 8-mile hike (or run for some of our more fit participants). You can support this event by sponsoring a walker or by placing your donation in the basket on the bulletin table in the narthex. Donating to the CROP Walk will help strengthen our local resources since 25% of the donations is returned to local organizations, in our case the Wapwallopen Crossroads Ministerium and the food bank it supplies. Thank you. Your generosity helps feed and strengthen

people around the world and neighbors in our own back yard.

Turkey Supper Dates

October 13 to 15, 2011

Please remember that it is not necessary to be at the supper “forever”. If everyone takes a turn, we can all help each other and feel good about volunteering to support our church. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the Narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall Door.

Don Eroh is looking for people to sell tickets. He has plenty for everyone, so get them and sell, sell, sell. The fall Supper is usually our best fundraiser and is easy to promote. Why? Because people love to eat – especially good food!!

As always, we need people to cook the turkeys. Don Eroh is the person to see if you can volunteer your time for this important item (what’s a Turkey Supper without turkey, right?) The turkeys arrive either at your home or at the church (depending on how you arrange it with Don) on Thursday morning.

On Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m., walls are taken down and tables are set up. Then there is the cleaning and cutting up of the vegetables for the pickled cabbage and “eyeing” and cutting up of the potatoes for the stuffing. (We only have to eye the potatoes, not peel them since we have a potato peeler. Yeah!!)

Early Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. more potatoes are eyed (we need mashed potatoes, too) and then at about 8:00 a.m. we start making the pickled cabbage and stuffing.

Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. we start cleaning the meat off the turkeys, which is easier to do if the turkeys are warm. Those of you who clean your own turkeys and then deliver them really help to speed up this process. Then, of course, the actual event begins at 3:00 and goes to about 7:00 p.m. We can always use lots of hands for serving food, working in the kitchen, busing tables, and waiting on tables. By the end of the supper at 7:00 p.m., the workers, many of whom have been there since 2:30 p.m. (mashing potatoes, making gravy, making sure the vegetables and stuffing are hot so that everything is ready at 3:00 p.m.) are ready for a rest. That’s when it’s nice to have a clean-up crew come in. The tables all have to be cleaned off, tablecloths and chairs wiped down, Sunday School rooms put back into order and the walls put back up. The large roasters and cook pots are washed and put away until the next supper. The kitchen cleaned and floors washed and vacuumed.

As you can see, there is a lot of work involved in having a supper, but it is a lot of fun and fellowship, too. Please consider where you can be of service and join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

BAKE SALE AT THE TURKEY SUPPER

We are again holding our bake sale in the Narthex during the Turkey Supper. We are asking anyone who will donate baked goods to please bring them as early as possible so that they can be packaged and priced before the diners arrive. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser which helps us to purchase our Sunday School materials.

Fall Fest

**Sunday, October 30
from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.**

Come on out for fun in the fall – and don’t forget to put on your “best” face! We will have a party to celebrate fall. We will have hot dogs and the fixings. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. After our meal, we’ll play games, like “swinging donuts” and dunking for apples. Let’s see who gets the closest with “pin the stem on the pumpkin”. You can even dress-up in costume if you want to. **This party is for everyone of any age**, so come and have a great time celebrating our colorful season of fall.

Youth Achievements

Look on the front door bulletin board for the article featuring the recipients of the Mountaintop Women’s Club Scholarship. **Meredith Martin** was one of the two deserving young ladies to receive this award. Meredith is pursuing her college education at Temple University, majoring in psychology. Congratulations, Mere!

YOUTH GROUP

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

CARONES AND WEIS CARDS ARE 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



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!!

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.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the November Messenger is Monday, October 17. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

November 6 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Rally Day was a great time for everyone as evidenced by the pictures in the Mountain Peaks. There's a great shot of some members feeding their faces – and why not? There was plenty of good food. **Keirsten Whitmire** got her picture taken while taking a break and **Alyssa and Ryan Shuman** are shown inside the moonwalk.

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 delectable food featured at "A Taste of the Mountain" held on September 11.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2011

October 2

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan
Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

October 9

Greeters: Judy Cybulski & Carol & Robert Duffy III
Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

October 16

Greeters: Don Myers and Diana Decker
Liturgist: Frank Partington

October 23

Greeters: Kimmy Bernetski & Beverly Kramer
Liturgist: Jim Rinehimer

October 30

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OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers
Clifford & Gladys Readler

FLOOD RELIEF

Items being distributed to Shickshinny area

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- Clothing
- Toiletries
- Cleaning supplies
- Lightly used furniture & housewares
- Nonperishable food items
- Towels and Blankets

DROP OFF POINT:

Emmanuel UCC – 7768 Blue Ridge Trail, MT. Top
(Across from Andy's gas station at end of Alberdeen Rd.)

- Tuesdays (5pm-8pm)
- Thursdays (5pm-8pm)
- Saturdays (9am-2pm)

Now through Thursday, October 6th

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Denise at Emmanuel 868-5675

Thanks in advance!!

*Cub Scout Pack 433, Girl Scout Troops 3340 & 33369,
Boy Scout Troop 434, and Emmanuel UCC*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Tim Miller	7 Margaret Kozak	14 Eileen Bonczek
4 John Rinehimer	8 Alexis Kamat	15 Michelle Heller
4 Harry W. Peters	9 John Daniels	15 Kyle Belanchik
4 Patricia Heller	9 Dawn Lynn Myers	16 Glenda Supkowski
5 Jacqueline Heller	9 Tammy Dauber	16 Joshua Cronic
5 Barry Myers	11 Betty Montigney	27 Sharryl Kastreva
5 Cheryl Hoffman	13 Rosemary Myers	28 Victoria Kramer
6 Glynis Dean	13 Joan Rinehimer	28 Cloe Kishel

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 3, 1964	Dave and Rosemary Myers
Oct. 3, 1953	Frank and Joan Partington
Oct. 5, 1991	Tom and Audrey Grosz
Oct. 10, 2008	Paul and Angie Thomas
Oct. 11, 1975	Ivan and Dorothy Hoyt
Oct. 12, 2001	Steve and Sharon Moyer
Oct. 17, 1987	John and Camille Daniels

OCTOBER 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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