

# The Messenger

**January 2012**

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

### **COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR**

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on January 1 followed by our coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

## **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

### **TWILIGHTERS**

The Twilighters will meet on January 11 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.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

### **INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY**

During our Worship Service on January 15, we will install our Consistory for 2012. Please come and show your support for our fellow members as they accept their positions as Elders and Deacons of our Congregation.

## **JANUARY 2 TO JANUARY 8**

### **PASTOR ON VACATION**

Pastor Penny will be on vacation from January 2 to January 8. If you are in need of pastoral care during that time, you may call Pastor Rachael Dietz from St. James Lutheran Church at 379-3878.



### **OPERATION SNOWFLAKE**

If our Worship Services need to be cancelled due to bad weather, please tune in to radio stations WARM, Magic 93, 97BHT, 97.9X, or JR93.7.

## **Emmanuel United Church of Christ**

7768 Blue Ridge Trail  
Mountain Top PA 18707  
(570) 868-5675

[www.emmanuel-ucc.org](http://www.emmanuel-ucc.org)  
[emmanuel\\_ucc@hotmail.com](mailto:emmanuel_ucc@hotmail.com)

Rev. Penny Dollar  
15 Old North Road  
Mountain Top, PA 18707  
(570) 678-5949  
(570) 706-6476  
[preacherdollar@yahoo.com](mailto:preacherdollar@yahoo.com)

### **Inside this Issue**

Christmas Program Thanks	p. 3
Committee Meetings	p. 4
Congregational Corner	p. 2
From the Pastor	p. 2
Picture Perfect	p. 4
Sunday School News	p. 3
Thank You's	p. 3
Twilighters	p. 2
Valentines for Vets	p. 3
Volunteer Schedule	p. 4
Youth Accomplishments	p. 3

## From The Pastor's Desk

First of all I would like to say, "Thank you for the wonderful Christmas gift received from you." Archie and I will be able to have a nice vacation next week when we go to North Carolina. We are going to visit my cousin David who lives on a big creek just off the intercoastal waterway. He and Archie will be doing some fishing and I will be doing some resting and shopping - and hopefully some cooking fish. I am happy to be the designated cook.

Thank you, too for a very good year at Emmanuel. There were lots of things going on and lots of people pitched in to help out. For all of us who have worked hard during 2011 I pray that the same spirit will continue into the new year! There will continue to be much to do.

Enjoy this prayer for the New Year from *Litanies and Other Prayers* by Phyllis Cole and Everett Tilson copyright 1990,1993 by Abingdon Press.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

Therefore,

If this is a time to be born, let us emerge from the womb with a cry;

If this is a time to die, let us say farewell with a smile.

If this is a time to plant, let us scatter the seed with a prayer;

If this is a time to harvest, let us reap the grain with a song.

If this is a time to break down, let us topple the walls with a shout,

If this is a time to build up, let us raise the foundation with care.

If this is a time to mourn, let us catch the tears with a chalice;

If this is a time to dance, let us leap the moon with a laugh.

If this is a time to embrace, let us wrap the world with a ribbon;

If this is a time to stand alone, let us face the crowd with a mirror.

If this is a time to remain silent, let us proclaim the truth with a deed;

If this is a time to speak, let us counsel the words with the heart.

If this is a time to do battle, let us sustain the weak with a vision;

If this is a time to make peace, let us anoint the wounds with a balm.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven;

O Lord, teach us to know the times!

God Bless and Happy New Year!

Pastor Penny

## CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

### TWILIGHTERS LUNCH

The Twilighters will meet on December 11 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.

### 2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Whether you receive a box of envelopes or a letter containing them, Emmanuel UCC depends upon your support to be a vital influence to our members and our community. Please remember your church and its programs throughout the year. Your gifts are important to continuing work of Christ through your church. **Consistency is the key.**

## Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their caring prayers, calls, cards and food you gave us. We are very grateful that you are with us in our time of need and sorrow. Cindy Heller and Family

Thanks to everyone who made, sold and/or purchased soup from our latest sale. **This one was the most profitable yet at \$1,145.** It's great to see everyone supporting our church through these fundraisers.

Letters expressing thanks for our continued support are on the bulletin board in the bell tower from Bethany Children's Home, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Phoebe-Devitt Homes. They gratefully acknowledge our monthly donations so that they can continue to support those they serve. By dividing our donations into monthly installments, we have fulfilled our promise as outlined in our budget to support these organizations affiliated with our denomination.

Bethany Children's Home sent a letter thanking us for the Christmas gifts to their children. Their Christmas morning was brighter thanks to you. Bernie Baluta sent a letter thanking us for the Thanksgiving meals for ten needy families. These families would otherwise have gone without a dinner on Thanksgiving.

Church World Service sent an email to Pastor Dollar thanking everyone for participating in the CROP Walk. Through our donations, people have shelter, food and clean water and they and their children are taught sustainable living techniques. We have also received a check for \$193 from CWS as our portion of the money raised in the CROP Walk to restock the Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank.

Our thanks to all of our church family for your generous Christmas gift. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness. Denise

## Valentines for Vets

A box will be in the bell tower for your Valentines for Vets. These Valentines are appreciated very much by those who are housed at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center. The last date to deposit your Valentines will be February 12. Remember those who served.

## 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

## 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: Michelle Heller

### MMI

Honors: Keegan Farrell

### Crestwood Middle School Honor Roll:

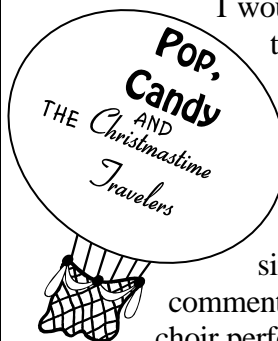
High Honors: Hunter Rinehimer

Honors: Brad Kotarsky

### Crestwood High School Honor Roll:

Principal's Honors: Kimmy Bernetski, Kelly Madigan  
High Honors: Rachelle Heller, Allison Bernetski, Alecia Myers

Honors: Autumn Atkinson; Glynis Dean; Devin Stein; Kyle Prelewicz; Eric Rinhimer, Justin Rinehimer, Courtney Kania



I would like to really, **really**, REALLY thank all the cast and crew of our Christmas Program. Everyone did a terrific job as we helped Candy find the Song of Christmas. I hope that you also found a Song that your heart can sing to God. Many people commented about how well the soloists and choir performed. They admired how well the speakers and performers played their parts. Being part of such a talented crew is so awesome. Denise

## PICTURE PERFECT

**Check the front door bulletin board  
for these mug shots!**

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service was held this year at Emmanuel. Members of the Mountain Top Ministerium, including Pastor Penny, participated in this service which was held on Thanksgiving Eve. It was wonderful to see members of all our diverse churches worshipping together.

**Josh Cronce** learned a new game at the Fairview Scholastic Book Fair. He is shown with Lily Fraley showing him how to play *Alien Toss*, probably inspired by the fact that the Greater Hazlewood Area Astronomical Society was on hand to provide kids with information and hands-on experiences about space and celestial objects.

Our Scouts were very busy recently. A picture featuring the **Girl and Boy Scouts** who worked on collecting and distributing the donations for Operation Shickshinny is on the bulletin board.

The CPR Training held on November 19 provided our Scouts the opportunity to complete this aspect of training which is a requirement for their First Aid Merit Badge. **Hunter Rinehimer** was one of the Scouts who completed the training.

Take a hike!! That's what the Boy Scout Troop 434 did on November 13. They completed a 20-mile hike through the Lehigh Gorge Rail-Trail as part of the requirement for their Hiking Badge. Hey, **Hunter**, how's your feet? Hope you took care of your dad, **Ron Rinehimer**. He looks kind of beat.

And now for another walk in the wood. The Stairville UMC Hunters Breakfast was held on November 28. Caught filling up before heading out were **Don Eroh** with his grandson and granddaughter, John and Liz Walck.

## 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](mailto:consistory@emmanuel-ucc.org).

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

## NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

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

## UPCOMING DATES

Feb. 5 Scout Sunday  
Feb. 19 Youth Group Mardi Gras Brunch  
Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday/Lenten Suppers Begin

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE JANUARY 2012

### Jan. 1

Greeters: Barb and Dave DeLuca  
Liturgist: Jeff Shuman

### Jan. 8

Greeters: Frank and Joan Partington  
Liturgist: Jim Stewart

### Jan. 15

Greeters: Kimmy Bernetski & Kyle Prelewicz  
Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

### Jan. 22

Greeters: Don Myers and Diana Decker  
Liturgist: Dave Myers

### Jan. 29

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

## OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers  
Clifford & Gladys Readler  
Nora Cybulski

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 13, 1990.....Bill and Mary Martin

January 14, 2005.....Bob and Carol Duffy

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

### JANUARY 2012

Jan. 1

Greeters: Barb and Dave DeLuca  
Liturgist: Jeff Shuman

Jan. 8

Greeters: Frank and Joan Partington  
Liturgist: Jim Stewart

Jan. 15

Greeters: Kimmy Bernetski & Kyle Prelewicz  
Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

Jan. 22

Greeters: Don Myers and Diana Decker  
Liturgist: Dave Myers

Jan. 29

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

## OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers  
Clifford & Gladys Readler  
Nora Cybulski