

The Messenger

July 2012

SUNDAY, JULY 1

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, July 1, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. Please bring something yummie to share at Coffee Hour after worship.

MONDAY, JULY 9

VBS PLANNING MEETING

Our final Vacation Bible School planning meeting will be Monday, July 9, at 7 pm at Faith UMC. This meeting will be to determine if we have all supplies and resources necessary and to finalize our mission project.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

VBS DECORATING

Time to go deep under the ocean and transform Faith UMC into an underwater wonderland. We will be creating a totally underwater world for all our children, youth and adults to experience the depths of the Bible. Anyone willing to help with this transformation is welcome. The time for the decorating will be decided at our next meeting on July 9, which will be after this newsletter is published. So watch the bulletin and news articles for more info.

SUNDAY, JULY 22, TO THURSDAY, JULY 26

BIBLE SEAS

Time to dive in and go deep! Deep into the Bible, that is. Our VBS this year, **Bible Seas**, will take us deep into the Bible and the stories of our faith. The main point is the Bible itself and how it gives us direction for our lives. Our theme verse is: Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105). More details are inside this issue.

SUMMER MUSIC

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SUMMER CONCERT

RE-CREATION PRESENTS *GOSPEL GOLD*

We will be hosting the group, Re-Creation, for an inspirational evening of songs and worship on August 12 at 7 pm. This group of young people pack a lot of energy and spirit into their performance, which you can watch on YouTube. For more information on them, go to their website, re-creationusa.com. Organized in 1976 to present live performances in hospitals, nursing homes and other care facilities, they now perform over 300 shows yearly to fund their mission to bring music and healing to others.

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From The Pastor's Desk

Good morning! What a beautiful day today. We had better enjoy these nice days while they last.

I want to thank everyone for working so hard for the 300 Club and collecting and donating items for the Silent Auction. It was our best year ever. Every year we learn something new to make it better next year. I know everyone in attendance had a wonderful day!

I found this article in a church newsletter called "Touch in Church" Just thought it was worth sharing:

What is all this touching in church? It used to be a person could come to church and sit in the pew and not be bothered by all this friendliness and certainly not by touching.

I used to come to church and leave untouched. Now I have to be nervous about what's expected of me. I have to worry about responding to the person sitting next to me.

Oh, I wish it could be the way it used to be; I could just ask the person next to me: How are you? And the person could answer: Oh, just fine, And we'd both go home... strangers who have known each other for twenty years.

But now the minister asks us to look at each other. I'm worried about that hurt look I saw in that woman's eyes.

Now I'm concerned, because when the minister asks us to greet one another, the man next to me held my hand so tightly I wondered if he had been touched in years.

Now I'm upset because the lady next to me cried and then apologized and said it was because I was so kind and that she needed a friend right now.

Now I have to get involved. Now I have to suffer when this community suffers. Now I have to be more than a person coming to observe a service.

That man last week told me I'd never know how much I'd touched his life. All I did was smile and tell him I understood what it was to be lonely.

Lord, I'm not big enough to touch and be touched! The stretching scares me. What if I disappoint somebody? What if I'm too pushy? What if I cling too much? What if somebody ignores me?

"Pass the peace." "The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you." And mean it. Lord, I can't resist meaning it! I'm touched by it, I'm enveloped by it! I find I do care about that person next to me! I find I AM involved! And I'm scared.

O Lord, be here beside me. You touch me, Lord, so that I can touch and be touched? So that I can care and be cared for? So that I can share my life with all those others that belong to you!

All this touching in church – Lord, it's changing me! What was it our audacious friend said so many centuries ago? "If I but touch...I will be healed."

Blessings to all – Reach out and touch someone today! God loves you!

Pastor Penny



Thank You

The following thank you notes are on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

We received a thank you card from Allison Bernetski for her graduations gifts of a book and gift card. She also thanks everyone for their support and guidance.

The co-chairs for Relay for Life, Vicky Serhan and Sandy Hudock, sent us a thank you card for the donation of \$ 81.18 our church gave as part of our Local Mission.

Pastor Toby Holleman expressed his thanks for our hospitality and the opportunity to worship with us on June 10. He also appreciated the dinner, cake and kind words shared with him.

We received a Certificate thanking us for our 2011 contribution of \$1,500 to OCWM, signed by Geoffrey A. Black, General Minister and President of the UCC, and by Alan C. Miller, our PNEC Conference Minister.

3rd ANNUAL 300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS!!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's 300 Club and Silent Auction the very best! A lot of hard work and preparation went into this event and it really showed. All the tickets were sold, amounting to sales of \$10,500!! After deducting for costs and prizes, we should clear about \$6,000. Way to go! Thanks especially to Allen, Jim, Pastor Penny and Sharon for their organizational skills. This just goes to prove that if we all lend a hand, we can do great things together!

Old River Church Services

The 2012 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 8	Mt Zion
July 15	Emmanuel UCC
July 22	St. James
July 29	St. Peter's
Aug. 5	St. John's
Aug. 12	St. Mark's
Aug 19	Stairville UMC
Aug 26	Cemetery Association

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, July 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.

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We've got some smart cookies on the honor rolls again. Just check this out.

Crestwood High School

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

Honors: Autumn Atkinson, Glynis Dean, Devin Stein, Allison Bernetski, Courtney Kania, Alecia Myers

Rice Elementary School

Honors: Michelle Heller

MMI

Keegan Farrell was named to the 4th quarter Honor Roll and the 2011-2012 President's List. In order to qualify for both honors, students must have a cumulative average in all subjects of 85.0, an average of 70.0 or better in each course, no "incompletes", be enrolled in a complete schedule of courses and have a satisfactory citizenship record. Congratulations, Keegan, on outstanding work.



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YOUTH GROUP

GATLINBURG MISSION TRIP

As of this printing, the Youth Group is working hard putting roofs on homes. Hot work in this weather but, even so, they were working faster than expected and managed to run out of shingles at one point! What a bunch of industrious youngsters (and adults). They'll have a full report for the next Messenger.

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

Thanks to everyone who buys Weis or Carone's cards. You are really helping to build up our account so we can go on the mission trip. See Marc or let a Youth Group member know if you want some more!



Even though the Youth Group already went on their mission trip to Gatlinburg, they still would like to hire out their services. With the expenses of the trip, they will have to rebuild their funds to pay for future plans. They are willing to do yard work, yard maintenance, house work, etc. All they ask is a donation for their efforts. Please call Marc at 868-8028 to schedule them to make your home and yard neat and tidy.

2012 VBS - Bible Seas

The Wet and Wild World of the Word

Registration Forms are
on the Narthex Table



Let's go diving – deep, deeper, deepest!

Our VBS will be from July 22 to 26 at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Faith UMC, which will also known as **Bible Seas**, will be transformed into an underwater wonderland, “swimming” with characters

just overflowing with the wonders of God's stories. We'll hear from undersea creatures who will tell us about God's Word, the Bible. Our theme verse is: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path (Psalm 119:105). We'll explore how *God Gives Us Direction*, that *God Made Us Unique*, *God is Trustworthy* and that

in response to God's Word *We can have Rock Solid Faith* and *We can Do What is Right*. We'll start off together at Sing and Play Splash with music and a skit which will include the Bible Point for the day. Then we break up into smaller groups for Deep Bible Adventures, Undersea Crafts, Splish Splash Games and Dive-in Diner. We'll all gather back together for Sea Star Finale. If possible, please fill out a sign-up sheet for each child who will attend so that we have a rough count of how many kids to plan for. But you can always sign-up the that evening, too.

2012 VBS Program

On Thursday, July 26, at 8:00 pm, everyone is welcome to **Bible Seas** at Faith UMC for our closing program. The children and youth will present songs and tell all about the things they learned this year. Please come out and enjoy their program about their wonderful time under the sea. Denise

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Check out all the fun and food at our 3rd Annual 300 Club. **Nelson and Mary Horwath's granddaughter, Gemma**, was caught having fun in the moon bounce. **Ron Rinehimer** was really cooking with gas, on the gas grill, that is, serving up hotdogs and hamburgs. **Cindy Heller's granddaughter, Cadence**, helped **Pastor Penny** with the first drawing of the day. And that was just the beginning of a fantastic day of music, food, fun and prizes!

Emmanuel Youth Group and chaperones are ready for their Mission Trip to Gatlinburg TN in a picture taken just before they left on July 23. The youth, who volunteered their muscles to do roofing, ground work and whatever else came along, include **Brooke Rinehimer, Nate Kamowski, Morgan Rinehimer, Josh Cronic, Hunter Rinehimer and Chase Rinehimer**. They were accompanied by Youth Group Leader **Marc Davis** and chaperones **Lisa Rinehimer and Caroline Cronic**. Thanks for representing Emmanuel through your hard work and caring spirits.

Among the 270 Graduates of Crestwood High School Class of 2012, were four very familiar faces. **Allison Bernetski, Courtney Kania, Kelly Madigan, and Alecia Myers** received their diplomas and are now on their way to their new futures. All the best to some of the best and brightest – literally – check the honor rolls from past Messengers!

Some of our athletes were pictured for the end of their 2012 season:

The Crestwood Girls Soccer made it to the WVC District 2 quarterfinals but lost to Lake Lehman. Still, that's an impressive stat. Playing on the team are **Allison Bernetski** and **Autumn Atkinson**.

The newly formed Lacrosse Team also played in their District 2 playoff game which they lost to the Dallas Mountaineers. This fledgling team is looking forward to a full PIAA Schedule in 2013 and becoming a full varsity team. Their record was 6-9-2. **Kyle Prelewicz** is one of the members of this up-and-coming force.

Who's your baby? Why it's Mya Heller, that's who. Mya celebrated her first birthday with her whole family, including Mom and Dad, Greg and Jess Heller, **Dorothy Heller, Bobby** and Helen **Heller, Clyde Heller** and Florence Sheakoski. Four generations of Hellers are pictured.

Taylor Farrell graduated from MMI on May 24, along with 36 other seniors. She is pictured with two other graduates from Mountain Top. Congratulations, Taylor!

Our Boy Scouts are in the news again. Troop 434, which includes **Hunter Rinehimer** and Chase Rinehimer, recently took third place at Camp Akahela's *Mission Impossible* Camporee. Approximately 300 scouts competed in the event.

Several members of Troop 434 worked hard at the VA Medical Center to spruce up the veteran's garden. These are a great bunch of industrious young men and we're proud to sponsor them.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The Consistory will not meet during the month of **July**. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

Aug 12 – Re-Creation Program at 7 pm

Aug 19 – Church Picnic

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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Nora Cybulski

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 Silveti	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

JULY 2012

I have made a “2012 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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