# The Messenger

### November 2012

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL FEST

The Sunday School's Fall Fest will be on November 3. Please see the article in this issue for more information.

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

#### 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.

#### HARVEST HOME

We will celebrate Harvest Home on November 4 and there are some items which we could use to restock the food bank. Peanut butter is always needed, along with jelly. Cereals, juice packs, paper products, canned fruit, canned meats, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, condiments and canned pastas are also good to have on hand. The one item we really don't need much of at the moment is canned vegetables. Thanks, Denise

#### **COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR**

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during our worship service on November 4, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

### Food Fundraiser at Archie's Auction

Anyone willing to help with an easy fundraiser is asked to come to the auction on November 10 at Archie's Snydersville home. More details are inside this issue.

#### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 BLOOD DRIVE AT EMMANUEL**

We will co-host a blood drive with our Boy Scouts on Monday, November 12 (Veteran's Day holiday) from 2:00 to 7:00 pm. Walk-ins are welcome, too!

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Pastor Penny will be participating with the other Ministerium pastors in the service.

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### From the Pastor

WOW! What a week it has been! Archie and I were lucky enough not to have lost power during Sandy. (My cousin Sandy called me and said she always hoped they would name a storm after her but she didn't mean to be so destructive.) I pray those of you who had any hardships are back to normal or close.

Another whirlwind around here was our turkey supper. What activity going on all around the building. The best ever – they say. We are blessed to have so many people who work to make this a success – from selling tickets to planning and cooking to serving (upstairs and downstairs). Thanks for roasting turkeys or baking cakes. Thank to all those who made donations of goods for the supper. Thanks to those of you who helped out with the Sunday school bake sale as well.

But none of it could have taken place without the repairs to the floor in the fellowship hall. Thanks to all who checked out things in the crawl space and drew up plans for the repairs, moved things from closets, took up the old floor, put down the new floor, and cleaned up after the contractors were finished to get things back in order for the supper. I was like a hive of bees at work around here.

For those of you who aren't able to physically get in there and do manual labor we thank you for your prayers and encouragement. For those of you who didn't help because of time constraints we missed you. For those of you who didn't even know this was happening we invite you to get plugged back in to what is happening in around Emmanuel. We need everyone working together for these projects and fundraisers.

This year we have three boys in our confirmation class. They are working hard to learn about our church, the Bible, what they believe and about what it means to be a Christian. We hope to be ready in the Spring for the big day of joining the church – Palm Sunday or Easter. Encourage Brad, Hunter, and Josh in their service and in their study. You saw all of them working hard at the supper.

It's hard to imagine that Thanksgiving is right around the corner followed quickly by Advent. This Sunday our scripture is about the greatest commandment – to love God, quickly followed by loving our neighbor. We have much to be thankful for in our area in regards to the storm but let's not forget our neighbors who have lost <u>everything</u>. Begin by praying for them and then follow up with whatever you can afford financially to help them out. We will be collecting for them during the month of November. Please give what you can but remember we at Emmanuel still need your regular offerings to take care of our own obligations.

God loves us all but at times like these God loves a cheerful giver. Give out of your love and caring for your neighbor.

Blessings,

Pastor Penny

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### Thank You

Dave and Sharon Horensky and their families would like to thank everyone for their condolences and cards at the passing of his mother, Vera Horensky. They truly appreciate your compassion

Gene and Janice Broyan would like to thank everyone who sent cards for the death of his sister, Alberta Broyan Rossi. It's wonderful to have a caring church family. We received a slew of thank you letters for our benevolence donations to Lancaster Theological Seminary, Phoebe Homes and Bethany Children's Home. Each month we make a disbursement to these PNEC associated organizations to fulfill our annual budgeted benevolence support. Without us and other congregations that refuse to abandon them, these very important ministries would not be able to function and many people would be left with nowhere to go, literally.



Hurricane Sandy has completely decimated many communities all along the East Coast. Widespread damage has leveled whole cities, towns and villages in Pennsylvania and our nearby states of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and New York. While other neighborhoods were not hit as hard, there are still large areas without electricity or clean water. Alan Miller, PNEC Conference Minister, has informed us that a special offering is available through the UCC that will target relief efforts for our mid-Atlantic communities. Envelopes for Disaster Relief will be in the pews through the end of November. Since this is an "above and beyond" offering, 100% of the donations will be used exclusively for relief. So please give generously, both to the Disaster Relief offering and to Emmanuel so that we can continue to minister to our communities here in Dorrance and around the world



Anyone willing to help with an easy fundraiser is asked to come to the auction on November 10 at Archie's Snydersville home. He's lightening up his load and there's quite a variety of items for sale, from musical instruments to power equipment, quilts to dishes, and even the home itself. We'll be selling "finger food" desserts like cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc. If you can donate some baked goods, that would be great. We'll also sell breakfast items and a lunch menu. You can also see what's hot on the auction block. Maybe you'll find that hidden gem you've been looking for.

### CROP WALK REPORT

Thanks to everyone who donated money and baked goods or participated in the Crop Walk. This year was exceptionally successful. We had 23 walkers who raised \$1,286.00, 25% of which will be returned to restock our food bank for our own neighbors. Your generosity helps feed and strengthen people around the world and in our own back yard. You are wonderful, caring people and a great example to follow no matter what your age. Our Youth are certainly taking their cue from you.



We will co-host a blood drive with our Boy Scouts on **Monday, November 12** (Veteran's Day holiday) from **2:00 to 7:00 pm**. Please keep this date in mind if you are a blood donor. If you're not, it's a great day to start. Every donation can help save the lives of up to three people. Our Scouts will be recruiting friends and neighbors to come give blood so we are hoping for a really good turnout. Of course, you can always recruit a friend or two, also. But you won't be earning the American Red Cross Recruiter Patch – that's just for the Scouts. They can also earn a Blood Donor patch (if they're brave enough – oh, yeah, Scouts are brave – Boy Scout Law) and, when they reach the milestone they can earn a Gallon Donor patch. Gee- I could have 4 of them. See you at the Blood Drive! - Denise

#### **BLOOD DRIVE GOODIES**

Anyone who can, please donate some goodies to refresh and replenish our donors. We aren't allowed to leave until we eat and drink something.

## TWILIONTEDS CHDISTILAS DIMNER

The Twilighters will hold their Christmas Party on Wednesday, November 14, at 1:00 pm at Bonanza. We'll celebrate Christmas early. This way the weather won't cancel our plans (hopefully, even though our last meeting was rained out by "Sandy"). Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information.

### **Turkey Supper Update**

Thanks to EVERYONE who helped out with this year's Fall Turkey Supper. It was an amazing success and brought in the largest profit we have ever had for a supper fundraiser!!

PROFIT	\$5,306.80
LESS EXPENSES	<u>2,169.20</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,476.00
Surplus Sold	<u>16.00</u>
Donations	64.00
343 @ \$10.00	3,430.00
Advance Sales	
16 @ \$4.00	64.00
392 @ \$10.00	\$3,920.00
Door Sales	

Congratulations on a job well done!!!!



The Youth Group are still hiring out their services, just in time for fall clean-up. 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.

# EMMANUEL UCC SHIRTS

Looking for that extra "something" for your new fall wardrobe? We've got just what you need! Shirts printed with the UCC logo and Emmanuel UCC are for sale. There's something for everyone, no matter your age or size. Children and Youth sizes are now available, too. Please see Jim Rinehimer to order.

Women's or Men's T-Shirts, Red Sm, Med, Lg, XL 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X	\$8.00
Men's Polo Shirts, Red or 0 Sm, Med, Lg, XL 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X	
Women's Golf Shirts, Red or Sm, Med, Lg, XL 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X	

# Bethany Christmas Gift List

Copies of the 2012 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 sort them so each child gets an appropriate gift. Just drop them in the box wrapped in Christmas paper in the Narthex.

Or, if you prefer, there are copies of the list of Christmas Year Round various monetary donations, such as \$20 for pillows or sheets, \$50 for a coat, and even \$500 for the Incentive Trip – best behaved child gets a trip to Ocean City MD, New York City or Washington DC.

### **NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE**

The deadline for information for the December Messenger is Monday, November 19. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

### **UPCOMING DATES**

- Dec. 2 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 9 Christmas Caroling
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Music and Worship



# Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Emmanuel and St. James' Crop Walkers are pictured in front of our church before the walk. They look well rested and ready to go. I wonder what they looked like

after the walk? <sup>(c)</sup> Faith UCC, Hazleton, also participated by walking the Hazleton Mall. There were 23 walkers total.

**Hunter Rinehimer** and the other members of Troop 434 visited West Point for a weekend of football and history. While there, the Scouts camped out near West Point at Lake Frederick. Salute!

**Camille Daniels** and **Sharon Moyer** are pictured with their picture-taking colleagues of the Mountain Top Photography Club. The Club recently had a showing of their art at the W-B General Hospital Mountain Top Campus. Other location which continually display their works are Cavanaugh's Bar & Restaurant, the Chalet Restaurant and various other local businesses.

### CONSISTORY MEETING

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, November 15, at 6:30 pm.

#### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2012

Gene and Janice Broyan
Jill Bernetski
Diana Decker and Connie Davis
Jim Stewart
Frank and Joan Partington
Dave Myers
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#### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Stanley Cybulski
- 3 Brenda Heller
- 3 Terry Belanchik
- 5 James Daniels
- 5 Richard Supkowski, Jr.
- 6 Pauline Dennis
- 6 Lydon Bloss
- 7 Elizabeth Sufrinko

- 9 Morgan Rinehimer
- 10 Karl C. Kemmerer
- 10 Rich Rotski
- 11 Casey Eigenbrod
- 13 Jack Shafer, Sr.
- 16 Sharon Horensky
- 16 Cristy Mulherin
- 17 Beverly Kramer

- 17 David Cronce
- 18 Anna Mae Koons
- 18 Sharon Eigenbrod
- 19 Lynne Stewart
- 20 Autumn Atkinson
- 21 Eric Hoffman
- 22 Stanley Stein
- 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

#### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2012

November 4 Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan Jill Bernetski Liturgist: November 11 Greeters: Diana Decker and Connie Davis Liturgist: Jim Stewart November 18 Greeters: Frank and Joan Partington Liturgist: Dave Myers October 28 Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers **Frank Partington** Liturgist:

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