

# The Messenger

**April 2013**

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

### **Breakfast for Donna**

Donna Myers recently had a lung transplant and all its difficulties. Upon returning from her most recent hospitalization, she discovered that her home had been robbed. Please help her get back on her feet by having **breakfast at Applebee's, Wilkes-Barre Twp., on April 6 from 8 am to 10 am.** Tickets are \$7 each. There will be basket raffles and a 50/50 chance. Contact Patti Simms at 479-7404 or 954-4471 for more info. Tickets will be available at the door, also.

## **SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

### **COMMUNION**

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on April 7. After worship, come on back to the Fellowship Hall for some delicious desserts and a cup of hot java or cool tea. So, plan to hang out for a while.

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10**

### **TWILIGHTERS**

The Twilighters will meet on April 10 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.

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## **GUEST WORSHIP LEADERS**

### **APRIL AND MAY**

Get ready to see some familiar and not-so-familiar faces in our pulpit in the next two months. A variety of individuals will be leading us in worship while Pastor Penny is on her sabbatical. Rev. Nasrani will conduct our first Sunday of the month communion services. Leaders for other Sundays will include our own Dave Horensky and the "Ladies of the Church" (that ought to be a different act). PNEC Conference Minister Rev. Alan Miller and Nancy Azar, Associate PNEC Minister for Education and Youth, will bring their expertise to our services, too. I'm sure Pastor Penny is disappointed that she will not be here for these worship experiences. We'll have to tell her all about them when she gets back.

*(Hopefully we don't really need this announcement, but...)*

## **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.**

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## From the Pastor

Busy, busy, busy week – with all the services this week and trying to get ready to leave on Monday. I'm sure all of you have had plenty to do as well. Everyone seems to be so "on the run" these days. Hopefully you are all taking a bit of time out to spend with God in prayer and devotion. Peter Kreeft has written, *We have time and prayer backwards. We think time determines prayer, but prayer determines time.* We think our lack of time is the cause of our lack of prayer, but our lack of prayer is the cause of our lack of time. Keep that in mind when you think you're too busy to pray.

Some of our travel plans have changed since the death of my cousin in Alabama. The reunion has been postponed until August. But we still have plans to visit other relatives. Archie has fishing in mind and I have lots of reading to do and I may get in a little recreational shopping! There are so many books sitting on my shelf that I haven't even opened yet. I'll pack them up and hopefully get through some of them while I'm away – while Archie is fishing.

You will all be missed for the next couple of months and I know when Archie and I return we will start right back in to having plenty to do – like graduate Sunday followed soon after by the 300 Club. Don't forget to get items for the silent auction when you are out. I already have several things. I know it's going to be a busy summer.

Thanks again for all you do. I know that while I'm away everything will run smoothly. There are many capable folks at Emmanuel. I'm sorry I'll miss the turkey supper and visiting with all the attendees but there's always another one in October.

You have very good people filling the pulpit while I'm away. Please come out and support them. Maybe when I get back the weather will be warm enough to have outside services. People seemed to enjoy the outdoors last summer – I know I did. God seems so close in the outdoors.

I do thank God everyday that you are such a wonderful congregation. While I'm gone be good to each other continually praying for each other. I would covet your prayers as well that I will experience a wonderful sabbatical and return "rarin' to go" as they say in the south. Hopefully you will still be able to understand me when I return from the land of cotton.

I'm looking forward to Easter and all that it brings with sunrise and breakfast and the flowered cross and the jubilant hymns. (I dare to say there won't be lots of sundresses this year) It will be a wonderful way to go off on a high note. I won't say good-bye, I'll simply say God bless and see you soon (in two months).

Blessings to All!

*Pastor Penny*



### *Thank You*

Our Sunday School received a thank you card from the McKinney Clinic for all the thermals, socks and gloves donated by our members, which is on the Bell Tower Bulletin Board.

### *Condolences*

We offer our sympathy and care to Sharryl Kastreva and her family on the passing of her husband, Frank, on March 5, 2013. We pray for God's strength and support for you and your children and grandchildren.

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of George Taney on March 29, 2013. We will remember George, a long-time member of our church, and his many contributions to our community. We send our prayers and love to Fern, Randy, Gloria, Lisa and their families. May God grant you peace in your time of grief.

Our condolences are given to Gary and Linda (Cybulski) Gittens on the passing of Gary's Mom, Jean Gittens. May God's peace and solace be with you and all of Jean's children and their families.

## UPDATE ON AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Several members have taken advantage of this method to ensure their offering is given as they planned. While there are those who use the service regularly, others like to just have it for a specific circumstance, such as while they are on vacation, and then go back to their usual offering practice. If you overlook making out your check or if you're not here, the bills still come and those businesses expect, and rightly so, to be paid on time. Your offering ensures that funds are available when needed. It is processed the same way as any other automatic withdrawal from your account, such as car payments, insurance premiums, or mortgage payments. You set up with your bank when and how much is forwarded to the church. A check arrives in our mail and is counted with the offering on Sunday mornings. It's that simple.

## TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, April 10, for a pot-luck lunch at 12:00 pm. Bring a dish and enjoy a good meal and great company. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information.

## Hello, Baby!!

Hey – what's in the water these days? Hope it's not contagious!!! We just got visited by the stork – three times. Two for our immediate members and one for our extended family.

On February 16, 2013, Aidan Joanne McFann was born to Lauren (Cadwalader) and Austin McFann. Aidan was 8 lb. 5 oz. and 21" at birth. She and her big sister, Layla, are great-granddaughters of Mary and Don Eroh. Aidan and her Mommy and sister will be living with her grandparents, Darla (Eroh) and Kevin Cadwalader, while Daddy is deployed to Japan for the next couple of months. The rest of us will have to wait to see her, hopefully sometime this summer.

March 4, 2013, was the day Mikayla Elizabeth Walck made her grand entrance. Her parents are Eric and Kristina (Baker) Walck and grandparents are John and Donna Walck and Roy and Betty Baker, her big brother is Clayton, and her great-grandparents are Don and Mary Eroh. Mikayla was 9 lb 10 oz and 20½" when born (and she's so cuuuute). (So, OK, I'm a great-aunt again! Denise)

(So maybe it was in the genes, not the water. But that doesn't explain the next one which is not related to the Eroh tribe.)

Grayson Edward Bunnell was born on March 27, 2013. His parents are Brad and Jennis Bunnell who also have Sabian (the one who likes to help Pastor Penny with the children's messages – thank goodness someone took over for Glynis... Matt ... Mike ... David ... Danny... etc.). Grayson weighed in at 7 lb 4 oz and was 20½".

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**Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.** we start cleaning the meat off the turkeys, which is easier if the turkeys are warm. Those of you who clean your own turkeys and then deliver them really help to speed up this process. Final food preparations are made at 2:30 p.m. - making potatoes and gravy, and heating up the turkey, vegetables and stuffing so that everything is hot and ready for 3:00 p.m. Actually **serving the supper 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 7 pm it's nice to have a clean-up crew come in.** The tables need to be cleared, tablecloths and chairs wiped down, Sunday School rooms put back into order and the walls put back up. The roasters and pots are washed and put away until the next supper. The kitchen cleaned and floors washed and vacuumed.

Come out and lend a hand. This is a great way to support our church and its missions and *have fun* while doing it!!

## Sunday School News Turkey Supper Bake Sale

Get out those cookie sheets and cake pans!!! Our Sunday School Bake Sale will be held during the Turkey Supper on April 20, from 3 pm to 7 pm (or until all the goodies are gone – so come early for the best pickings). There's always a good assortment to choose from. Anyone wishing to provide us with some more yummys to sell, please contact Lisa Rinehimer. We're always looking for new and creative sweets to sell.

# Hurricane Sandy Mission Trip

We have a terrific opportunity to really serve others “right in our own backyard”. Our trip to Lakewood Township will give us a chance to interact with people from an area that we are already familiar with. How many people go to the beaches in Jersey? Sandy had a terrible impact on that area and we can do something about it. The only thing is that it costs money to help others. Each youth needs \$289 just to get to Lakewood. That doesn’t include any spending money – just the mission trip cost. So please help us pay for our trip by supporting our fundraisers. We really appreciate all our church family does for us. We realize we couldn’t be able to make such a difference if it wasn’t for you. Thanks.

(Your) Emmanuel Youth Group

## YOUTH GROUP

This is what we’re up to now:

1. **This Summer’s Mission Trip** – There will be 13 youth and adults cleaning up after Sandy (and whatever else has hit that area). The reservation fee of \$89 per person has been paid. We need the balance at least 30 days before we leave on July 7. We need to keep promoting **Hire the Youth Group** to raise some money. Also, anyone having ideas on other fundraisers, please see Marc, Lisa or Caroline to see if it’s possible for us do them.

Keep on believing  
Kimmy



[Remember to get your  
Weis and Carone’s cards!](#)

This is a great way to support the Youth Group without spending anything extra. You’re just going to spend that money at the grocery store anyway so why not give the Youth Group some help with their finances? For every \$1,000 worth of cards they sell, they make \$50. Please see Marc on Sunday mornings or you can call Denise at the church office (868-5675) during the week.

## YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Chris Harmon** was among the students “Caught Being Good” at Rice Elementary during the month of February. Chris is the son of Chris and Ashley (Deets) Harmon. Each student is nominated by a staff member for exhibiting good behavior while at school. Hey, Chris, that’s showing them how to act!! What a great example for everyone. There’s a picture of Chris with his certificate on the front bulletin board.

**Nate Kamowski** was among the students in Rice Elementary’s fifth grade who created posters for the DARE program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). He and several other students’ posters were honored for their outstanding work by the Knights of Columbus. A picture of the students with Sgt. Scott Rozitski DARE Officer, and Frank Wurst and Joseph Holmes of the KoC, is on the front bulletin board.

**Kayla Supkowski**, great-granddaughter of Ethel Fine and granddaughter of Glenda Supkowski, was the 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner for the American Legion Post 781 Women’s Auxiliary Americanism Essay Contest. She wrote her essay in response to the theme: *If you were President, what 5 things would you change?* She also was required to create a colored drawing depicting the content of her essay. Kayla is pictured with her essay and drawing on the front bulletin board.

### Crestwood High School Honor Rolls:

Principal’s Honors: Richard Supkowski, Kimmy Bernetski

Honors: Taryn Pecile, Kyle Prelewicz, Eric Rinehimer

### Crestwood Middle School Honor Rolls:

High Honors: Aaron Kleger

Honors: Michelle Heller, Brad Kotarsky, Hunter Rinehimer

## CONSISTORY MEETING

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, April 18, at 6:30 pm.

## UPCOMING DATES

June 15 300 Club

June 24-30 Mother Theresa Haven Mission Week

July 7 – 13 Hurricane Sandy Mission Trip



# CONSUMER ALERTS

I've received two alerts lately that I thought should be passed on to everyone.

The first one deals with the "foreign lottery" scam. In this scam, you receive a letter, email or phone call saying that you just won a lottery. Great, right? Not so fast... First of all, as the PA lottery says, "You've gotta play to win." So if you didn't play, how did they get your name? Simple – phone book, email lists, businesses selling their contacts, etc. The real "red flag" is that they want you to send some money (usually by wire transfer or check) in order for them to process your winnings. REALLY?! NOT ON YOUR LIFE!! Once they have your account number, they wipe out your checking, savings, retirement, etc. – anything and everything they can find. And you're left with NOTHING. Many times these criminals prey on the elderly and disabled – but they'll take anyone if you let them. So please tell your friends and family about this so they are not TAKEN FOR EVERYTHING THEY OWN.

An email I received from PPL warned about telemarketers and door-to-door salespeople claiming to be their employees.

- ☐ PPL does not use telemarketing or door-to-door sales.
- ☐ They will only contact you if there's a problem with your account or service, which are usually set up by **you making an appointment** with them – not the other way around.
- ☐ All employees and contractors must carry identification and you have the absolute right to ask for it. If they don't or won't show it, don't let them in. And be sure it is a PPL ID. Don't let them "flash" an ID and then put it quickly back into their pocket or purse (yes, there are female impersonators, too).
- ☐ If you are not sure the person is from PPL, just call them (1-800-DIAL-PPL) (1-800-342-5775). If PPL doesn't know them, call the police (they'll really know what to do with these jokers).

- ☐ Other suppliers can be licensed by the state and may be operating legitimately since we have the right to choose our electricity supplier. These salespeople must comply with federal, state and municipal laws and regulations. Just be careful about them, too. They will try their best to get you to switch to their supplier. But then, that's their job.

I posted the email on the bell tower bulletin board if you want to read the whole thing. It's not that long. If you want a copy, just let me know. I'll make a copy for whoever wants one, that's for sure.

Denise

## PICTURE PERFECT

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

Our Scouts have been busy lately as shown in the photos of them on the front bulletin board. Scout Sunday was celebrated the first Sunday in February. We had quite a turn-out and it was great to see that honoring God is still a very important aspect of being a Scout. On March 9, they held a breakfast fundraiser to support their projects and trips. I don't think anyone left hungry – it was all good. The winners of their annual Pinewood Derby are pictured with their trophies.

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## OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave & Rosemary Myers  
Clifford & Gladys Readler  
Nora Cybulski

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Allen Dennis	6 Jim Stewart	18 Clyde Heller
1 Jayne Rotski	6 Priscilla Farrell	19 Keirsten Whitmire
3 Clifford Readler	8 Chelsea Glasser	20 Betty Dickson
3 Cadence Ring	8 Doris Yurchak	23 Lisa Kemmerer
4 Amber DeLuca	12 Kimmy Bernetski	24 Kathy Rinehimer
4 Derek Stein	12 Sara Silvetti	27 Stacy Prelewicz
4 Wayne Mast	15 Barbara DeLuca	27 Kirk Dollar
5 William Hoch	16 Rosanne Kamat	28 Dean Kline
5 Shane Oldershaw	18 Carissa Hoch	28 Clyde Heller
5 Betty Baker		28 Lorie DiMaria

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 14, 1979.....Randy and Pat Grosz  
April 20, 2002.....Kevin and Debbie Price  
April 21, 1990.....David and Donna Myers  
April 26, 1952.....Donald and Mary Eroh  
April 27, 1968.....Jack and Bonnie Shafer  
April 30, 1988.....Duane and Denise Stein

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