

The Messenger

August 2013

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

Come break bread with our Lord at our worship service and **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, August 4, at 10:30 am. We will have worship inside this Sunday. Please bring something yummie to share at Coffee Hour after worship.

GOLF TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 9

NEW FUNDRAISER

FORE!!! Heads up – for a fantastic fundraiser. The First Annual Emmanuel UCC Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 9, at Sand Springs Country Club. See inside for more information.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

CHURCH PICNIC

Time to pack up the “pickinick” basket, BooBoo, for our church picnic. The picnic starts after worship with a covered dish dinner. The church will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and buns and we bring the side dishes and deserts. After enjoying our meal, we can join in playing indoor and outdoor games, such as bingo, bean bag, tag and kickball. So bring your appetites and enthusiasm for a great day of family fun.

SUMMER MUSIC

VOICES AND INSTRUMENTS WANTED



We still need some lyrical lyrics and moving melodies for the month of August and on September 1. Anyone who will sing, play an instrument or (if you're really talented) do both, is welcome to pick a Sunday to make a joyful noise to our God. Please see Denise or Pastor Penny so we can fill the air with music on Sunday mornings.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

RE-CREATION PRESENTS

SING A SONG OF PRAISE!

Invite everyone you know to Emmanuel UCC to enjoy the music and enthusiasm of the group, **Re-Creation**. An inspirational evening of songs and worship is planned for **September 15 at 7 pm**. Re-creation was organized in 1976 to present live performances in hospitals, Veterans Affairs facilities, nursing homes and other care facilities. They now perform over 300 shows yearly to fund their mission to bring music and healing to others. Their annual performance before a packed audience at the Bloomsburg Fair demonstrates their wide range of appeal to all generations. For more information on them, go to their website, recreationusa.com. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments will be served after the show. For more information, call Allen Dennis at 868-5120 or the church office at 868-5675. Bring your friends and neighbors for a refreshing evening of Christian entertainment!

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From The Pastor's Desk

This is the statement from the website of TEAMeffort which is the organization that sponsored the mission trips in which our youth have participated the past three years.

Over the years TEAMeffort has brought over 95,000 youth and leaders from thousands of churches of different denominations together to work side-by-side on life-changing, eye-opening, faith-building mission trips. This Summer and Spring Break we offer more opportunities than ever for youth to put their faith into action through challenging and rewarding missionary trips where they will complete projects such as repairing and renovating homes for families in need, building mission and ministry facilities, leading children's outreach programs, working at homeless shelters, responding to natural disasters, and reaching out to individuals and communities through Christian service.

Through well planned camps, exciting locations, energetic staff, knowledgeable site leaders, quality music and programs, and meaningful mission projects, your group is bound for a mission adventure they will never forget!

Our youth and adults who participated this year made many friends and accomplished much hard work doing construction. Their work was not only on the houses that were being restored after Super Storm Sandy but also as they went into the streets to talk with the people around the neighborhoods. This was very good experience for them and for the adults who were with them.

Too often when we think of the mission field we tend to think foreign mission field. There are many, many mission fields right here in our own country, in our own state, and in our own town that need to be introduced to the love, forgiveness, and peace the Christ will bring. There are so many who don't know how much God loves each person and how God longs to bring his children back to him. I found this poem by Sandra Goodwin which speaks volumes to what each one of us can do.

Last night I took a journey
To a land far 'cross the seas;
I didn't go by boat or plane,
I trusted on my knees.
I saw so many people there
In deepest depths of sin,
And Jesus told me I should go
That there were souls to win.
But I said, "Jesus, I can't go
And work with such as these."
He answered quickly, "Yes, you can
By traveling on your knees."
He said, "You pray; I'll meet the need,
You call and I will hear;

Be concerned about lost souls,
Of those both far and near."
And so I tried it, knelt in prayer,
Gave up some hours of ease;
I felt the Lord right by my side
While traveling on my knees.
As I prayed on and saw souls saved
And twisted bodies healed,
And saw God's workers' strength renewed
While laboring on the field.
I said, "Yes, Lord, I have a job
My desire Thy will to please;
I can go and heed Thy call
By traveling on my knees."

God bless you all as you pray for those who don't know Christ.
Pastor Penny



Thank You

Words cannot express my deep feelings of gratitude to everyone for their show of support, love and compassion. Your hugs and words of encouragement mean so much to me and they bring me immense comfort. Please continue to pray for us. Thank you,
Lynne Stewart

Our Condolences

Our sincere sympathy is given to Dorothy and Ivan Hoyt and their family on the passing of Ivan's uncle, William (Billy) Hoyt, on July 21. May God's peace ease your sadness.

1st Annual Golf Tournament **August 9, 2013**

Grab your clubs and head out to the links for our 1st Annual Golf Tournament at Sand Springs Country Club in Drums. This is a 4-player scramble, Captain and Crew, with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. There will be hot dogs at the turn for lunch and an Italian Buffet with raffle, awards and prizes after the tournament. The cost to play is \$75 per person, \$300 per team. Non-players can enjoy a day on the course for \$30 and accompany the golfers to the dinner and awards banquet. Registration Forms are on the table in the Narthex with August 1 as the deadline to register, or until the field is full. If you would like more information, please see Donnie Myers or Nelson Horwath.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, August 14, 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.

2013 VBS

Roundup Rodeo

Where Our Awesome God Reigns!!

Thanks to All!!!

YEE HAW!! There was a hot time at the rodeo during our Vacation Bible School this year. And I'm not just talking about the weather which was hotter than a cat on a hot tin roof! We were really kickin' it up! Everyone was fired up and enthusiastic, from the adults to the teenagers and "cowpokes" right down through the "Prairie Dog Preschoolers". You could really feel that the Bible Points were sinking in – God is Real, God is With Us, God is Strong, and God is Awesome!

I'd really like to thank everyone who made such a great program possible. Pastor Penny portrayed Rowdie, a "wannabe" cowpoke and helped introduce the Bible Point for the day, except one day when Judy Brown took over as Rowdie's partner, Randy - Great, funny skits with a message. Janet Van Gorden lead the Wild Bible Adventures lessons. Judy Brown and her granddaughter Rachael Betz got things moving at Horseshoe Games. Sally Lazarowicz, Christine Kellow and Theresa Kellow and various parents and grandparents as needed (thank you so much!) created crafts that related back to our

Bible Points. And then there were the delicious and often cool (as in ice cream – yeah!) snacks prepared by the JOY Ladies of Stairville UMC. Each evening we opened at Sing and Play Stampede and ended at the Roundup Rodeo, which were handled by me. Rodeo Leaders Dylan Brown, Jacob Betz, Nathan Kamowski, Chase Rinehimer, Mackenzie Yenchik, Morgan Rinehimer, and Brooke Rinehimer lead their cowpokes through the different activity centers. Ginny Hildebrand and Donna Walck were kept busy minding the Prairie Dog Preschoolers, along with several parents and grandparents whose help was greatly appreciated. Once again, our VBS was exciting, fun and inspiring. Everyone was enthusiastic and looked forward to coming each day. It is a real thrill to see such passion from the adults passed on to the kids. Thank you to all who made this year's VBS possible.

Denise Dean

2013 VBS Mission Project

Our Mission Project this year was Go Joe XVI and St. Joseph's Center. Joe started his bike trek the week after our Rodeo. As I write this article, he is on his way and we hope that his ride is again a great success and raises the money which is so necessary for St. Joe's to provide their services. We are very happy that we can forward a check to St. Joe's in the amount of \$575!!! This is the most we ever collected for our mission and we thank you for supporting it so generously.

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It's summer and time for our choir to be on vacation. But that doesn't mean that we want a vacation from music. Anyone who will sing, play an instrument or (if you're really talented) do both, is welcome to pick a Sunday to make a joyful noise to our God. Please see Denise or Pastor Penny so we can fill the air with music on Sunday mornings.

Old River Church Services

The 2013 Worship Schedule continues to the end of August and we hope everyone will find time to worship in this historic setting. Worship begins at 6:00 pm.

Aug. 4	St. John's
Aug. 11	St. Mark's
Aug 18	Stairville UMC
Aug 26	Cemetery Association



Even though the Youth Group already went on their mission trip to Lakewood Township, NJ, 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.

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

Thanks to everyone who buys Weis or Carone's cards. We appreciate all your support. See Marc or let a Youth Group member know if you want some more!

Magazines for Nursing Homes

Cindy Heller is still collecting magazines for local nursing homes. You can leave them with her on Sunday mornings or on the table in the Narthex. Thanks for "recycling" your magazines by giving them to others to enjoy.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the September Messenger is Monday, August 26. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONSISTORY

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, August 16, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

Sept. 8 Rally Day
Sept. 8 Singspiration at Stairville UMC
Sept. 15 Re-Creation Concert at 7 pm

RE-CREATION

Presents

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We will again host the exciting vocal group **Re-Creation** at our church on September 15 at 7 pm. This awesome group of young people travels all over the country spreading inspiration and joyful praise. Re-creation was organized in 1976 to present live performances in hospitals, Veterans Affairs facilities, nursing homes and other care facilities. They now perform over 300 shows yearly to fund their mission to bring music and healing to others. For more information on them, go to their website, re-creationusa.com. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments will be served after the show. Emmanuel is located on Blue Ridge Trail, Dorrance Twp, across from Andy's Gulf Station. For more information, call Allen Dennis at 868-5120 or the church office at 868-5675. *Please see Cindy Heller if you can help with refreshments.* Bring your friends and neighbors for a refreshing evening of Christian entertainment!

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Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

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Liturgist: Dave Myers

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Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

August 25

Greeters: Barb DeLuca and Judy Cybulski
Liturgist: Brooke Rinehimer

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Dave Myers
Clifford & Gladys Readler
Nora Cybulski

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 George Belanchik	16 Robert Heller	27 Debbie Price
4 Camille Daniels	16 Brayden Belanchik	27 Greg Heller
4 Debra Prelewicz	19 Audrey Grosz	27 Samantha Taney
5 Robert Prelewicz	21 Ronald Rinehimer, Jr.	29 Marc M. Davis
7 Ethel Fine	22 Wendy Williams	29 Shirley Eckrote
8 Ronald Rinehimer, Sr.	23 Courtney Kania	31 Cheryl Heller
9 Matthew Price	25 Kelly Sufrinko	31 Lisa Shafer
12 Dylan Atkinson	27 Jennifer Rinehimer	31 David Horensky
12 Gladys Peters		31 Nelson Horwath

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 1, 1992.....	Marc and Connie Davis
August 3, 1968.....	John and Joan Rinehimer
August 10, 1991.....	Bill and Sherri Hoch
August 14, 1971.....	Dave and Sharon Horensky
August 14, 1976.....	Clyde and Brenda Heller
August 25, 1973.....	Roy and Betty Baker
August 27, 1983.....	Rob and Debbie Prelewicz
August 27, 1999.....	Chris and Deb Dietrich
August 28, 1990.....	Joe and Lois Huntzinger
August 31, 1963.....	Stan and Darlene Stein

AUGUST 2013

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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