

The Messenger

February 2013

FEBRUARY 2 & 3

SUPERBOWL SOUP, HOAGIE AND PIZZA PICK UP

Who's hungry for some great tailgate food? OK, so we won't be tailgating. But you can pick up your order of great soup, hoagies and pizza to chow down on while watching the Big Game. Your order will be ready on Saturday between 10:30 am and noon or Sunday after worship.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

COMMUNION

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on February 5.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The soup pots will be out again to collect your donations for Souper Bowl Sunday. The Youth Group will use this money to help restock the Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Pantry at Emmanuel. Thanks for supporting our youth and the Food Pantry.

SCOUT SUNDAY

The Scouts of Cub Scout Pack 433 and Boy Scout Troop 434 will join us in worship for Scout Sunday. They will be participating in such roles as greeters, readers, ushers and acolytes. After our service, they are hosting a meet and greet in the Fellowship Hall and invite everyone back for refreshments.

FEBRUARY 10

YOUTH GROUP MARDI GRAS

Yes, that time of year is coming fast. The Youth Group will again celebrate Mardi Gras the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. So get ready for some fine 'Luzianne cooking and NawLeans style celebrating after worship.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on February 13 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.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

MARDI GRAS, MISSION AND AMUSEMENT PLANS

The Sunday before Ash Wednesday, February 10, the Youth Group will serve a Mardi Gras Brunch and we'll celebrate like Cajuns!

The Youth have also chosen their Mission Trip for 2013 to Lakewood NJ, to help with Superstorm Sandy Relief.

They are also planning an outing to go swimming or snowboarding.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

SUPPER AND SERVICE

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22, we will gather for supper at 6 pm and service at 7 pm. If you would like to prepare a light supper, please choose a date on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



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

Hello everyone from the state of Tennessee in Knoxville. Last evening we held the funeral for my cousin. Nikki was only 40 years old but she had been suffering from recurring strokes for about ten years. Originally I had planned to come down to be with my cousin Sandra,(Nikki's mom) after the death but last Tuesday I announced to Archie that I should leave on Thursday. It took me exactly 12 hours to arrive at the nursing home. I spent the night in the room with Sandra and Nikki sleeping on an air mattress with Sandra. I got up early Friday morning to sit at Nikki's bedside. When Sandra woke up I decided to go to Hardee's to get us a biscuit and some tea. I couldn't believe it but I couldn't get a tea bag at the nursing home. I was gone about 20 minutes and while I was gone Nikki passed away. I truly believe God meant for me to be here when Nikki died so I could be a comfort to Sandra.

On Saturday we went to the florist and the funeral home. Things move very slowly around here and I did get a little impatient trying hard not to show it. But things weren't running on my time – I was not in charge. Sometimes that is hard for me but this was a good lesson for me. God's ways are not our ways and God's time is not our time. I say that at many funerals but this time it was the lesson for me.

The visitation and funeral were last night at the church. The minister and I worked very well together. He was very nice. We did the funeral together. The burial and the meal are this afternoon. I will be doing the interment since Pastor Paul has some required meetings he must attend today. It's great how things work out if we just let God be in charge.

February is going to be a very busy month. The first Sunday with the Scouts, the second Sunday is the Mardi Gras brunch followed on Wednesday with Ash Wednesday. As we move through Lent let us turn our hearts and our minds to Jesus' life and ministry and really turn our hearts to the things he taught us before he suffered and then died on the cross – for you and for me. Try to read your Bible a little more and pray a little harder.

I will be coming home on Wednesday and then Archie and I will be celebrating our 10th anniversary on Friday. It has been a wonderful 10 years.

I'll see you on Sunday. God's blessings be with you all!

Pastor Penny



Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who called, sent cards and cared when Gene's brother, James, passed away. It is comforting to know that you care. Thank you. Gene and Janice Broyan

We received a you letters for our benevolence donations. Please check the bulletin board in the bell tower for letters from: Phoebe Homes and Bethany Children's Home. Your donations enable them to provide services needed by their residents.

Valentines for Vets

A box is 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 10**. Remember those who served and share a little love and appreciation for their sacrifices.

Our Condolences

We offer our sincere sympathy to Gene and Janice Broyan and their families at the passing of Gene's brother, James, on December 27, 2012. May God's love sustain you and strengthen you in your time of grief.

We also offer our care and prayer to Pastor Penny on the passing of her cousin, Nikki, who lived in Tennessee. Pastor Penny was able to be with her family before Nikki passed away on January 25. We ask God to grant you peace and comfort.

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, February 13, 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.

2012 Giving Summary

Amount Given	Number of Envelopes
\$ -0-	57
\$1 to 10	13
\$11 to 50	22
\$51 to 100	14
\$101 to 500	28
\$501 to 800	13
\$801 to 1,000	8
\$1,001 to 1,200	10
\$1,201 to 1,500	1
\$1,501 to 2,000	4
\$2,001 to 2,500	3
\$2,501 to 3,000	1
\$3,001 to 3,500	1
\$3,501 to 4,000	2
\$4,001 to 5,000	1
\$5,001 to 5,500	1
\$6,501 to 7,000	1
\$7,001 to 7,500	1
\$8,001 to 8,500	1
Total Envelopes	182

AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS

We have had several inquiries about receiving automatic contributions for offerings. Some of our members have decided to use this method to schedule their weekly, semi-weekly, monthly, etc., offerings. One member is using automatic withdrawal so that she isn't bothered writing a check every week. Another couple uses this method when they are out of the area. They realize the importance of regular giving. 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.

SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

On Saturday, March 16, our Boy Scouts will be holding a spaghetti dinner in the Fellowship Hall. They will be serving this delicious meal from 3 pm to 7 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$5 for children 12 to 5; and children under 4 are free. You can purchase tickets from Ron or Hunter Rinehimer. You can also buy them at the door. (Snow Date is the next Saturday, March 23)

MARDI GRAS BRUNCH

Our Youth Group is serving up a delicious Mardi Gras Brunch after our worship service on February 10. We'll enjoy authentic dishes and genuine zydeco music mixed with some Bourbon Street blues and Creole rhythms. Our Fellowship Hall will be decked out with beads and baubles and there will be games for the kids *and adults*, too. Plus, we've got all the feathers, beads and glitter to create your own special, individual, one-of-a-kind Mardi Gras mask. All this fussin' is to raise funds for the Youth Group mission trip this summer. They'll be looking for your donation to help them on their way, so open up your hearts (and wallets and purses) to help them help others. *So, come see and pass a good time!* (translated means "come here and have a good time").

LAISSER LE BON TEMPS ROULER!!

YOUTH GROUP

This is what we're up to now:

1. **Youth Group Meeting – Sunday, Feb. 17, at 5:30 pm.** We need to plan for our 3rd World Country Sleepover, plus when and where we will have our next activity day.
2. **Mardi Gras** – This will be on FEBRUARY 10. We'll be decorating on Feb. 9. Come on and help out.
3. **Third World Country** – Get your sleeping bag ready for February 22 and 23. You might want to eat a little something before coming, too, since there won't be any food until it's OVER!!
4. **This Summer's Mission Trip** – Lakewood Township NJ will be our mission this year as we help people recover from Hurricane Sandy.

Keep on believing
Marc, Lisa and Caroline



**Remember to get your
Weis and Carone's gift 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

The Crestwood High School Honor Roll is out and we have some smart kids on it.

Principal's Honors: Kimmy Bernetski

High Honors: Autumn Atkinson, Glynis Dean, Eric Rinehimer, Justin Rinehimer

Honors: Kyle Prelewicz

You're all doing a great job so keep it up!

Member Directories

Copies of the December 2012 Directory of Members are on the bulletin tables. If they are all taken, please let Denise know and she will make more.

SHARED RIDE PROGRAM

The Luzerne County Transportation Authority has a Shared Ride Program for residents 65 years and older. It provides a reduced-cost ride by sharing the vehicle with others traveling in the same area at the same time. The ride area is anywhere in Luzerne County, usually Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. This service can be used for anything from doctor's appointments to shopping to visiting with friends, or whatever else would get you out of the house. The cost is approximately 15% of the standard fare. For more information and an application, call the Luzerne County Transportation Authority Shared Ride Program at 288-8420.

UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 10 Daylight Savings Time Begins
Mar. 16 Scouts Spaghetti Dinner (snow date Mar. 23)
Mar. 24 Psalm Sunday
Mar. 28 Maundy Thursday
Mar. 31 Easter

CONSISTORY MEETING

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 pm.

CURRENT CONSISTORY MEMBERS

President Janice Broyan
Vice President.....Ron Rinehimer
Secretary Jill Bernetski
TreasurerJim Rinehimer
Assistant TreasurerAudrey Grosz
Trustees.....Nelson Horwath
..... Donnie Myers
..... Camille Daniels

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the March Messenger is Monday, February 18. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2013

Feb. 3

Greeters: Boy Scouts

Liturgist: Boy Scouts

Feb. 10

Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers

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Nora Cybulski

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Leah Dietrich showed off her piano expertise at Smith Health Care in December. She and other piano students performed a Christmas piano recital for the residents to enjoy.

Congratulations to **Michelle Heller** and the U-13 Girls Soccer team, the Hurricanes. They won 1st place in the Wyoming Valley Cup and finished the season undefeated.

Morgan Rinehimer and the other members of the Tall in the Saddle 4-H Horse and Pony Club held their annual Holiday/Awards party on January 5, 2013. Members received awards for each year they have been a part of the club.

Our church was the scene for our local Girl Scout troops to participate in the first national cookie sleepover on January 12. They were joined via internet to other troops all over the country as they kicked off their annual cookie season.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Ronald Williams	10 Olivia Palubinski	16 Alyssa Shuman
4 Dave Horensky	11 Taylor Farrell	16 J.P. Jankowski
4 Donna Walck	11 Arline Rinehimer	16 Brian Myers
6 Richie Lenahan	13 Floyd Fenstermacher	17 Charles Kania
8 Maria Storti	13 Ethan Supkowski	18 Brenda Kline
9 Morgan Hodel	14 Roy Baker	19 Joann Sabonas
9 Phillip Aumick	14 Donald Eroh	19 John L. Walck
9 Bianca Oldershaw	14 Michael Heller	25 Lisa Rinehimer
9 Becky Frey	15 Jennis Bunnell	29 Jan Rinehimer

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 1, 2003..... Pastor Penny and Archie Passmore
 February 14, 1988..... Bob and Rhonda Madigan
 February 15, 1991..... Brian and Priscilla Farrell

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