

The Messenger

July 2013

MONDAY, JULY 1

VBS PLANNING MEETING

Our final Vacation Bible School planning meeting will be Monday, July 1, at 7 pm at Stairville UMC. This meeting will be to determine if we have all supplies and resources necessary and to discuss ideas for transforming Stairville's hall into our Roundup Rodeo.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, July 7, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. Please bring something yummie to share at Coffee Hour after worship.

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Our Mission Trip to Lakewood Township, NJ, will begin on July 7 with the commissioning of the volunteers. They will be working on restoring homes which were destroyed by Hurricane Sandy. This will be a week of hard work, inspirational worship and new friendships.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, TO THURSDAY, JULY 18

ROUNDUP RODEO

Saddle up!! Time to join the rodeo! Come on, cowboys and cowgirls, to Roundup Rodeo – Where Our Awesome God Reigns! See inside for more!!

SUMMER MUSIC

VOICES AND INSTRUMENTS WANTED

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.

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.

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 7	Mt Zion	Aug. 4	St. John's
July 14	St. James	Aug. 11	St. Mark's
July 22	Emmanuel	Aug 18	Stairville UMC
July 28	St. Peter's	Aug 26	Cemetery Association

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From The Pastor's Desk

Seems like we're having a "hot" time right now with the weather. Stay in and stay cool or be careful when going out into the sun.

Returning from sabbatical has been a whirlwind with the 300 Club and Silent Auction right around the corner. What a busy time that was but what a great success! Thanks to all who helped out. It took lots of people and lots of time in lots of different areas. And on top of all the hard work God certainly blessed us with a beautiful day.

We also had a beautiful day for our first worship of the season in the pavilion. There was a wonderful breeze and much cooler than inside plus getting to enjoy the beauty of God's creation in the trees, mountains, and sky. This week we will be having a baptism during worship - the first of several this summer.

I pray for all a wonderful summer wherever you may be - at the beach, river or lake, in the mountains, visiting relatives, or just staying around home. Isn't it wonderful to know that God is everywhere we are. It's fun to attend church in other locations to see how others worship. You may even have suggestions to bring back to Emmanuel that we may consider implementing.

You will see me around all summer. I have no plans to go anywhere. My two months was wonderful and I feel pretty refreshed. God was good to Archie and me as we traveled around the countryside.

Remember that we need you in church in the summer as well as in winter.

Keep in mind what some church signs display: **"YOU THINK IT'S HOT HERE!"**

BLESSINGS!

PASTOR PENNY



Our Condolences

Long-time member Agnes Fornet passed away on May 31, 2013. We offer our heartfelt sympathy to her daughters, Pat Ostrowski and Carole Wilson, and their families. God's peace grant you solace and comfort

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.

4th ANNUAL 300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION A GREAT SUCCESS!!

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's 300 Club and Silent Auction terrific! A lot of hard work and preparation went into this event and it really showed. After deducting for costs and prizes, we should clear almost \$6,000. Plus, this was the best Silent Auction yet. With 165 items to bid on (including that gorgeous patio fan, Noritake China, gift certificates for everything and anything, etc), we cleared about \$2,400. Way to go! Thanks especially to Allen, Jim, and Pastor Penny for their organizational skills. This just goes to prove that if we all lend a hand, we can do great things together!

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Luzerne County Community College

Sami Dauber earned a 4.0 gpa and was listed on the President's Honor Roll at LCCC. Go, Girl!!

YOUTH GROUP

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!

2013 VBS

Roundup Rodeo

Where Our Awesome God Reigns!!

Registration Forms are
on the Narthex Table

Come on all you cowboys and cowgirls to the Roundup Rodeo!! We'll get an earful of Bible adventures, be singing till the cows come home, rustle up some grub at the Chuck Wagon, get crafty, and stretch our legs playing games. Our Bible points for each day revolve around God: He is real, with us, strong, and awesome. So lasso your friends and saddle up. We're off on a Bible adventure with a western flair. See y'all at the rodeo, Stairville United Methodist Church, beginning on Sunday, July 14, through Thursday, July 18. We start whoopin' it up at 6:30 pm each night and roundin' it up at 8:30 pm. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the Narthex or call the church office at 868-5675. Yee Haw!

2013 VBS Program

On Thursday, July 18, at 7:30 pm, everyone is welcome to **Roundup Rodeo** at Stairville UMC for our closing program at the RODEO. Our Rodeo starts with the children and youth telling all about the things they learned this year. Each day's lesson will be showcased at a "rodeo stand", with games and fun stuff to do. Then we'll have hot dogs and fixin's and everyone can enjoy all the games at the stands until closing at 8:30 pm. Please come out and join us at the rodeo. Denise

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.

VOICES AND INSTRUMENTS WANTED



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.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the August Messenger is Monday, July 19. 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 15, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

Aug 9 – Golf Tournament
Aug 11 – Church Picnic
Sept 8 – Rally Day
Sept 15 – ReCreation Concert
Sept 22 – Singspiration
Oct 19 – Turkey Supper
Oct 27 – Kirchentag Service at First UCC, Berwick

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Emmanuel was among the churches which held services to honor our veterans on Memorial Day Sunday, May 26.

Check out all the mug shots at our **4th Annual 300 Club**. The Mountain Peaks caught Hilda Lewis and Irene Hoch enjoying the sounds of the Mud Pond Boys. The Times Leader featured a column in their *Click* section of the paper. There are pictures of some of our members and guests enjoying themselves. What a great day it was!

Among the 259 Graduates of Crestwood High School Class of 2013, were four very familiar faces. **Rachelle Heller, Kyle Prelewicz, and Eric and Justin Rinehimer** received their diplomas and are now on their way to their new futures. Rachelle is off to College Misericordia to pursue her Psychology degree. Kyle will attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Eric and Justin have chosen King's College; Eric to major in Athletic training and Justin in Chemical Engineering or Environmental. All the best to some of the best and brightest – literally – check the honor rolls from past Messengers!

CAUGHT CHA!! Robert Duffy, III, was one of the students 'Caught Being Good' at Rice Elementary. Each month, the school staff nominate students for exhibiting good behavior. Keep it up, Robert!

Spring wasn't the only thing in the air recently. **Leah Dietrich** filled it with music at the Spring Recital of Michele Millington's piano students. She is pictured among the students who received certificates and pins from the National Guild of Piano Teachers. We all enjoy Leah's skills when she plays on Christmas Eve at before our worship service. Keep practicing, Leah, you're doing GREAT!

Our Scout Pack 433 and Troop 434 received a demonstration in self-defense tactics and tips to avoid stranger abduction from Sensei Paul Nikom, White Crane Academy, Mountain Top. Sensei Paul and Andrew Murawski are pictured in our pavilion, demonstrating one of the techniques.

Kid's Safety Day was held at the Hobbie carnival grounds on June 2. Dorrance Township, Wright Township and Hobbie Volunteer Fire Departments sponsored the day to instruct kids about bike safety, household safety, stranger danger and dog safety. There were also demonstrations on search and rescue dogs. Olivia Palubinski, Dave and Rosemary Myer's granddaughter, is pictured being shown how to play ring toss with one of the search and rescue dogs.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE JULY 2013

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Liturgist: Brooke Rinehimer

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Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

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Dave Myers
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Nora Cybulski

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Donald Myers
3 Gladys Readler
5 Randy Grosz
8 Samantha Dauber
8 Mary Eroh
10 Janice Broyan
12 Nathan Kamowski

13 Irene Hoch
13 Kyle Prelewicz
13 Bonnie Silvetti
14 Carol Duffy
14 Ruth Polashenski
15 Jo Ann Kotarsky

21 Jennifer Rinehimer
21 Judy Cybulski
23 Rachelle Heller
25 Sharon Moyer
25 Patricia Grosz
27 Denise Stein
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

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