

The Messenger

March 2013

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, MAUNDY THURSDAY
FRIDAY, MARCH 29, GOOD FRIDAY
SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - EASTER

Please see inside this issue for more information regarding these special services.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

YOUTH GROUP SNOW TUBING

OK all you snow-bunnies and snow-dogs. Time for some serious fun. The snow tubing outing is set for Saturday, March 2. More details are available from Lisa Rinehimer.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

COMMUNION

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on March 3. After worship, come on back to the Fellowship Hall for some delicious desserts and a cup of hot java or cool tea. It's always great to share our goodies and see everyone's friendly faces. So, plan to hang out for a while.

MARCH 10

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS



It's time to turn those clocks ahead so that you're sure not to miss one minute of Pastor Penny's message on Sunday morning, March 10. (I heard that if people don't show up on time, she'll just keep talking until everyone gets to church)

OGHS SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

We will gather our offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 10. Envelopes will be in the pews for you to contribute to this UCC sponsored offering.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on March 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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PARTY

Bring your friends for a great Easter egg hunt and party on March 30 from 10 am to noon. More details are in this issue.

SCOUT FUNDRAISER MEALS

BREAKFAST – MARCH 9 / SPAGHETTI DINNER – MARCH 16

Please see inside this issue for details on a hearty breakfast on March 9 and a *delizioso* spaghetti dinner on March 16. Our Cub Scouts of Pack 433 are having a Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, March 9, from 8 am to noon. The spaghetti dinner will be sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 434 on Saturday, March 16.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

SUPPER AND SERVICE

Our Lenten Suppers are 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

February has been a busy month here at Emmanuel. Thanks to all of you who have been involved in the activities. From Scout Sunday (the Boy Scouts did a great job) the first Sunday of the month moving to the Youth Mardi Gras celebration, and then their 30 hours of hunger and shopping for our food bank to our regular Wednesday night suppers. I have been happy with the attendance Wed. nights. I believe those who take a little time out of their busy schedules to come to dinner or service or both are blessed. It is always good to come together as family.

We will continue our suppers and services during the month of March. During Holy Week we will have our service on Maundy Thursday night instead of Wednesday. Our joint Good Friday service will be at the Presbyterian Church in Mountain Top. Our Confirmation class has been working hard and will be confirmed on Palm Sunday. And we will have a wonderful celebration on Easter with a sunrise service and regular service with breakfast in between.

I will be leaving town on April 1 for a couple of months for sabbatical. Archie and I will be doing some travelling to visit family and enjoying some rest and relaxation as I prepare to come back in June and jump right back in to Graduate Sunday and 300 Club. Thank you all for this opportunity for some quiet resting, relaxing, and reading time.
Now for a story:

A story is told of former world chess champion Bobby Fischer when he was a young boy. His mother took him to a museum, and he happened upon a painting that caught his eye. The painting was entitled "Checkmate."

It depicted a bedraggled, exhausted older man slumped over a chessboard. A few of his pieces were left on the board, and he was conceding the game. On the other side of the board was his fresh and snappy opponent, Satan.

Already a chess prodigy, young Bobby Fischer stood looking at the painting for a long time. His mother soon tired of it and moved around the remainder of the gallery. Finally returning to find Bobby still entranced by that painting. "Come now, Bobby, we have to go."

Bobby Fischer did not stop staring and thinking. One more time his mother insisted, "Bobby, we have to go. Come now!" "But, Mom," he pleaded, "he has one more move!"

What the untrained eye could not see the trained eye did. The painter had intentionally left an option open for the old man that he could not see. Fischer did.

There IS always an option open to us, even in the face of our fiercest opponent. Satan cannot checkmate God! And as we lean on a loving God, Satan will also not best us here at Emmanuel as we work together.

We as a community of believers will all benefit as we move back to the basics with excellence by being God's people, telling God's story, building God's kingdom.

God's blessings to all!!

PASTOR PENNY



Thank You

Brad and Jennis Bunnell thanks everyone for our kind Christmas gift to them. They enjoy our choir but, say that even more, they enjoy being members of our church family.

We received thank you letters for our benevolence donations. On the bulletin board in the bell tower are letters from: Phoebe Homes and Lancaster Seminary. Your donations enable them to provide services needed by their residents. Phoebe also has sent their newsletter, The Messenger, copies of which are on the Narthex table.

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.

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY COMMUNION

Come welcome our Savior as we celebrate Palm Sunday on March 24. Our worship will include remembering his sacrifice through the sacrament of Holy Communion. After worship, everyone is welcome to bring a delicious dessert and a join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE

On **Maundy Thursday**, March 28, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm for a light supper prepared by Pastor Penny. After our meal, at 7:00 pm, we will proceed to the Sanctuary for our service commemorating the Lord's Supper and reflecting on Christ's suffering and sacrifice. If you are unable to join us for supper, please still come for worship. Everyone is welcome.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Rehearsal for Kids Choir will be at 6:30 pm and Adult Choir will be after worship on March 28.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

On Good Friday, March 29, we will join with churches of the Mountain Top Ministerium for an ecumenical service at the Presbyterian Church of Mountain Top. The service will begin at 12:00 pm. We welcome everyone to this community worship service.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY

WORSHIP SERVICES and FELLOWSHIP

On Easter Sunday, March 31, we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection at our Sunrise Service at 6:30 am and our regular worship service at 10:30 am. After the Sunrise Service, we will have an Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

EASTER OFFERING

For many years our church has gathered a special offering for Easter which has been used to support our denomination's local institutions: Bethany Children's Home (\$1,000), Lancaster Theological Seminary (\$1,000) and Phoebe Devitt Homes (\$1,000). Any amount over the amount needed to fulfill these gifts is used to offset our offering to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) which we have budgeted at \$1,500. Please notice that this is a *special offering* which is *in addition to our regular envelopes* which support our General Fund or Building Fund. With that in mind, we hope you will give generously to our church and also to the organizations we support.

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.

Sunday School News Easter Party

Our Sunday School Easter Party will be on Saturday, March 30, from 10 am to 12 noon. Each child should bring a basket or bag for collecting eggs for the egg hunt. The Sunday School will provide the candy eggs. We will have a brunch with cereals, fruits and juices, and, of course, painted toast. Come out and bring a friend for a fun time.

SCOUT FUNDRAISER MEALS

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Anybody hungry? Plan on filling up with a hearty breakfast on March 9 and a *delizioso* spaghetti dinner on March 16. Our Cub Scouts of Pack 433 are having a Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, March 9, from 8 am to noon. They'll be serving pancakes, eggs, sausage and desserts along with coffee, tea and juice. There will be a sign-up sheet for the Breakfast in the Narthex for Emmanuel members or you can purchase tickets from any cub scout or leader. The spaghetti dinner will be sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 434 on Saturday, March 16. There will be plenty of spaghetti, meatballs, rolls and desserts. Please see Ron or Hunter Rinehimer or Aaron Kleger if you wish to purchase tickets. The breakfast will help to fund projects and events throughout the year for our Scouts so please show your support (and what a great appetite you have).

YOUTH GROUP

This is what we're up to now:

1. **Mardi Gras** – What a great success! We received enough donations for one youth for the Mission Trip. Keep thinking of more ways we can earn money.
2. **Third World Country** – There was a lot of fun to mask the grumbling stomachs during our fast. We really want to say how proud we are of all of you. Your shopping trip to Carone's and Weis did a great job of restocking needed items for the food bank.
3. **This Summer's Mission Trip** – We've finalized with TEAMEffort how many people are going. This year it's going to be more than just a youth event – this is an all church event as some adult members join us in serving God by helping others. Look out Sandy – here we come and we're gonna clean up your mess!!

Keep on believing
Marc, Lisa and Caroline



**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.

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

UPCOMING DATES

April 20 Turkey Supper

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Keegan Farrel was named to the MMI Second Quarter Honor Roll. She has also been inducted into the National Honor Society. There's a picture on the front bulletin board of Keegan and the rest of the inductees. Congratulations, girl!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MARCH 2013

Mar. 3

Greeters: Judy Cybulski and Connie Davis
Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

Mar. 10

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan
Liturgist: Jim Stewart

Mar. 17

Greeters: Carol & Robert Duffy, III and Donnie Myers
Liturgist: Lynne Stewart

Mar. 24

Greeters: Jim and Lynne Stewart
Liturgist: Frank Partington

Mar. 31

Early Service

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Liturgist: Dave Myers

Regular Service

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Clifford & Gladys Readler
Nora Cybulski

CONSISTORY MEETING

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

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

The Dancing Queen is now a Skating Queen!! **Kelsey Rinehimer** and her brother, **Justin**, were out with friends slapping the puck around at the ice rink at the Wright Township Park. That a girl, Kelsey!! Those guys can't beat you!! (Sorry Justin – NOT!)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2	Jane Rinehimer	14	Devin Stein	28	Samantha Kotarsky
3	Carey Hoffman	16	David DeLuca	29	Amanda Bickham
7	Cindy Heller	21	Lisa Caffrey	29	Joe Huntzinger
7	Dorothy Hoyt	24	Deven Kamat	29	Lois Huntzinger
9	Gloria Schreyer	26	Samantha Kotarsky	31	Gwen Sakowski
12	Deb Kishel	27	Connie Miller	31	Michael Supkowski
		28	Brian Heller		

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 20, 1982.....Bob and Helen Heller

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