The Messenger

May 2013

SUNDAY, MAY 5

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 5, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. We will have a coffee hour afterward and hope you will join us and bring a goodie for everyone to share.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet for lunch on May 8 at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome. The "admittance fee" is one covered dish or dessert to share with everyone. Our group is growing and we look forward to gaining more members.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

MOTHER'S DAY

The Kid's Choir will help us celebrate Mother's day by singing a song especially for our Moms. The Youth will also participate in the service to show their appreciation for all the women of faith in our church.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

PENTECOST SUNDAY

We will celebrate the birthday of the Christian faith on May 19. This is a special day to remember our spiritual roots and look forward to the future.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A joint memorial service conducted by the American Legion Posts and VFW will be held in our Cemetery on May 26 to honor our veterans and loved ones. It will take place at approximately 12:00 pm after our Worship Service. Please plan to stay after Worship and pay your respects to our fallen heroes.

JULY 7 TO JULY 13

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

Six youth and six adults will be representing Emmanuel UCC at the Team Effort Mission Project in Lakewood Township, NJ. Most of their daytime hours will be spent working on projects like painting, rebuilding and repairing homes. Evenings are filled with music and worship. The cost is \$289 per person which the Youth Group hopes to provide for the youth members. That's a cost of \$1,734 for the youth only – not including adults. That is why it is so important that we support our youth with their fundraising efforts. Their main means to generate money is their Youth for Hire, where they will perform odds and ends around your home such as yard work and spring cleaning. Please help them to reach out to Lakewood Township and the people who need our help recovering from Hurricane Sandy.

Emmanuel United Church of Christ

7768 Blue Ridge Trail Mountain Top PA 18707 (570) 868-5675 www.emmanuel_ucc.org emmanuel_ucc@hotmail.com

Rev. Penny Dollar 15 Old North Road Mountain Top, PA 18707 (570) 678-5949 (570) 706-6476 preacherdollar@yahoo.com

Inside this Issue

300 Club & Silent Auction	p. 3
Around Our Neighborhood	p. 3
Automatic Contributions	p. 3
Committee Meetings	p. 4
Emmanuel Shirt Sale	p. 5
Picture Perfect	p. 3
Secretary's Notes	p. 2
Sunday School News	p. 3
Sunday School Mission	p. 3
Thank You	p. 3
Turkey Supper Report	p. 3
Twilighters	p. 3
Volunteer Schedule	p. 5
Youth for Hire	p. 3
Youth Group	n. 3

Secretary's Notes

Whew!! Four weeks down and four to go. I knew Pastor Penny did a lot of the background work for services and handled some other issues, great and small, but I really didn't know how time-consuming her job is. That said – I think I'll be taking a sabbatical when she gets back. Just joking... But then again? Just getting the bulletin finalized is sometimes a challenge. There are many resources for the liturgy, some on the web and some in print. But to get the right call to worship, prayers and such, that will really compliment the Preacher's message is sometimes very daunting. It's been a real learning experience and one that I will happily give back when Pastor returns.

I also want to say how proud I am of everyone in our church. I realize that some people might question why any pastor, not just Pastor Penny, would need a sabbatical. I'll leave that up to her to explain. My focus is that while she is away, we are continuing to be a true fellowship of believers. We have supported the people who have taken their time to participate in our services over the past month and I know we will be just as supportive for the next month. When these people come into our church, you can see the welcoming attitude from everyone in attendance. I want you to know that I really appreciated everyone who complimented me about the sermon on May 14. I think it was a great Sunday with the "ladies" of all ages contributing. Brooke did very well with her part of the liturgy and I am hoping that she has volunteered to continue reading. And I would like to thank Sharon, Camille and Janice for their part in leading the prayers and scriptures. It was very rewarding for me to be part of this experience and I love the way everything worked out (even though I did forget to print out my notes and had to use my laptop – hi-tech to the rescue). I felt a genuine response of warmth and encouragement which I relied on several times during the following weeks. Thank you for your support, not for me, but for your church and this community of believers. It's this kind of support that counts – the people who will be there for the church when "the cat's away".

Our Turkey Supper was successful because of all of you, too. I really love being in the hall, and running around like a crazy lady. It's all for a good cause, too. Not only do we prepare a great meal for a lot of people, but they see who we are and what we are like. That kind of talk always gets around. Our reputation is not only what we deliberately put out to the community to see, but also what they see at these functions when we're working together. People can tell when there's something behind the scenes. So, it's great that they're seeing us in a good light – could that be God's light? *Yes!*

Next up is the 300 Club on June 15 from 12 noon to 6 pm (or so). There are 300 Club posters and donation letters for the Silent Auction on the table in the narthex. Just take some posters and put them around wherever you see other events publicized. As for Silent Auction donations, please fill in the blanks with the name of person/business donating, the item donated and the value of the item on the donation letter. Also, please make a note of the value of the item and keep it with the item so that we know how much to put on the bid sheets. Then give the letter to the donor for their tax records. The more items, the more we will be able to make to help our church and its missions.

"300 Club" means there are 300 tickets up for grabs which cost \$35 each. The ticket grants you and a guest access to the grounds, with all the food and entertainment included in the ticket price. Plus ticketholders are entered into hourly drawings beginning at 1 pm. There are five drawings each hour: 2 for \$50 and 3 for \$25. Then the main drawing is at 6 pm. There are five each for \$25, \$50 and \$100; one for \$250; one for \$500; and the last drawing is for a whopping \$1,000. If you don't care about being included in the drawings, you can still come and just hang out and enjoy all the food and entertainment, too, for a donation of just \$15 per person.

Please promote the 300 Club as much as possible. It's a great way to spend a day (6 hours of food and entertainment for \$17.50/person with a ticket or \$15/person without – where else can you get a deal like that?)

Again, thanks for all your support. It really means a lot to me and it shows the love and concern you have for your church and it's mission work. No, Pastor Penny is not here at the moment, but we are. And we are Emmanuel United Church of Christ.

See you in Church!!!

Denise

PS – can you hear the cheer? WE ARE - - EMMANUEL! WE ARE - - EMMANUEL!

Thank You

Anna Mae Koons wishes to thank everyone for the getwell cards, prayers and concerns during her recovery.

The Easter Breakfast was a wonderful time for us to joyfully celebrate with each other. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare it and those who came to enjoy the fellowship. Jim Rinehimer

Thanks to everyone who helped out in any and every way with our Turkey Supper. It's great to see the members and our Scouts working together and having fun. Yes, you can do both at the same time – just ask anyone who was there!! So, let's hear it for the food prep crew, cooks, wait staff, clean up crew and diners. We couldn't have this event without YOU! Denise Dean

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, May 8, 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.

300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION

Hurry up and get your tickets for our 4th Annual 300 Club fundraiser! Mark your calendars and get ready for a great day of fun, food and prizes. On Saturday, June 15, we will hold our annual 300 Club. For tickets or to help out, please see Allen Dennis and Jim Rinehimer.

Sunday School News

I would like to say thanks to everyone who donated to our bake sale during the Turkey Supper on April 20. We really appreciate your support so that we can have a great Sunday School for our kids.

SOCK-IT-TO-ME MISSION

Bernie Baluta at McKinney Clinic has contacted us regarding a need for the people served by the clinic. She asks if we would collect white crew socks (only this kind, please – it makes it easier to pass out only one style) and deodorant. The box at the front of the church is where you can deposit these items. Thanks for your continuing generosity for those who are in need.

Lisa Rinehimer

UPDATE ON AUTOMATIC ONTRIBUTIONS

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. Automatic contributions are 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.

Turkey Supper Report

	April 20, 2013	
RECEIPTS		
Tickets - Door -		
Adult	263 @ \$10.00	\$2,630.00
Object	40 @ \$4 00	40.00
Child	12 @ \$4.00	48.00
Advance	320 @ \$10.00	3,200.00
Donations		61.00
Surplus Sold		158.25
TOTAL		
RECEIPTS		\$6,097.25
EXPENSES		
Carone's Market	Bread Crumbs	160.00
Keyco Dist	Green Beans	364.20
Wal Mart	Coffee,Vinegar,Sugar,Butter	71.10
Sam's Club	Potatoes, Pepper, Salt	122.20
Haupt Produce	Cabbage, Celery	36.00
Malacari's	Onion, Carrots	10.96
Tuzzi's Bakery	Bread	37.50
	Eggs, Flour, Corn Cranberry	
	Sauce, Napkins, Lids &	
Maine Source	Take-out Cups	350.82
Aldi	Broth	8.94
Dollar Tree	Sandwich Bags	5.30
D.W. Richards		
Sons	Turkeys	1,059.57
Weis Markets	Milk	<u>37.80</u>
TOTAL		
EXPENSES		\$2,264.39
		A A A A A A A B A B B B B B B B B B B
PROFIT		\$3,832.86

YOUTH GROUP

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!



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 and there are six of us going. That equals \$1,734 just for us (the adults have to find their own way). 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

AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Stairville UMC's spring craft sale is May 4 from 9 am to 2 pm.

A Chicken and Waffle Dinner to benefit Cindy (Hontz) Williams will be served Saturday, May 4, from 4 to 7 pm at St James Lutheran Church. Cindy had a brain aneurism with numerous complications and is now recovering at home. Tickets are: \$9.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for children 6-12; children under 5 are free; and \$9.00 for take outs. Call 379-3372 or 379-3885 for tickets or more information.

The Kiwanis Breakfast will be on May 5 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Community Concert – St. Martin's in the Field will host *We Three*, a trio comprised of a tuba player and two trombonists, on Sunday evening, May 5, at 7:30 pm. Refreshments will be served after the concert. The concert is free and open to everyone in the community.

If you know about a community event, please let me know the details, or better yet, get me a poster to put up. Thanks, Denise

DICTURE DERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Yum, Yum – Looks like breakfast at the Sunday School Easter Party was finger-lickin' good. **Leah and Rowan Dietrich** took some time out from games and crafts to enjoy their painted toast and other breakfast goodies.

Clean up, clean up, everybody clean up. Remember the purple dinosaur's song? Well, plenty of people took that song to heart on Sunday, April 21. There were groups all over Mountain Top giving our area a good spring cleaning. Among the groups was our own Adopt-a-Highway crew and pictured picking up the trash (literally) is **Brooke Rinehimer**. Thanks to everyone who cared enough about our communities to take the time to make it more beautiful.

Our Turkey Dinner was featured in a picture with Robert and Janet Gaudio of Drums sampling the delicious food. People come from all over our area and we are constantly told we have the best Turkey Supper. Thanks to everyone's hard work and to the people who come out to enjoy it.

We have a published author in our area. **Janet Van Gorden** is a member of Stairville UMC and regularly teaches our joint VBS program. Janet wrote a novel which is available electronically on the web and is soon to be available in print. Her creation is titled *His Second Chance* is a romantic novel.

Boy Scouts of Troop 434 participated in their first Boy Scout Challenge on April 6 at Nescopeck State Park. They were tested on ten scout skills along a three mile trial. Pictured among the attendees are **Aaron Kleger**, **Hunter Rinehimer and Asst. Scoutmaster Ron Rinehimer. Sandy Kleger** also attended but is not pictured.

Ethel Fine has someone to be really proud of. Her great-grandson, **Richard Supkowski**, is among the students of Crestwood High School who won awards at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science regional meeting held at King's College on March 2. He was awarded the Junior High Excellence Award in Earth and Space Science and also earned a PERFECT SCORE. Talk about brains!! The guy's got it!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the June Messenger is Monday, May 23. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

Dave Myers was told by the recycling center that **only aluminum CANS** are accepted for recycling. Please do not put aluminum foil or foil pans in the collection bins as these are not recyclable by the center. Thanks for all your support of this project. The money from recycling is used to help people in our area as part of our local mission work.

EMMANUEL UCC SHIRTS

Several people have asked about purchasing T-Shirts, especially with the 300 Club coming up. There were plenty of them at the Turkey Supper and it really looked great. It's also a great way to get our name out into the community. T-shirts and sweatshirts printed with the UCC logo and Emmanuel UCC are again for sale. There's something for everyone, no matter your age or size. Please see Jim Rinehimer to order.

Women's or Men's T-Shirts, Red or Grey		
Sm, Med, Lg, XL\$8.00		
2X, 3X, 4X, 5X\$10.00		
Men's Polo Shirts, Red or Grey		
Sm, Med, Lg, XL\$15.00		
2X, 3X, 4X, 5X\$17.00		
Women's Golf Shirts, Red or Grey		
Sm, Med, Lg, XL\$15.00		
2X, 3X, 4X, 5X\$17.00		
Youth Sizes		
Sm, Med, Lg, XL8.00		
2X and up10.00		
Hooded Sweatshirts		
Sm, Med, Lg		
1L-XL20.00		
Crewneck Sweatshirts		
Sm, Med, Lg, XL15.00		
2X17.00		
WE ARE EMMANUEL!		

UPCOMING DATES

June 9 Graduate Sunday

June 15 300 Club and Silent Auction

July 7-13 YG Mission Trip to Lakewood Twp, NJ

Aug 9 1st Annual Golf Tournament at Sand Springs (See Nelson Horwath or Donnie Myers for details)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MAY 2012

<u>May 5</u>

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan

Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

May 12

Greeters: Emmanuel's Youth Liturgist: Emmanuel's Youth

May 19

Greeters: Morgan Rinehimer &

Michelle Berketski

Liturgist: Brooke Rinehimer & Sharon Moyer

May 26

Greeters: Judy Cybulski & Donnie Myers

Liturgist: Dave Myers

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers Clifford & Gladys Readler Nora Cybulski

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Dean Kline II	11 Steve Moyer	24 Gene Broyan
5 Travis Grosz	18 Kelly Madigan	24 Clayton Walck
6 Sanjay Kamat	20 Susan Heller	26 Pastor Penny Dollar
10 Harry Peters, III	21 Donald Oldershaw	29 Denise Dean
11 John Jankowski	21 Caroline Cronce	31 Aiden Lazo
	22 Duo alsa Dimahiman	

22 Brooke Rinehimer

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

May 7, 1988	Ronald and Dawn Kania
May 8, 1993	Lonnie and Paula Rinehimer
May 21, 1971	Gene and Janice Broyan
May 22, 2001	Donnie and Doreen Oldershaw
May 27, 1989	Gary and Sharon Eigenbrod
May 29, 1976	Hilbert and Lois Eigenbrod
May 30, 1998	Rosanne and Sanjay Kamat

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MAY 2012

May 5

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan

Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

May 12

Greeters: Emmanuel's Youth Liturgist: Emmanuel's Youth

May 19

Greeters: Morgan Rinehimer &

Michelle Berketski

Liturgist: Brooke Rinehimer & Sharon Moyer

May 26

Greeters: Judy Cybulski & Donnie Myers

Liturgist: Dave Myers

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers Clifford & Gladys Readler Nora Cybulski