

The Messenger

October 2013

CUB SCOUT BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 5

The Cub Scouts are cooking up a delicious pancake breakfast on October 5 from 8 am to noon. More details are in this issue.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY AND COFFEE HOUR

OCTOBER 6

Along with the rest of the world, we will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on October 6, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

CROP WALK

On October 6, the Wapwallopen Ministerium will again participate in the CROP Walk. This event includes all the churches in our area and we are hoping for a really great turn-out. If you never participated, it's a great way to get your exercise and do something productive at the same time. If you would like to be a walker, please see **Denise Dean for more details and a sponsor packet.**

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

OCTOBER 10

The Youth Group is planning some upcoming events and fundraisers. Anyone in 6th grade and above is welcome to our next meeting on Thursday, October 10. More info is inside this issue.

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

It's time for our annual Turkey Supper. Please see the article in this issue for dates and times where your help will be needed.

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Kirchentag Service

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Reformation Sunday is celebrated the last Sunday in October. This year there will be a special Kirchentag Service hosted by First Reformed UCC in Berwick, where Rev. Rebecca Broyan is pastor. She and the rest of the pastors of our local UCC organization, the Susquehanna Area Mission Council, have planned a fantastic worship experience celebrating our German Reformed heritage. More details are inside this issue.

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From The Pastor's Desk

OCTOBER –what a beautiful month and what beautiful weather we’ve been having! Better enjoy it while it’s here – the last vestiges of summer. It’s especially nice to enjoy the beauty of God’s earth as the leaves turn red and yellow, and orange. Try to keep in mind how pretty they were as later you begin to rake.

This morning Archie and I were talking about how the Holy Spirit enters into folks’ lives. There are some who say one must have had such a profound experience that one will remember the day, the hour, and the place when that saving experience happened. I do believe that it **can** happen that way but that is not the only way for one to know God’s saving grace.

As I was reading this morning I read this devotional in My Utmost For His Highest by Oswald Chambers titled “Leave Room for God” and referencing Galatians 1:15 “But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased...”

The devotion reads:

“As workers for God we have to learn to make room for God – to give God ‘elbow room.’ We calculate and estimate, and say that this and that will happen, and we forget to make room for God to come in as He chooses. Would we be surprised if God came into our meeting or into our preaching in a way we had never looked for Him to come? Do not look for God to come in any particular way, but look for Him. That is the way to make room for Him. Expect Him to come, but do not expect Him only in a certain way. However much we may know God, the great lesson to learn is that at any minute He may break in. We are apt to overlook this element of surprise, yet God never works in any other way. All of a sudden God meets the life, ‘When it was good pleasure of God...’

“Keep your life so constant in its contact with God that His surprising power may break out on the right hand and on the left. Always be in a state of expectancy, and see that you leave room for God to come in as He likes.”

Let’s all stay in contact with God every minute of every day so that we can be used by God for God’s purposes!

Blessings upon you all!

Pastor Penny



Thank You

The Re-Creation Concert was again a wonderful experience. Thanks to everyone who helped out: preparing and serving their dinner, setting up before and clean up after the concert, and for all the refreshments.

The Ceaser Family sent a letter thanking us for our recent donation to assist with Paige’s treatment expenses. They truly appreciate our support in her battle with cystic fibrosis.

Scott R. Stevens, President and CEO of Phoebe Ministries, wrote a letter thanking us for our continued support of their work and detailing the improvements they made to provide their residents with up-to-date comprehensive care. Phoebe Ministries is one of the UCC affiliated organizations we support through our annual benevolence allowances as outlined in our budget.

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, October 9, 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.



Bring your appetites for a delicious breakfast in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 5. From 8 am to 12 noon, our scouts will be serving up pancakes, eggs, sausage links and beverages. You can get all this yummy goodness for the cost of \$7 per adult, \$5 for kids 5 to 12, and kids under 5 eat for free.



CROP HUNGER WALK OCTOBER 6

Emmanuel will again be the starting and ending point for our annual CROP Walk on October 6. Registration will be at 12:30 pm with the walk starting at 1:00 pm. From the state of Georgia in the United States to the country of Georgia in the Ukraine, and from Kentucky to Kenya, we walk because they walk. We turn on the faucet and don't even think about the quality of the liquid coming out of the spout. We go to the grocery store and complain when the item we want is not on the shelf. We attend school and complain about classes and schedule conflicts. So many things we take for granted. While others walk miles for dirty water that has to be boiled before use. Others scratch the dry dirt, hoping to harvest a meager crop to support their family. Others struggle to reach a very basic education or even worse, are not allowed to attend school at all. Through your donations to CROP, you are making a change in our world. For examples of the changes made possible by you, please check the closet door between the restrooms. Walkers will be looking for your support as they walk to end hunger. Please give. Support those who choose to walk because others have to walk.



CROP WALK REFRESHMENTS

Anyone who is willing to bring some baked goods or other refreshments for



the walkers is asked to please see Cindy Heller. Cindy is looking for your help to "energize" them before and "recharge" them after their walk.

NIN OFFERING – OCTOBER 6



Imagining Another World is

Possible is the slogan of this year's **Neighbors In Need** offering. Some of the definitions of imagination in Webster's

Unabridged Dictionary include: "1: the act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses, or never before wholly perceived in reality; 2 a: creative ability; b: ability to confront and deal with a problem : resourcefulness." These definitions particularly pertain to the Neighbors In Need offering.

We are challenged to imagine a world without discrimination and oppression; without violence; without poverty; and without hunger. But it's not enough just to have a mental image of what could be. The second definition needs to also be put to use. Creative ability and the ability to confront and deal with a problem – how to make that mental image become something present and perceived in reality.

Through our offerings, the Justice and Witness Ministries of the UCC provide resources for churches and organizations in the United States and Puerto Rico to improve the lives of people. Stories and testimonies can be found on their website at www.ucc.org/nin.

You can also make your donation to NIN right on the website. In the words of John Lenin: "Imagine all the people living life in peace. You, you can say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one." **Imagine. Give. Confront the Problem. Create the Reality.**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

After many years of dedication, Cindy Heller is asking to have someone else call for cakes, cupcakes and monetary donations for our Suppers. This is a very important role – after all, who doesn't want dessert after a delicious meal? If you are willing to serve your church in this position, please see Denise or Pastor Penny. And our thanks to Cindy for all her love and commitment.

Turkey Supper Dates

October 17 to 19, 2013

Please remember that it is not necessary to be at the supper "forever". If everyone takes a turn, we can all help each other and feel good about volunteering to support our church. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the Narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall Door.

Don Eroh is looking for people to sell tickets. He has plenty for everyone, so get them and sell, sell, sell. The fall Supper is usually our best dinner fundraiser and is easy to promote. Why? Because people love to eat – especially good food!! And we've been complimented again and again about how really good it is!

As always, we need people to cook the turkeys. Allen Dennis is the person to see if you can volunteer your time for this important item (what's a Turkey Supper without turkey, right?) The turkeys arrive either at your home or at the church (depending on how you arrange it with Allen).

On Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m., walls are taken down and tables are set up. Then there is the cleaning and cutting up of the vegetables for the pickled cabbage.

Early Friday morning about 8:00 a.m. we start making the pickled cabbage and stuffing. Some foods just taste so much better if you let the flavors chill and mix. (I learned that from the cooking shows)

Saturday morning at 8:00 am is when we clean the meat off the turkeys, which is easier to do if the turkeys are warm. ***Please remember to bring the turkey broth to make the gravy.*** Those of you who clean your own turkeys and then deliver them really help to speed up this process. Then, of course, the actual event begins at 3:00 and goes to about 7:00 p.m. We can always use lots of hands for serving food, working in the kitchen, busing tables, and waiting on tables. By the end of the supper at 7:00 p.m., the workers, (many of whom have been there since 2:30 p.m. heating up the turkey, making gravy, making sure the vegetables and stuffing are hot so that everything is all set to serve at 3:00 p.m.) are ready for a rest. That's when it's nice to have a clean-up crew come in. The tables all have to be cleaned off, tables and chairs wiped down, Sunday School rooms put back into order and the walls put back up. The large roasters and cook pots are washed and put away until the next supper. The kitchen cleaned and floors washed and vacuumed.

There's a lot to do to hold a supper, but the work's not hard when you're having fun. And we do have a lot of fun, even if we are a bit frantic while serving our guests. It's all part of the experience and we'd love for you to experience it, too.

TEEN TALK TIME ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

There's a new group meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. We're teenagers and we've got our own time to dig deeper into our faith. This isn't just another "Sunday School class" or Bible Study. It's all about us — who we are, what's happening in our lives right here and now, and how does any of this relate to God and our faith. We started by checking out God's choice of David for king of Israel. Yeah, just a kid, youngest in his family (a teenager) and with a low-life occupation — shepherd. Hey, how would you like to spend time around a bunch of smelly animals all day? Doesn't exactly put you on anyone's party list. But God wasn't looking (or sniffing) at David's appearance. Instead, he chose David for what was in his heart. That's how he sees all of us. He chooses us by looking deeper than our skin or clothes, i-Pods or cellphones, faves or "likes". With God, it's all about who we are deep down in that place where nobody else sees. We don't have to put on an act or try to be someone we're not. God accepts us for who we are, just as we are.

We're looking for all the teens to come out and talk about how God really relates in our lives — not just in theory but reality.



Most of us will be walking in the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 6. This will help a lot of people around the world and in our own neighborhood since 25% comes back for the Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank. So get donations!!

The next meeting for the Youth Group is on October 10. It will be at our church about 5 or 6 pm. We have a project to make ornaments for our next fundraiser which we will sell at the Turkey Supper. So we need all your hands to make as many ornaments as possible.

We are also planning our annual Christmas Cookie fundraiser. When the cooking baking date is picked, we will need you to make a batch of your favorite recipe so we can make some money for our missions and events.

Kimmy

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

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

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Kirchentag Service

Guten Tag! Sprechen Sie Deutsch? No? Well, you won't really need to speak or even understand German at the Kirkentag Service which will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 27, at 4:00 pm. The First Reformed UCC, First Street in Berwick will be the site of this special service recalling our German Reformation heritage. Reformation Sunday is the last Sunday in October and, so, is the logical date for Kirchentag. This event has been planned by the Susquehanna Area Mission Council, which is made up of our local UCC churches from Bloomsburg to Mountain Top and Stillwater to McAdoo – 28 churches in all. Rev. Rebecca Broyan is the Pastor of First Reformed and is so excited to host Kirchentag (pronounced Keer-ken-tog), which translates to Church Day. Musical leadership will be provided by a joint choir which will assemble at 2:00 pm for practice. Each church will be provided with music several weeks prior to Kirchentag to become familiar with the pieces. If you would like to be a part of the choir, please join us at Emmanuel on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. After the service there will be a dinner with all kinds of German foods. Each church is asked to bring something for the dinner and Emmanuel's part is the DESSERTS!! So go through your old cookbooks and find that special dessert that Gram made and just boasts that it's the best German dessert ever! SEHEN SIE IN DER KIRCHE! (See you in Church!)

Youth Achievements

The Luzerne County Community College Spring 2013 Honor Roll lists:

Honors: Justin Rinehimer

President's: Sam Dauber

Keep using those brains!!!

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Our annual picnic on August 11 was pictured with Pastor Penny calling out numbers for dirty bingo. Everybody wants to be a winner! This was a great day for us to get together. The kids had plenty of games and a moon bounce and the adults had plenty of food, I mean fun. Who could ask for more?

Rally Day was all about Sunday School and our youth as they took part in our worship service. Their skit about the four friends who stubbornly refused to take "no" for an answer as they sought Jesus' healing for their lame friend illustrated the theme for the day – Staying Connected to God and Each Other. There's a picture of some of our youth and children who stayed for the picnic and fun and games.

Morgan Rinehimer is pictured with her horse as she represented the Tall in the Saddle 4-H Club in the Luzerne County Round Up on August 3. Giddy-up, Morgan. Let's Ride!

Registration for Cub Scout Pack 433 was held on August 30 in our Fellowship Hall. While the parents/guardians were busy with paperwork, the boys were shown the basics of using a compass by our Boy Scout Troop 434. **Matteo Belanchik** is among the boys intently watching as they are being instructed.

Pictures of the Youth Group Mission Trip are posted on the board. Hard work mingled with fun as the youth and adults repaired several homes damaged by Superstorm Sandy.

Our First Annual Golf Tournament was enjoyed by many golfers at Sand Springs Golf. The day was a bit damp but that didn't dampen the spirits of the golfers!

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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, October 17, at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the October Messenger is Monday, October 21. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 3 Harvest Home
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Eve Service

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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4 John Rinehimer	8 Alexis Kamat	14 Eileen Bonczek
4 Harry W. Peters	9 John Daniels	15 Michelle Heller
4 Patricia Heller	9 Dawn Lynn Myers	15 Kyle Belanchik
5 Jacqueline Heller	9 Tammy Dauber	16 Glenda Supkowski
5 Barry Myers	11 Betty Montigney	16 Joshua Cronic
5 Cheryl Hoffman	13 Rosemary Myers	27 Sharryl Kastreva
6 Glynis Dean		28 Cloe Kishel

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 3, 1964	Dave and Rosemary Myers
Oct. 3, 1953	Frank and Joan Partington
Oct. 5, 1991	Tom and Audrey Grosz
Oct. 10, 2008	Paul and Angie Thomas
Oct. 11, 1975	Ivan and Dorothy Hoyt
Oct. 12, 2001	Steve and Sharon Moyer
Oct. 17, 1987	John and Camille Daniels

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