

The Messenger

September 2013

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

SEPTEMBER 1

Come break bread with our Lord at our worship service and **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, September 1, at 10:30 am. We will have worship inside this Sunday. Please bring something yummie to share at Coffee Hour after worship.

RALLY DAY!!

SEPTEMBER 8

WELCOME BACK to another **GREAT YEAR** of *Sunday School* at *Emmanuel UCC!!* We started our new LIVE lessons last year and it was a blast! The songs are fun with awesome music! You never know what to expect in class since everything comes out of our "kid-friendly" *Hands On Bibles*. They're specially designed for us - easy to understand and filled with fun experiments and puzzles!! **Our first day will be Rally Day, Sept. 8 at 9:00 am.** During Sunday School, we'll be practicing for the special worship service centered around US, just like last year. Then we'll have a picnic and play tons of games and bounce around in the MoonWalk. **You just gotta come and -**

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!! MORE KIDS = MORE FUN!!

RE-CREATION CONCERT

SEPTEMBER 15

Invite everyone you know to Emmanuel UCC to enjoy the music and enthusiasm of the group, **Re-Creation**. An inspirational evening of songs and worship is planned for **September 15 at 7 pm**. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments will be served after the show. For more information, check inside this issue. Bring your friends and neighbors for a refreshing evening of Christian entertainment!

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22

The next Youth Group meeting will be on September 22. Check inside this issue for more info!

CHOIRS RESUME

KIDS, YOUTH AND ADULTS WANTED

Kid's Choir practices every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We have a lot of fun and really liven up the place with our upbeat music. We're looking for anyone 5 to 12 years old to help us raise the roof. The Chancel Choir is for anyone older than 12. This group takes a more traditional route to praise, but we're still rockin' the house. We perform anything from gospel to traditional to new age (remember Victory Chant?! Oh, yeah!). So bring your singing voice and desire to praise God and join our choirs. There's always room for one more voice (or two or three). **SING PRAISES TO HIS HOLY NAME!!!**

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From The Pastor's Desk

Summer is drawing to a close and it's time to settle in to a routine. Our September starts off with a bang with "Rally Day" to officially start Sunday School, Re-Creation, and Singspiration. We have been blessed with five new members this summer and plan to welcome more in the fall. God has truly blessed us.

The nursery is in the process of being cleaned and updated so we can welcome our children from infants to age six. Jim and Lynn are working feverishly to get it ready – cleaning and painting and rearranging. Now we need volunteers to stay with the little ones for an hour on Sunday mornings. Please help us out even if you have no more little ones. We have baptized several babies this summer and will be baptizing at least four more later in the year. Once in a while these parents need to be able to just sit and enjoy the service for an hour.

If you have been out on the roads at all you have noticed (or even gotten behind) the school buses taking our kids back to school. Keep the children and the teachers in your prayers not only to do well in school but to come to Sunday School and learn their lessons there as well. Denise has done a great job with our new curriculum and it is much more kid friendly than our previous lessons.

But we need to keep in mind that it is not only the children who need to study and continue to learn. According to James Hamilton, there are two kinds of Bible readers--those who skim the surface and those who dig deep. He describes them by comparing them to two common insects. He writes, "One is remarkable for its imposing plumage, which shows in the sunbeams like the dust of gems; as you watch its jaunty gyrations over the fields and its minuet dance from flower to flower, you cannot help admiring its graceful activity, for it is plainly getting over a great deal of ground.

"But in the same field there is another worker, whose brown vest and businesslike, straightforward flight may not have arrested your eye. His fluttering neighbor darts down here and there, and sips elegantly wherever he can find a drop of ready nectar; but this dingy plodder makes a point of alighting everywhere, and wherever he alights he either finds honey or makes it. If the flower-cup be deep, he goes down to the bottom; if its dragon-mouth be shut, he thrusts its lips asunder; and if the nectar be peculiar, he explores all about till he discovers it. . . His rival of the painted velvet wing has no patience for such dull and long-winded details. . . The one died last October. The other is warm in his hive, amidst the fragrant stores he has gathered." Which type of Bible reader are you? Butterfly or bee?

Let's all get on board for a wonderful new church year.

Blessings! Pastor Penny



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to the VBS Mission, Go Joe 16. We received a thank you email from Joe Snedeker in which Joe encourages us to "Shine On!" I am really grateful to be part of such a generous faith-community family. The total donated through our joint VBS of Stairville and Faith UMC and Emmanuel United Church of Christ was \$575. I have posted the email on the bulletin board in the bell tower. You make me so proud to be called a Christian. Denise

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER **TWILIGHTERS**

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, September 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.

RE-CREATION

Presents

Sing a Song of Praise!

We will again host the exciting vocal group **Re-Creation** at our church on September 15 at 7 pm. This awesome group of young people travels all over the country spreading inspiration and joyful praise. Re-creation was organized in 1976 to present live performances in hospitals, Veterans Affairs facilities, nursing homes and other care facilities. They now perform over 300 shows yearly to fund their mission to bring music and healing to others. For more information on them, go to their website, re-creationusa.com. A free will offering will be taken and light refreshments will be served after the show. For more information, call Allen Dennis at 868-5120 or the church office at 868-5675. **Please see Cindy Heller if you can help with refreshments.** Bring your friends and neighbors for a refreshing evening of Christian entertainment!

1st Annual Golf Tournament *August 9, 2013*

Thanks to everyone who helped make our first golf tournament a success. We had a great time between the raindrops, which basically held off until the tournament was almost done. The dinner was delicious and we all had fun awarding the prizes.

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

Thanks again to everyone who helped out with this fantastic fundraiser. Included with this Messenger is the report of our profit which was a combined total of \$7,838.14!!! As many of our guests said:

CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR!!!

LETTER FROM REV. ALAN MILLER STATUS OF PNEC

Rev. Miller, our Conference Minister, sent us a letter to update us on staffing changes in the PNEC. Due to decreasing support from OCWM contributions and the increasing expense of operations, the post previously held by Rev. Holleman will not be filled, their secretary has been reduced to part-time and a part-time position which is NOT funded by OCWM has been added. The letter is included in this Messenger.



Our next meeting will be on September 22. We need to decide when we will have our sleepover in October. We can also start talking about our Christmas fundraisers, but we can make a final decision at the sleepover. Suggestions for fundraisers were our usual Christmas cookie sale (which goes really well) and making ornaments to sell. The Youth Group is open to anyone age 12 and older. Kimmy



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!

NURSERY NEWS

The nursery is getting a facelift and, in the process, some unused items are being found. Some really nice children's chairs are in the Narthex looking for new homes. If you would like one or some, please make a donation and leave it in the offering plate. You can write "Children's Chair Offering" on one of the regular offering envelopes in the pews. Thanks for your generosity and for giving a new home to these chairs.

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, September 19, at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

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

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 6 CROP Walk

Oct. 19 Turkey Supper

Oct. 27 Kirchentag Service 4:00pm Berwick UCC

OFFICE NOTES

Recently, our office computer crashed and could not be repaired. We purchased a new computer and software (old software would not work on the new operating system). The cost to replace the computer and software would have been \$994.15, but with rebates and recycling rewards, it was \$870.65, a savings of \$123.50.

Unfortunately, there is one other program which I cannot reinstall which is for our records and is called Church Windows. My program was from 2004 and, when I couldn't install it myself, I emailed the company. I was told that the program is too old and that I must purchase an updated version at a cost \$379. It is very valuable in making sure our records are complete as it tracks births, baptisms, marriages, membership and everything needed for good recordkeeping. I can load the member information from the old program from back-up to the new version. If anyone is willing to donate to the purchase of this software, please indicate that on the offering envelope which can be found in the pews.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

September 1

Greeters: Gene & Janice Broyan

Liturgist: Dave Myers

September 8

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September 15

Greeters: Connie Myers & Judy Cybulski

Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

September 22

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300 Club & Silent Auction – June 15, 2013

Silent Auction:

\$2379.00
(change from bank) - \$100.00
\$2,279.00

300 Club:

Income:

294 tickets sold X \$35.00 =	\$10,290.00
50/50 drawings: 2 drawings (\$114.00 + \$118.00) =	232.00
Door sales (no ticket) 2 X \$15.00 =	30.00
Donations:	<u>175.00</u>
Total:	\$10,697.00

Expenses:

Floyd Balliet (band)	\$300.00
Carl Alber (band)	400.00
Josh Slosky (band – donation)	50.00
Polluck's Catering	340.00
Moonwalk Guy (kids entertainment)	185.00
Allen Dennis (food)	52.31
Jim Rinehimer (food)	308.55
Denise Dean (wristband tickets)	17.00
Hourly prizes	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total Expenses for 300 Club	\$ -5,152.86
Total Profit for 300 Club	\$5,544.14

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Total Silent Auction:	+ \$2,279.00
Grand Total profit:	\$7,823.14

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Alecia Myers	12 Gary Eigenbrod, Sr.	20 Michael E. Heller
2 John R. Walck	14 David J. Myers	23 Kristen Kania
2 Robert Duffy, III	15 Bradley Kotarsky	23 Jim Dean
4 Matthew Farrell	16 Leah Dietrich	27 Orceil Bloss
4 Lois Eigenbrod	16 Deborah Mellas	27 Eric Walck
4 Kristina Walck	16 Holly Hoffman	28 Amy Polashenski
8 Rhonda Keller	16 Peter Dickson, Sr.	28 Martha Grosz
10 Erin Kamowski	18 Ivan Hoyt	29 Michelle Bernetski
11 Brian A. DeLuca	19 William Schabener	30 Brian DeLuca
11 Hunter Rinehimer	19 Marc J. Davis	30 Paula Rinehimer
	20 Joshua Kishel	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 3, 1997	Fritz and Gloria Schreyer
Sept. 5, 1945	Lex and Anna Mae Koons
Sept. 10, 1983	Jeff and Tammy Dauber
Sept. 12, 1970	Bill and Patti Heller
Sept. 14, 1973	Tim and Connie Miller
Sept. 24, 1960	Pete and Betty Dickson
Sept. 24, 1977	John and Donna Walck
Sept. 24, 1994	Jeff and Joann Kotarsky
Sept. 26, 1998	David and Caroline Cronce
Sept. 27, 1975	Rich and Jayne Rotski

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