

The Messenger

April 2013

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on April 6. After worship, come on back to the Fellowship Hall for some delicious desserts and a cup of hot java or cool tea. So, plan to hang out for a while.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on April 9 at 12:00 pm for their monthly meeting. "Admission" is one dish to share. Come join us for a delicious lunch.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER PARTY

Our Sunday School Easter Party will be on Sunday, April 13, during Sunday School (9 am). Each child should bring a basket or bag 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!!

Holy Week Services

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

PALM SUNDAY

Come welcome our Glorious King as he rides triumphantly into Jerusalem. We will celebrate Palm Sunday on April 13, remembering his magnificent arrival but also realizing the extreme sacrifice he chose to fulfill.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

MAUNDY THURSDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 17, 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.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 – GOOD FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

On Good Friday, April 18, 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, APRIL 20

EASTER!

Our Easter celebration begins at 6:30 am for our SonRise service, an inspiring ceremony to begin our most important holiday. After this service, we have a delicious breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. At 9:00 am, our children and youth will meet for a celebration of their own during our Sunday School time. Again we will celebrate the victory of our Risen Savior at 10:30 am for our Sunday Worship Service. Come – join and sing! Praise ye the Lord! **CHRIST IS RISEN!!**

TURKEY SUPPER RESCHEDULED!

SATURDAY, MAY 17

With Holy Week and Easter on the third weekend in April, we have had to reschedule our supper for the *third Saturday in May*. **Please tell everyone!!**

(Hopefully we don't really need this announcement, but....)



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

As we continue on our journey to Jerusalem with Jesus I have been very pleased with the folks that have been traveling out on Wednesday nights to be together for supper and a Lenten service. We have had lots of good fellowship and meaningful worship. Thanks to those who volunteered to fix meals (we have had some great meals) and to those who take the time to worship together. We will continue our journey to Jerusalem during April on Wednesday nights until we arrive there on Palm Sunday. During Holy Week we will have a special dinner on Maundy Thursday (instead of Wednesday) and a service celebrating the institution of our Lord's Supper. On Good Friday we will worship together with our friends and neighbors in the community at Mountain Top Presbyterian Church at noon. After that service, hopefully, we will all be in prayer and mediation as we go through a most solemn weekend as Jesus is nailed to the cross and laid in a tomb.

Then on Easter Sunday morning we will arrive at the tomb and find that Jesus is not there! He has risen - just as he said. And through him we are all given the gift of grace and eternal life. And we will celebrate at 6:30 and 10:30 and we will flower the cross as we wonder at God's wonderful love for us and we will raise our voices in joyful singing to celebrate! Hallelujah!!

We now have four girls starting the process of Confirmation. I ask for your prayers for us as we begin our study and preparation for becoming responsible members of the church.

Today the sun is shining which is quite an anomaly these days. Since we have moved the offices around in our space I now have two windows where I can enjoy looking out. I look forward to soon seeing the trees budding and the grass turning green. It has been white long enough.

Anyway - God blesses us in all situations - cold or hot or just perfect. Let us all praise God together! Amen.

Pastor Penny

Thank You

We received a thank you letter from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center for the Valentines for Vets. Each year we send these greeting cards and the vets look forward to receiving them. Gail K. Benner, Voluntary Service Officer at the Medical Center, notes that they gladly accept cards for any holiday and so we are collecting some for Easter now and will do so for future holidays.

TURKEY SUPPER DATES

For the last several years, our Turkey Supper has been held on the third Saturday in April. This year, Holy Week and Easter will be that weekend so we have rescheduled the Turkey Supper for the *third Saturday in May*. Please help us get the word out that we will still be serving this delicious dinner, just a month later.

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, April 9, 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.



[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.

YOUTH GROUP

This is what we're up to now:

1. **THANK YOU!!!!** We made \$318 from our Mardi Gras Brunch. That's almost enough for one youth to go on our Mission Trip. We appreciate our church family and all you do to support us.
2. **This Summer's Mission Trip** – There will be 12 youth and adults again cleaning up after Sandy (and whatever else has hit that area since then). The reservation fee of \$89 per person has been paid. We leave on June 30 and return July 5. We need to keep promoting **Hire the Youth Group** to raise some money. Also, anyone having ideas on other fundraisers, please see Marc, Lisa or Caroline to see if it's possible for us to do them.

Keep on believing
Marc, Lisa and Caroline

HURRICANE SANDY MISSION TRIP

Once more, we are going to serve others "right in our own backyard". Our mission trip will again take us to Lakewood Township where cleanup efforts are still woefully inadequate. Sandy had a terrible impact on that area and we want to do something about it. The only thing is that it costs money to help others. Just like last year, *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 wouldn't be able to make such a difference if it wasn't for you. Thanks. (Your) Emmanuel Youth Group

YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The 2nd Quarter Honor Roll at Crestwood High is out and we've got some smart kids on it:

High Honors: Brad Kotarsky, Hunter Rinehimer, Autumn Atkinson, Kimmy Bernetski

Ethel Fine is one proud great-grandma. Her great-grandson, **Rich Supkowski** won the Senior High Earth and Space Award at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Region 2 meeting with *a perfect score*. He and 38 other students from Crestwood High and Middle Schools presented science and math projects at the meeting held on March 1 at Wilkes University. Region

2 includes Susquehanna, Wayne, Pike, Monroe, Lackawanna, Wyoming and Luzerne Counties. That's a lot of competition! Congratulations to Rich for an outstanding job!

UPCOMING DATES

May 17 Turkey Supper

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE APRIL 2014

Apr. 6

Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers
Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

Apr. 13

Greeters: Camille Daniels and Donnie Myers
Liturgist: Sandy Kleger

Apr. 20

Early Service

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan
Liturgist:

Regular Service

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Apr. 27

Greeters: Connie Davis and Carol Duffy
Liturgist: Dave Myers

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers
Clifford & Gladys Readler
Nora Cybulski

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Our Cub Scouts are pictured with their trophies from the recent Pinewood Derby. Keep 'em rollin', boys!!

As you read in the Youth Accomplishments, Rich Supkowski was awarded the Senior High Earth and Space Award at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science. He's pictured with the other entrants from Crestwood. Out of the 39 students from Crestwood that entered the meeting, 25 earned first awards and will attend the state meeting at the Penn State Main Campus in May. Fantastic showing for Crestwood!

CONSISTORY MEETING

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Allen Dennis	5 Betty Baker	18 Clyde Heller
1 Jayne Rotski	6 Jim Stewart	19 Keirsten Whitmire
3 Clifford Readler	6 Priscilla Farrell	20 Betty Dickson
3 Cadence Ring	8 Chelsea Glasser	23 Lisa Kemmerer
4 Amber DeLuca	8 Doris Yurchak	24 Kathy Rinehimer
4 Derek Stein	12 Sara Silvetti	27 Stacy Prelewicz
4 Wayne Mast	15 Barbara DeLuca	27 Kirk Dollar
5 William Hoch	16 Rosanne Kamat	28 Dean Kline
5 Shane Oldershaw	18 Carissa Hoch	28 Lorie DiMaria

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 14, 1979.....Randy and Pat Grosz
April 20, 2002.....Kevin and Debbie Price
April 21, 1990.....David and Donna Myers
April 26, 1952.....Donald and Mary Eroh
April 27, 1968.....Jack and Bonnie Shafer
April 30, 1988.....Duane and Denise Stein

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