

# The Messenger

January 2014

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

### COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on January 5 followed by our coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

### TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on January 8 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.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

### INSTALLATION OF CONSISTORY

During our Worship Service on January 12, we will install our Consistory for 2014. Please come and show your support for our fellow members as they accept their positions as Elders and Deacons of our Congregation.

## 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.

## 2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Whether you receive a full box of envelopes, a partial, use the pew envelopes or electronic giving, Emmanuel UCC depends upon your support to be a vital influence to our members and our community. Please remember your church and its programs throughout the year. Your gifts are important to continuing work of Christ through your church. **Consistency is the key.**

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"GOD IS A BETTER MONEY MANAGER THAN THE GOVERNMENT, 'CAUSE HE ONLY NEEDS TEN PERCENT."

Generous people plan  
to do what is generous,  
and they  
stand firm  
in their generosity.  
Isaiah 32:8

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## From The Pastor's Desk

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and will have a great New Year! I want to thank everyone for my Christmas gift. I will enjoy it when Archie and I go to Richmond this week. Lisa and I always have a good time shopping together even though neither of us really needs anything. It's good just being together – leaving the guys at home. (I actually believe they like being left behind.)

Here is a poem for the season by Ann Weems

It is not over,  
this birthing.  
There are always newer skies  
into which  
God can throw stars.  
When we begin to think  
that we can predict the Advent of God,  
that we can box the Christ  
in a stable in Bethlehem,  
that's just the time  
that God will be born  
in a place we can't imagine and won't believe.  
Those who wait for God  
watch with their hearts and not their eyes,  
listening  
always listening  
for angel words.

Let's all watch with our hearts as we head into the New Year.

God be with you in 2014.

Blessings!  
Pastor Penny



### CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

#### TWILIGHTERS LUNCH

The Twilighters will meet on December 8 at 12:00 for lunch. Come join us for food and fellowship.

#### **Valentines for Vets**

A box will be in the bell tower for your Valentines for Vets. These Valentines are appreciated very much by those who are housed at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center. The last date to deposit your Valentines will be February 12. Remember those who served.

### ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The chart for the altar flowers is on the table in the Narthex. The price is still \$12.50 per vase. Please pay Mary or Jim Rinehimer for the dates you sponsor.

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

Feb. 2	Scout Sunday
Feb. 8	Jesse Fink & Friends Concert
Mar. 2	Mardi Gras Brunch
Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday

## Thank You

Joan and Frank Partington thank the Sunday School for the fruit basket given to them for Christmas.

Phoebe Ministries sent us a Christmas Thank You card. Our gifts to Phoebe help them care for elderly members in their facilities who often have no financial support of their own.

We received a Christmas Card from St. Joseph's Center which pictures their children portraying the Nativity. Our VBS Mission Offering was given to St. Joseph's this year as part of the Go Joe fundraiser.

Bernie Baluta sent a letter thanking us for the Thanksgiving meals for ten needy families. Without our generosity, these families would have gone without a dinner on Thanksgiving.

The Youth and Staff of Bethany Children's Home sent us a Christmas card with a beautiful scene of Smith Lodge, one of the lodgings for the children

TEAMeffort also sent a Christmas postcard. This is the organization which coordinates our Youth Group mission trips.

Our thanks to all of our church family for your generous Christmas gifts. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Dwain Straight  
Jennis & Brad Bunnell  
Denise Dean

Although our Christmas Party was cancelled due to the snowstorm, I would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas gifts. They were taken to the McKinney Clinic to be passed out to the children whose families need to use the services of the clinic. The gifts you provided from the Giving Tree were also delivered and distributed to those whose needs are so much greater than ours. Thank you for supporting the Sunday School. Lisa Rinehimer

### NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the February Messenger is Friday, January 24. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

### CONSISTORY MEETING

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

## YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

If you know of any of our youth who deserve recognition for their scholastic, talent or sports abilities, please let me know. Better yet, if there is a news article, cut it out and give it to me. Thanks, Denise

### Crestwood Middle School Honor Roll:

Principal's Honors: Michelle Bernetski

High Honors: Aaron Kleger

Honors: Morgan Rinehimer

### Crestwood High School Honor Roll:

Principal's Honors: Kimberly Bernetski

High Honors: Hunter Rinehimer

Honors: Autumn Atkinson; Glynis Dean



### *"A Shepherd's Story"*

I would like to really, **really**, REALLY thank all the cast and crew of our Christmas Program. The shepherds did a fantastic job as they told the story of the Nativity from their point of view. Our angels were just, well, angelic as they sang of our Savior's birth. Many people commented about how well the soloists and choir performed. Being part of such a talented crew is so awesome. Denise

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE JANUARY

### Jan. 5

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan

Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

### Jan. 12

Greeters: Judy Cybulski and Connie Myers

Liturgist: Dave Myers

### Jan. 19

Greeters: Camille Daniels and Connie Davis

Liturgist: Brooke Rinehimer

### Jan. 26

Greeters: Dave and Rosemary Myers

Liturgist: Wayne Mast

### OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers

Clifford & Gladys Readler

Nora Cybulski

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Matteo Belanchick	11 Eli Hoyt	22 Dorothy Heller
4 Kari Hoch	13 Brad Bunnell	22 Mary Horwath
5 Sherri Hoch	13 Chris Dietrich	25 Christopher Peters
6 Rowan Dietrich	14 Rhonda Madigan	26 Ethan Hoyt
7 Kevin Price	15 Amanda Kemmerer	28 Mildred Myers
9 Donna Aumick	16 James Cybulski	28 James Rinehimer
10 Tarah Slusser	19 Maegan Grosz	29 Mary Martin
	20 Keegan Farrell	

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

January 1, 1960.....Dave and Barb DeLuca  
January 14, 2005.....Bob and Carol Duffy

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