

# THE MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2014

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**



Remember to turn your clocks back and sleep in for an extra hour! But only for one hour and then join us for Sunday School at 9:00 and worship at 10:30 am.

### **COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR**

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during our worship service on November 2, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

## **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

### **Veteran's Sunday**

We will honor the members of our armed forces on Sunday, November 9, during our worship service. If anyone knows of any of our members who are not included on the plaque in the Narthex, please see Nelson Horwath or Donnie Myers.

### **Budget Committee**

The Budget Committee will be reviewing and revising our budget for 2015. A meeting is planned for November 9 after worship. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the 2015 budget, please see Denise Dean.

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Our community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 pm here at Emmanuel. Pastor Penny will be participating with the other Ministerium pastors in the service. Come and give thanks to God for all that we have. "Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father." James 1:17



## **TUESDAY EVENINGS**

### **HOLY HANDCRAFTERS**

The Holy Handcrafters are a group of mission-minded people who put their crafty side to work. The Handcrafters are working on several seasonal projects. In October they collected beauty supplies for distribution at Ruth's Place, a haven for homeless and battered women. They are currently working on Christmas ornaments which will be given with food baskets we distribute. Their December project is to bring Christmas to a local family in need and will collect some toys for the family. They're raising funds by selling hot pads and dishcloths which are on the table in the Narthex, as well as the Sunday "question of the day". The group would love to have more members and welcomes you to come join them every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and share with them in mission to God's people.

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## *From the Pastor*

Everyone should be well rested and in church on Sunday morning – bright eyed and bushy tailed - since you get an extra hour to sleep! Just sayin'!

We all know that the “busy season” is fast approaching – Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. This is a busy season because of all that is going on. It is still football season and we must watch as our teams win or lose – maybe making it to the playoffs. It means hunting season is in full swing. And of course it's family get together season – beginning with the turkey on Thanksgiving followed by the beginning of shopping season even before “black Friday” since stores are trying to get us to start our Christmas shopping after we eat that turkey. We have to make sure we get the best deals and don't miss anyone on our Christmas list.

“Busy Season” for the church means this year our first ever pork & sauerkraut supper in many years which takes as many people as possible to prepare and serve. Following that is the Community Thanksgiving Eve service which will be held at our own church this year. It means worshiping God every Sunday morning at 10:30. It means Advent and the lighting of special candles every Sunday morning beginning with the last Sunday in November. And so – we move on toward Christmas.

My prayer for this church is that all of our children will be brought to Sunday school so they can learn what this season is really all about. My prayer will be that parents will know that it is more important to bring the children to church than to make sure they get to see Santa Claus. My prayer will be that as the children begin to prepare for the Christmas pageant in December that they will understand what they are doing and why they are doing it. I pray that they will realize that this is a special time because it is when we prepare our hearts and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Denise is working very hard to make this pageant a special time in the lives of our children and their families including the entire church family. It is very difficult to practice for the pageant with just a few kids and then on the day of presentation other kids show up to be a part of the “show”. Realize this isn't a show – it's the meaning of Christmas. We need the kids here on Wednesday nights to learn the songs. We need these kids here on Sunday mornings to hear about Jesus and about God. God bless those parents who know this is important. It's not only important for them to be in Sunday school but also for them see that their parents think church is important by joining in our service of worship.

In the Psalms we read about God, “Great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.” (Psalm 57:10) I implore you to return a bit of that love and faithfulness to our God who loves us beyond any measure. I don't believe it's too much to ask.

God loves you and I do too!

Pastor Penny



### *Our Condolences*

Our heartfelt sympathy is given to Don Myers on the passing of his brother, David L. Myers, Sr., on September 25, 2014. May God uphold you and your family in your grief.

We give our deepest condolences to Orceil Bloss, Eileen Buffone and Debbie Miller and her family on the passing of Robert Miller, Jr., Debbie's husband and Orceil's son-in-law, on October 15, 2014. We pray for God's strength and support for you all.



We have Gift Card Fundraiser through Great Lakes Scrip Center and includes tons of cards – from Advance Auto Parts to Wet Seal (young women's clothing). By purchasing the gift card through Great Lake Scrip, our church earns a percentage of the sale price. With this newsletter is a copy of the list and more copies are on the bulletin tables. Just write in the quantity of the cards you want and give the list and the amount due to Jim Rinehimer. He will order them and distribute them as they arrive. If you have any question, please see Jim. If more lists are needed, please tell Denise.

## Turkey Supper Update

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS AN EXCEPTIONALLY SUCCESSFUL SUPPER!!

Give yourselves a pat on the back, you deserve it!

We served 798 dinners – a new record!!!!

*(Wanna break it next spring? Let's go for it!)*

### 2014 FALL TURKEY SUPPER REPORT

Income:		
Ticket Sales		
Door		
Adult 449 @ \$10.00	4,490.00	
Children 19 @ \$4.00	76.00	
Advance		
Adult 330 @ \$10.00	3,300.00	
Surplus	26.25	
Donation	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Income		7,902.25
Expenses:		
Bread Cubes and Eggs	182.11	
Milk	21.70	
Turkeys, Paper Prod., Beans, Celery, Butter	1,258.41	
Take-out Cont., Cranberry Sauce, Baggies, Corn	214.72	
Bread	<u>37.50</u>	
Total Expenses		-1,714.44
<b>TOTAL PROFIT</b>		<b>\$6,187.81</b>

**Congratulations on a job well done!!!!**

## Twilighters

The Twilighters will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at 12:00 pm for lunch and fellowship. If you would like more information, see Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh.

## Congregational Corner

Guess who is turning 90!! **ESTHER HELLER** will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on **December 2**, 2014. Let's all wish her a happy birthday by giving her a card shower. So put it on your calendar for next month!

## NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the December Messenger is Monday, December 15. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

## Pork Dinner

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

We'll be serving up a Pork Dinner, complete with homemade sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade applesauce, bread, dessert and beverage from 3 to 7 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for age 6 to 11; 5 and under for free; or \$10.00 for a take-out.

### MEETING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Everyone who can help is asked to come meet with us after church on Sunday during coffee hour. Since we haven't had a Pork Dinner in years, we need to discuss the best ways to get this job done. Wherever you might help out – dining room, kitchen, food prep, cake baking, take-outs – it's all the same as with our Turkey Suppers. So, please take some time on Sunday to help iron out our plans.

Allen is planning on having a group make applesauce on either Tuesday or Wednesday. Please come to the meeting so we can decide which day is better.

**POSTERS** are on the table in the Narthex. Please take some and paste them up wherever you can. This supper will need some extra attention since it's been a while since we had one and we need to get the word out.

**TICKETS** – Please see Allen Dennis for tickets and *sell, sell, sell!*

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our joint service on Thanksgiving Eve will be held here at Emmanuel starting at 7:00 pm. Our Kids and Chancel choirs will sing of their thankfulness as part of the service. "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; Give thanks to him and bless his name." Psalm 100:4

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We will hold a **bake sale during the Pork Dinner**. Please help us provide your children with a good Christian education by donating baked goods for us to sell. The bake sales are our only fundraisers and we rely on them to purchase the curriculum for our Sunday School program and provide them with fun times like Christmas and Easter parties. Thank you!!

For Thanksgiving, **we will be collecting items** and monetary donations **for our Turkey Dinners** for the McKinney Clinic. If you wish to make a donation, please see Lisa Rinehimer. Thank you for supporting the Sunday School's missions.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Our Christmas Program this year is “Christmas – by the Book” and will be presented during worship on December 14. I have already started distributing parts. This may seem premature to some people, but in order for the cast to learn their parts, they need sufficient time. Most of it is narrated, but there are several speaking parts and song solos. So please mention this to our members with children. There are parts for all children and youth, ages 4 (or 3, if parents help out) through teenage. Thank you so much! Denise

## CROP WALK REPORT

Thanks to everyone who donated money, made baked goods or participated in the Crop Walk.

Church	Walkers	Donation
St. Mark's UCC	1	\$71.00
Faith UMC (Hazleton)	5	\$145.00
Emmanuel UCC	8	\$322.00

A percentage of the donations will be returned to restock our food bank for our own neighbors. Your generosity helps feed and strengthen people around the world and in our own back yard. You are wonderful, caring people and a great example to follow no matter what your age. Our Youth are certainly taking their cue from you.

## PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Our Kitchen Crew took the spotlight at the Turkey Supper. They were really busy keeping the food coming for all those diners!

At another supper.... Nate Kamowski and Don Eroh are pictured at the St. James Beef Dinner enjoying a good meal together.

It may be cool weather now, but it wasn't at the Rice Elementary Ice Cream Social on Sept. 5. Kicking off the new year, Kelsey Rinehimer is beating the heat by slurping on a popsicle.

The players and cheerleaders of the Mountain Top Blitz tackled cancer at its annual “Pink Game” on October 5. The cheerleaders include Leah Dietrich and Samantha Kotarski.

For the past several weeks we have had a notice in our bulletin about Barry Myers and his chance to run in the

New York City marathon as part of Ryan's Run. WNEP TV's Ryan Leckey organized this team to raise funds and awareness for Allied Services. RUN, BARRY, RUN!!!

Our Scout Troop 434 was busy recently. Hunter Rinehimer was among those who earned automotive maintenance badges by learning how to perform basic repairs and maintenance. The Scouts also practiced survival skills such as orienteering, fire starting, signaling and cooking, while on an overnight camping trip. They enjoyed the scenery of the Lehigh River on a 52 mile bike ride from White Haven to Jim Thorpe.

## UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 7	Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Dec. 13	Sunday School Christmas Party
Dec. 14	Christmas Program
Dec. 14	Christmas Caroling
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Music and Worship

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Budget Committee will meet on Sunday, November 9, after Worship. The committee is Camille Daniels, Allen Dennis, Pastor Penny, Jim Rinehimer, and Denise Dean.

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, November 20, at 6:30 pm.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

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Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

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## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

3 Stanley Cybulski	10 Karl C. Kemmerer	18 Anna Mae Koons
3 Brenda Heller	10 Rich Rotski	18 Conrad Costello
3 Terry Belanchik	11 Casey Eigenbrod	18 Sharon Eigenbrod
5 James Daniels	11 Dylan Glasser	19 Lynne Stewart
5 Richard Supkowski, Jr.	13 Jack Shafer, Sr.	20 Autumn Atkinson
6 Pauline Dennis	16 Sharon Horensky	21 Eric Hoffman
7 Elizabeth Sufrinko	16 Cristy Mulherin	22 Stanley Stein
9 Morgan Rinehimer	17 David Cronce	25 Duane Stein

## **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Nov. 4, 2000.....Brad and Becky Frey  
Nov. 11, 1950.....Cliff and Gladys Readler  
Nov. 16, 1996.....Ronald, Jr., and Lisa Rinehimer

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