

The Messenger

September 2014

RALLY DAY!!

SEPTEMBER 7

WELCOME BACK to another **GREAT YEAR** at *Emmanuel UCC*!! Our first day of Sunday School will be Rally Day, Sept. 7 at 9:00 am. We'll be practicing for the special worship service centered around **US**. 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!!

Our LIVE Sunday School Theme is rockin' the house! The songs are cool with awesome sound! Plus, you never know what to expect since everything comes out of our *Hands On Bibles*. They're specially designed for us - easy to understand and filled with amazing experiments, surprising facts and mind-bender puzzles!! LIVE is especially for Young Christians, from kindergarten to 5th grade - ONLY! So come check it out and **bring your friends!**

Teen Talk

Our Teen Talk is for anyone in 6th grade and above. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am to talk about God and Jesus, how our lives are influenced by them and how we can be an influence to others around us. There are so many things that try to manipulate us away from God. Come to Teen Talk and find other teens who want to make their faith stronger and be better at dealing with ideas and things that pull us away from being Christians.

2nd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND QUILT RAFFLE

September 13

Time to sign up for our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Sand Springs Country Club in Drums. The 4-player scramble, Captain and Crew, with a shotgun start at 8:00 am. Golfers and Non-Golfers are invited for a day in the great outdoors.

A special raffle will be held at the end of the evening at our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on September 13, 2014. A hand-stitched quilt has been donated as a unique prize.

For more information on the tournament and quilt raffle, please see inside this issue.

CROP WALK

October 5

Mark your calendars for the first Sunday in October and get your hiking shoes out! The annual CROP Walk will start from Emmanuel at 1:00 pm. We have participated in this hunger-awareness event for many years, earning funds not only for Church World Service, but also receiving a portion of our fundraising back to use to restock our own Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank.

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From The Pastor's Desk

Summertime is a great time to enjoy longer days and warm weather, vacations, fun trips to the beach, visiting with family that we don't often see. That has been the case for me and for many of you. There are some who seem to think that summer is a good time to take vacation from church as well. But this has been a busy summer here at Emmanuel from the 300 Club with the new sidewalk to the pavilion to the mission trip to New Jersey, from Old River Church to Re-Creation, from repairs on the church to rearranging our office space, and from sub sale to sub sale. Thanks go out to all those who helped out with all the activities. It's takes a lot of hard work and dedicated people to work on all these things. We could use more of those people.

Now Fall is upon us and it's time to get back to church for those of you who have been vacationing. You should be well rested and ready to buckle down for the Lord. We begin on Rally Day which is September 7. We need all the kids here to be involved. We especially need them here for choir practice on Wed. nights at 6:30 so we can increase our kid's choir. We have the few faithful and would like to add more faithful. If there is a conflict or someone needs a ride (if they don't need a car seat) call me and I will pick them up.

Our children need to develop a firm foundation in Christ and I know that Sunday School is the best way to allow that to happen. I have such fond memories of my Sunday School days and I know that many of you do as well. The kids today certainly need the influence of something besides television and movies and ballgames. These things are great – I watched all the games I could of the Little League World Series and enjoyed every one. I even saw a couple of coaches pray with the kids but I don't think they were learning any Bible stories. If you know any kids in your neighborhood or at school who don't have a church INVITE them to Sunday School. In a survey on why people bring children to Sunday School the #1 reason is They were invited.

But it's time for all of us – not just our children – to get back to church. Church is a wonderful place to intentionally connect with God and with one another. It's a place where we hear children's laughter fill the air. It's a place where old friendships are maintained over decades. It's a place where we make memories. It's a place where we participate in something much bigger than ourselves. We do ministry in the name of God and in the process we are transformed into a family – the body of Christ. This is a special place and we are special people. I am looking forward to our new year getting started on the 7th of September. I will be praying for everyone as we begin our Sunday School and Church routine for this year. Let's be a blessing to one another as we move forward. GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU!

PASTOR PENNY



Thank You

Ethel Fine would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and concerns when she had her hip replacement surgery. All your well-wishes are very appreciated.

The families of Audrey Grosz would like to thank everyone who had a part in creating the beautiful area for the bench dedicated in Audrey's memory. We are grateful to those of you who cleared bushes, dug out roots, leveled ground, raked stones into place, laid the stepping stones, planted flowers, and did whatever necessary to make the entrance way the perfect place for her bench.

Kimmy Bernetski thanks all her church family for her graduation gift. Her card expressing her appreciation is on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

TeamEffort sent us a card thanking us as a congregation for sending our Youth Group to work at the clean-up effort of Superstorm Sandy. They say that our group represented us well and commented about the changes in lives made possible by our youth.

They also sent a card to our Youth Group thanking them for their great job and encouraging them to be proud of their accomplishments and keep making a positive difference in lives they touch.

Re-Creation enjoyed presenting their program here and thank us for hosting them. They are grateful to everyone who made the arrangements for the program and their meal.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, September 10, 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.

Baby Boom

The recent months have been busy for some families in our congregation. Just check out these additions:

Jim and Selina Aumick welcomed their daughter Sofie Marie on June 10. Selina was 8 pounds and 21 inches. Congratulations to grandparents Phil and Donna Aumick.

David and Tessa Horensky became the parents of Paul Ellis. He was born on September 3 and was 8 pounds and 20 inches. Congratulations to Dave and Sharon, the proud grandparents.

2nd Annual Golf Tournament September 13, 2014

Grab your clubs! We're heading out to the links for our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Sand Springs Country Club in Drums. This is a 4-player scramble, Captain and Crew, with a shotgun start at 8:00 am. There will be hot dogs at the turn for lunch and an Italian Buffet Dinner with raffle, awards and prizes after the tournament. The cost to play is \$75 per person, \$300 per team. Non-players can enjoy a day on the course for \$30 and accompany the golfers to the dinner and awards banquet. Registration Forms are on the table in the Narthex with September 1 as the deadline to register (golfer or non-golfer), or until the field is full. If you would like more information, please see Donnie Myers (570-371-2037) or Nelson Horwath (570-868-3013), or call the church office at 868-5675.

Hand-stitched Quilt Raffle

A special raffle will be held at the end of the evening at our 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on September 13, 2014. A hand-stitched quilt has been donated as a unique prize. In shades of cream to deep grey, the individually-pieced, star-patterned quilt will compliment many décor. It is 92" by 92" to fit a queen size bed. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are \$2.00 each or \$5.00 for three. Please call Denise at the church office (570-868-5675) if you would like to purchase tickets or need additional information.

CHOIRS RESUME

KIDS, YOUTH AND ADULTS WANTED!!!

Our choirs are practicing on Wednesday evenings to prepare for Rally Day on September 7 *One of the songs is written for children and adult voices.* I would love to have plenty of singers for both parts. It's a fun song that most of us already know (This Little Light of Mine), just with a little twist to make it even more fun. Please join us at 6:30 for Kids Choir and 7:00 for Chancel Choir. I know there's some wonderful voices in our congregation and hope you will want to be part of our choirs!

Denise, Dwain, Brad and Jennis

HANDCRAFTERS WANTED

Our first meeting went really well. We discussed different ideas that we would like to pursue and decided to meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. That makes are next meetings on September 9 and 23. Currently, we are working on the school bags for the VBS Mission Project. The children collected all sorts of items for the CWS School Kits during Vacation Bible School, but need the fabric "backpacks" to put the stuff in. We have the material and Diana Decker has a portable sewing machine that she brings. Anyone who will cut out patterns, turn the fabric handles right-side-out, and provide the extra hands needed to complete these bags is welcome to help out. Plus, we'll be discussing other projects for the upcoming holidays.



In addition to the Weis and Carone's cards we are currently purchasing to support the Youth Group, we have another Gift Card Fundraiser. This is through Great Lakes Scrip Center and includes tons of cards – from Advance Auto Parts to Wet Seal (young women's clothing). There's gift cards for everything under the sun. By purchasing the gift card through Great Lake Scrip, our church earns a percentage of the sale price. Lists 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.

5th 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 \$7,886.02!!! As many of our guests said:

CAN'T WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR!!!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, September 189, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

- Oct. 5 CROP Walk
- Oct. 18 Turkey Supper
- Dec. ?? Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

September 7

Greeters: Barb DeLuca and Carol Duffy
Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

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Nora Cybulski
Josh and Caroline Cronic
Jim Rinehimer

300 Club & Silent Auction – June 14, 2014

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| <u>Silent Auction:</u> | \$2,117.00 |
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300 Club:

Income:

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| 300 tickets sold X \$35.00 = | \$10,500.00 | |
| 50/50 drawings: 2 drawings (\$153.00 + \$156.00) = | 309.00 | |
| Door sales (no ticket) 4 X \$15.00 = | 60.00 | |
| Food Surplus | 73.50 | |
| Donations | 105.00 | |
| Donations from winners | <u>110.00</u> | |
| Total: | | \$11,157.50 |

Expenses:

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| Hourly prizes | \$3,500.00 | |
| Ticket Prize | 50.00 | |
| Floyd Balliet (band) | 325.00 | |
| Carl Alber (band) | 400.00 | |
| Small Games License | 125.00 | |
| Moonwalk Guy (kids entertainment) | 255.00 | |
| Allen Dennis (food) | 267.00 | |
| Jim Rinehimer (food) | 466.48 | |
| Total Expenses for 300 Club | | \$ -5,388.48 |
| Total Profit for 300 Club | | <u>\$5,769.02</u> |

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| Total 300 Club: | \$5,664.02 |
| Total Silent Auction: | +<u>\$2,117.00</u> |
| Grand Total profit: | <u>\$7,886.02</u> |

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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