

The Messenger

August 2015

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, August 2, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. We'll have our coffee hour afterward and hope you will join us and bring a goodie for everyone to share.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual Golf Tournament will be August 29. There are Registration Forms and Posters on the table in the narthex. Please take some Registration Forms to share with people you know and some Posters to put up around the communities. More information is in this issue.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR PASTOR PENNY

We will bid farewell to Pastor Penny and Archie on August 30 with a pot luck dinner after our worship service. Please bring a dish to share with everyone. We are also collecting recipes for Pastor Penny to take a taste of Northeastern Pennsylvania back with her to Sunbury.

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST

OLD RIVER CHURCH WORSHIP

Our churches of the Wapwallopen Ministerium and the Old River Church Cemetery Association will continue to hold services through August 31 at 6:00 pm. The remaining services will be hosted by:

- Aug. 2 St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- Aug. 9 St. John's UCC
- Aug. 16 St. Peter's UCC
- Aug. 23 Mt. Zion UCC
- Aug. 30 Old River Church Cemetery Association

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From The Pastor's Desk

I have heard so much recently in people talking about the church finances, “*We don’t have the money.*” And then I wonder, “*Why don’t we have the money?*” The answer may be in this page from a generosity devotional booklet.

Declaring who is #1 in your life:

Deuteronomy 14:23 “The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.”

Pastor James MacDonald once wrote: “First things belong to God. The first day of the week belongs to God. The first hour of the day belongs to God. The first portion of your income belongs to God. When you make God first, he will help you.”

While we should all realize 100% of our lives, time, and resources belong to God, there is something about systematically honoring him first that brings God’s order to all of our finances. In the Old Testament, tithing (giving 10%) was a way for people to declare to God he had the first place in their life and finances. In the New Testament, we are instructed to seek first the kingdom of God, and the things necessary for life will be added to us.

When it comes to starting each day, it is wise to spend time in devotions and prayer. When it comes to our week, it is wise to join together with the family of God at church for worship, service, and fellowship. When it comes to our financial blessings and provisions, it is wise to give 10% or more to the Lord’s work. With each of these actions, we are declaring to God, ourselves, and to anyone watching our lives that following God is the most important thing in the world to us. And when we do this, we find God guides us, provides for us, protects us, and watches over us.

Reading God’s Word, praying, worshipping, serving, and giving aren’t to be sporadic things in our lives. Instead they are to be a systematic part of what we do and how we live. Declaring God #1 is not just about lip service, but about life service – living for God and honoring God day by day and week by week with all we are and all we have.

D.L. Moody, evangelist said, “What makes the Dead Sea dead? It is always taking in, but never giving out.”

As I write this I’m not speaking to everyone. There are a few generous people in our congregation but not enough.

Prayer: Gracious God, help us to live for you each day and each week by giving you first place in our calendar and finances. Amen.

God bless!

Pastor Penny



Thanks

Our Youth Group was thanked for their hard work on the mission trip to Virginia Beach. Aubree Richards praised them for their painting and demolition skills and commented that they were great support to TEAMEffort with the neighbor’s complaints and the code conflict resolution.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, August 12, 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.

Annual Golf Tournament *August 29, 2015*

It's time to grab your clubs and head out to the links for our 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 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 August 22 as the deadline to register, or until the field is full. If you would like more information, please see Donnie Myers or Nelson Horwath.

SonWorld Adventure Park **VBS FOR THE**

ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME!

Vacation Bible School was really fantastic this year! The kids of Faith and Stairville UMC, Cornerstone Christian Fellowship and Emmanuel UCC and our neighborhood kids all enjoyed a great time at SonWorld Adventure Park. The park was set up similar to Disneyland with different themes. Those who made this year's program possible are greatly appreciated – more than you can know! Teen Guides included Brooke Rinehimer, Morgan Rinehimer, and Michelle Bernetski. Our Station Leaders were: Diana Decker and Sharon Moyer – Wild West Crafts; Eileen Bloss and Judy Brown – Galactic Zone (Bible Stories); Sandy Kleger – Pirate Cove Game Plank; the Faith UMC Ladies – Castle Carousel Snacks; and Ginny Hildebrand and Donna Walck – William's Tadpoles (Pre-K class). I would like to especially thank Pastor Mark Dodson of Faith & Stairville UMC for pitching in wherever needed and Janet and Michelle of Sister Act for providing music for our songs. I led the Celebration Square opening and closing sessions. I would like to thank everyone who brought their children to VBS. I hope that your children will be talking about SonWorld Adventure Park for weeks to come. I know I will as I remember all the fun, excitement and love that surrounded us during this week. See you next year!!!

Denise Dean

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sept. 13 – Rally Day!!

YOUTH GROUP

CARDS FOR A CAUSE

Thanks to everyone who buys Weis or Carone's cards. You are really helping to build up our account so we can go on the mission trip. See Marc or let a Youth Group member know if you want some more!

Thanks for all your support.

YOUR Youth Group

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

Our youth again are making their marks on the honor rolls:

Crestwood Middle School

Principal's: Michelle Bernetski & Kristen Kania

Honors: Morgan Rinehimer

Crestwood High School

High Honors: Hunter Rinehimer

Honors: Michelle Heller, Aaron Kleger & Brad Kotarsky

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the September Messenger is Monday, August 24. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

COMMITTEE MEETINGS **CONSISTORY**

The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, August 20, at 6:30 pm.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

August 2

Greeters: Barb DeLuca and Judy Cybulski

Liturgist: Jim Rinehimer

August 9

Greeters: Carol Duffy and Morgan Rinehimer

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OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers

Josh and Caroline Cronic

Jim Rinehimer

Dwain Straight

Many of us miss Adele Majewski and her smiling face. Adele could always be counted on for a word of encouragement or praise. She was a friend to all who knew her. In February, Adele took her smile and friendly ways to heaven where they are sure to be welcomed. The one thing Adele didn't take was her Pineapple Squares – a little bit of sweet sunshine here on earth. But that's OK because she also left the recipe for all of us to enjoy. Take a bite and remember her sunshiny, smiling face and kind words.

Adele Majewski's Pineapple Squares

Filling Ingredients:	Crust Ingredients:
2 15 oz. Cans Crushed Pineapple	1 Cup Sugar
5 Tablespoons Corn Starch	1 lb. Margarine
1 Cup Sugar	4 ½ Cups Flour
	1 Egg
	1 teaspoon Vanilla

Make the filling first. Combine filling ingredients in a saucepan and cook until thick. Let cool.

Combine the sugar, margarine and flour and mix as for a pie crust. Add the egg and vanilla. Set aside ½ cup or more of this mixture and add enough flour to it until crumbly.

Press remaining dough mixture into an ungreased cookie sheet (12" x 18" pan, 1" deep). Cover with cooled pineapple filling. Sprinkle reserved crumb mixture over the top. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes.

Enjoy!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 George Belanchik
4 Camille Daniels
4 Debra Prelewicz
5 Robert Prelewicz
7 Ethel Fine
8 Ronald Rinehimer, Sr.
9 Matthew Price
10 Wyatt Chalker
12 Dylan Atkinson

12 Gladys Peters
16 Robert Heller
16 Brayden Belanchik
21 Ronald Rinehimer, Jr.
22 Wendy Williams
23 Courtney Kania
25 Kelly Sufrinko
27 Jennifer Rinehimer

27 Debbie Price
27 Greg Heller
27 Samantha Taney
29 Marc M. Davis
29 Shirley Eckrote
31 Cheryl Heller
31 Lisa Shafer
31 David Horensky
31 Nelson Horwath

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

August 1, 1992Marc and Connie Davis
August 3, 1968John and Joan Rinehimer
August 10, 1991Bill and Sherri Hoch
August 14, 1971Dave and Sharon Horensky
August 14, 1976Clyde and Brenda Heller
August 25, 1973Roy and Betty Baker
August 27, 1983Rob and Debbie Prelewicz
August 27, 1999Chris and Deb Dietrich
August 28, 1990Joe and Lois Huntzinger
August 31, 1963Stan and Darlene Stein

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