

# *The Messenger*

## *February 2015*

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

#### **COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, February 1, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. We will have a coffee hour afterward and hope you will join us and bring a goodie for everyone to share.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

#### **VALENTINES FOR VETS**

We are collecting Valentines for the residents of the Veterans Administration Hospital. Our veterans truly appreciate the cards and are grateful that someone remembers them and their sacrifices. There is a box in the bell tower for your cards until February 8. Cindy will then take them to the VA for delivery to our veterans.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

#### **MARDI GRAS BRUNCH**

Get out your beads – it's Mardi Gras time!!! The Youth Group will serve their Mardi Gras brunch after worship on February 15. Come on out, ya'll, for some delicious fixings.

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

#### **ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE**

Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services will begin on February 18 with our Ash Wednesday Service. We will enjoy a light supper at 6 pm and then gather in the church for service at 7 pm. If you cannot meet for supper, please still come for this very special service beginning this season of reflection and anticipation.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

#### **SCOUT SUNDAY**

On Sunday, February 22, we will be joined in worship by our Scout Pack and Troop. The young men and their leaders will assist in leading our worship. This is a great service which exemplifies the Scout Oath as they honor God through participating in worshipping Him.

### **WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**

#### **SUPPER AND SERVICE**

Our Lenten Suppers are at 6 pm with service at 7 pm. If you would like to prepare a light supper, please choose a date on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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### From the Pastor's desk

My goodness – it's cold. I suppose that's what one is to expect in January/February. The secret is just to enjoy life whatever the weather.

Lent is coming in just a couple of weeks on Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday). I encourage each of you to come to fellowship suppers on Wednesday nights at 6pm during Lent and then attend services at 7pm following. I plan to share some thoughts on Psalms this year.

Lent is a time to make a special effort to come closer to God by either giving up something (chocolate is probably the most given up food during this time) or adding another discipline to your day to day life. This is to bring you closer to God and prepare ourselves for the glorious Easter Day.

I have printed here the Prayer of St. Francis that may assist you in that endeavor. If we could all pray this prayer each day, truly taking it to heart, it would bring us all closer to fulfilling a life lived as a Christian.

#### **PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.**

**Where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**Where there is injury, pardon;**

**Where there is doubt, faith;**

**Where there is despair, hope;**

**Where there is darkness, light;**

**Where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek**

**To be consoled as to console,**

**To be understood as to understand,**

**To be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;**

**It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.**

May God bless you day to day! Stay warm.

Pastor Penny



### **CONFERENCE NEWS**

Our Conference Minister, Rev. Alan Miller, was recently hospitalized for rupture of a blood vessel in his bowel. He is slowly recovering and is expected to return home soon. If you would like to send get well wishes, his home address is 5433 Tannery Road, Schnecksville, PA 18078.

### **CONGREGATIONAL CORNER**

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, February 11, 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.

## LENTEN SUPPERS AND SERVICES

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. We will again prepare Lenten suppers prior to our services on the Wednesday evenings during Lent. These light meals will be shared in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. We will then gather at 7:00 pm in the church for service. A sheet is on the table in the narthex for those who will volunteer to prepare meals. Our Lenten meals and services are open to everyone and we welcome you to come and join us. Whether you can come for supper or not, please gather with us for worship.

## KID'S CHOIR

The Kids Choir will still practice at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays during Lent. We will just keep it moving so that we can be finished before the Lenten Worship Services begin at 7:00 pm.

## Youth Group News

**PARTY TIME!!!** We're serving up our annual **Mardi Gras Brunch on Sunday, February 15**, after worship. Once again we'll bring the tastes and sounds of the Big Easy into our Fellowship Hall. Our menu will include red beans and rice, quiche, chicken fingers, tater tots, and, of course, the King Cake. We'll also have games for everyone to enjoy and crafts for the kids (and kids at heart). Please plan to stay and support us through this fundraiser so we can go on our mission trip this summer.

**MISSION TRIP** – Virginia Beach will be the site of our mission trip this year. Most of us know the beauty and fun of going to the beach. But what we don't see are the areas where people are struggling to live. Just beyond the beaches are homes in disrepair where the elderly and low-income families live in dilapidate conditions. These are the people we help by repairing, painting and constructing decks and wheelchair access. Most of our time will be spent working on homes during the day with camp activities, worship and group time in the evenings. Friday will be our "free day" to see local sites and then enjoy a special Friday

Night Fellowship. These trips have been a real eye-opening experience for us. It is beyond our imagination that people in the United States live in such terrible conditions. We are just thankful that we have a church family who supports us in making the world a little better – one mission trip at a time.

The trip costs \$289 per person so we are asking for your support. One way to help is by coming to our Mardi Gras Brunch. Your donations will go toward our trip. If anyone would like to go with us, please see Pastor Penny. Adult chaperones are welcome.

## Thank You

Hilda Lewis sent a thank you card for the fruit basket from the Sunday School. She also enjoyed the Christmas caroling. Her card is on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

I wish to tell you how much I enjoyed hearing the "old time carols" sung by the members from my church and the fruit basket. It made my day. Thank you. Gladys Peters

We received several thank you's from Bethany Children's Home. Two letters from Kevin Snyder thanked us for our monetary support and for the Christmas gifts. A very special thank you card was signed by the youth in Keck Cottage who received the Christmas gifts.

We received a thank you letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs for the Christmas cards we collected for the veterans residing at the VA Hospital. It is on the bell tower bulletin board.

## PICTURE PERFECT

**Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:**

**Morgan Rinehimer** is pictured with members of various 4-H groups for receiving the 4-H Spirit Award. This award recognizes members who have shown the most improvement during the year, have been helpful to both the leaders and other 4-H members, have had good attendance at meetings, participated in community service activities and exhibit good 4-H spirit.

## SCOUT SUNDAY

Our Pack 433 Cub Scouts and Troop 434 Boy Scouts will join us for worship on Sunday, February 22. They will be participating in such roles as greeters, readers, ushers and acolytes. After our service, they are hosting a meet and greet in the Fellowship Hall and invite everyone back for refreshments.

### Boy Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
**to do my duty to God** and my country  
 and to obey the Scout Law;  
 to help other people at all times;  
 to keep myself physically strong,  
 mentally awake, and morally straight.

### The Cub Scout Promise

I promise to do my best  
**To do my duty to God** and my country,  
 To help other people, and  
 To obey the Law of the Pack.

## NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the March Messenger is Monday, February 23. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### CONSISTORY MEETING

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, February 19, at 6:30 pm.

#### CURRENT OFFICERS

#### AND CONSISTORY MEMBERS

President..... Camille Daniels  
 Vice President .....Dwain Straight  
 Secretary ..... Deb Dietrich  
 Treasurer ..... Jim Rinehimer  
 Trustees .....Nelson Horwath  
                       ..... Donald Myers  
                       .....Brad Bunnell

## UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins  
 Mar. 15 OGHs Sunday  
 Mar. 29 Palm Sunday  
 April 5 Easter

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

February 1

Greeters:

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Liturgist: Jill Bernetski

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## ***FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS***

1 Ronald Williams  
3 Cindy Myers  
4 Dave Horensky  
4 Donna Walck  
6 Richie Lenahan  
8 Maria Storti  
9 Morgan Hodle  
9 Phillip Aumick  
9 Bianca Oldershaw

9 Becky Frey  
10 Joshua Rotsi  
10 Olivia Palubinski  
11 Taylor Farrell  
13 Floyd Fenstermacher  
13 Ethan Supkowski  
14 Roy Baker  
14 Donald Eroh  
14 Michael Heller  
14 Christopher Peters, Jr.

15 Jennis Bunnell  
16 J.P. Jankowski  
16 Brian Myers  
17 Charles Kania  
18 Brenda Kline  
19 Joann Sabonas  
19 John L. Walck  
25 Lisa Rinehimer  
29 Jan Rinehimer

## ***FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES***

February 1, 2003.....Pastor Penny and Archie Passmore  
February 14, 1988.....Bob and Rhonda Madigan  
February 15, 1991.....Brian and Priscilla Farrell

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