

# The Messenger

## March 2015

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

#### COMMUNION

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on March 1. After worship, come on back to the Fellowship Hall for some delicious desserts and a cup of hot java or cool tea. It's always great to share our goodies and see everyone's friendly faces. So, plan to hang out for a while.

### MARCH 8

#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS



It's time to turn those clocks ahead so that you're sure not to miss one minute of Pastor Penny's message on Sunday morning, March 8. (If you show up late, she starts over!)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

#### TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on March 11 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, MARCH 15

#### OGHS SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

We will gather our offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 15. Envelopes will be in the pews for you to contribute to this UCC sponsored offering.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 28

#### EMMANUEL SPRING FLING

A new idea for a fundraiser is in the planning stages. The event will be entitled "Emmanuel Spring Fling" which will consist of a talent show ranging from music, poetry, and recitations and is open to all area churches. **We will also have a Chinese Auction during "Intermission". We are asking members for craft items, artwork, baked goods, etc. to be auctioned off.** Members of the church will be approached to participate in the talent show which will be held Saturday evening, March 28th, 2015.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29

#### PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with our Worship Service on March 29, Palm Sunday. Our Maundy Thursday Service will be held on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 pm.

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

#### SUPPER AND SERVICE

Our Lenten Suppers are at 6 pm and 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.

### **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.

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## From the Pastor

When will it ever end? Another day – another snow storm! I'm really lovin' Pennsylvania. But we are so blessed. There are so many folks out there who don't have a place to come in from the cold or if they do have a place, they may not have the money to pay for electricity or oil or even food. Some of us tend to blame their predicament on those folks but much of the time it's not their fault. We need to do all we can to assist those who aren't able to take care of themselves. We have some food and funds in the Wapwallopen Ministerium that may be of use to them. If you know of someone locally who could use some help, please tell them to give us a call here at the church. We treat each contact as strictly confidential.

Some of us have been enjoying a meal on Wednesday nights here at church as we share a time of fellowship. We continue to eat at 6 and worship at 7. We would love to have you join us. Our numbers have been lower this Lenten season due to the cold and snowy weather. Hopefully before Easter it will turn around. If you are able, please come and fellowship with us.

Since many of you can't get out right now I would like to remind you that this gives you plenty of time to read your Bible and to spend time in prayer. This can be a time to thank God for all your blessings and also a time to pray for others and for yourself. It isn't a bad thing to ask God to bless you and your family. Your church could also use your prayers. When you are alone talking to God it is easy to be sincere. There is no one else listening. You don't have to feel as if you must impress anyone else with the words you use. Just be real and honest and go to God with sincerity. You can shut out all distractions – the doorbell, the telephone, the television – and invite God in.

God asks that we worship Him with our concentrated minds as well as with our wills and emotions. Use this time to spend time with God in prayer and Bible reading and study. It will be a blessing to you and to those you include in your prayers. Have faith that God hears and answers..

“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer.”

Be blessed and be a blessing. God loves you!

Pastor Penny

### *Our Condolences*

We are saddened by the passing of Adele Majewski on February 9. Adele was a faithful member of Emmanuel and we will miss her smile and kind spirit (and pineapple squares☺). Our thoughts and prayers are with Donnie Myers and Adele's family and we offer them comfort and support in their time of grief.

Our support and compassion is given to Cindy Heller and her family as her son, Brian, entered eternal rest on February 20. May God's peace sustain you.

We offer our sympathy to the families of Charles “Bob” Kania who passed away February 1. Our condolences go out to his son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Dawn Kania, to Lois Kania, and to our past member, Rhonda Brand, Pauline Shock and Raymond Kania and their families.

### *Thank You*

We received thank you letters for some recent benevolence donations. On the bulletin board in the bell tower are letters from:

Phoebe Ministries thanked us for our donation which will be used to support Phoebe-Devitt Homes and their work to ensure their residents have access to activity programs, comprehensive Pastoral care, and cutting-edge dementia care. Last year, Phoebe provided over \$12 million of charitable care to residents who otherwise would not have been able to afford the care they needed.

Lancaster Theological Seminary thanked us for our benevolence donation. This offering is included in their Annual Fund which supports the ministry of theological education to prepare students to become leaders for congregations, other settings of ministry and for society.

## TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, March 11, for a pot-luck lunch at 12:00 pm. Bring a dish and enjoy a good meal and great company. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information.

## MISSION OFFERINGS

The envelopes for the annual OGHS offering are in your pews. During the year, there will be envelopes for Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church and the Christmas Fund (for retired pastors and their families on very limited pensions). We also give to Our Churches Wider Mission through our fundraisers. That's 5 UCC missions each year. In addition to those, we can give to Pennies from Heaven (the Guatemala clinic offering during Lent), VBS Mission, McKinney Clinic, CROP Walk and, in past years, Disaster Relief (hopefully we won't need this one this year). Opportunities to give to these missions are provided because members have a "soft spot" for one or another, or perhaps all of them. We are encouraged to give to the ones that move our hearts and that we feel strongly about. All these offerings are given "above and beyond" our regular envelope and plate offerings that are needed to support our church at Emmanuel and continue our local presence in our own back yards. Your generosity is appreciated here at home and around the wider world. May God bless you as much as you bless others.

## YOUTH GROUP



*Remember to get your  
Weis and Carone's cards!*

This is a great way to support the Youth Group without spending anything extra. You're just going to spend that money at the grocery store anyway so why not give the Youth Group some help with their finances? For every \$1,000 worth of cards they sell, they make \$50. Please see Marc on Sunday mornings or you can call Denise at the church office (868-5675) during the week.

## YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

The Youth Group will be heading to Virginia for this year's mission trip. Many elderly and needy people live just inland of the beautiful beaches and tourist sites. The homes they live in are in disrepair and need renovation. Our youth will provide help to get homes repaired and maintained, and offer hope by reaching out in Christian service. Work will include general home repair, painting, and deck and wheelchair access construction. They will be

going from June 21 to 27 (Sunday to Saturday). The cost per person is still \$289 so they have some fundraising projects coming up. Please support them as they represent Emmanuel UCC and bring help and hope to people who need our assistance. Anyone who would like to join them on the trip, please see Pastor Penny.

## YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Crestwood High School:

Honors: Aaron Kleger, Brad Kotarsky, Hunter Rinehimer

**Rochester Institute of Technology Dean's List:**  
Kimmy Bernetski

## AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS

We have had several inquiries about receiving automatic contributions for offerings. Some of our members have decided to use this method to schedule their weekly, semi-weekly, monthly, etc., offerings. One member is using automatic withdrawal so that she isn't bothered writing a check every week. Another couple uses this method when they are out of the area. They realize the importance of regular giving. If you overlook making out your check or if you're not here, the bills still come and those businesses expect, and rightly so, to be paid on time. Your offering ensures that funds are available when needed. It is processed the same way as any other automatic withdrawal from your account, such as car payments, insurance premiums, or mortgage payments. You set up with your bank when and how much is forwarded to the church. A check arrives in our mail and is counted with the offering on Sunday mornings. It's that simple.

## EMMANUEL GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

In addition to the Youth Group's Weis and Carones Card Fundraisers, we have a Gift Card Fundraiser which is a great way to help our church. The Fundraiser Sheets are on the table in the narthex. Just look over the list (and there's a lot to choose from) and mark how many cards you want. As with the Youth Group's fundraiser, this is essentially a "no cost" fundraiser. You are just purchasing gift cards in the amount that you would normally spend at that store or restaurant. The fundraising part is that Emmanuel purchases them at a discount which helps our bottom line. Please pay Jim Rinehimer for your choices.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan  
Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

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### OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers  
Dwain Straight  
Jim Rinehimer  
Caroline and Josh Cronce

## CONSISTORY MEETING

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 pm.

## UPCOMING DATES

April 2 Maundy Thursday Service at Emmanuel

April 3 Good Friday Service 12 pm

April 5 Easter

**April 18 Turkey Supper**

## PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

**Morgan Rinehimer** is pictured as a member of the Tall in the Saddle 4-H Horse and Pony Club. She was elected President for 2015. Ride on and ride hard, girl!!

Brrr - that's COLD!! Scouts from Boy Troop 434 attended Polar Bear Camp February 6-8, 2015, at Camp Achehela. They slept out in the bitter cold in tents and participated in competitions against other area troops. Some of the boys are pictured building a fire, one of the competitions, in the snow. Good luck with that! Troop 434 had 2 patrols made up of 6-7 scouts, one of which won 3<sup>rd</sup> place on February 7.

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

2	Jane Rinehimer	16	David DeLuca	27	Grayson Bunnell
3	Carey Hoffman	16	Sarah Robinholt	28	Brian Heller
4	Mikayla Walck	18	Chelsea Lenahan	28	Samantha Kotarsky
7	Cindy Heller	21	Lisa Caffrey	29	Amanda Bickham
7	Dorothy Hoyt	22	Garrett Chalker	29	Joe Huntzinger
9	Gloria Schreyer	24	Deven Kamat	29	Lois Huntzinger
14	Devin Stein	27	Connie Miller	31	Michael Supkowski

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

March 20, 1982.....Bob and Helen Heller

March 31, 1996.....Sandy and Brent Kleger

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