

The Messenger

October 2015

CROP WALK

OCTOBER 4

On October 4, the Wapwallopen Ministerium will again participate in the CROP Walk. This event includes all the churches in our area and we are hoping for a really great turn-out. If you would like to be a walker, please see **Marc Davis or Denise Dean** for more details and a sponsor packet.

COMMUNION SUNDAY AND COFFEE HOUR

OCTOBER 11

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on October 11, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

It's time for our annual Turkey Supper. Please see the article in this issue for dates and times where your help will be needed.

YARD SALE

OCTOBER 24

Got stuff? You know, those things that are lurking in the back of your closets, hiding in the cellar, tucked out of sight in the shed? See inside this issue for a great way to clean out and clean up on your unwanted treasure.

AMIGOS DE GUATEMALA CELEBRATION

OCTOBER 25

Our Penn Northeast Conference has partnered with the Concejo Ecumenico (Ecumenical Church) of Guatemala for several years as the Amigos de Guatemala. During Lent, our children collected "Pennies from Heaven" to help the people of Monte Margarita, Guatemala, build a health and education facility for their village. The facility will cost \$120,000 (cheap by US standards – we have houses that cost far more). The Guatemalans are selling coffee, mulch and pesticides to raise funds, also. During the month of October, we will have a special offering to add to the money already collected. Then, on October 25, at 3:00 pm we will celebrate at Faith UCC in Hazleton and bring our offerings to be dedicated at a special worship service and dinner. Rev. Becky Broyan and Rev. Jane Hess are coordinating this celebration.

PORK AND SAUERKRAUT SUPPER

NOVEMBER 14

We will be serving up a delicious Pork and Sauerkraut Supper on November 14. Allen Dennis is making the homemade sauerkraut and has the apples ordered for the homemade applesauce. YUM!! We will be looking for people to roast the pork, just like we need turkeys roasted for the Turkey Supper. We will also need the same general set-up, serving and clean-up help as with the Turkey Supper. So please mark your calendars to support your church.



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Secretary's Notes

Well, déjà vu. Seems I've been in this situation before. I was secretary when Pastor Neil bid us farewell back in 2005. As this occurred to me, I realized that I've been here longer than at any other job in my life. Glynis was just a young girl then and now she's all grown up and a Mom of our wonderful little grandson. I guess we've all seen some changes in our lives.

Change is inevitable. Sometimes we welcome it and at other times we don't. Whichever way you feel about our current change, it's important to remember one thing: Pastors come and Pastors go. I learned that some time ago. The first Pastor I really remember is Rev. Harry Keppley. He came to us as a "student pastor" since that was the way the seminaries were giving their students hands-on experience at the time. He was fresh and young; idealistic, yet grounded; and no title yet. I was in his first confirmation class. He started the Youth Group back up at Emmanuel (at least that's the way I remember it – maybe there was one but I was too young to remember?). I do remember that he graduated from seminary, was ordained (and got his Reverend title), married and had his children all while leading our church. It might have been seven years that he was with us – I'd have to look at the records to be sure. Whatever memories time has blurred, there's one that isn't hazy. When Pastor Keppley announced that he was going to another church, I cried. This was the first time that I was really old enough to understand that the Pastor was leaving and it really hit me hard. I can imagine there are some in our congregation now who feel the same way. My advice is to remember that we are all in this together.

Yes, Pastors come and Pastors go. But our church remains. All the people who come to worship make up the church – the body of Christ at Emmanuel. It's not just a building – it's a gathering of believers. Paul didn't stay in Ephesus or Collossea. He gave them the knowledge and supplied them with the conviction to become believers of Jesus Christ. Then he let them grow. And yes, they had growing pains. Which is also inevitable, unless you're going to stagnate.

Things are not stagnating at Emmanuel, though. The Consistory is diligently working on hiring an Interim Minister. People have volunteered to serve on the Search Committee. Our Sunday School is back in session. Teen Talk is meeting on Sunday mornings. The Kids Choir and Chancel Choir are singing again after their summer break. Our Turkey Supper will be on October 17 and the Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner is on November 14. Emmanuel will again be the starting point for the Wapwallopen Ministerium CROP Walk on October 4. We'll be holding a Yard Sale on Saturday, October 24. Soon the children and youth will begin practicing for the Christmas Program. And the Twilights always meet on the second Wednesday of the month (some things never change?).

So if you were wondering what we'll be doing without a permanent Pastor, you don't have to wonder anymore. We will continue to be Emmanuel.

Keeping the Faith,
Denise

OUR CONDOLENCES

Our sincere sympathy is given to Donnie and Doreen Oldershaw on the passing of his mother, Elizabeth Oldershaw, on August 31. God grant you peace in your sorrow.

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilights will meet on Wednesday, October 7, 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.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone in my church family for the cards, kind words and prayers at the loss of my mother. I would especially like to thank Denise and Pastor Penny for all they did for my family at such a difficult time.

The Dauber Family

Donnie and Nelson would like to thank everyone who helped with our annual Golf Tournament: those who took hole sponsorships, played golf, and anyone who helped us in any way; especially those who helped at the golf course.

My Dear Friends,

Little did I know that when I retired from preaching I was going into nursing. Archie's surgery went well on the 9th of Sept. He came home on the 12th. He has been recovering well since then but he can't do very much. I haven't really been able to enjoy much time to myself since I'm taking care of him. We go out for a short walk each day. Luckily the weather has been nice for those walks. He goes back to the doc on the 8th of October and may be released to drive again.

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful retirement lunch we enjoyed on my last Sunday. There was so much good food. Thanks for the recipes. So far I haven't had time to try any of them. I will as soon as things begin to get back to normal. Thanks too for the gifts and the well wishes we received.

Our last service was very nice. Thanks for the music. The kids were – as usual – wonderful. I do miss those kids. I miss many of you. It was my honor and pleasure to be able to serve you for a bit over seven years. God is Good! All the Time! Please take care of each other.

I love you and will continue to pray for you and ask that you pray for us as well.

Blessings,
Pastor Penny

Annual Golf Tournament

It was a bright and sunny day for our Annual Golf Tournament and everyone enjoyed a spectacular day. With a great turnout of golfers and guests, the Golf Tournament turned a profit of \$3,366.30. Thanks to everyone who made this fundraiser a success!

CROP WALK REFRESHMENTS

Anyone who is willing to bring some baked goods or other refreshments for the walkers is asked to please leave them on the counter in the Fellowship Hall on Oct 4. Your help is needed to "energize" the walkers before and "recharge" them after their walk.

CROP HUNGER WALK OCTOBER 4

Emmanuel will again be the starting and ending point for our annual CROP Walk on October 4. Registration will be at 12:30 pm with the walk starting at 1:00 pm. The funds raised will be sent to Church World Service. Thirty-seven denominations and Christian sects partner with CWS to provide hunger and disaster relief. Last year, our joint Vacation Bible School with Faith and Stairville UMC collected school supplies for CWS School Kits. We have also collected Clean-up Bucket Kits in the past for several disasters. CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks," notes the Los Angeles Times (Oct. 26, 2009). On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the start of the hunger walks related to CROP – and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. As far as we know, York County, Penn., was the first walk officially called the CROP Walk for the Hungry – and that event has been continuous since 1970. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide. CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community. This year CROP Hunger Walks will share almost \$3.5 million with food banks, pantries, community gardens and other local efforts across the U.S., thanks to generous donations of families, friends, church members and businesses to those who participate in walks. We have designated the Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank to receive these funds. Youth and adults from our churches will be looking for sponsors. Please support their enthusiastic and dedicated effort to provide hunger relief by donating to the CROP Walk.

TEEN TALK ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

What does the Bible have to do with me? Why didn't God do what I wanted him to? How should Jesus' teachings affect the way I act? Why should I go to church? What happens when I die? People of all ages have questions about their faith and teens are no different. Teens especially can ask tough questions. It's not always easy to find the answers, but it's very important not to just dismiss them. That's where Teen Talk, the Sunday morning meeting time for teens, comes in. By exploring our faith and developing an understanding of who we are and how we relate to our beliefs, we dig deep into the questions that face teens. Teen Talk is for anyone in 7th grade and above. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am to talk about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, how our lives can be influenced by them and how we can be an influence to others around us. Come to Teen Talk and find other teens who want to make their faith stronger, find some answers to hard questions and become better at dealing with ideas and things that pull us away from being Christians.

Turkey Supper Dates

October 15 to 17

Please remember that it is not necessary to be at the supper "forever". If everyone takes a turn, we can all help each other and feel good about volunteering to support our church. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the Narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall Door.

See Don Eroh or Allen Dennis for tickets to sell. There's plenty for everyone, so get them and sell, sell, sell. The fall Supper is usually our best dinner fundraiser and is easy to promote. Why? Because people love to eat – especially good food!! And we've been complimented again and again about how really good it is!

As always, we need people to cook the turkeys. Allen Dennis is the person to see if you can volunteer your time for this important item (what's a Turkey Supper without turkey, right?) The turkeys arrive either at your home or at the church (depending on how you arrange it with Allen).

On Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m., walls are taken down and tables are set up. Then there is the cleaning and cutting up of the vegetables for the pickled cabbage.

Early Friday morning about 8:00 a.m. we start making the pickled cabbage. Some foods just taste so much better if you let the flavors chill and mix. (I learned that from the cooking shows)

Saturday morning at 8:00 am is when we clean the meat off the turkeys, which is easier to do if the turkeys are warm. Those of you who clean your own turkeys and then deliver them really help to speed up this process. ***Please remember to bring the turkey broth to make the gravy.*** We also make the stuffing which takes strong arms to mix thoroughly. After a short break, workers gather at 2:30 pm to start heating everything up so it's good and hot for serving our guests.

Then, of course, the actual event begins at 3:00 and goes to about 7:00 p.m. We can always use lots of hands for serving food, working in the kitchen, busing tables, and waiting on tables. By the end of the supper at 7:00 p.m., the workers, (many of whom have been there since 2:30 p.m. heating up the turkey, making gravy, making sure the vegetables and stuffing are hot so that everything is all set to serve at 3:00 p.m.) are ready for a rest. That's when it's nice to have a clean-up crew come in. The tables all have to be cleaned off, tables and chairs wiped down, Sunday School rooms put back in order and the walls put back up. The large roasters and cook pots are washed and put away until the next supper. The kitchen cleaned and floors washed and vacuumed.

There's a lot to do to hold a supper, but the work's not hard when you're having fun. And we do have a lot of fun, even if we are a bit frantic while serving our guests. It's all part of the experience and we'd love for you to experience it, too.

YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

October 24

The choir is holding a fundraiser to help you straighten out, clean out, and reorganize your home. For the donation of \$10 for a table, you can bring your old "treasures" to the yard sale on October 24 to sell. Tables will be available in the Fellowship Hall and under the Pavilion. Please understand this is a yard sale for your benefit and any items not sold must be taken back with you. Sales begin at 8:00 am and we'll finish up at 2:00 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2014

GENERAL FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE	2,079.92
PLUS INCOME	134,679.94
	136,759.86
LESS EXPENSES	-136,738.38
ENDING BALANCE	21.48

BUILDING FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE	292.20
RECEIPTS	38,549.63
	40,341.83
EXPENSES	-37,440.32
ENDING BALANCE	1,401.51

MEMORIAL FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE	3,525.79
PLUS RECEIPTS	2,601.14
	6,126.93
LESS EXPENSES	-4,604.46
ENDING BALANCE	1,522.47

SMALL GAMES FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE	69.12
PLUS RECEIPTS	12,094.00
	12,163.12
LESS EXPENSES	-12,161.43
ENDING BALANCE	1.69

Thank you to Steve Moyer and Chris Dietrich for auditing the books.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

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 table in the narthex. Just write in the quantity of the cards you want and give the list and the amount due to Jim Rinehimer. If you have any question, please see Jim. If more lists are needed, please tell Denise.

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 14 Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner



Some of us will be walking in the CROP Walk on Sunday, October 4. This will help a lot of people around the world and in our own neighborhood since 25% comes back for the Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank. So get donations!!

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

There are two articles on the front bulletin board about Pastor Penny's retirement. Prior to her leaving, Kathy Flowers from the Mountaintop Eagle called to ask if they could do an article about Pastor's time here. The other picture was published in the Mountain Peaks and shows Pastor Penny receiving a hug from Carmen after her last service with us on August 30.

CONSISTORY MEETING

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, October 15, at 6:30 pm.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

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Jim Rinehimer

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Tim Miller	6 Glynis Dean	13 Joan Rinehimer
4 John Rinehimer	7 Leah Sevison	14 Eileen Bonczek
4 Harry W. Peters	8 Alexis Kamat	15 Michelle Heller
4 Patricia Heller	9 John Daniels	15 Kyle Belanchik
5 Jacqueline Heller	9 Dawn Lynn Myers	16 Glenda Supkowski
5 Barry Myers	9 Tammy Dauber	16 Joshua Cronce
5 Cheryl Hoffman	11 Betty Montigney	19 Valerie Zane
	13 Rosemary Myers	

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 3, 1964Dave and Rosemary Myers
Oct. 3, 1953Frank and Joan Partington
Oct. 11, 1975Ivan and Dorothy Hoyt
Oct. 12, 2001Steve and Sharon Moyer
Oct. 17, 1987John and Camille Daniels

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