

The Messenger

September 2015

RALLY DAY!!

SEPTEMBER 13

WELCOME BACK to another GREAT YEAR at Emmanuel UCC! Our first day of Sunday School will be Rally Day, Sept. 13 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.

CHOIRS RESUME

September 2

Summer's over and it's time for the choirs to get back in tune. We welcome all singers and players to join us in "making a joyful noise, worshipping the Lord with gladness and coming to him with singing"(see Psalm 100).

The Kid's Choir is for anyone from preschool age to elementary school and junior high. We have a great mix of songs for all ages and voices and we even join the Chancel Choir with some of our songs. Our practice is on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

The Chancel Choir practices at 7:00 pm for all those older than elementary school age who love to praise the Lord in song and music. We perform a variety of music, from praise to gospel to traditional.

CROP WALK

October 4

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

My last newsletter article – maybe ever. I'm looking forward to retirement but am also sure that I'll be preaching here and there from time to time. I can't just hang up my stoles for good.

I have really enjoyed being your pastor for the past almost 7 1/2 years. There are many good folks here at Emmanuel and I pray that I was able to bring something new to you. I know that my services were a bit different than you were used to but we don't grow unless we try new things. I just pray that you were drawn closer to God and became a bit more aware of the workings of the Holy Spirit while I was in your midst.

From the time we drove into the parking lot here in 2007 Archie really was praying that I would be called here. He enjoyed being here with you and meeting all the good folks here. I'm sure that some of the songs he sang for you were ones that you had never heard but they were from his heart. I've never known a man who loved God more than Archie.

I ask that as we leave and move to Sunbury you will be praying for us to make a smooth transition. Also pray for Archie as he goes to surgery on the 9th of September. Also pray that the surgery will help with the pain in his legs. At first we will be taking care of that and then – who knows. I have to get used to the area there and make some friends.

I attended the UCC church there a couple of weeks ago where the woman who was my choir director in Millersburg is the Organist/Choir director there. She is already trying to recruit me for the choir. I'm not sure about that but it would be a good way to get to know people. I like to have friends wherever I go. I'm planning to join the YMCA as well to get in a little pool time.

I don't have any set plans for retirement but I'm sure I won't be sitting around for long.

It has been my privilege to serve you and I will truly miss the folks at Emmanuel. I pray for God's blessings to be with you as you search for a new pastor.

I just hope that I will be remembered as a person who loves God and wants to serve God however I am able.

Love you and God bless!
Pastor Penny



Our Condolences

We offer our sympathy and prayers to Tammy Dauber and her family on the passing of her mother, Grace Eckrote, on August 11. May God provide comfort and peace to you in your sorrow.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, September 19, 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.

Teen Talk on Sunday Mornings

Teen Talk is back on Sunday mornings starting on September 20 at 9:00 am. This is our own time to dig deeper into our faith. It's not just another "Sunday School class" or Bible Study. It's all about us - who we are, what's happening in our lives right here and now, and how does any of this relate to God and our faith. We'll be discussing the important things going on in the world, our town and our lives. And if you have any particular ideas to discuss, just give them to Denise. We're looking for everyone in 6th grade and up to come out and talk about how God really relates to us - not just in theory, but in reality.



SINGSPIRATION 2015

In addition to practicing for our Sunday Services, the Chancel Choir will be practicing for their participation in **Singspiration at Stairville UMC**. Our choir has been a part of this terrific musical event for several years now and it has been so much fun. Our practice is on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. There's always room for another voice or musical instrument and we look forward to having new members join us. Singspiration will be held on September 13 at 5:00 pm. This is a great way for our local choirs, musicians and congregations to come together in praise of God. *"Break forth into joyous song and sing praises. Psalm 98:4"*



Please keep in mind we have a great 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. 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.

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

We had an awesome time at our Vacation Bible School which was held at Emmanuel. The kids really enjoyed the park theme and the teachers and assistants took their parts to heart (just ask anyone about Sandy the pirate!). Our children and staff are pictured outside the Fellowship Hall which was transformed into SonWorld Adventure Park, in the fashion of a Disney World park. We had a great time and look forward to next year's theme!

Sabian Bunnell was in the preschool graduating class of Mt. Top Kids. He's pictured with the rest of his class (complete with mortarboard cap). Look out Elementary School, here comes Sabian!

Morgan Rinehimer showed off her horsemanship skills and qualified to move on to the State competition. Morgan rides with the Tall in the Saddle 4-H Horse and Pony Club. Congratulations, Morgan, and good luck in the State competition!

YUM! Ice Cream! That's what Sharon Moyer and her "girls" were enjoying at the Make-a-Wish event at Moyers Grove Campground. Sharon, her step-daughter Wendy and granddaughter Hailey enjoyed a great day while supporting a worthy cause.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, September 17, at 6:30 pm.

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 4 CROP Walk

Oct. 17 Turkey Supper

Nov. 14 Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

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Greeters: Barb DeLuca and Carol Duffy

Liturgist: Denise Dean

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Dwain Straight

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 |

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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