

The Messenger

August 2016

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, August 7, 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.

FORMER PASTOR'S VISIT

Rev. Ken Bickel and his family will be visiting with us during our worship service on August 7. Pastor Ken served our congregation in the late 1970's through the 1980's and we welcome him back to worship with us.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our annual Golf Tournament will be August 13. 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 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. 7 New Home UMC
- Aug. 14 St. Mark's
- Aug. 21 St. John's
- Aug. 28 Old River Church Cemetery Association

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From The Pastor's Desk

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

The words still resound in my mind – “summertime and the livin’ is easy.” That may be true in some respects – with family getaways, picnic reunions, parties at the pool or beach, travels to special places or places that will become special after this summer’s trip, or just relaxing in a cool place at home. Of course, for many, the livin’ may not be any easier in summer than at any other time of the year. So, perhaps it is for them, that I highlight the “not so easy” messages that have come to us from the Scriptures.

On 7/17, the message “Choices, Choices! So Many Choices!” emphasized how difficult life can be these days because we are swamped with possibilities – whether they are related to food, communication devices, or faith concerns. There are always decisions to be made – and sometimes, stepping away for a moment (that is, “dawdling with Jesus”) may be an effective step toward choosing well. On 7/24, the message “Don’t Delay! Ask Away!” focused on the idea that we are not stuck with what we have in life (the “it is what it is” syndrome). Through the simple (yet, not easy, by any means) plan of “Ask – Seek – Knock,” we can play an active role in our life’s course and in the future of our congregation. That’s an important role, but not an easy one to play! And then, for 7/31, the message “Wisdom Speaks, but Courage Hears” will be presented in “story” form. It will address how we respond to the obvious, but very disconcerting, realities of life. Sometimes, the only way forward is to maintain the faith and muster the courage to face the demands of the moment!

During the summertime, the livin’ might be easy (for some), but the messages that have emerged over these three Sundays are anything but easy.

As we continue through the summer, may we keep our eyes, our ears, and our hearts open to the One who guides and inspires, and then move toward wherever God is leading!

Rev. Stout

PS: Please remember - I can be reached by phone at 409-658-7136 (cell) or e-mail at cstout53@earthlink.net - please contact me if a need/emergency arises. I will also be available at the Church on Sunday morning or Tuesday usually from 9am-1pm. I can be available by appointment at other times/days that may be more convenient for you.



CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, August 10, 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.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Ethel Fine will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on August 7. Let’s all give her a great birthday by sending her cards showing her how much she means to our church family.

Annual Golf Tournament August 13, 2016

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 6 as the deadline to register, or until the field is full. If you would like more information, please see Donnie Myers or Nelson Horwath.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Crestwood High School

Principal's Honors: Kristen Kania

High Honors: Michell Bernetski & Aaron Kleger

Honors: Michelle Heller & Brad Kotarsky

Ethel Fine has a good reason to be proud of her great-grandson, Richard Supkowski, III. Rich graduated from Crestwood High School with the following awards: Harold Baker Award, Carone's Achievement Award, Daniel J. Hudak Award and the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Award. He was also chosen as the Crestwood Education Association Student of the Year and recognized by the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science for his tenacity by being presented with the Six-Year Perseverance Award.

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 18, at 6:30 pm.

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Although we didn't have any members graduating this year, there are some familiar faces among the students pictured in their caps and gowns. Richard Supkowski is the great-grandson of Ethel Fine, Zachary Fisher is a member of Boy Scout Troop 344, and Taryn Pecile is the granddaughter of Diana Decker. Congratulations to the graduates and their families.

Richard Supkowski is pictured with the other participants in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science State Meeting at which he was awarded the Six-Year Perseverance Award. Rich has excelled in the State Meeting for several of those years.

Our annual 300 Club and Silent Auction was enjoyed by many people. Pictured listening to the Mud Pond Boys are Harriet Seward, Fran Fink and Rose Marie Welsh. Our thanks to all who came out to support this fundraiser.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sept. 11 – Rally Day!!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

August 7

Greeters: Barb DeLuca and Judy Cybulski

Liturgist: Jim Rinehimer

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Greeters: Mary Rinehimer and Diana Decker

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**7th Annual 300 Club & Silent Auction Report
Saturday, June 18, 2016**

Silent Auction Profit: \$1,592.00

300 Club:

<u>Income:</u>	296 tickets @ \$35.00 each	\$10,360.00
	4 Guests @ \$15.00 each	60.00
	2 50/50 raffles (\$190.00 + \$134.00)	324.00
	Donations from winners	75.00
	Additional Donations	<u>45.00</u>
		\$10,864.00

<u>Expenses:</u>	Prizes from drawings	\$ 3,500.00
	2 Bands	725.00
	Small games license	125.00
	Moonwalk for children	200.00
	Allen Dennis (food)	197.38
	Jim Rinehimer (food, supplies)	<u>427.76</u>
		\$ 5,175.14

Income: \$10,864.00

Expenses: 5,175.14

\$ 5,688.86 (profit from 300 Club)

1,592.00 (profit from Silent Auction)

\$ 7,280.86 Grand Total Profit

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
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 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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