

The Messenger

February 2016

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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.

SCOUT SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 7, 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. They will have a coffee hour afterward and hope you will join them to learn more about their projects and plans for 2016.

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 7. Cindy will then take them to the VA for delivery to our veterans.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE

Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services will begin on February 10 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.

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.

KIDS' CHOIR PRACTICE CHANGE

SUNDAY MORNINGS

With all the activities and events scheduled on weekday evenings, it's been really difficult to find a time for practicing for Kid's Choir. My remedy is to have practice prior to Sunday School at 9:00 am. Hopefully, this will allow more kids time to praise God.

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From the Pastor's desk

LOVE

Jesus said: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Genuine selfless love is the fruit of God's working in our lives. It is the evidence of His presence in our midst.

The Apostle Paul expressed it this way; and I would encourage our church family here to take these 10 Exhortations to heart.

- ...let love be sincere
- ...hate what is evil
- ...cling to what is good
- ...be devoted to one another in brotherly love
- ...honor one another above yourselves
- ...never be lagging in zeal (Spiritual energy)
- ...Be aglow with the Spirit!
- ...Be joyful in Hope, Patient in affliction
- ...Faithful in prayer
- ...Share with God's people in need; practice hospitality

This short passage continues with additional instruction, encouragement, and challenge; essentials that will bring healing and growth to our church family here at Emmanuel...

Please make time to read this short passage: Romans 12:9-21

These 10 Exhortations (not commandments) are so pertinent at this time to our church family....and will prepare us to walk in the fullness of what God has just ahead!

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Ken



Thank You

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.

Phoebe Homes thanked us for our monetary gift which will support the many essential programs for their residents.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, February 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.

Search and Call Committee News!

The Consistory has chosen a Search and Call Committee to seek a new pastor for Emmanuel. The Search Committee wants to keep you informed both on the process and the progress of the search and value your input. We will be sending out a questionnaire soon to gather information about the congregation and asking for what you want to see in our next called pastor. Please take the time for prayerful answers to the questions we ask. We all thank you in advance for your help and ask you to pray for the committee as we begin the process to call the next pastor to our church.

Members of the Search and Call Committee are Jim Stewart, Barb Deluca, Jim Rinehimer, Bonnie Silveti, Steve Moyer and Sue Kaminski. Please feel free to stop us after service if you have any questions about the search process.

Yours in Christ

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The next Search Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9, at 7:00 pm. Anyone with any questions or concerns should contact a member of the Search Committee.

CONSISTORY MEETING

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, February 18, at 6:30 pm.

CURRENT OFFICERS AND CONSISTORY MEMBERS

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| President..... | Deb Dietrich |
| Vice President | Allen Dennis |
| Secretary | Brad Bunnell |
| Treasurer | Jim Rinehimer |
| Trustees | Diana Decker |
| | Sandy Kleger |

LENTEN SUPPERS AND SERVICES

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10. 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, you are welcome to gather with us for worship.

SCOUT SUNDAY

Our Pack 433 Cub Scouts and Troop 434 Boy Scouts will join us for worship on Sunday, February 7. 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.

KID'S CHOIR



With all the activities in which our kids are involved, it's hard to find an evening that they can all come to choir practice. At the beginning of the season, some are busy on Wednesdays and then when their schedule changes so they can come, another group's schedule conflicts with practices. It always seems that some kids are missing out on being part of the choir. The solution I came up with is to have Kid's Choir practice on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am. **There will no longer be Wednesday evening practices for kids.** All of us will meet in the church and rehearse our songs for about 15 minutes before Sunday School begins. I am really hoping that this will help our kids who want to sing but can't make evening practices. I know we have some really great voices that love to sing God's praise. See you Sunday mornings with a song in your heart! Denise

2015 Record of Giving

The following chart shows a dollar range for offering envelopes and how many gave in that dollar range.

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|--------------------|----|
| \$ 0.00 | 23 |
| \$1 to \$49 | 22 |
| \$50 to \$100 | 14 |
| \$101 to \$500 | 23 |
| \$501 to \$1,000 | 14 |
| \$1,001 to \$2,000 | 17 |
| \$2,001 to \$3,000 | 5 |
| \$3,001 to \$3,500 | 2 |
| \$6,000 to \$6,500 | 1 |
| \$7,500 to \$7,600 | 1 |

STAPLES REWARDS & COUPONS

For quite a few years, I have been collecting cartridges to recycle at Staples to earn Rewards. I'm allowed to recycle 20 cartridges per month. The regular rewards are \$2.00 per cartridge, but every so often they'll run a special of double rewards (\$4.00) for the first 5 cartridges and the rest at the usual \$2.00. The following chart shows how much has been saved through recycling and careful use of coupons.

| Year | Total Purchase | Coupons & Rewards | Amount Paid | % Saving |
|------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|
| 2011 | 732.01 | 291.73 | 436.02 | 40 |
| 2012 | 752.54 | 535.18 | 208.07 | 72 |
| 2013 | 1,039.29 | 643.27 | 396.02 | 62 |
| 2014 | 776.05 | 282.65 | 493.40 | 37 |
| 2015 | 984.28 | 294.07 | 690.21 | 30 |

Unfortunately, Staples has changed their policy on redeeming rewards in the last several years. They have to be redeemed within three months but if I don't need to order supplies, I can't see wasting money just to redeem the rewards. Plus, there are not as many promotions as in previous years and the coupons are not as valuable.

But still, as you can see, there is a savings for Emmanuel in recycling ink cartridges. So please continue to put them in the ink recycling box in the narthex. All sizes and manufacturers are accepted.

Thanks, Denise

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the March Messenger is Monday, February 22. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Leah Dietrich was among the entertainers for a piano recital held recently at Smith Health Care. Leah's musical ability is also enjoyed by us as part of the Christmas Eve Special Music. Keep tickling those ivories, Leah!

Morgan Hodle and Becca Biddinger were among the families who enjoyed movie night at Rice Elementary. *Mosters Inc* was the picture sponsored by the Rice PTA.

Cub Scout Pack 433 entertained the residents of Smith Nursing Home during the Christmas season. The pack includes first through fifth graders who certain look like they enjoy serving others.

The Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank which is housed here at Emmanuel received a donation from the **Sons of the American Legion**. We are very grateful for all the support from our churches and community groups.

UPPCOMING DATES

Mar. 6 Daylight Savings Time Begins
OGHS Sunday
Mar. 20 Palm Sunday
Mar. 24 Maundy Thursday
Mar. 27 Easter

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

February 7
Greeters: Scouts
Liturgist: Scouts
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Greeters: Donnie Myers and Nelson Horwath
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February 21
Greeters: Camille Daniels and Barb DeLuca
Liturgist: Jill Bernetski
February 28
Greeters: Gloria Scheyer and Diana Decker
Liturgist: Jim Stewart

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers
Jim Rinehimer

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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