

The Messenger

November 2016



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Remember to turn your clocks back and sleep in for an extra hour! But only for one hour and then join us for Sunday School at 9:00 and worship at 10:30 am.

COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during our worship service on November 6, followed by a Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some fellowship with us.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING!!

The budget committee will meet after our potluck dinner, anyone wishing to join the committee is welcome to stay. We welcome additional volunteers to help plan this important aspect of our church life.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Pork and Sauerkraut Supper

We're holding our Pork and Sauerkraut Supper on November 19. Please check with Allen Dennis for all the activities that are necessary to have this be a successful dinner.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The name of the season of Advent originated from the Latin word, *adventus*, which means "coming". Our Advent season is a time of expectation and waiting for the *coming* of Christ – we prepare for his *second coming* as we celebrate his *first coming*. How will you prepare for Christ's coming? Just remembering what was, or preparing for what will be? Come, join in the preparations.

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Pastor's Corner

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ!

November is here! A month that begins just after “trick or treat” and ends shortly after entry into a new church year! It is a month that brings to an end the “season of wild claims” and never-ending political advertisements. It is a month that takes us into the festive holiday season, as we gather around tables to give thanks for all of our blessings. It is a month that exchanges those political ads for store circulars – from the “vote for me” messages to the ones that encourage us to “shop here for the best deals.” It is a month that catapults us into the spiritual preparation and anticipation for the celebration of Christmas, only weeks away.

It is a fabulous month, November, and, although the weather may bring a chill to our bones, the events may do much more than that. It may elicit a sigh of relief or a moan of anguish, depending on the November 8 results. It may delight us with new memories to cherish, or bring tears of sadness from remembering the past. It may rekindle the joys of childhood, the awe and wonder of our faith, the sense of God’s closeness and love. It may re-orient our lives toward preparing for the greatest gift of all – the God who comes to dwell among us as Jesus Christ!

What a month! Plan to take it all in! Experience it in its entirety! Be open to its lasting memories and to the ones that, only now, are being created! Through the wonderful gifts contained in this new month, may God speak to us - in our personal lives and in our church community!

I wish you, and your families, the very best of God’s Blessings!

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.



Volunteers Needed for Important Positions:

Two positions will need to be filled at the end of this year. Connie Davis – Financial Secretary & Jim Rinehimer – Treasurer will be resigning at the end of the year. Anyone interested in either of these positions please see Deb Deitrich for more details on the duties and responsibilities.

Congregational Corner

Guess who is turning 92 and still going strong!! **ESTHER HELLER** will celebrate her 92nd birthday on **December 2, 2016**. Judy Cybulski would like us all wish her a happy birthday by giving her a card shower. So put it on your calendar for next month!

Twilighters

The Twilighters will meet on Tuesday, November 9, at 12:00 pm for lunch and fellowship. If you would like more information, see Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh.



We have Gift Card Fundraiser through Great Lakes Scrip Center and includes tons of cards – from Advance Auto Parts to Wet Seal (young women’s clothing). By purchasing the gift card through Great Lake Scrip, our church earns a percentage of the sale price. They make great gifts for Christmas. Jim will order them and distribute them as they arrive. If you have any question, please see Jim.

crop walk report

Thanks to everyone who donated money, made baked goods or participated in the Crop Walk.

Our churches raised \$594.00 which we have designated 25% to be returned to the Wapwallopen Ministerium Food Bank. Your generosity helps feed and strengthen people around the world and in our own back yard. You are wonderful, caring people and a great example to follow no matter what your age. Our Youth are certainly taking their cue from you.

Thank you's:

The following letters are posted on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

A thank you letter from Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for our Donation to them. This was in addition to the donations made for Deb Dietrich when she did the hike for Cystic Fibrosis.

A thank you letter from Phoebe Ministries for our 2016 Benevolence donation of \$1000. Your generosity provides programs and activities for their residents.

Pork Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

We'll be serving up a Pork Dinner, complete with homemade sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade applesauce, bread, dessert and beverage from 3 to 7 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$4.00 for age 6 to 11; 5 and under for free; or \$10.00 for a take-out.

POSTERS are on the table in the Narthex. Please take some and paste them up wherever you can. This supper will need some extra attention and we need to get the word out.

TICKETS – Please see Allen Dennis or Don Eroh for tickets and *sell, sell, sell!*

2015 Audit

We'd like to thank Steve Moyer & Chris Dietrich for again agreeing to audit out churches financial books.

Beginning Balance	\$21.48
Plus Income	<u>\$110,483.92</u>
	\$110,505.40
Less Expenses	<u>-\$102,181.12</u>
Ending Balance	\$8,324.28

Turkey Supper Update

**THANK YOU TO EVERONE WHO MADE THIS
A SUCCESSFUL SUPPER!!**

Give yourselves a pat on the back, you deserve it!

2016 FALL TURKEY SUPPER REPORT

Income:		
Ticket Sales		
Door		
Adult 388 @ \$10.00	\$3,880.00	
Children 8 @ \$4.00	\$32.00	
Advance		
Adult 348 @ \$10.00	\$3,480.00	
Surplus	\$101.00	
Total Income		\$7,493.00
Expenses:		
Bread Cubes	\$240.00	
Milk	\$9.30	
Turkeys, Cabbage, Paper Prod., Veggies, Celery, Broth, Eggs	\$1,550.91	
Decaf tea & coffee, drink mixes, paper towels	\$25.71	
Bread	<u>\$37.50</u>	
Total Expenses		\$1,863.42
TOTAL PROFIT		\$5,629.58

Sunday School News

We will hold a **bake sale during the Pork Dinner**. Please help us provide your children with a good Christian education by donating baked goods for us to sell. The bake sales are our only fundraisers and we rely on them to purchase the curriculum for our Sunday School program and provide them with fun times like Christmas and Easter parties. Thank you!!

For Thanksgiving, **we will be collecting items** and monetary donations **for our Turkey Dinners** for the McKinney Clinic. If you wish to make a donation, please see Lisa Rinehimer. Thank you for supporting the Sunday School's missions.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Sunday School children and youth will present the Christmas Story in Scripture and Song. They have begun practicing their songs which will reinforce the scripture readings. They will present their program on December 18 during our worship service. Please mark this special service on your calendar so you won't miss our Sunday School's heartwarming presentation of the birth of our savior.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the December Messenger is Monday, November 28. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Penny

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 4	Christmas Caroling
Dec. 18	Christmas Program
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Music and Worship

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE NOVEMBER

November 6

Greeters: Barb DeLuca and Carol Duffy
Liturgist: Chris Dietrich

November 13

Greeters: Mary Eroh and Judy Cybulski
Liturgist: Jim Stewart

November 20

Greeters: Diana Decker and Lois Eigenbrod
Liturgist: Ruth Polashenski

November 27

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan
Liturgist: Lynne Stewart

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers
Jim Rinehimer

**MORE VOLUNTEERS
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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Stanley Cybulski	9 Morgan Rinehimer	18 Anna Mae Koons
3 Brenda Heller	10 Karl C. Kemmerer	18 Connor Costello
3 Terry Belanchik	10 Rich Rotski	18 Sharon Eigenbrod
5 James Daniels	11 Casey Eigenbrod	19 Lynne Stewart
5 Richard Supkowski, Jr.	11 Dylan Glasser	20 Autumn Atkinson
6 Pauline Dennis	13 Jack Shafer, Sr.	22 Stanley Stein
7 Elizabeth Sufrinko	16 Sharon Horensky	25 Duane Stein
	17 David Crounce	

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 4, 2000.....Brad and Becky Frey
Nov. 11, 1950.....Cliff and Gladys Readler
Nov. 16, 1996.....Ronald, Jr., and Lisa Rinehimer

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