

The Messenger

November 2017



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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 9:30 am and worship at 10:30 am.

COMMUNION SUNDAY

The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during our worship service on November 5, 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 meeting is TBA. Anyone wishing to join the committee please see Deb Dietrich. We welcome additional volunteers to help plan this important aspect of our church life.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Pork and Sauerkraut Supper

We're holding our Pork and Sauerkraut Supper on November 18. Please check with Allen Dennis for all the activities that are necessary to have this be a successful dinner.

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Pastor's Corner

November is the month of Thanksgiving. On Thursday, November 23rd, we will gather with family and friends to enjoy a meal of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and other family favorites. In October, at our famous turkey supper, we got an excellent preview of what thanksgiving day feels like, and tastes like!

As Christians, we enjoy Thanksgiving Day every day. The word of God tells us, "The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: "He is good; his love endures forever." (2 Chronicles 5:13).

As a church, God has been good to each and every one of us. He has given us the strength to continue the work needed to be an example of Christian love and faith in our community.

2 Corinthians 9:11 tells us, "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

Our generosity to Our Churches Wider Mission and Phoebe Ministries are just two of the examples of benevolence Emmanuel UCC provides that makes a big difference. Thank you so much for your going above and beyond in presenting your tithes and offerings to these wonderful missions! The enrichment we feel is not just about money. The enrichment can be seen in our actions within the church and our communities, and also our global community.

Another enrichment that we experience are our wonderful youth. You can look forward to our youth group starting up again, and also a working relationship with the local scouting groups. The book of Jeremiah 29:13 says, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." This is a truth, and I feel that seeking out more of our young people will lead them to us, so they also can experience this enrichment and thanksgiving experienced through our church. Not just on Sunday morning, but all day, all week, all year long!

Recently, I held a meeting for those ministers interested in the Crossroads Ministerium. We will continue to meet on a monthly basis as we are all in agreement that unity is the way to continue our work in the community and our world. So, in closing, we are thankful, we are blessed we are enriched, and we are together. This all happens through the wonderful work of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Remember, with God, all things are possible! **Peace be with you, Pastor Lou**



Congregational Corner



We will celebrate with Stanley Cybulski on his 80th birthday on November 3rd. Special Happy Birthday wishes from your wife Judy and son Jim.

Guess who is turning 93 and still going strong!! **ESTHER HELLER** will celebrate her 93rd birthday on **December 2**, 2017. Judy Cybulski would like us all to wish her a happy birthday by giving her a card shower. So put it on your calendar for next month!



We give our deepest condolences to the Gittens Family on the passing of Gary Gittens October 15, 2017. We pray for God's strength and support for you all.

Twilighters

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, November 8, at 12:00 pm for lunch and fellowship. If you would like more information, see Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh.

2016 Audit

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

Beginning Balance	\$8,324.28
Plus Income	<u>\$90,169.83</u>
	\$98,494.11
Less Expenses	<u>-\$76,272.95</u>
Ending Balance	\$22,221.16

Gift Card Fundraiser



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 be taking orders **Sunday, November 5th** and **Sunday, December 3rd**, he will order them and distribute them as they arrive. If you have any question, please see Jim.

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.

Turkey Supper Update

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

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

2017 FALL TURKEY SUPPER REPORT

Income:		
Ticket Sales		
Door		
Adult 265 @ \$11.00	\$2915.00	
Children 5 @ \$4.00	\$20.00	
Advance		
Adult 270 @ \$11.00	\$2970.00	
Surplus	\$178.50	
Total Income		\$6083.50
Expenses:		
Bread Cubes	\$264.00	
Milk	\$9.75	Donation
Turkeys, Cabbage, Paper Prod., Veggies, Celery, Broth, Eggs	\$1,553.65	
Decaf tea & coffee, drink mixes, paper towels	\$56.67	
Bread	<u>\$37.50</u>	
Total Expenses		\$1,911.82
TOTAL PROFIT		\$4,171.68

Pork Dinner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

We'll be serving up a Pork Dinner, complete with homemade sauerkraut, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, homemade applesauce, bread, dessert and beverage from 3 to 7 pm. Tickets are \$11.00 for adults, \$4.00 for age 6 to 11; 5 and under for free; or \$11.00 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!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Sunday School children and youth will present “All Clear at Midnight” on December 17 during our worship service. The program is about a roving reporter who discovers strange happenings in the hills outside Bethlehem. With assistance of the news anchor, they piece together the amazing story of the birth of our Savior. Please mark this special service on your calendar so you won’t miss our Sunday School’s heartwarming presentation.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the December Messenger is Monday, November 27. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Penny

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 10 Christmas Caroling
Dec. 17 Christmas Program
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Music and Worship

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next **Consistory** meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, at 6:30 pm.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

We will no longer be having a volunteer schedule. Please sign up as greeters in the narthex as some regular greeters have not been able to come to church.

Also liturgist please sign up as well for the first Sunday of the month.