

The Messenger

September 2017

RALLY DAY!! - September 10

WELCOME BACK to another GREAT YEAR at Emmanuel UCC!! Our first day of Sunday School will be Rally Day, Sept. 10 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!!

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 6th grade - **ONLY!** So come check it out and **bring your friends!**

Teen Talk

Our Teen Talk is for anyone in 7th grade and above. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 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

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 age 3 age to 3rd grade. We have a great time learning fun songs. **Our practice will now be on Sundays at 9:00 am.**

The **Youth Choir** is for anyone in 4th grade through high school. Our songs will be more geared to your abilities to perform a bit more complicated music, but still with a fun twist. **Practices are Sunday at 9:15 am.**

The **Chancel Choir** practices **Sundays at 9:30 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 1

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

The liturgical and secular calendar moves very swiftly. It seems like I just wrote an article for our August Newsletter, and here we are, face to face with the month of September.

This month is going to be see the advent of our Bible Study, monthly Blessing and Healing Worship Service, and of course our young people returning to school and Bible school within our church.

It reminds me of the beautiful and often quoted Bible passage from Ecclesiastes 3:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

How has your time in church been spent? If you are like me, your battery is charged for another week of work, family and friend interaction, and of course some down time. But there is nothing better than spending time together in God's house. I say this month, let's invite a friend to church. Let's show them all of the wonderful events at Emmanuelle UCC!

My first nine months with all of you has been nothing less than a treasure and a wonderful Christian experience and I firmly believe this is our season! We move forward from here!

In God's Love,
Pastor Lou



CONGREGATIONAL CORNER TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, September 13, 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 10 at 9:30 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 me. We're looking for everyone in 7th grade and up to come out and talk about how God really relates to us – not just in theory, but in reality.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONSISTORY

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, September 21, at 6:30 pm.

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

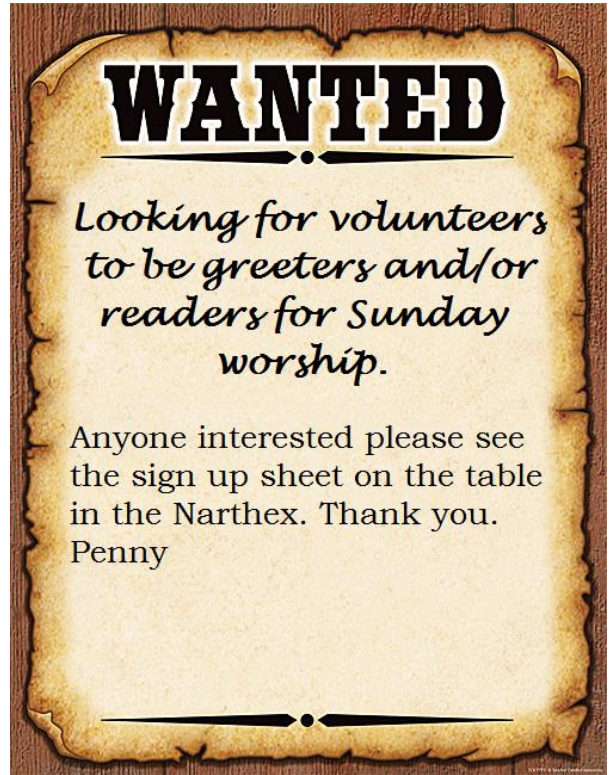
Leah Dietrich and Morgan Hodle are shown checking out a basket of beauty items at our indoor yard sale on August 12.

Grayson Bunnell really likes the pirate ship complete with pirates also found at our indoor yard sale.

Rosemary Myers enjoys her chicken BBQ sandwich as she shows her support for the Hobbie Carnival.

UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 1 CROP Walk
Oct. 21 Turkey Supper



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

September 3

Greeters: Gloria Schreyer
Liturgist: Jim Stewart

September 10

Greeters: Carol Duffy and Ruth Polashewski
Liturgist: Chris Dietrich

September 17

Greeters: Diana Decker
Liturgist: Lynne Stewart

September 24

Greeters: Lois Eigenbrod and Mary Eroh
Liturgist: Deb Dietrich

OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

Dave Myers



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



Sept. 3, 1997 Fritz and Gloria Schreyer
Sept. 5, 1945 Lex and Anna Mae Koons
Sept. 10, 1983 Jeff and Tammy Dauber
Sept. 12, 1970 Bill and Patti Heller
Sept. 14, 1973 Tim and Connie Miller
Sept. 24, 1960 Pete and Betty Dickson
Sept. 24, 1977 John and Donna Walck
Sept. 24, 1994 Jeff and Joann Kotarsky
Sept. 26, 1998 David and Caroline Cronic
Sept. 27, 1975 Rich and Jayne Rotski

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