

# The Messenger

April 2018

## SUNDAY, APRIL 1

### **EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES and FELLOWSHIP**

On Easter Sunday, April 1, we will celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death with two joyful services. The Sunrise Service will begin at 6:30 am and our regular worship service will begin at 10:30 am. At both services we will join in the sacrament of Holy Communion. After the Sunrise Service, we will have an Easter breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. So come hungry for food – spiritual and physical – and be filled with the spirit of the Risen Christ.



## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

### **TWILIGHTERS**

The Twilighters will meet on April 11 at 12:00 pm for their monthly meeting. "Admission" is one dish to share. Come join us for a delicious lunch.

## TURKEY SUPPER DATES

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

**At 6:00 p.m.**, tables are set up, and the vegetables are cleaned and cut up for the pickled cabbage.

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 27**

**Beginning at 8:00 a.m.** we start making the pickled cabbage and stuffing. (Some foods are just better when their flavors can mingle – just watch the cooking shows, you'll see.)

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

**Beginning at 8:00 a.m.** we clean the meat off the turkeys. **Final food preparations are made at 2:30 p.m. Serving the supper begins at 3:00 and goes to about 7:00 p.m.** We can always use lots of hands for serving food, working in the kitchen, busing tables, and waiting on tables. **By 7:00 pm it's nice to have a clean-up crew come in.** Everything needs to be washed up, cleared out, wiped down, dried and put away so the Sunday School rooms can be put back into order and the walls put back up. Come out and lend a hand. This is a great way to support our church and its missions and **have fun** while doing it!!

### **Bake Goods needed for the Turkey Supper**

We will need baked goods for desserts for the upcoming Turkey Supper. Please try to drop them off before 3:00 so we can get them cut, ready and packed for takeout. We truly appreciate your support. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would to share one of your favorite desserts. Please see Cindy Heller with any questions.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

It has been a productive and worship filled month here at Emmanuel UCC. From our time during Holy Week to that glorious Easter Sunday, we have been together as one body in Christ, not only worshipping, but in our times of times of fellowship together.

The month of April holds even more possibilities. More activities for our newly formed youth group, our planning for a mission trip, more spiritual filled worship, and of course our famous turkey supper!

The consistory is always hard at work thinking up new ways in which to spread the Gospel message to our surrounding communities. And Emmanuel UCC is always hard at work spreading the Gospel message around the world through Our Churches Wider Mission.

April is also the month when the Penn Northeast Conference gathers together for our Annual Meeting. This will be held Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Union United Church of Christ in Neffs, PA. The annual meeting is open to any UCC member. Consider attending and meet old friends and make new ones! Our own Jeff Dauber will be a vendor this year offering information about the Alzheimer's Association!

The following is some information to remind us that God is Still Speaking. I know He is at Emmanuel UCC!

### **God is Still Speaking,**

**Stillspeaking.** It's the shorter form of "God is still speaking," a campaign by the United Church of Christ to remind us that God still has a lot more to say. Since 2004, Stillspeaking has worked with thousands of UCC churches and individuals across the country to make religion relevant again and to extend an extravagant welcome to all—**because no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here. Here at the United Church of Christ.**

In 2004, it was concluded that there was a present and real need for the United Church of Christ to spread its message of extravagant welcome which continues to historically re-shape our understanding of the Christian faith and proclamation. The UCC responded to this call and challenge with a new identity and marketing campaign to let all others know that anyone could find a spiritual home in the United Church of Christ, be strengthened and nurtured in their faith and be blessed to reach out to others with their God-given gifts and talents.

Today, under one collective identity, we can enthusiastically lift up that the UCC is a welcoming, justice-minded Christian community. At a time when religion is too often portrayed as narrow-minded and exclusive, many are raising their VOICES for an alternate vision:

- Where God is all-loving and inclusive
- Where the Church of Jesus Christ welcomes and accepts everyone as they are
- Where your mind is nourished as much as your soul
- Where Jesus the healer meets Jesus the revolutionary
- Where together we grow a just and peaceful world

7 Sundays until the day of Pentecost and always honored and proud to be your minister!

Pastor Lou



### **CONSISTORY MEETING**

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 pm.

### **TWILIGHTERS**

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, April 11, for a pot-luck lunch at 12:00 pm. Bring a dish and enjoy a good meal and great company. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information.

## 300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION June 16th

**Hurry up and get your tickets  
for our annual 300 Club fundraiser!**

Mark your calendars and get ready for a great day of fun, food and prizes. On Saturday, June 16, we will hold our annual 300 Club from 12 to 6 pm. For tickets or to help out, please see Allen Dennis or any Consistory member.

## UPCOMING DATES

**Put these dates on your calendar for future fun and fellowship.**

<b>April 28</b>	<b>Spring Turkey Supper</b>
<b>June 16</b>	<b>300 Club</b>
<b>October 20</b>	<b>Fall Turkey Supper</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Pork &amp; Sauerkraut Dinner</b>

### NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the April Messenger is Wednesday, April 25. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Penny

## PICTURE PERFECT

**Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:**

**Diana Decker, Lois Eigenbrod and Carol Duffy** are shown enjoying a meal together and some time of fellowship at our first Lenten Supper before Wednesday Church service on February 21.

**The children of the newly formed Youth Group** are shown lined up to pick toppings for their own personally made pizza.

## Youth Group Meeting

The next Youth group meeting will be April 29 at 5:30, it will be game night at the church, plus we will make pizza again as well. Anyone ages 10 – teens are welcome to come and join the fun.

## Youth Group Fundraiser



**Remember to get your  
Weis and Carone's cards!**

This is a wonderful way to support the Youth Group without spending anything extra. You're just going to spend that money at the grocery store anyway so why not give the Youth Group some help with their finances? For every \$1,000 worth of cards they sell, they make \$50. Please see Marc on Sunday mornings or you can call Penny at the church office (570-868-5675) during the week.

## EMMANUEL GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

In addition to the Youth Group's Weis and Carones Card Fundraisers, we have a Gift Card Fundraiser which is a great way to help our church. The Fundraiser Sheets are on the table in the narthex. Just look over the list (and there's a lot to choose from) and mark how many cards you want. As with the Youth Group's fundraiser, this is essentially a "no cost" fundraiser. You are just purchasing gift cards in the amount that you would normally spend at that store or restaurant. The fundraising part is that Emmanuel purchases them at a discount which helps our bottom line. **Please pay Lisa Ceaser for your choices. An order will be placed following the First Sunday of each month.**

## Sunday School News

**Bake Sale during the Turkey Supper**

We will need baked goods to sell for our fundraiser during the Turkey Supper. Please try to drop them off before 3:00 so we can get them packed and priced. We truly appreciate your support so that we can have a great Sunday School for our kids.