

The Messenger

August 2018

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, August 5, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. We'll have our coffee hour afterward and hope you will join us and bring a goodie for everyone to share.

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN AUGUST

OLD RIVER CHURCH WORSHIP

Our churches of the Wapwallopen Ministerium and the Old River Church Cemetery Association will continue to hold services through August 31 at 6:00 pm. The remaining services will be hosted by:

Aug. 5	St. Mark's Lutheran
Aug. 12	Pastor Jim Stanley & Pastor Lou Aita
Aug. 19	St. John's
Aug. 26	Old River Church Cemetery Association

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From The Pastor's Desk

The last week of July, 2018, with consistory approval, I mailed out letters to approximately 27 of our brothers and sisters in Christ about what's happening at Emmanuel UCC.

Those who received letters were the folks on our directory list whom I haven't met before, or have not seen in a while. I want them to know all of the great things we have to offer at Emmanuel UCC in Dorrance. Worship, fellowship, Bible study, youth group, choirs, confirmation, all here under the roof of the house of God.

On Sunday, July 29th, 2018 we heard again the miracle story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 according to the Gospel of John (6:1-22). What I find so significant in this story is Jesus' empowerment to His disciples in delivering the food to the masses. Discipleship equips the Christian with God's Word, prayer, doctrine, worship, encouragement, and service. We can then add to our list of offerings from Emmanuel UCC the making of disciples.

Yes, you are being prepared through the Word of God to provide service to those in need. Bearing that in mind, let us begin by inviting friend's neighbors, and family members to join us for worship. We are all concerned with falling attendance rates in all of the Christian denominations, but it is more than that. It is our concern that the unchurched are missing out in a chance to have a real personal relationship to God. The education we receive through our Sunday service cannot be replaced by staying home. Yes, we could pray to God anywhere, anytime, yet let's be concerned with getting even more from those prayers.

God wants us to be 100%. He is always there for us, even when we stray. So let's practice our discipleship and feed the masses. Those that hunger for the word of God can share at the banquet set before us. Not just Sunday morning, but every day. Through the work of Christ, we have the opportunity to be transformed into the person we strive to be. I am speaking of fulfillment here.

The good have a chance to be better. So as disciples of Christ, let's hold out our hand and say, come, I have found a better way. Always remember, God wants the best for you, and so does Emmanuel UCC!

Shalom, Pastor Lou Aita



CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, August 8, 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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, August 17, at 6:30 pm.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Ethel Fine will be celebrating her 95th birthday on August 7. Let's all give her a great birthday by sending her cards showing her how much she means to our church family.



NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

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

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Some of our graduates are pictured with their class. Crestwood's graduating class included **Aaron Kleger**. We wish them God's guidance and encourage them as they pursue the next phases of their lives.

Robert Duffy is shown with his teammates from the Mountaintop All-Stars team.

Our annual **300 Club and Silent Auction** was enjoyed by many people. The very popular Mud Pond Boys are shown performing during the day for the large crowd of fans. Megs Yenchik, her grandson Mason and sister Jeannie Haydt are shown enjoying some of the delicious food. Our thanks to all who came out to support this fundraiser.

Morgan Hodle, Robert Duffy, Nick Aita, Victor Saraceno are shown helping animals. They collected various donations including dog food, biscuits, paper towels, and bedding for Mureille's Place, a senior dog sanctuary.

9th Annual 300 Club & Silent Auction Report **Saturday, June 16, 2018**

Silent Auction Profit: \$1740.00

300 Club:

<u>Income:</u>	259 tickets @ \$35.00 each	\$9,065.00
	8 Guests @ \$15.00 each	120.00
	50/50 raffles	206.00
	Donations from winners	225.00
	Additional Donations	5.00
	Extra Sausage & hot dogs sold	<u>65.00</u>
		\$9686.00

<u>Expenses:</u>	Prizes from drawings	\$ 3500.00
	2 Bands	775.00
	Small games license	125.00
	Moonwalk for children	225.00
	Allen Dennis (supplies)	432.39
	Deb Detrich (hotdogs & main source)	175.82
		\$ 5233.21

Income: \$9,686.00

Expenses: 5233.21

\$ 4,452.79 (profit from 300 Club)

1740.00 (profit from Silent Auction)

\$ 6,192.79 Grand Total Profit