

The Messenger

February 2018



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Sunday, February 5, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

VALENTINES FOR VETS



We are collecting Valentines for the residents of the Veterans Administration Hospital. Our veterans truly appreciate the cards and are grateful that someone remembers them and their sacrifices. There is a box in the bell tower for your cards until February 11. Cindy will then take them to the VA for delivery to our veterans.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE

Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services will begin on February 14 with our Ash Wednesday Service. We will enjoy a light supper at 6 pm and then gather in the church for service at 7 pm. If you cannot meet for supper, please still come for this very special service beginning this season of reflection and anticipation.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

SUPPER AND SERVICE

Our Lenten Suppers are at 6 pm with service at 7 pm. If you would like to prepare a light supper, please choose a date on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

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From the Pastor's desk

February brings with it the beginning of Lent. Our Lenten Journey began on Ash Wednesday. We moved through our Sunday Services celebrating and marking the weeks of Lent. We mourn together on Maunday Thursday, pray together on Good Friday, prepare on Holy Saturday, and celebrated Easter Sunday! Included in all of this are our mid-week Lenten services and fellowship times which help us focus all that much more on the Journey to Gethsemane, the tomb, and the day of resurrection.

It sounds easy, but there are a lot of emotions shared along the way and as I like to say we move from "mourning to dancing."

So, let us prayerfully move together through this Lenten season as we continue to experience the love of the still speaking God.

Shalom, Pastor Lou



Thank You

We received a thank you letter from the American Red Cross for our generous donation of \$400 to be used "Where It's Needed Most."

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

The Twilights will meet on Wednesday, February 14, 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.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the March Messenger is Monday, February 26. Please get all information to me before this date.

Thanks, Penny

Our Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to Judy Cybulski and Family on the passing of her mother Esther Heller, on January 12, 2018.

We offer our sincere condolences to Pastor Penny Dollar and Archie Passmore on the passing of her mother-in-law/mother Dorothy Passmore, on January 22, 2018. If anyone would like to send your condolences Archie's address is provided below. **Archie Passmore, 310 East Road, Sunbury, Pa 17801**

We pray that God's love and strength will sustain them in their time of need and sorrow.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY MEETING

The Consistory will meet on Thursday, February 15, at 6:30 pm.

CURRENT OFFICERS AND CONSISTORY MEMBERS

President Brad Bunnell
Vice President Jim Stewart
Secretary Diana Decker
Treasurer Chris Dietrich
Trustees.....Sandy Kleger, Allen Dennis
 & Butch Peters

LENTEN SUPPERS AND SERVICES

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We will again prepare Lenten suppers prior to our services on the Wednesday evenings during Lent. These light meals will be shared in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 pm. We will then gather at 7:00 pm in the church for service. A sheet is on the table in the narthex for those who will volunteer to prepare meals. Our Lenten meals and services are open to everyone and we welcome you to come and join us. Whether you can come for supper or not, you are welcome to gather with us for worship.

UPCOMING DATES

Mar. 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Brayden and Matteo Belanchik both carefully selected the perfect bead to put on a bracelet they were making to give to their

mom for Christmas. They were focusing on the real meaning of Christmas at our annual Children's Christmas party.

Grayson Bunnell is shown with his creation of Santa's reindeer he made in class before Christmas.

Eric Rinehimer is thrilled with the outcome that Philadelphia Eagles held on to win over the Atlanta Falcons which advanced them to the NFC Championship. The Eagles then played the Minnesota Vikings where he watched the game at a “Playoff Party” which benefited the Crestwood baseball teams.

2017 Record of Giving

This is a list compiled by our Financial Secretary, Lynne Stewart, showing a breakdown of our member's offerings by how much they gave for the year. I hope that you will think about where you want your heart to be and the importance of your church in your life as you review this list. Thank you for believing in Emmanuel and our mission as a community of Christ's followers.
Recording Secretary, Penny Smith

Amount Given Last Year	Number of Members Who Gave That Amount
0	0
1.00 to 49.00	9
50.00 to 100.00	6
101.00 to 500.00	23
501.00 to 1000.00	15
1001.00 to 2000.00	14
2001.00 to 3000.00	5
3001.00 to 3500.00	1
Over 5,000.00	1