

The Messenger

January 2018

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on January 7 followed by our coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on January 10 at 12:00 pm for their monthly meeting. "Admission" is one pot-luck dish to share. We welcome you to come and join us for lunch.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Whether you receive a full box of envelopes, a partial, use the pew envelopes or electronic giving, Emmanuel UCC depends upon your support to be a vital influence to our members and our community. Please remember your church and its programs throughout the year. Your gifts are important to continuing the work of Christ through your church. **Consistency is the key.**

Generous people plan

to do what is generous,
and they

stand firm in their
generosity.

Isaiah 32:8

DISTRIBUTION OF OFFERING ENVELOPES

For those members who wish to receive a box of envelopes and to ensure that your offering is properly recorded we are trying to keep the same numbers as last year. Please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex and a box will be available for pick up the following week. If you have decided not to take a box and will be giving on a monthly, semimonthly or biweekly schedule, Penny can provide you with labels for your envelopes to help you track your giving. Any questions please contact me at the office.

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From The Pastor's Desk

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint (Isaiah 40:30-31).

From Advent anticipation, to the glorious night of Jesus' birth, to the year 2018. It has been a wonderful journey! What made it extra special is that we did it together.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Yes folks, the new is here! We have more now to offer at Emmanuel UCC than ever before. Bible study for adults, monthly blessing and healing worship services, a very active youth group for our young and young adults, and more opportunities than ever to come out and enjoy some times of fellowship. Of course what continues is a very spiritual worship service every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

So come out and start a new tradition for yourself and/or family. That new tradition could change your life for the good!

Happy New Year, Pastor Lou



Thank You

Esther Heller would like to thank everyone for her card shower in celebration on her 93rd birthday. It is greatly appreciated.

Phoebe Ministries sent us a Christmas Thank You card. Our gifts to Phoebe help them care for elderly members in their facilities who often have no financial support of their own.

I would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas gifts to the McKinney Clinic to be passed out to the children whose families need to use the services of the clinic. The gifts you provided from the Giving Tree were also delivered and distributed to those whose needs are so much greater than ours. Thank you for supporting the Sunday School.

Lisa Rinehimer

Our Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to the Judy Cybulski and Family on the passing of Stanley Cybulski, on December 25, 2017. We pray that God's love and strength will sustain you in your time of need and sorrow.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS LUNCH

The Twilighters will meet on January 10 at 12:00 for lunch. Come join us for food and fellowship.

Valentines for Vets

A box will be in the bell tower for your Valentines for Vets. These Valentines are appreciated very much by those who are housed at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center. The last date to deposit your Valentines will be Sunday, February 4. Remember those who served.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The chart for the altar flowers is on the table in the Narthex. The price is still \$12.50 per vase. Please pay Chris Dietrich for the dates you sponsor.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS PROFIT REPORT

January	-----	July	-----
February	47.75	August	50.01
March	-----	September	-----
April	32.61	October	57.01
May	105.46	November	95.75
June	41.01	December	195.11

Total Profit: \$624.71

Forms to order the gift cards from Scrip are on the table in the narthex. This is an easy way for you to donate to our church. Script gives to the church a discount on purchasing the cards and the difference is donated to the General Fund. There are over a hundred stores from which to choose – fast food from Burger King to Wendy's; restaurants from Applebee's to Ruth's Chris Steak House; sporting goods like Dick's and Cabela's; department and clothing stores from Aerie to Wet Seal; kid's stores like Toys "R" Us and Babies "R" Us; auto shops; pharmacies; and so much MORE!! Grab a form and get some cards – you're going to shop at these stores anyway, so why not help your church while you do? There won't be any orders for January but ordering will resume again in February. Stay Tuned.

CONSISTORY MEETING

The **Consistory** will meet on **Thursday, January 18**, at 6:30 pm

UPCOMING DATES

Jan. 6 Epiphany

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

Joe Kostrzewski and Mary Morgis enjoy some conversation while finishing up their pork dinners at our annual Pork Dinner held on November 18.

Rowan and Leah Dietrich are shown among the piano students of Michele Millington as they entertained the residents of Smith Nursing Home in Mountaintop with Christmas recital.

