

The Messenger

May 2018

SUNDAY, MAY 6

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 6, during our regular Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 am. Afterward, we will have a coffee hour. Bring a goodie to share and join us.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet for lunch on May 9 at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to join us is welcome. The “admittance fee” is one covered dish or dessert to share with everyone.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Time to roll up your sleeves and break out the cleaning supplies. Our church and hall need a good spring cleaning and everyone who can help is really encouraged to come out at 9:00 am.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A joint memorial service conducted by the American Legion Posts and VFW will be held in our Cemetery to honor our veterans and loved ones. It will take place at approximately 12:00 pm after our Worship Service. Please plan to stay after Worship and pay your respects to our fallen heroes.



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From the Pastor's Desk

May brings the newness of sunshine and flowers to our community. After a long winter, this is something we all welcome with open arms. The seasons are something that affects our vitality. Vitality, simply put, means the state of being strong and active; energy. In the beautiful summer months ahead we can sense this vitality coming into our own minds and bodies.

But our minds and bodies are not the only things that vitality affects. It is infecting our church as well. The Penn Northeast Conference (PNEC) has taken the word vitality and put it into action! The PNEC has recently formed a Congregational Vitality Team. The function of this team is to work to revitalize and support our congregations. This is all going to start with an assessment that will be given out to congregations for their input on how we could re-vitalize our churches.

What a great idea in this fast paced changing world! The congregation members of Emmanuel United Church of Christ are going to receive this assessment in May. Once that assessment is compiled, I will be meeting with the team to review their recommendations. This is the beginning of a new Emmanuel UCC. Not that there is anything wrong with our existing church. In fact, I see quite a bit of untapped potential here.

We at Emmanuel UCC are concerned with folks who are missing out on a great opportunity to change, to heal, and to become whole. Are you seeking any of this? Perhaps you are church shopping, or are a former member who is thinking about coming back home to Emmanuel. Well, we have much to offer to you.

For our young people there is Sunday school, kids choir, and our newly re-formed youth group for those ages 10 and up. Actually, we have planned a mission trip to Blue Knob PA, through Team Effort, for the week of July 8th. Also, we will be holding our annual Summer Bible Camp during the evenings this summer.

For everyone we continue to meet on Sunday morning at 10:30 am. for worship. We also are now offering Bible study group to supplement this worship. And, of course, lots of opportunities for fellowship.

Did I miss anything? Is there something you would like to see happen in our church? Well, come with you suggestions because we also offer an extravagant welcome to everyone no matter where you are on life's journey.

So, consider this May newsletter article an invitation to come and be re-vitalized. Our church is already vitalized but we could only get stronger. We want you to come and enjoy everything God has given us! We hope to see you soon!

God Bless You! Pastor Lou Aita



TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, May 9, 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.

UPCOMING DATES

June 16	300 Club & Silent Auction
October 20	Fall Turkey Supper
November 10	Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

COMMITTEE MEETING

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

9th Annual 300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION

June 16, 2018

Hurry up and get your tickets!

Only 300 tickets are sold to have a chance to win 43 prizes. That's better odds than the PA lottery! Tickets are \$35 for 2 people to come for a day of delicious food and excellent entertainment. There are **5 hourly drawings** starting at 1:00 pm for 2 prizes at \$50 and 3 prizes at \$25. At 6:00 pm the final prizes are drawn, which everyone has a chance at since we put **all previous winners back**



"in the pot." Grand prize is \$1,000, 2nd prize is \$500 and 3rd prize is \$250 plus 5 prizes each of \$100, \$50 and \$25. Add to that all the great eats and music by Mud Pond Boys and Jesse and Friends and you have a terrific afternoon filled with fun. If you want to attend but don't care about the prizes, just pay \$15 per person and still enjoy all the food and entertainment.

DONATIONS ITEMS ARE NEEDED for the Silent Auction.



These need to be new items for a Silent Auction. Many items are donated by local merchants and businesses. If you have something to donate or think of someone who might donate, please take some of the donation memos on the table in the narthex. Fill in the person/business name, the date, and the item and its value and give it to the person/business for their tax records. Also note the value of the item for us so we can put that on the bid sheets for the auction. See Sandy Kleger for more information.

300 CLUB POSTERS and SILENT AUCTION DONATION LETTERS are on the table in the narthex. Please take some posters and get them around the area. Also on the table are donation letters for those who provide auction items. Please let me know if more posters or letters are needed – Penny

CHURCH CLEAN UP May 19 at 9:00 am

Lots of elbow grease is needed to give our church and hall the good cleaning that they deserve. We'll get into all the little nooks and crannies to make it really sparkle and shine. Just come and pick a project. Looking for volunteers, so lend a hand and your heart to spruce up our place of worship and fellowship.



Sunday School News

Last Day of Sunday School

We will have our last day of Sunday School on **May 13**. I appreciate all the effort and work that the teachers put into the lessons. When you bring your children, you can count on them learning more about our faith through these volunteers. Lisa Rinehimer

PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

The North East Pa. Music Teachers Association recently announced that **Leah Dietrich** qualified after auditioning at Wilkes University to perform at Carnegie Hall, New York on March 31st.

Myra Belanchik was excited to start hunting for eggs at Fairview/Wright Easter Festival.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

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