

# The Messenger

October 2018

## **COMMUNION SUNDAY AND COFFEE HOUR**

**OCTOBER 7**

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on October 7, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

## **HARVEST HOME**

**OCTOBER 14**

We will have our church decorated for Harvest Home Sunday on October 14. As we have in the past, we will collect canned/boxed goods for the food bank. There are suggested items on the poster in the narthex as we replenish the food bank for the people who need our assistance.

## **ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**

It's time for our annual Turkey Supper. Please see the article in this issue for dates and times where your help will be needed.

## **CROP WALK**

**OCTOBER 28**

On October 28, the Wapwallopen Ministerium will again participate in the CROP Walk. This event includes all the churches in our area and we are hoping for a really great turn-out. If you would like to be a walker, please see **Deb Dietrich for more details and a sponsor packet.**

## **PORK AND SAUERKRAUT SUPPER**

**NOVEMBER 17**

We will be serving up a delicious Pork and Sauerkraut Supper on November 17. Allen Dennis and friends made the homemade sauerkraut and has the apples ordered for the homemade applesauce. YUM!! We will need the same general set-up, serving and clean-up help as with the Turkey Supper. So please mark your calendars to support your church.



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## From the Pastor's Desk

Amid the changing colors of leaves, crisp fall air, pumpkin patches and Halloween costumes we find our-selves in the month of, October!

October in our church calendar brings many opportunities for church members and the communities surrounding us. World communion Sunday is October 1<sup>st</sup> were we will share communion with millions of others around the world. Also on that Sunday we will recognize our new members (8 of them!) into Emmanuel UCC! Disability awareness week is celebrated the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>, so let's say an extra prayer for our disabled brother and sisters. The month ends with the 500<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Reformation. I will be discussing the Protestant movement that changed so much of the world during Sunday service on October 29<sup>th</sup>!

Bible study is meeting the first, second and fourth Thursday of the month. We are enjoying studying the Book of Acts, and will continue Bible study picking new topics as we go along. There is always a chance to come out for the Bible study and have fun learning more about the Word of God. Also, we had our first blessing and healing worship service. Look for more to come!

And of course, our Turkey Supper. The church has this event planned for October 21<sup>st</sup>. It's not only a great eating opportunity, but also a great time of fellowship if you would like to help out in any capacity!

All of our church activity is of course centered around our worship services. Here are some uplifting scriptures examples of the promises of God: *The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still (Exodus 14:14). He gives strength to the weary, and increases the power of the weak (Isaiah 40:29). 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 40:31).*

I could go on and on, but if you need the strength, the encouragement, or the power, take a Bible and begin reading. There has been not one promise God has ever made that did not see fruition.

Speaking for myself and the folks at Emmanuel UCC, we cordially invite you to a worship service. Come because someone asked you, come because you need church in your life, come because you believe in the promise.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Lou



### TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, October 10, at 12 noon for a covered dish lunch. Bring your favorite dish and spend some time with us. Call Mary Eroh for more information about our group.

### Our Condolences

We offer our sincere condolences to the Family of Lois Eigenbrod. Lois passed away on September 8, 2018. We pray that God's love and strength will sustain you in your time of need and sorrow.

## CROP WALK REFRESHMENTS

Anyone who is willing to bring some baked goods or other refreshments for the walkers is asked to please leave them on the counter in the Fellowship Hall on Oct 28. Your help is needed to “energize” the walkers before and “recharge” them after their walk.

## CROP HUNGER WALK OCTOBER 28

Emmanuel will again be the starting and ending point for our annual CROP Walk on October 28. Registration will be at 12:30 pm with the walk starting at 1:00 pm. The funds raised will be sent to Church World Service. Thirty-seven denominations and communions partner with CWS to provide sustainable self-help, development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance around the world.

I have registered our walk **online** at [www.crophungerwalk.org/wapwallopenpa](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/wapwallopenpa) for anyone who would like to donate online. I don't think we ever did this before, but it might be an extra way to raise funds. That information is on the donation envelopes, too. As you may know, **25% of money raised comes back to us to fund the Wapwallopen Crossroads Ministerium Food Bank.** We are currently helping one elderly gentleman and several families. They come regularly for food and are very grateful for the assistance they receive from us. Youth and adults from our churches will be looking for sponsors. Please support their enthusiastic and dedicated effort to provide hunger relief by donating to the CROP Walk.

## Turkey Supper Dates October 18 to 20

**Please remember that it is not necessary to be at the supper “forever”. If everyone takes a turn, we can all help each other and feel good about volunteering to support our church.**

See Don Eroh or Allen Dennis for tickets to sell. There's plenty for everyone, so get them

and sell, sell, sell. The fall Supper is usually our best dinner fundraiser and is easy to promote. Why? Because people love to eat – especially good food!! And we've been complimented again and again about how really good it is!

We need people to cook the turkeys. Allen Dennis is the person to see if you can volunteer your time for this important item (what's a Turkey Supper without turkey, right?) The turkeys arrive either at your home or at the church (depending on how you arrange it with Allen).

On Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m., walls are taken down and tables are set up. Then there is the cleaning and cutting up of the vegetables and for making the pickled cabbage.

Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. we make the stuffing which takes strong arms to mix thoroughly. **Please come out Friday night if you can help.**

Saturday morning at 8:00 am is when we clean the meat off the turkeys, which is easier to do if the turkeys are warm. Those of you who clean your own turkeys and then deliver them really help to speed up this process. ***Please remember to bring the turkey broth to make the gravy.*** After a short break, workers gather again at 2:30 pm to start heating everything up so it's good and hot for serving our guests at 3:00 pm..

Then, of course, the actual event 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 the end of the supper at 7:00 p.m., the workers, (many of whom have been there since 2:30 p.m. so that everything is all set to serve at 3:00 p.m.) are ready for a rest. That's when it's nice to have a clean-up crew come in. The tables all have to be cleaned off, tables and chairs wiped down, Sunday School rooms put back in order and the walls put back up. The large roasters and cook pots are washed and put away until the next supper. The kitchen cleaned and floors washed and vacuumed.

There's a lot to do to hold a supper, but the work's not hard when you're having fun. And

we do have a lot of fun, even if we are a bit frantic while serving our guests. It's all part of the experience and we'd love for you to experience it, too.

## ***PICTURE PERFECT***

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

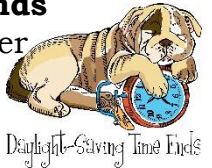
**Dave Myers and Allen Dennis**, members of the Emmanuel Cemetery Association are shown at the Pet Cemetery sign in the cemetery which provides a beautiful final resting place for your pet.

**Sunday School students** enjoyed hot dogs, chicken fingers and snacks together after the church service on September 9 for Rally Day. Rally Day gives one an opportunity to promote Christian values and Christ-like services toward God and others.

## **UPCOMING DATES**

**Nov. 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends**

Nov. 17 Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner



## **CONSISTORY MEETING**

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, October 18, at 6:30 pm.