

The Messenger

May 2019

SUNDAY, MAY 5

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, May 5, 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 18

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 26

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

We are still celebrating Easter at Emmanuel UCC! And that is because we are an Easter people. This means we celebrate the resurrected and living Christ throughout the year. It truly was a wonderful time to be together. We celebrated every Wednesday evening for five weeks leading up to Maunday Thursday. Our celebration was in the form of a meal together then 30 minutes of worship. We do this every year, so I invite you to join us for Holy week 2020!

We moved on to the somber and heartfelt service of Maunday Thursday April 18th 2019. We celebrate with communion and learned what it means to be a part of the living bread of Christ. Afterwards we stripped the alter in honor of Good Friday, the day of crucifixion for Jesus. But we did get to rejoice on Easter Sunday! We had a sun/sonrise service at 6:30 am under our pavilion. The birds did not stop singing, and joined us in every hymn. Then we worshipped again at 10:30 am in our sanctuary recalling the glorious resurrection of Christ.

As I recall all of the wonderful things we shared the months of March and April, my mind and heart go out to all of our members and community members who passed away 2018 and 2019. Be assured they are missed and we revel in the thought that they are in heaven with our Father God and His Son Jesus.

In March's newsletter I also proposed the 60 minute fix. If you recall, I am confident that on Sunday morning at 10:30, given sixty minutes per week, you could change your life dramatically. If necessary you may speak to me anytime about how your life could change for the positive. If you feel confident that you are well adjusted and happy already, our church can help you feel even better. Allow God to work in your life. It will take some effort on your part, but here is a chance to be part of something big. Churches make changes in our community and every part of the world.

God is waiting for all of us to become what we are created to be. A happy, well-adjusted Christian living the best life possible. So, look for future opportunities for our youth group this month and throughout the summer. We are prepared to move full speed ahead. Will you join us?

Blessings to all, Pastor Lou



THANK YOU

Betty Dickson would like to thank everyone for the cards and flowers.

Janet Milliner would like to express her sincerest Thank You from her heart for the generous gift toward her hearing aid costs. Thank you note can be found on the bulletin board in the bell tower.

UPCOMING DATES

May 4	Spring Turkey Dinner
June 15	300 Club & Silent Auction
October 19	Fall Turkey Dinner

COMMITTEE MEETING

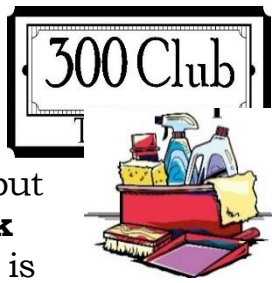
The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, May 16, at 6:30 pm.

10th Annual 300 CLUB and SILENT AUCTION

June 15, 2019

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 "Sundance" 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 18 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 12**. 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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The next Youth group meeting will TBA, it will be an outdoor hike. Anyone ages 10 – teens are welcome to come and join the fun.



**** The Youth Group will be going on a mission trip with TEAM EFFORT to Gatlinburg, TN June 23rd – 29th. Deb D. and Lisa R. will be chaperoning, if anyone else is interested please see Deb D. for more information.**