

The Messenger

January 2021

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Come break bread with our Lord at our worship service and **Sacrament of Holy Communion** on Sunday, January 3 and wine will be in disposable cup at the pews..

2021 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. Penny

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From The Pastor's Desk

Some of us never tire from singing Christmas hymns and carols! One of my favorite is "The First Noel," a traditional English Carol. Not only does it tell the whole manger story, it also gives us the essence of the promised Messiah coming to earth in the form of the baby. This is truly the essence of the Christmas season, especially during this year of COVID-19.

We have come to this point of a difficult year and we have learned some valuable lessons: 1) how important family is, especially if you have prayed through a difficult season with your spouse or a loved one; and 2) how important your church family is for they are the ones who will continue to uplift you through the hard times. Others might leave you or try to cause further chaos in your life but your church family—called by God to share love with others through the tough times—will stay the course! You see, God sees the larger picture, and he knows what is ahead. He knew what would happen when his Son came to earth, yet he sent him anyway out of love for humanity. "For God so loved the world that he sent his one and only Son..." (John 3:16). He sent his Son for you and for me! LET US JOURNEY INTO A NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year, Pastor Lou



ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The chart for the altar flowers is on the table in the Narthex. **They are \$18 for 1 vase or \$30 for 2 vases.** There has been a slight price increase. Please pay Chris Dietrich for the dates you wish to sponsor.

Thank You for the Christmas
Cards for the Vets

Thank you to everyone who put Christmas cards in the box for the Veterans at the VA. This was the most we have ever seen, and the veterans really appreciate getting the holiday greetings. Cindy Heller

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 7**. Remember those who served.

UPCOMING DATES

Jan. 6 Epiphany

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

The next **Consistory** meeting will be on **Sunday, January 24** following **10:30 worship service/counting**.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

The next **Kitchen committee** meeting will be on **Friday, January 8**, at **9:00 am**.

2020 Scrip Gift Card Profit Report

January	-----	July	-----
February	-----	August	22.15
March	-----	September	-----
April	-----	October	-----
May	8.60	November	66.25
June	16.80	December	86.20

Total Profit: \$ 200.00

See Lisa Ceaser for many ways to place orders and help the church in a small easy way.

