

The Messenger

July 2010

SUNDAY, JULY 4

COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on July 4, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

OLD RIVER CHURCH SERVICES

The Old River Church Services will begin on July 11 with St. James Lutheran Church as the host church. The services will begin at 6:00 pm every Sunday evening through August 29. For a complete schedule, please see inside this issue.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, July 8, at 12 pm for a covered dish dinner. We welcome you to join our group of "60-somethings" for good food and fellowship. If you wish to come, all you need is a good appetite for food and friendship. So bring a dish to share and join us. If you want to know more about our group, please call Lois Eigenbrod at 868-6419 or Mary Eroh at 868-5268.

VBS PLANNING MEETING

Our next VBS Planning will be Wednesday, July 14, at 7:00 pm at Stairville UMC. Anyone interested in leading or helping is welcome. See inside for more details.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

CHURCH PICNIC

We will again have our church picnic on the lawn of Emmanuel. The picnic will begin after our worship service with a covered dish dinner for which the church will supply hot dogs, hamburgers and buns. After our meal, we will join in playing indoor and outdoor games, such as bingo, bean bag, tag and kickball. So bring your appetites and enthusiasm for a great day of family fun.

SUNDAY TO THURSDAY, JULY 25-29

SON WORLD ADVENTURE PARK VBS

Come out and enjoy a week in the "park" as Faith and Stairville UMC and Emmanuel UCC hold the "grand opening" of Son World Adventure Park. The "park" will be at Stairville UMC beginning on Sunday, July 25, through Thursday, July 29. "Park" hours will be 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. We are especially excited with this year's program as we present ways for kids to make good choices at a theme park. **Registration sheets** are on the table in the narthex or you can call the church (868-5675). We would like to have a general idea of how much material

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From The Pastor's Desk

Welcome to the July newsletter! What!!! It can't be July already. I thought things would be a little less busy once summer arrived but that has not been the case.

Watching the guys of the church put up our new pavilion was so inspiring. So many men – many of whom didn't know each other so well were working so hard together. Thanks to all of you. And some of our women brought them food to eat and drink to quench their dry throats from working under the hot sun. And then being able to use it for our new fundraiser was great! And our fundraiser was such a success (such beautiful weather)! I met so many new people from our community that I had never seen before. They were having a wonderful time and hoping that we had plans to repeat the day next year. It was a lot of work but all the crew was working together so well. It took a lot of planning and a lot of just plain hard work. There would have been lots of opportunity for more people to have been involved. Keep it in mind for next year. You wouldn't have to commit a lot of time – anything would be needed and appreciated. There is a call for kitchen help, cooking, cleaning up, collecting items for the Silent Auction, setting up tables, taking down tables, moving chairs – just lots of things. If we all worked together all of us could be a little less tired at the end of the day. And what wonderful fellowship there is as we cooperate with one another to take a little of the load off one another. That's a real family.

And then there was the exciting celebration of the ordination of Becky Broyan. Many of you watched her as she grew into a young woman who is now in full service to God as an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Thank all who supported her financially and with your prayers as she was going through the process. Congratulations Becky – you made it!

There is still a little to do to put the finishing touches on the pavilion and I just know that we will get lots of use from it. Hopefully we will have some of our Sunday morning worship outside this summer. How beautiful it will be to sit in the midst of God's creation as we come together in worship to praise God's name and bring God glory.

And the month of July is busy as well. We look forward each year to our service at Old River Church which will be on the 18th this year. And please all join us for our church picnic on the 25th after church – another opportunity to use our pavilion. Then that evening our Vacation Bible School begins at 6:30. This year it will be held at Stairville. Please encourage any children you know to come and join us. It will be lots of fun and very educational for all. And oh yea, you are welcome to stay and help out.

You are just the best. Thanks for all you do. Thanks to you for continuing to keep our church in your prayers. Every day I thank God for you. Keep up the great work.

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Penny

Our Condolences

We offer our sympathy to Nelson Horwath and Don Eroh and their families on the passing of their uncle, Joseph Sanders, on June 18. May God's peace ease your sadness.

Thank You

The following expressions of thanks are on the bulletin board in the bell tower:

Travis Grosz sent a card expressing his thanks for our support and love, and for thinking of him and recognizing him on his graduation.

We received a letter from Albert Yefko, a VISION client, thanking us for our hospitality and fellowship while they stayed at Emmanuel.

We received a letter from Bethany Children's Home thanking us for our gift of \$700 which fulfills our Benevolence Allotment for 2010.

CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, July 14, 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.

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for Sunday, **July 25**, for our annual church picnic. We will hold it out back after our worship service in our new pavilion. So bring along a covered dish and some yard games for a great time of fellowship and fun.

NEW BIRTH

Welcome to Liam Patrick Arnold, son of Larry and Jennifer Arnold, born on June 10, 2010. Liam is the grandson of Linda (Heller) Arnold, great-grandson of the late Ted and Ellie Arnold and great-nephew of Cindy Heller.

GRADUATION

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2010:

Dylan Atkinson – Wilkes Barre Area Technical School
 Travis Grosz – Crestwood High School
 Kelly Sufrinko – Crestwood High School
 Amber DeLuca – King's College
 Beth Sufrinko – Luzerne County Community College

Jennifer Wortham – Allen & Pauline's granddaughter
 Columbia College, Ft Worth TX

300 CLUB FUNDRAISER and SILENT AUCTION

THANKS to everyone who made this fundraiser a GREAT SUCCESS!!!! Everyone was raving about what a fantastic time they had. The weather was hot but a cool breeze flowed through our **new pavilion**, thanks to everyone who worked so hard to get it done before the fundraiser (even working in the rain or hot sunshine). People were asking if this was our first time for a 300 Club and when told that it was, they were surprised. Everything went so well and people are looking forward to this becoming an annual event. It certainly was a success from a financial standpoint also, as it raised approximately \$4,000. We are really looking forward to another one next year.

Sunday, July 25, to Thursday, July 29

SonWorld Adventure Park

MISSION PROJECT

As we have always done since teaming up with Faith and Stairville UMC, we have picked a way to help someone through our VBS. This year we have “adopted” Paige Ceaser who is four years old and has Cystic Fibrosis. As the Web site for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation states, the disease causes the body to produce unusually thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs, leading to life-threatening lung infections, and obstructs the pancreas, stopping natural enzymes from helping the body break down and absorb food. Our mission project will be specifically for Paige to help with expenses for her treatments. On August 22, the 3rd annual fundraiser in Paige's honor known as the “Country Concert and Motorcycle Ride” will be held which will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis foundation. If you want to know more about her, the concert and CF, please check her web page, www.paigeceaser.com.

Registration sheets are on the table in the narthex or you can call the church (868-5675) and let me know. We would like to have a general idea of how much material needs to be ordered as soon as possible.

On Wednesday, June 9, we held another planning meeting. Decorations were finalized and supplies ordered. **Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14** to be sure we have everything ordered correctly and tell the ride guides (teenagers) what they need to know to help the younger kids.

Through the program, we will help children **Choose to BELIEVE** that Jesus is God's promised Savior, **Choose to ACT** and care for others, **Choose FORGIVENESS** from Jesus, **Choose to OBEY** Jesus even when it's hard and **Choose JESUS** as our guide and source of wisdom! If you would like to help out, we welcome you to assist in planning this special event to help our children learn to make good choices. Thanks for all your support – Denise

Youth Group

Thanks to everyone who supported us all year. We appreciate all you do, especially as role models for the kids. Through your donations, we raised \$314.25 for the 30 Hour Famine. That's in addition to the donations for Soup-er Bowl Sunday which we used to restock the Food Pantry. It really tells the kids a lot about us and giving back to God and our community.

Marc Davis

PICTURE PERFECT

**Check the front door bulletin board
for these mug shots!**

The Cherub Choir was singing their hearts out at Rebecca Broyan's Ordination service. Pictured singing "I Will Believe" are Brooke Rinehimer, Morgan Hodel, Alyssa Shuman and Leah Dietrich. We thought the words "I will believe wherever I go" were so appropriate to send Rev. Rebecca on her way to her new flock at First UCC in Berwick.

Several pictures were taken during the dedication ceremony for our new pavilion. Thanks to everyone who helped complete this new addition to our facilities.

EMMANUEL UCC GENERAL FUND 2009 TREASURER'S REPORT

BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/2009	\$3,664.34
PLUS INCOME	<u>113,109.10</u>
	116,773.44
LESS EXPENSES	<u>-116,010.99</u>
ENDING BALANCE 12/31/09	<u>\$762.45</u>

We would like to thank Frank Partington and Cliff Readler for auditing the financial books this year. It's always a daunting challenge and we are fortunate to have members who will take on such a project.

Old River Church Services

The 2010 Worship Schedule is set and we hope everyone will find time to worship in this historic setting. The Wapwallopen Ministerium churches and Cemetery Association have set the schedule as follows:

July 11	St James
July 18	Emmanuel UCC
July 25	St John's UCC
Aug. 1	St. Mark's Union
Aug. 8	New Hope UMC
Aug 15	St. Peter's UCC
Aug 22	Mt. Zion
Aug 29	Cemetery Association

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

CONSISTORY

E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CONSISTORY

A "group" e-mail address has been set up so that you can contact members of the consistory by using just one address: consistory@emmanuel-ucc.org.

The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, July 15, at 6:30 pm.

NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE

The deadline for information for the August Messenger is Monday, July 26. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

UPCOMING DATES

July 25 – Annual Church Picnic
July 25-29 – VBS Program – Stairville UMC

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE - JULY 2010

I have made a "2010 Volunteer Schedule" sign-up sheet for those who would like to be Greeters, Liturgists and Acolytes. Please pick a date or two (or three). This way you can choose the dates when you are available, instead of having them assigned by me. For the liturgists, I will provide a copy of the bulletin either by paper for you to pick up or via e-mail, for your review before Sunday morning. Thanks. Denise

July 4

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1 PICTURE - 1,000 WORDS

BEHIND THE PHOTO...

A few weeks ago someone emailed me telling me about a unique photo experience being generated through The New York Times. Photographers around the world were being encouraged to take a photo on a particular day at a specific time to give a snapshot of our world. It was referred to as “A Moment in Time.” The idea intrigued me. I mentioned it to a few friends who also enjoy taking pictures and they just brushed it off by saying “I’ll be in church”. I thought, well, so will I and that became my idea for a photo. Sunday morning for me means being in worship. I took the idea to the congregation stating that I felt as Christians this could provide a powerful message without uttering a single word and since they were exactly where I was on Sunday morning I felt we could all make a statement together.

On Sunday, May 2nd, I came to church a little early & set up my camera in the choir loft. I aimed my camera at our beautiful stained glass window depicting Jesus as the shepherd with the sheep. As the clock ticked down I nervously focused the image I wanted to present and took a few photos. That particular Sunday was a unique one at Emmanuel as we were housing a few gentlemen from VISION, a group that seeks to find shelter for homeless individuals and this would be our week to be the host church. The first week of the month is also communion Sunday at Emmanuel. During the passing of the elements I noticed that two of the men took the wine, then smelled it, looked at each other and then did not drink it. I realized that they had probably made a pledge not to drink alcohol and at that moment chose to honor that pledge. How humbling and inspiring it was to have witnessed that conviction...all happening under the watchful eyes of Jesus.

After the service, we had a coffee hour in the fellowship hall. Then a few individuals changed their clothes and got ready to participate in the road cleanup our church has been a part of for quite a few years. Since I had my camera, I asked everyone to just pause out front so I could take a picture. When I was positioning everyone I noticed that one of the men from Vision had donned an orange vest and some gloves and decided to help with the clean up. It may not have been his group, but obviously it was his world that needed cleaning up and he was stepping up. Another powerful message.

Just as a photographer sometimes needs to step back to gain a better perspective for his photo, we also need to step back from time to time from our problems, our families, our jobs and even our circumstances to get a better perspective. We need to keep our focus on Jesus..... We may not see these little miracles on the six o’clock news but they are happening around us every day. All under the watchful eyes of Jesus. **–SHARON MOYER**

Note from Denise:

To view the picture, go to:

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2010/05/03/blogs/a-moment-in-time.html> (and wait for the photos to download – it takes a little time)

click on the “Sort By” drop down box and click on Social Issues

click on the stack of pictures on the area of the globe where we are located (New York/PA/NJ stack)

click on the arrow to the right of the globe to get to our picture (just keep clicking – the total number of pictures submitted for all areas is well over 10,000!!! but we are about #13 in Social Issues)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Donald Myers | 13 Irene Hoch | 21 Jennifer Rinehimer |
| 3 Gladys Readler | 13 Elizabeth Henry | 21 Judy Cybulski |
| 5 Randy Grosz | 13 Kyle Prelewicz | 23 Rachelle Heller |
| 8 Samantha Dauber | 13 Bonnie Silvetti | 25 Sharon Moyer |
| 8 Mary Eroh | 14 Carol Duffy | 25 Patricia Grosz |
| 10 Janice Broyan | 14 Ruth Polashenski | 27 Denise Stein |
| 12 Nathan Kamowski | 15 Jo Ann Kotarsky | 29 Connie Davis |
| | 18 Travis Pickering | |

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- July 1, 1998.....Mary and Nelson Horwath
 July 23, 1976.....Stan and Judy Cybulski
 July 30, 1983.....Jim and Lynne Stewart

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