

# The Messenger

## September 2010

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 YOUTH GROUP MEETING

On Friday, September 3, at 5:00 pm, the Youth Group will meet at Marc Davis' home to plan some activities and have a fun evening. All youth in grades 7 through 12 are welcome to bring their ideas. Let's get together and do something awesome in 2010-11!!

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 HYMN SING AND COMMUNION AND COFFEE HOUR

Raise a song of joy to the Lord – or maybe two or three, or would you believe a dozen? On Sunday, September 5, we will celebrate the gift of singing during our worship service. So, be prepared to call out your favorite hymn for us to all join in. “Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth; come into his presence with singing.” Psalm 100:1-2

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on September 5, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a delicious delectable to share and have a relaxing morning with us.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 RALLY DAY PRACTICE

CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS,  
KIDS CHOIR MEMBERS AND YOUTH HELPERS!!!

Rally Day is a day to celebrate our Sunday School program. This year's theme is “Welcome Back to Church and to the Bible”. We have some great ideas for worship on Sunday, September 12, but we need your help to make it really work. We need you to take parts in skits and those of you with singing voices are needed to sing some special songs. Meet us at the church at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 11, to pick a place to show your talents and get our Sunday School program off to a great start!!

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 RALLY DAY

On September 12, Rally Day will start at 9:00 am with Sunday School. We continue to celebrate during our worship service at 10:30 am with the theme “Welcome Back to Church and to the Bible”. Our Sunday School students will be a major part of the worship service. The Kids Choir will make their first appearance for the 2010-11 season by singing several numbers. The Adult Choir will also present their anthem, “Come as a Child”. After worship, we will have a covered dish lunch with hot dogs and chicken fingers provided. Then, it's time to play. We can toss bean bags, play kickball, yell “bingo” (if you win) and play lots of other games. If you are really energetic, you can bounce in the Moon Walk. All in all, a great time is planned and we are looking forward to seeing everyone having a good time as we return to our fall routine.

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## From The Pastor's Desk

Vacation was wonderful – visiting with relatives from both sides of my family. My brother, John, brought catfish from Louisiana and cooked them up for us one night. His wife even brought her special potato salad. Yum-yum! It was especially good to be able to preach where my Papa Dollar and my dad preached many years ago in Alabama. I received a very nice reception especially since most of the congregation had never heard a woman preacher before. There were lots of Dollars in the pews that day but they did not fit into the offering plate. There were eighteen first cousins on the Dollar side at our get togethers. Our one aunt that is remaining is 90 and was present as the family matron.

There were four of us Partridge cousins together in North Carolina. My cousin David had put out the crab pots a couple of days before we arrived so we had plenty of fresh crab meat and shrimp. I shopped and went out on the beach while there. Archie enjoyed pier fishing and going out into the Bogue Sound fishing. I cooked the fish from the Sound trip (Red Drum). They were delicious. Mom taught John and me well. Although we never cooked growing up – we watched. It was her kitchen. Needless to say – we ate too much while we were away.

I know that we have some good voices in our congregation. I am appealing to you to consider joining the choir. We really need you. Tina finished her internship which means her daughter, Sarah, is also no longer with us. Kristi has to finish her last year at Penn State on the main campus which means she can't be with us this year. It only takes one night a week and Sunday morning. Please consider joining us as we sing praises to God. This is a wonderful way to give a gift to support your church. Just try it – we have a good time.

On a somber note – it was really a shock to many people when they heard of the death of Rev. Bob Herrala. When I heard the news I couldn't believe it. I had just been with him the morning before for our prayer meeting. He was only a year older than I am and was planning to retire next summer. At his funeral he was remembered fondly.

The reason I mention this is that it has made me think about what will people will say about me when I am no longer in this world. This comes from Leonard Sweet in his book *"A Cup of Coffee at the Soul Café"*.

"God wants us to be like cathedral art, the stained glass that sheds his light on the world around us. Keith Green, wrote his own version of this in his song, "Stained Glass," taken from Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

We are like windows  
Stained with colors  
Of the rainbow  
Set in a darkened room  
'Til the Bridegroom  
Comes to shine Thru.  
Then the colors fall around our feet  
Over those we meet  
Coloring all the gray that we see,  
Rainbow colors of assorted hues  
Come exchange your blues  
For His love that you see shining  
thru me.

"What spiritual heirlooms are you and I bequeathing to our children, our neighbors, our church, our community, our world? You can't leave anything for posterity if you don't get off your posterior."

Blessings to all of you! Pastor Penny

To everyone who helped make



a wonderful time:

**THANK YOU!!!!** I am so happy to be a part of VBS with you. I love the way you just take care of whatever needs to be done. I must admit that I really rely on you. You make it so easy to be Director. From the first meeting, through decorating, “doing” VBS for the week, and tear down on the last day – it gets easier for me each year because of you.

### Here’s To All Your Help

- The Crew Leaders – Allison, Kimmy, Tyler, Glynis, Hunter and Rachelle
- The Park Leaders –
  - Coaster Planet Bible Stories - Janet, Raegan, Beverly
  - Wild West General Store Crafts - Chris, Sally, Julie, Theresa
  - Doubloon Lagoon Games - Jeff, Jill
  - Castle Carousel Snacks - the JOY Ladies (yum!!)
  - Williams Tadpoles Pre-K - Ginny, Donna and the pre-K parents
  - Our Ticketmaster – Wayne
  - Pastor Penny
  - and especially Judy for being there for me whenever and wherever and keeping me sane (nag, nag, nag ☺).
- The parents, grandparents and friends who just “stuck around” and got roped into helping out – like rearranging furniture, assembling pre-K crafts, tearing down the decorations, etc.
- Everyone who donated so that this program was possible. Your support of our VBS program is greatly appreciated.

As you can see, this is a big job and no one could do it alone. So I sincerely say thank you all. Denise

### *Thank You*

To everyone who has helped keep the office running smoothly while I have been recuperating from injuring my hand, thanks so much. It is good to know that people will pitch in when needed. Denise

## **Our Condolences**

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Barb and Dave DeLuca and their family on the passing of Barb’s mother, Mary Veronick, on August 28, 2010. May God’s grace ease your sorrows.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CORNER**

### **TWILIGHTERS**

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, September 8, 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.

### **BABY NEWS**

Wyatt Conrad Chalker was born on August 10, 2010. He is the son of Frank and Donna (Fetterman) Chalker. Congratulations to Betty Montigney on the newest addition to her family.

Mike and Kelly Belanchik welcomed a new son, Brayden Michael Belanchik, on August 16. Brayden has an older brother, Matteo, and his grandmother, Gloria Schreyer, has been a member of Emmanuel for years and years. Congratulations to them all.

Braylon Cole Murray is the son of Amber DeLuca and Brandon Murray. He was born on August 16, 2010. Congratulations to Amber and Barb and Dave DeLuca.

### **NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE**

The deadline for information for the October Messenger is Monday, September 20. Please get all information to me before this date. Thanks, Denise

### ***SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS***

Our first day of Sunday School is September 12. We will meet in the church at 9:00 am for opening. We will also be practicing for our part in the Rally Day worship service. After that, we will break up into our groups for a short lesson and get to know your teachers and where your class will be. Rally Day is going to be full of fun and games. We will even have a moon walk to bounce around in.

### **Youth Group**

We’re going to get our Youth Group started by meeting on September 3 at 5:00 pm at my place. We’ll have some fun and plan out some things to do. So bring your ideas. You can also bring a couple of friends. Youth Group is for all kids in grades 7 to 12. See you at the pond. Marc

## YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

Last month's Youth Achievements listed Eric Rinehimer as making the Honor Roll at Crestwood High School. This was a misprint in the local paper and Eric should have been listed as achieving *High Honors* – congratulations, Eric.

## PICTURE PERFECT

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

Scenes from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Country Concert and Motorcycle Ride for Cystic Fibrosis are on the front bulletin board. Pictured are **Morgan Hodle** checking out Young's Funny Farm duck therapy display and **Leah Dietrich** with her cousin, Paige Ceaser, in whose honor the event is held. Leah and Paige are showing off their face painting. The rainy weather cancelled the bike ride, but the festivities at the American Legion went on as scheduled.

**Sam Dauber** was on the editorial board for the Crestwood High School publication *Corners of Today*. This Literary Arts Magazine showcases artwork, photography, original prose of short stories or poetry of students at Crestwood. Between 400 to 500 pieces were submitted for the 2009-2010 edition of which 100 were selected for publication. *Corners of Today* is designed, laid out and produced entirely by students. Sam is pictured with the other members of the staff and their advisor, Mr. William Reznak.

Want to know more about horses? Just ask **Morgan Rinehimer**, pictured with Kelly Kalada and their ride, Babe. Morgan is a member of the Tall in the Saddle 4-H Club.

Whose got those happy feet? Must be **Keirsten Whitmire!** Keirsten participated in the David Blight annual recital on June 27. She dances with the Tap and Jazz Combo Class.

## UPCOMING DATES

- Oct. 3 CROP Walk
- Oct. 14,15&16 – Turkey Supper
- Oct. 18 to 24 – VISION at Emmanuel UCC

## CONSISTORY MEETING

### 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](mailto:consistory@emmanuel-ucc.org). The **Consistory** will meet on Thursday, September 16, at 6:30 pm.

## AROUND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Sweet singing will be heard at **Singspiration on September 19**. This fun evening of songs and praise will begin at 6:00 pm at Stairville UMC. Refreshments will be served after the singing. This is a free event which Stairville UMC offers as a gift to our community.

## V.I.S.I.O.N FUNDRAISER

As with many programs these days, V.I.S.I.O.N., the shelter program which services homeless men, has been notified that their 2010/2011 funding has been reduced. In order to offset this funding cut, they are participating in a promotion sponsored by Boscov's. For \$5 you can purchase a 25% off shopping pass good on October 5. All checks should be made to VISION for the ticket sales. When you go shopping, please tear off the bottom portion and drop it in the Friends Helping Friends Ballot Box. The agency selling the most tickets will be awarded a prize.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE AUGUST 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

### Sept. 5

- Greeters: Sami Dauber and Meredith Martin
- Liturgist: Jeff Shuman

### Sept. 12

- Greeters: Sunday School
- Liturgist: Sunday School

### Sept. 19

- Greeters: Connie Myers and Diana Decker
- Liturgist: Dave Myers

### Sept. 26

- Greeters: Connie Davis and Judy Cybulski
- Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

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- Dave & Rosemary Myers
- Clifford & Gladys Readler
- Diana Decker
- John & JP Jankowski

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Alecia Myers	12 Gary Eigenbrod, Sr.	20 Michael E. Heller
2 John R. Walck	14 David J. Myers	22 John Lesh, Jr.
2 Robert Duffy, III	15 Bradley Kotarsky	23 Kristen Kania
2 Brian Kramer, Jr.	16 Leah Dietrich	23 Jim Dean
4 Matthew Farrell	16 Deborah Mellas	27 Orceil Bloss
4 Lois Eigenbrod	16 Holly Hoffman	27 Eric Walck
4 Kristina Walck	16 Peter Dickson, Sr.	28 Amy Polashenski
8 Rhonda Keller	18 Ivan Hoyt	28 Martha Grosz
10 Erin Kamowksi	19 William Schabener	30 Mark Sufrinko
11 Brian A. DeLuca	19 Marc J. Davis	30 Brian DeLuca
11 Hunter Rinehimer		30 Paula Rinehimer

## **SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

Sept. 3, 1997 ..... Fritz and Gloria Schreyer  
Sept. 4, 1993 ..... Bob and Ellen Newell  
Sept. 5, 1945 ..... Lex and Anna Mae Koons  
Sept. 10, 1983 ..... Jeff and Tammy Dauber  
Sept. 12, 1970 ..... Bill and Patti Heller  
Sept. 14, 1973 ..... Tim and Connie Miller  
Sept. 24, 1960 ..... Pete and Betty Dickson  
Sept. 24, 1977 ..... John and Donna Walck  
Sept. 24, 1994 ..... Jeff and Joann Kotarsky  
Sept. 26, 1998 ..... David and Caroline Cronce  
Sept. 27, 1975 ..... Rich and Jayne Rotski

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