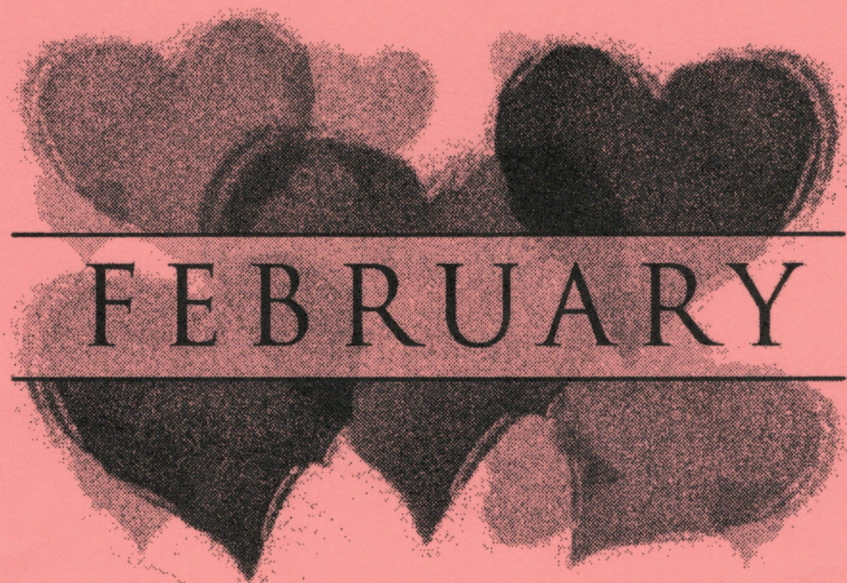


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February, 2014

Consistory Elders and Deacons

Elders:

Carolyn Graham
Cathy Hanks
Roy Murdick
Amanda Steele
Mike Bartlett
Randy Steele

Deacons:

Alex Graham
Ryan Lucas
Shirley Veahman
Jim Pees
Logan Clark
Casey Hanks
Trista Lucas

Snyder Fund:

Alex Graham
Jerry Moore
Sandy Sinan
Dan Swank

Trustees:

Alex Graham
Roy Murdick
Randy Steele

Pastor:

Rev. Joseph Hedden

Retired Licensed Minister:

William C. Dulaney

Music Director:

Linda L. Dulaney

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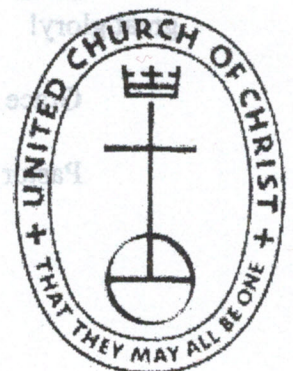
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HILLS CHURCH



As I sit and write these words, we are in the middle of the coldest days of the year—they're calling it the 'Polar Vortex' on the radio and television. And there is something about the dark, cold days of January that can get into your soul and cause cabin fever.

However, I'd like to highlight two recent events that demonstrate how you can make a difference in the lives of others. On a recent snowy Saturday, a few of us went Christmas caroling to our retirement home residents and friends. It was a great joy and greatly appreciated to sing the words of Jesus' birth but also to see and hear the joy on the faces of friends we've visited with.

A few weeks later, a handful of us pulled out of Emmanuel's parking lot a little after 8 a.m. to make the 2 hour drive to Cleveland to see the location of the film "A Christmas Story." (You remember that movie, don't you? About the boy who only wants a BB Gun for Christmas.) And as nice as Cleveland was, the best part of the trip was being with church friends, sharing Christmas memories, talking about family, and sharing with one another around the lunch table.

So, if you are cold this wintertime—remember that there is someone out there whose day you could brighten, just by your presence. Just by your prayer. Just by your visit or phone call or kind word. As Jesus said, "As you have done to the least of these, you have done also to me."

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Joseph

THE WORD

"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."—Paul's second letter to Timothy, Chapter 4, verse 2.

I love it when Paul encourages the people to whom he wrote his letters. Maybe it's because I'm an optimist. Or maybe it's because I am in awe that someone like Paul (who served time in prison, was flogged at least eight times, stoned once, shipwrecked three times, and went without food, water, safety and clothing—See *2 Corinthians 11*) is able to be positive. Most of us, finding ourselves in Paul's place would not be positive, nor would we have the strength to encourage others!

Yet, Paul perseveres. Well, we are now in the first few weeks after the first of the year and what have we done in 2013 that could encourage us? We here at Emmanuel have been changing lives and improving things on our little corner of the earth. Some of the things we have given to in 2013 that give us encouragement:

- Emmanuel Church donated through the Snyder Fund to the **Westmoreland County Food Bank**.
- The Noisy Collection (third Sunday of every month) went to **Team Forever** (helping pay for pediatric cardiology costs at UPMC Children's Hospital); **Smile Train** (paying for cleft palate surgeries); **World Vision** (poor children overseas); **Our Church's Wider Mission** in Honor of Rev. and Mrs. Seigfried; and **Philippine Typhoon Relief**.
- Winter clothing and other clothing items were donated to the **Light of Life Mission** (North side of Pittsburgh) and **Salvation Army Delmont**.
- Christmas toys were donated to poor children in our local area.
- We donated to the ministry of **Rev. Zoltan Szucs** in Hungary.
- Personal items, games, small gifts were donated to **St. Paul's Continuing Care Community in Greenville, PA**.
- We donated kitchen, bathroom, personal items through the **Blackburn Center Women and Children's Shelter** (domestic violence shelter) in Greensburg.

So, did you realize that YOU and I personally supported all those things in the past 12 months? (And I'm sure I've forgotten some of them—there may be as many things I've forgotten as I've listed here.)

Be ENCOURAGED! Because Emmanuel Church is doing great things for God's great glory!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Joseph



Emmanuel Reformed UCC

November 13, 2013 @ 7 pm

- I. Opening Devotions – Pastor Joseph**
- II. Congregational Caring – Dorothy Graham has been moved to Armstrong. She is starting to have dementia.**
- III. Approval of the Agenda – approved.**
- IV. Reading and Adoption of Minutes – motion to approve, Alex, second, Dan.**
- V. Reports**

a. Pastor – written report: 4 worship services, 0 baptisms, 5 bible studies, 2 hospital visits, 5 home visits, 19 pastoral contacts, 7 pastoral conversations, 20 meetings. Three potential new members, Karen Ferri, Dave and Cheryl Chizmar. Pastor Joseph has been chosen to attend the Mission trip to Philippines in the beginning of May. Permission to have a fundraising event for this approved. UAD will be moved to be in a new location for members that know how to use it to obtain quicker access.

Invitational event – November 20th at the church

Missionary Visit – Check for the missionary will need to be rewritten or paid online in order to designate the money for his ministry.

Vanco E-giving – can set this up to have money taken out of your account on a certain day(s) of the month. To register a person/family is \$0.50 and each transaction fee is a quarter. Permission has been granted to investigate this further.

Hospitality Team – other members of the church make sure that visitors receive a bulletin, know which hymnals to use, etc.

Church planting course – This class had plans and ideas for establishing a new church.

Philippine Church – communications have been made and they are asking for prayers for their fellow churches that have been affected by the typhoon.

November 17th & 24th – Music will be done by Pastor and Shawn Hanks.

Pastor will be away Dec. 1.

b. Other Reports:

1. Treasurer report – none.

2. Snyder Fund – written report, motion to approve the two expenditures
Ryan, second, Jim, approved.

3. Building – none

4. Financial Secretary – none.

Snyder report will be filed for audit.

5. Cemetery – investment update, RIT has allowed us to build some interest. The total amount of interest accrued since the switch, \$127.23.

Secretaries will need to make sure that Randy and trustees get the investment statements for the cemetery.

c. Trustees

1. Work Day – finish dining room painting in the spring.

2. Steeple Lights – completed, thanks to Jim Pees.

3. Waxing the floors – this needs to be looked into.

4. Outlets downstairs – Plugs near the coffee filters should be used to plug in roasters. The breaker box has been labeled now.

- d. **Worship Committee**- none
- e. **Program Committee** – may go to Cleveland to see the Christmas Story House on January 4th (Saturday)
- f. **Christian Education**- Prayer lessons which include prayer expectations. December 6th there will be another Girl's Night with Cheesecake and Tea. The kids will also plan a spring event for Mother's and family. Christmas Carol/Program on December 15th
- g. **Deacons**- none
- h. **Elders**- none
- i. **Women's Guild** – \$692.58 Vender/Fair profit.

VI. Old Business

- a. **Eagle Scout Project for Cemetery Plot project** – This project will start in early spring and possibly completed in 2014-2015.
- b. **Nominating committee**- Randy is being nominated, other new consistory members need to be nominated.
- c. **Budget committee** – Michael and Alex
- d. **Picture in Sanctuary Entrance** – will be done soon.
- e. **PA Cleanways** – completed, thanks for all that helped.
- f. **Snow plowing** – Higgins will be doing this for us.

VII. New Business

- a. **Christmas Caroling** – Shut-ins visit on the 21st beginning at 1pm.
- b. **Live Nativity** – 5pm in the evening, Sunday School Students and Confirmation kids will be participating.
- c. **Christmas Party** – December 8th
- d. **Freezer** – trustees and the women's guild need to get together to discuss this need.
- e. **Emergency Lights** – to be replaced (approx. \$80 each)
- f. **Hanging of the Greens**- November 30th

VIII. President's Report – Next Consistory Meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2013.

IX. Adjourned with Lord's Prayer

Members present: Carolyn Graham, Roy Murdick, Alex Graham, Ryan Lucas, Shirley Veahman, Casey Hanks, Dan Swank, Jim Pees, Cathy Hanks

Recording Secretary: Amanda Steele

Others present: Pastor Joseph and Trista Lucas

“One Kind word can warm three winter months”.

----Japanese Proverb

Emmanuel Reformed Church of the U.C.C.

Consistory Meeting

December 11, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

- I Opening Devotion- Pastor Joseph
 - II Congregational Caring- Donna Cline had a minor stroke, Eddie had a test today, and Bonnie Humberger is home from the hospital.
 - III Approval of the Agenda- approved.
 - IV Reading and Adoption of Minutes- motion, Jim, second, Cathy.
 - V REPORTS
 - a. Pastor: 3 worship services, 1 communion, 1 funeral, 4 bible studies, 2 confirmations, 4 hospital visits, 2 home visits, 5 pastoral contacts, 8 conversations.
 - 1. Invitational Event -- the final two meetings occurred and now the events will change direction a bit: Various Themed Events (What you always wanted to know about but was afraid to ask)
 - 2. Life Touch Directory--decided to wait until the fall to make a decision on this
 - 3. Vanco E- Giving -- still looking into this option
 - 4. Hospitality Team- part of the Themed Invitational Event
 - 5. Philippine Church- conference meeting in May, Pastor will probably be leaving mid-April through mid-May
 - b. Financial Reports
 - 1. Treasurer Report- written November report, filed for audit
 - 2. Snyder Fund -- monies were deposited
 - 3. Building -- none
 - 4. Financial Secretary -- November written report, presented
 - 5. Cemetery--Investment REIT representative: explanation of options and benefits to investing monies in annuities and mutual funds. The monies that we have already invested in a REIT are bringing in about \$100 a month off the interest. There is a question on the table that the financial advisor will check and get back to us on. Motion by Roy Murdick to put the monies in both an annuity and a mutual fund if possible, second, Jim Pees.
 - c. Trustees
 - 1. Ladies Restroom in Music Room -- the water is constantly running
 - 2. Women's Guild - still needs to meet about the freezer
 - d. Worship Committee -- 22nd is the cantata, the E&R Hymnal will be used for Christmas services
 - e. Program Committee -- Cleveland January 4th to the Christmas Story House
 - f. Christian Education- verbal report: 2-4pm rehearsal on Saturday Dec. 14th for the Sunday program
 - g. Deacons- we are missing a set of keys to the money bag
 - h. Elders- none
 - i. Women's Guild- need to have sign-up sheets for setup and clean up
 - VI Old Business
 - a. Picture Sanctuary entrance
 - b. Nominating committee -- Randy and Trista
 - c. Budget committee -- Alex and Mike are getting together on this, and will vote on this next meeting
 - d. Snow plowing- was informed of the sidewalks
 - e. Christmas Caroling - December 21st @ 1pm
 - VII New Business
 - a. Live Nativity-Dec. 22
 - b. AED mounting -- prices were looked into and the cases are over \$300
 - VIII President's Report--Next consistory meeting Wednesday, January 8, 2014
 - IX Adjournment Lord's Prayer
- Members present:** Carolyn Graham, Roy Murdick, Alex Graham, Ryan Lucas, Shirley Veahman, Casey Hanks, Jim Pees, Cathy Hanks
- Recording Secretary:** Amanda Steele
- Others present:** Pastor Joseph, Randy Steele, and Trista Lucas

2013 CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

UNAUDITED

Submitted by Randy Steele

Balance – Dec. 31, 2012

\$7,982.54

RECEIPTS

First Commonwealth Interest on C.D.'s	\$ 970.65	
Investment Interest	237.92	
Interment Fees	3,550.00	
Sale of Grave Lots	1,315.00	
Perpetual Care	725.00	
Attic Treasures Sale	297.30	
Women's Guild Bake Sale and Chinese Auction	390.00	
Donations	1,520.00	
Vendor Fair	375.00	
GET Trucking (Cemetery stone pillar)	1,150.00	
Cashed in four C.D.'s for investment	21,332.33	
Mary Rohm Pearson Trust	1,200.00	
Donation from Snyder Fund	1,200.00	34,263.20
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		\$42,245.74

EXPENDITURES

Charles Kirkland-Grave Excavating	\$ 2,000.00	
Roy L. Murdick, Sr. Mowing and Trimming		
Cemetery, Mower Repairs	4,247.44	
Fletcher's Sales and Service	174.33	
Cash – Rebuild Stone Pillar	800.00	
Lou's Gas and Car Wash	320.46	
Cole Real Estate Investment Trust	11,000.00	
Hines Global Real Estate Investment Trust	10,000.00	28,542.23
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		\$13,703.51

First Commonwealth C.D.'s

\$50,000.00

Emmanuel Reformed UCC Treasurer's Report

Proposed Budget

Account	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Projected	2014 Budget
PASTOR				
Pastor-Salary	28,698.98	\$ 30,300.00	30,130	30,300
Pastor- Housing	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	15,000	16,700
Pastor-Health Care	20,744.25	\$ 20,500.00	20,500	20,500
Pastor-Travel	1,290.00	\$ 2,500.00	2,423	2,423
Pastor-Pension	6,104.00	\$ 6,410.00	6,410	6,410
Pastor-Life Ins	408.75	\$ 700.00	540	540
Pastor-Disability Ins	515.25	\$ 800.00	540	540
Pastor-Substitute	200.00	\$ 300.00	787	787
Pastor-FICA Reimb	2,199.95	\$ 2,100.00	2,200	2,200
Tax Withheld				
Continuing Education	1,370.00		222.00	222.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 76,432.17	\$ 78,610.00	\$ 78,751.96	\$ 80,821.96
OFFICE				
Sec. wages	\$ 10,837.88	\$ 11,200.00	11,546.27	11,888.00
Tax Withheld				
Employer SS				
Telephone	\$ 1,598.41	\$ 1,800.00	1,647	1,850.00
Supr.Post	\$ 3,554.79	\$ 3,200.00	3,772	3,200.00
Copier	\$ 2,710.34	\$ 3,400.00	3,378	3,400.00
Other Exp.	\$ 780.15	\$ 100.00	90	100.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 19,479.35	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 20,434.27	\$ 20,238.00
MUSIC				
Dir Salary	\$ 4,958.00	\$ 5,800.00	5,535.00	5740
Tax Withheld				
Employer SS				
Substitutes	\$ 178.89	\$ 300.00	-	300
Adult Choir	\$ 54.80	\$ 100.00	-	100
Bel Choir	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00	-	100
SUBTOTAL	\$ 5,341.69	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 5,535.00	\$ 6,240.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION				
Chr. Ed Coord.	\$ 5,259.00	\$ 5,800.00	5,808.00	5740
Tax Withheld				
Employer SS				
Curriculum		\$ 100.00	100.00	100.00
Supplies		\$ 100.00	100.00	100.00
Bible School				
SUBTOTAL	\$ 5,259.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,008.00	\$ 5,940.00
MAINTENANCE				
Cust. Salary	\$ 5,680.00	\$ 5,700.00	5,888.00	5740
Tax Withheld				
Employer SS				
Supplies	\$ 2,452.00	\$ 1,500.00	1,881.00	1880
Electric-Church	\$ 743.00	\$ 1,400.00	755.00	1000
El-Steele Bldg.	\$ 990.00	\$ 1,200.00	1,110.00	1200
Heat (Gas)	\$ 3,046.00	\$ 4,800.00	4,982.00	5000
Snow removal	\$ 1,319.00	\$ 2,100.00	2,130.00	2100
Water	\$ 214.00	\$ 200.00	307.00	300
Refuse Service	\$ 412.00	\$ 420.00	418.00	420
Maintenance	\$ 3,202.00	\$ 2,000.00	1,496.00	2000
Insurance	\$ 6,952.00	\$ 7,000.00	6,950.00	7000
SUBTOTAL	\$ 28,010.00	\$ 28,320.00	\$ 28,786.00	\$ 28,880.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION END OF YEAR REPORT - 2013

Expenses and Events:

Confirmation Supplies, Vacation Bible School and service project supplies, Easter, Sunday School Journal for kids, new baby gifts, UCC Resources Fall Curriculum, Homecoming Vintage costume, Confirmation Missing Link Event, Pirates Game, Hayride, Ice Cream Cruise, Living Waters, Live Nativity, Girl's night, World Vision: Rishipal, Various Noisy Collections, Easter Egg Hunt, Blood Drive, Jesus Then and Now children's play, Christmas Play, Annual Chalkwalk, October Bully Awareness Month, Halloween Party

Vacation Bible School: This year's vacation bible school had a community service theme. The children learned the missional work of Jesus and took part in different service projects. The children made dog treats for a local shelter, chalked the sidewalk for a thank you letter to our soldiers currently in service, put together hygiene kits for disaster relief and collected donations for the congregation for clean-up kits for disaster relief. A special thank you to our guests: Logan Clark who taught the kids about fire safety and showed us the fire truck and Jack Lucas who taught the children about wild life conservation and showed us all the different animal furs!

Girls Night: A group of preteen girls meet at the church in a non-religious context. We discuss things like self-esteem, overcoming stereotypes, how to maintain a healthy relationship with the important women in their lives, etc. We also have fun! The girls made up a club name, made tshirts, had a tea party, played games and plan to do a lot more in the future. It is a very nice group of girls and our church gives them somewhere safe and fun to meet.

Sunday School:

Regular attendance was down from last year due to families moving. However, we have had more older kids active in church due to our active confirmation class. They have made our children's programs and events more diverse and fun. The children started the year learning lessons taught from the "Big Picture Bible". This bible helped to give kids an idea of how Old Testament stories lead up to Jesus in the New Testament. After they learned some foundations of the Old Testament, we started working on a more detailed curriculum for the Old Testament from UCC Resources. We also had plenty of fun lessons worked in throughout the year. The children especially enjoyed the lessons from regular children's story books. The children brought in their favorite bedtime stories and then we tried to find lessons in these stories that related to the bible. This activity helped to show the children that God's lessons can be found outside of the bible and church. The children had fun putting on children's programs to present to the congregation. They did a "Jesus Then and Now" play which showed Jesus' life parallel to a story of a girl who was struggling with self-image. They also did a Christmas play that told the story of a girl who found out the importance of God's gifts at Christmas time, not just gifts under the tree.

Confirmation:

We have five children going through confirmation. Each child has a mentor and while working on building a better understanding of important bible stories can reach out to their mentors for help. The confirmation class went to a UCC event in Greensburg that taught different workshops on things that may be missing in church. The confirmation class participated in our Live Nativity and children's program. It has been such a blessing to have them active in the church!

2013 Youth Spending

Check Number	Date Transaction Description	Debit (-)	Credit (+)	Balance
	1-1- 2013 Starting Balance			774.63
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	1-10 Deposit - Donation anonymous		1,200.00	1974.63
	1-11 Deposit - Noisy Collection		88.02	2062.65
527	1-15 Team Forever-December Noisy Collection	88.02		1974.63
	2-11 Deposit-Noisy Collection		29.57	2004.20
529	2-27 Team Forever-January Noisy Collection	29.57		1974.63
528	2-27 Trista Lucas-Youth Books (Confirmation) & AriaDulaney	97.48		1877.15
	3-1 February Noisy Collection Deposit-Smile Train		29.00	1906.15
	4-8 March Noisy Collection Deposit-Smile Train		30.33	1936.48
530	4-10 Trista Lucas-VBS 2013 & Easter 2014 Supplies	34.21		1902.27
	4-26 April Noisy Collection-Smile Train		49.40	1951.67
621	4-28 Trista Lucas-Sunday School Notebooks	22.62		1929.05
	5-22 Noisy Collection for World Vision		44.53	1973.58
622	6-3 Trista Lucas-Book for Molly Mae Carroll	20.96		1952.62
623	6-19 Pirate Ticket Deposit-ERUCC	200		1752.62
624	6-19 Living Waters-Scholarship	165.00		1587.62
625	xx VOIDED Check			1587.62
626	6-26 UCC Resources-Fall Curriculum	95.23		1492.39
627	6-26 Trista Lucas-Disaster Kit Supplies-VBS 2013	53.43		1438.96
	6-28 June Noisy Collection Deposit-World Vision		27.76	1466.72
628	7-1 Vintage Costumes-Homecoming 2013-Snyder Costume	30.00		1436.72
629	xx VOIDED Check			1436.72
630	7-9 First Reformed Church, Ice Cream Cruise Reservations	231		1205.72
	7-11 DEPOSIT-Grudowski Ice Cream Cruise, Paid		63	1268.72
	7-26 Deposit-Swank, Ice Cream, Paid		63	1331.72
	7-26 July Noisy Collection Deposit-World Vision		52.63	1384.35
	8-12 Foley Ice Cream-Paid		63	1447.35
	8-15 Lucas-Ice Cream-Paid, (Still Need two dollars)		40	1487.35

631 8-19	Check-VBS Snack, to Jennifer Hedden	30	1457.35
632 8-21	Check-Smile Train, in Honor of Edna Martinella	108.73	1348.62
9-3	Allison-Pass Thru, Invitational Event	30	1378.62
9-4	Lucas, Ice Cream Remainder	2.00	1380.62
9-12	August Noisy Collection Deposit-World Vision	45.27	1425.89
9-16	September Noisy Collection Deposit-World Vision	40.83	1466.72
633 9-17	Allison-Pass Thru, Invitational Event. Cash.	30	1436.72
9-17	J. Keibler-Pass Thru, Ackerman book	16.50	1453.22
634 9-18	Emmanuel Reformed-Subsidy for Pirates Game Tix	150	1303.22
635 9-20	J. Keibler-Pass Thru, Ackerman book	16.50	1286.72
636 9-29	Lucas Hayride-Reimbursement	130	1156.72
9-30	Hayride-Cash	48	1204.72
637 10-3	Jennifer Hedden-Girls Night-Pizza supplies	20	1184.72
638 10-24	Jennifer Hedden-Halloween Party Supplies	20	1164.72
10-28	OCWM-Noisy Collection of October	38.39	1203.11
639 10-30	Confirmation Missing Link Event-First Reformed UCC	70	1133.11
640 10-30	World Vision	166.49	966.62
641 10-30	OCWM-In honor of Dick and Eileen Siegfried	38.39	927.61
11-18	In-Flight Philippines Deposit	220.25	1147.86
642 11-19	In-Flight Check	220.25	927.61
11-20	Nov. Noisy Collection	61.08	988.69
643 11-25	UCC Typhoon Relief. Noisy Collection.	61.08	927.61
644 12-6	Good samaritan-Formula Payment	71.65	855.96
645 12-23	Emmanuel Church-Pizza for Living Nativity	45.25	810.71
12-23	For Carl Patty Fund	100	910.71
646 12-23	MPHS-Carl Patty Fund	100	810.71

Emmanuel Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ

Pastor's Report--Year End 2013

Worship: 57 **Visits:** 123

Baptism 4 **Hospital Visits:** 49

Communion 13 **Home Visits:** 74

Weddings 1

Funerals 10

Pastoral Contacts: 169

Pastoral Conversations: 122

Meetings: 114

Bible Study: 57

Confirmation: 8

Grace and Peace, Hills Church: 69

Pastor Joseph National Church: 2

Conference: 23

Association: 12

Area: 8

BAPTISMS:

02-24-13 Vincent Francis Grimm, III
02-24-13 Kylee Ann Lawson
07-21-13 Willow Brooke Lucas
08-22-13 Molly Mae Carroll

WEDDINGS:

12-07-13 *George L. Cline / *Beverly J. Cline
*Non-Member

2013 Vital Statistics
Emmanuel Reformed Church of the United Church of Christ

Members 01/01/2013	169
2013 Deaths	(5)
2013 Removal	(0)
2013 New Member(s)	(0)
Members 12/31/2013	164

DEATHS:

01-13-13	*Bill Davenport	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
02-13-13	Donald Forgie	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
03-03-13	Mary Marie Cline	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
04-03-13	*Margaret Colombin	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
04-13-13	*Annie Marie Mountain	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
05-25-13	Mabel Leona Duncan	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
08-23-13	*Carol Rubright	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
09-24-13	*David A. Korchok	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
10-03-13	*Martha Paulcheck	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
10-18-13	Earl W. Kemerer	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
12-02-13	Dorothy Graham	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden

REMOVAL:

LETTERS OF TRANSFER:

REAFFIRMATION:

CONFIRMANDS:

BAPTISMS:

02-24-13	Vincent Francis Grimm, III	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
02-24-13	Kylee Ann Lawson	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
07-21-13	WillowBrooke Lucas	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
08-25-13	Molly Mae Carroll	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden

WEDDINGS:

12-07-13	*George L. Cline / *Beverly J. Cline	Rev. Joseph W. Hedden
		*Non-Member



Happy Valentine Day!!!

February 14, 2014

"But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31



For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lions and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Psalm 91 vs. 11—13

January 26, 2014

Adjourned

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, January 26, 2014.

Please plan to attend and bring your February newsletter with you for reference to the Annual Reports and other Documents.

Souper Bowl Sunday



February 2, 2014

EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH of the U.C.C. VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BEST!!!

WITH GRATITUDE AND THANKS!!

Thank you to Bill and Linda Dulaney and
Lois Grudowski for the Festive Winter decorations
in the Steele Fellowship Center.
They are wonderful!



To... Jerry Moore for changing the Church Sign.
Your dedication is appreciated!

**THANKS TO THOSE WHO QUIETLY REACH OUT TO
MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION WHO ARE SICK
OR IN NEED OF SUPPORT.**

To Emmanuel Reformed Church UCC members: Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Paul's! We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. We will utilize these items you have packed and organized so nicely! Thank again! Sincerely, Mimi Dreher, Life Enrichment Director, The Villas

Thank you to Randy Steele for blowing the fall leaves off the parking lot last November.

Thank you all for the \$61.08 collected from the Noisy Collection on Nov. 17th for the donation toward the Philippine's disaster. Pastor Joseph

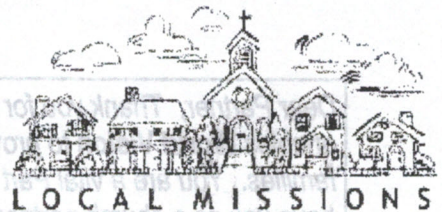
On behalf of everyone associated with the Westmoreland County Food Bank, Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,300.00 on 11/4/2013. Our organization is blessed with generous donors that are essential for our ongoing capacity to serve the less fortunate. The Food Bank has built a solid reputation as a good steward of both public and private donations, with 95 cents of every dollar we take in going back out to help those in need. We are very proud of our strong fiscal discipline. As a donor, you can take comfort in knowing your money is being wisely utilized in the manner you intended. Kris M. Douglas, Chief Ex. Officer

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Thank you to Sandy Sinan for the pretzels for the fellowship hour.

Thank you to Pastor Joseph and Shawn Hanks for your musical talent on Nov. 17th and 24th. We loved all of your songs!



The Choir is collecting used greeting cards for St. Jude. A box is located near the organ in the sanctuary.

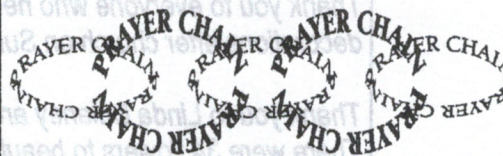
Linda Dulaney is collecting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's labels. A box is located near the organ in the sanctuary.

Volunteers are needed:
Meals on Wheels
Murrysville Christian Concern
Salvation Army
Check: www.Murrysvillegov.org



**"One in the
Bond of Love"**

If you know of someone in need of prayers, please contact Linda Dulaney to initiate the Prayer Chain (724-325-3785).



THE PRAYER CHAIN is in need of some volunteers. If anyone is interested in being part of this chain please contact Linda Dulaney or call the church office (724)327-3050. Your name can be added at anytime.

Dear Partner, Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$166.49. The generosity of churches like yours enables **World Vision** to provide essential care, encouragement, and hope to hurting children and families. You are a vital Part of the work we do in the name of Christ. World Vision is truly blessed to have you as a church partner. Thank you for your gift and your compassion for others. In His Name, Richard E. Stearns, President

Thank you to all of our volunteers on Saturday, November 30th for the Hanging of the Greens: Allison Bassett-Carmichael, Shirley Veahman, Lois Grudowski, Randy, Janise and Amanda Steele, Dan Swank, Linda Dulaney and Sandy Sinan. Thanks for bringing the donuts Sandy!

I want to express our sincere appreciation for the special offering for Our Church's Wider Mission that was taken by Children's Ministry (the check for \$38.39 was dated October 30 and received in November. We greatly appreciate the contribution that will help us in our ministry to strengthen our local churches and support our pastors, as well as mission work locally and globally through the United Church of Christ. I was touched that the contribution was made in honor of Eileen and Dick Seigfried. That was a wonderful way to recognize two special saints within the Penn West Conference. Please express our appreciation to those involved in the Children's Ministry. The contributions make a difference! Thank you also for your valuable leadership! Blessings, Char Burch, Interim Conference Minister

Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped in any way with the Dorothy Graham family funeral luncheon on December 5th, 2013. Also, to all who donated food for the luncheon! Your help was appreciated very much!

Thank you to Linda Dulaney for hosting the Annual Secret Pal Christmas Party on December 3rd. A great time was had by all!

Thank you to Linda Dulaney and The Chancel Choir for their Christmas Cantata. It was beautiful music and enjoyed by all!

Thank you to Santa (Jim Pees) and his helpers Miriam Hedden and Amanda Steele for his visit with us on Dec. 8th. Also, to all his special elves and helpers. The children had a wonderful visit with Santa. Thank you to all who helped in any way with this years Christmas Party! Thank you to everyone who brought a covered dish to share! Thank you to Sandy Sinan for the delicious December sheet cake!

Thank you to Sue Gay and Donna Carroll and Sandy Sinan for organizing the fruit baskets for our home-bound members. Also, a great big thank you to everyone who helped assemble the baskets and donated fruit and delivered them.

Thank you to everyone who helped (you know who you are) with taking down and putting away the decorations after church on Sunday, Jan. 5. Your help was appreciated!

Thank you to Linda Dulaney and Heidi Compton for coordinating the poinsettia flowers for our Sanctuary. There were 34 flowers to beautify our Sanctuary. Thanks to all who participated!

Wonderful playing the guitar and singing by Shawn Hanks and Pastor Joseph! All the songs were very Good!! The worship service of Nov. 17th and 24th. From The Grudowski Family

On behalf of all those in the National and Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ, who are your Sisters and Brothers in ministry, thank you for your gift towards the realization of God's mission in our World. We appreciate this gift not only for the Ministry it will enable, but for the partnership in ministry in our world. We appreciate this gift not only for the Ministry it will enable, but for the partnership in ministry with you that it demonstrates. Rev. Geoffrey A. Black, General Minister and President

Thank you to Heather Clark for being my Secret Pal in 2013. All of your gifts to me were awesome!
Julie Keibler

Wishing You a Merry Christmas and A Blessed New Year! From Don, Don III and David.
Donald Hamm & Sons Insurance, LLC

Wishing you much joy and many blessings this season and always. Merry Christmas to all! Dorothy Daw

Dear Pastor and Emmanuel Reformed UCC, Thank you for your gift of \$166.49 to World Vision. Your Church is helping build a better world for children and we are grateful for your partnership. God Bless!
Your World Vision Team

Special thanks to the extraordinary caring and sharing people of Murrys ville in this season of great Peace and Joy. Municipality of Murrys ville

Global Ministries thanks you for assisting Zoltan Szucs during his visit with you! Beth A. Miller,
Administrative Assistant Mission Personnel Office

Thank you to Pastor Joseph, Jennifer, Miriam, and Elizabeth, Sandy Sinan and Randy Steele for Caroling to our shut-ins on Saturday, December 22nd.

Thank you to Christine DiDomenico for taking the donations to the Blackburn Center.

Thank you for your gift of \$61.08 collected for the Noisy Collection on Dec. 2nd. Your donation will be used to support the WCM International Emergency Fund for Typhoon Haiyan Relief as per your request.
Grace and Peace, Susan M. Sanders, One Great Hour of Sharing

Dear Friends in Christ, Thank you for your recent gift of \$100.00 to the work of Global Ministries. As you have requested, your gift will be used in its entirety to support General Contribution for Missionary Support and Zoltan Szucs. Sincerely, Rev. Dr. James A. Moos, Co-Executive, Global Ministries

To the Ladies Guild, Thank you for the Delicious Food that you provided in memory of my mother, Dorothy Graham. God Bless, Jack and Donna Graham

Excellent Christmas Cantata on Sunday, Dec. 22. Thank you to Linda Dulaney and the Chancel Choir. All the singing was great!! Lois Grudowski

Excellent performance from Casey and Shawn Hanks of singing and playing the guitar at the 7:00PM Christmas Eve Service!! Lois Grudowski

Excellent performance from Amanda Steele and her Solo "Mary Did You Know?" at the 11:00PM Christmas Eve Service!!

Excellent performance of all the children in the 2013 Children's Christmas Program!! Did a great job!!
Lois Grudowski

Thank you for remembering me with prayers and cards at Christmas time. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated very much. Madge Remic (Linda Dulaney)



**The Chancel Choir will
Meet on Mondays
At 7PM
Hope to see you there!**



**Emmanuel Reformed Church
of the U.C.C.**

Monday—Friday

10:00a.m.— 3:00p.m.

724-327-3050

hillschurch@windstream.net

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EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for the March
Newsletter Articles:**

February 20, 2014

**SAVE POSTAGE AND PICK-UP
YOUR NEWSLETTER
BEFORE CHURCH WORSHIP**



**"Millions of fish begging to be caught,
and we only brought two worms."**



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WINTER



COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

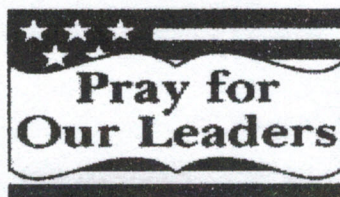
**First Sunday of every month
February 2, 2014**

**The luncheon will recognize those
having birthdays and anniversaries
during that month.**

**Please plan to attend and join fellow members
in celebration and fellowship.**

Please bring a covered dish to share

Continue to pray for all the military families and those who have loved ones in the Armed Services serving in difficult situations and deployments.



Our Christian prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Dorothy Graham who passed away on December 2, 2013. Dorothy will be missed very much.

Our Christian prayers and sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Kathryn Matthews, Sue Gay's Aunt, who passed away on Dec. 23rd.

Our prayers and sympathy are extended to Rachael Pedder and family with the passing of her grandfather.



Barbara Karp
Clare Bridge Memory Care Center
5300 Old Wm. Penn Highway
Export, PA 15632

Eric and Bethany and Molly Mae Carroll
417 Forbes St.
Bridgeville, PA 15017



On January 1, 2014, Cameron Scott Carmichael was born at 5:21AM. He weighs 7lbs. 21ozs. Congratulations to the parents and to the proud grandmother, Allison Bassett-Carmichael.

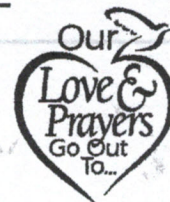
MEMORIAL FLOWERS

To order Memorial Flowers, please call Linda Dulaney or Heidi Compton at 724-325-3785. The prices are Altar—\$25.00 Chancel—\$50.00



OUR NEWSLETTER PRAYER LIST:

Please call or email the church office if you see a name missing and needs added to our prayer list.



Daneen Matthews
Elsie Hockenberry

Ethel Swank
Vicki Hill
Trudy Hill
Vivian Hill
Rick Hill

Patty Duncan
Joan Dixon
Bobby Eberts
Debbie Jones
Ellen Jack
Jim Ebdy

Betsey Cline
Nora Cline
Cheryl Ignatius
Stan Ignatius
Virginia Forgie
Edith Letham
Jim Kirkwood
Leonard Holt
Rita Remaley
Donna Cline

Brandon Humberger
Bonnie Humberger
Myrtle Kemerer
Madge Remic
Cindy Allingham
Evelyn Keibler
Betty Smail
William Hoffman
Bill Dulaney

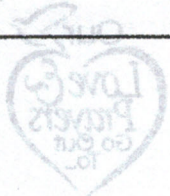
Hospital Update

In the Hospital:

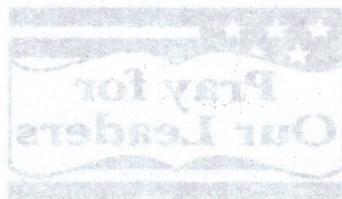
Myrtle Kemerer @ William Penn Care Facility
Madge Remic @ William Penn Care Facility
Donna Cline @ William Penn Apartments
Betty Smail @ Nedrow Personal Care Home
Ellen Jack @ Golden Living
Barbara Karp @ Clare Bridge Memory Care

Home From The Hospital:

Edith Letham
Bonnie Humberger
Donna Cline



The Recipe Corner



LOIS JEAN GRUDOWSKI

PUMPKIN PIE SQUARES

1 1/2 CUPS ALL-PURPOSE FLOUR

1 CUP QUICK OATS

1/2 CUP PACKED BROWN SUGAR

1/2 CUP CHOPPED PECANS

3/4 CUPS (1 1/2 STICKS) MARGARINE OR BUTTER, SOFTENED

1 CAN (15 OZ.) PUMPKIN

1 CAN (12 OZ.) EVAPORATED MILK

2 EGGS

1/2 CUP SUGAR

1 TEASPOON GROUND CINNAMON

1/2 TEASPOON GROUND GINGER

1/4 TEASPOON GROUND CLOVES

PREHEAT OVEN TO 350. COMBINE FLOUR, OATS, BROWN SUGAR AND PECANS. CUT IN MARGARINE UNTIL MIXTURE FORMS COARSE CRUMBS.

RESERVE 1 CUP FOR TOPPING. PRESS REMAINING OAT MIXTURE (ABOUT 2 1/3 CUPS) INTO BOTTOM OF GREASED 13X9X2 INCH BAKING PAN. BAKE 15 MINUTES.

COMBINE PUMPKIN, EVAPORATED MILK, EGGS, SUGAR, CINNAMON, GINGER AND CLOVES; BEAT WELL. POUR PUMPKIN MIXTURE OVER CRUST, BAKE 20 MINUTES. SPRINKLE RESERVED OAT MIXTURE OVER TOP; BAKE 15 TO 20 MINUTES LONGER OR UNTIL FILLING IS SET. COOL. CUT INTO SQUARES. MAKE 12 SQUARES

If you have a recipe you would like to share in the next Newsletter, please place it in the church office.

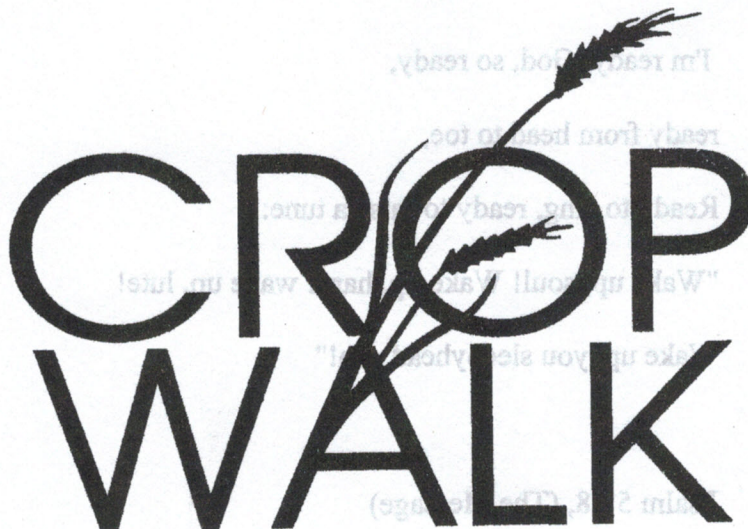
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Roger Schneider
Murrysville Area CROP Hunger Walk Coordinator



Academia Thievery

Academia, Educational Facilities: the beginning of learning, improving, maturity. How and what we learn is a factor of how we listen based on our interpretation based on our experience. When we learn to grow with our children, we reach maturity; but, we're never finished; never; developmental psychology in a nutshell; age-old wisdom.

Eldest daughter, Rachael, recently shared a research paper which helped her transfer from a teaching to a research assistant at University of Nevada, Reno. As we talked about her paper, Rachael advised me not to share her studies with anyone; yep, I confess, I've always shared our Children's work; it's my way of being friendly. Not academia, Rachael stressed; evil competition lives. Learning evil?

Recent studies I've read on national copyright scams flashed through my mind; do we own information? When we use information we've gleamed from other people do we grow from it or gloat from it? That is our choice because all information, future success comes from God; he needs to gloat from our intellectual growth.

About Rachael's studies; well, she's still deeply involved and she's created a new compound On the basis of her reactions; want me to share? How much are we talking about? The real wrong answer.

Written by Allison Bassett-Carmichael

I'm ready, God, so ready,

ready from head to toe,

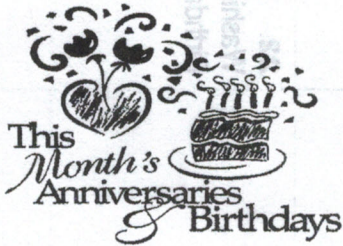
Ready to sing, ready to raise a tune:

"Wake up, soul! Wake up, harp! wake up, lute!

Wake up, you sleepyhead sun!"

Psalms 57:8, (The Message)

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Joshua William Purcell
 3. Calley Elias
 4. Emily Glendinning
 5. Josh Smith
Joel Smith
 6. Maddox Morrison
 7. Alice Campos
Gregory Moore
Renee Tamarelli
 11. Deanna Purcell
Trenton Thompson
 12. Sue Baughman
 14. Barb Karp
Sadie Jobe
 17. Roy Clark
 18. Jill Dibert
Caroline Glendinning
Cody Zimmerman
 20. Trudy Hill
 22. Jeff Hill
 25. Howard Cline
 26. Mike DeLoach
 27. Rob Snyder
Joseph Harris
 28. Paul Cardoni
Parker Kemble

GREETERS:

- FEB. 2 Eric and Bethany Carroll
FEB. 9 Logan and Heather Clark
FEB. 16 Heather Dulaney and Sue Gay
FEB. 23 Lois Grudowski and Delouris Keibler

LAY READERS:

- FEB. 2 Randy Steele
FEB. 9 Shirley Veahman
FEB. 16 Mike Bartlett
FEB. 23 Bethany Carroll

DEACONS:

- FEB. 2 Casey Hanks, Logan Clark, Alex Graham
and Jim Pees
FEB. 9 Logan Clark, Alex Graham, Jim Pees and
Shirley Veahman
FEB. 16 Alex Graham, Jim Pees, Shirley Veahman
and Ryan Lucas
FEB. 23 Jim Pees, Shirley Veahman, Ryan Lucas
and Casey Hanks

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

February 2, 2014

Elders are needed to help set up,
clean up and serve.



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS (3 YEAR TERM)

Deacons: Trista Lucas

Elders: Randy Steele

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