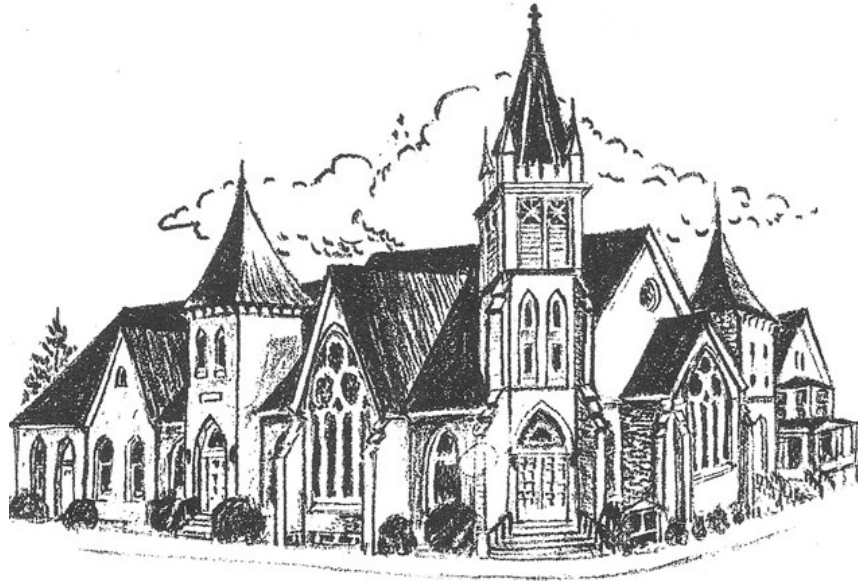


# **THE MESSIAH HERALD**



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# The Messiah Herald



**April 2011**

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In addition to worship of God and a right relationship of creature and creator, we are, also, given into a relationship of fellowship with God and neighbor.

We are created to be praising God with our whole lives and to be intimately involved with the family of God in fellowship sharing our burdens with another, laughing and mourning, crying and celebrating together the gracious acts of God.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In considering our purpose in life we discover that we are shaped for two very important activities, worship and fellowship. Worshipping God and living in fellowship with the body of Christ.

In being shaped and created by God for worship we are created to be in a relationship of creature with creator. God is the source of all that was, is and shall be. God is creator whether one understands that to have occurred through the Big Bang and scientific processes like evolution or one takes a more literal view of the stories of Genesis. Either way the core confession for the Christian is that God is creator and continues still to be the power of creation in the world. We are creature and part of creation. The scriptures repeatedly speak of the work of creation in praising God. Animate and inanimate creatures all are given to the praise of God. In Psalm 148 the totality of this creation praises God each according to its purpose. Paul reminds us in Romans 12 that we are made for this purpose, too, and that our whole lives are to be our worship of God. We are not to be shaped by this fallen world but to be transformed by God’s purpose for our life fulfilling God’s will for us, a will that is given to our benefit and not our suffering.

In addition to worship of God and a right relationship of creature and creator, we are, also, given into a relationship of fellowship with God and neighbor. We are brought into this world through the magnificence of God’s plan of creation and we are not created alone but through the power of God’s work vested in the union of man and woman and into a family. In terms of the created order of God the birth and raising of a child is an incredibly labor intensive process. We are not like fish with thousands of eggs or young cast into the sea hoping to overwhelm the odds of survival. We are born into homes and intended to grow in families, to be held, fed, changed and nurtured across decades until we are ready to be on our own and even then we still are family. The model is the same for our spiritual family the church, the family of God. God promises to us to be wherever two or three are gathered in God’s name. God is present in body of Christ into which we are baptized and with whom we share our relationship with God. Paul writes in Romans chapter 12 “So we who are in Christ form one body and each member belongs to all the others.” He says that we are to be devoted to one another. In other words, God’s purpose for our lives includes that we are to be in fellowship with one another. According to Paul this fellowship includes hospitality, compassionate concern, patience, and prayer with and for one another. We are family and even if we occasionally disagree we are still to love one another and share each others burdens.

Worship and fellowship, these are two of the purposes for which God has shaped us in creating you and me. We are created to be praising God with our whole lives and to be intimately involved with the family of God in fellowship sharing our burdens with another, laughing and mourning, crying and celebrating together the gracious acts of god.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Bill*

## DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

April	1: Psalm 23
April	2: Ephesians 5:8-14
April	3: John 9:1-41
April	4: Isaiah 59:9-19
April	5: Isaiah 60:17-22
April	6: Matthew 9:27-34
April	7: Ezekiel 37:1-14
April	8: Psalm 130
April	9: Romans 8:6-11
April	10: John 11:1-45
April	11: Acts 20:7-12
April	12: Ephesians 2:1-10
April	13: Isaiah 50:4-9
April	14: Psalm 31
April	15: Philippians 2:5-11
April	16: Matthew 21:1-11
April	17: Matthew 27:11-54
April	18: John 12:1-11
April	19: John 12:20-36
April	20: John 13:21-32
April	21: John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April	22: John 18:1—19:42
April	23: Matthew 27:57-66
April	24: Matthew 28:1-10
April	25: Mark 1:1-15
April	26: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
April	27: Colossians 3:5-11
April	28: Acts 2:14a, 22-32
April	29: Psalm 16
April	30: 1 Peter 1:3-9



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month.

If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

**DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!**

## APRIL SCHEDULES

### LECTORS

3: Linda Bahorik  
10: Diana Wise  
17: Ron Yorks  
24: Cynthia Smith

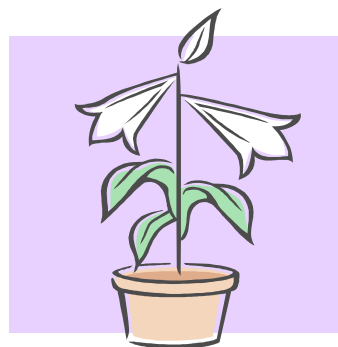
### ALTAR GUILD

Mar. 28—Apr. 3 Linda Clark  
Apr. 4—Apr. 17 Christie Holderman  
Apr. 18—May 1 Michelle Stoner

Apr. 24 (Easter Sunday) (cup communion)  
Clint & Jamie Miller

### ALTAR FLOWERS

3: NO FLOWERS - LENT  
10: NO FLOWERS - LENT  
17: Don & Barb Geedey  
24: OPEN



## EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies to decorate the church on Easter Sunday, may be placed in memory or in honor of someone or to the Glory of God. Cost will be \$10.00 for a plant with 4 to 6 blooms.

You may call the church office at 436-6213 to place your order.



Messiah Women of the ELCA met Thursday, March 10, 2011 with Claire Mummah as devotional leader. Claire used the supplement to the "Lutheran Women Today" magazine titled "Living a Life of Daily Bread" written by Mikka McCracken. We were treated to a taste of gluten-free bread since Claire is restricted to a gluten-free diet. We found that the bread tasted similar to regular bakers bread. We listened to Mikka's adventure of making bread, and learned three lessons:

1. To live a life of daily bread, we must be intentional and attentive by understanding the dynamics of whatever situation in which we may find ourselves.
2. To live a life of daily bread, we must be patient, no matter the situation, we are called to trust in God, to wait and watch for what unfolds.
3. To live a life of daily bread we must be in community with one another and practice encouragement, advice and guidance with each other.

Thank you Claire.

The business meeting was in charge of Barbara S. Geedey, Leader.

Business discussed:

--The Community Women's Lenten Tea, which we are hosting, will be on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. Paula Frymoyer will be our speaker. The general study is "Uphill Faith" and our topic is "A Full Tank for Mountain Climbing." Margaret Guss will be in charge of the opening and closing devotions. Dorothy Smith will supervise the setting-up of the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday. Refreshments of cheese and crackers, juice, fruit platter, and Krispy Crème doughnuts have been promised and others are asked to bring a goodie of

some type. The refreshment table center piece will be Pansies.

- Lutheran World Relief "Project Comfort Fund" brochures will be included in the April newsletter as an explanation of the cost of sending gifts of love to a hurting world.
- Day of Learning, April 30, 2011 at Sharon Lutheran Church, 120 South Market St., Selinsgrove, PA. Cost \$12.00—registration due April 20, 2011. Topic is "God's Creation. . .Today's Environment."
- Received a thank you from Lutheran World Relief for Messiah Women of the ELCA donation to the Comfort Fund.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Cynthia Smith as devotional leader.

The meeting adjourned with the reading of "The Purpose" of the Women of the ELCA.

We gathered at a green covered table, yellow napkins and vases of daffodils and dined on Jade Crème with chocolate sauce. We also had mixed nuts and potato chips. As a part of Claire's Bread Program, she provided miniature loaves of cranberry, blueberry, banana and zucchini breads. The fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Love Projects for Far and Near:

We are taught in Matthew 25:31-46 that we are to show our love by caring for those who are in need.

The "Far" project is Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The in-gathering items are:

- nail clippers with attached nail file or metal nail files (no emery boards)
- hand towels 15 or 16 inches wide and 23 or 25 inches in length
- wash cloths in dark colors

The "Near" project is items for the Ronald McDonald House at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville. The list of needs are:

- anti-bacterial hand soap

- laundry detergent
- socks of all sizes
- Travel-size (small) Personal Care Toiletries**

As of March 20—items collected for the:

“Far Project” - Health Kits: we have 55 towel and wash cloth sets, 5 wash cloths that need towels, six nail clippers with file, and 2 toothbrushes

“Near Project - Ronald McDonald House, Danville: 62 personal-size toiletries, 19 pairs of socks, 6 laundry detergents, and 1 fabric softener

There is a recent appeal from Lutheran World Relief that **the need is great for Health Kits.**

Please place your love gifts on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

**REMINDER:** Women of the ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

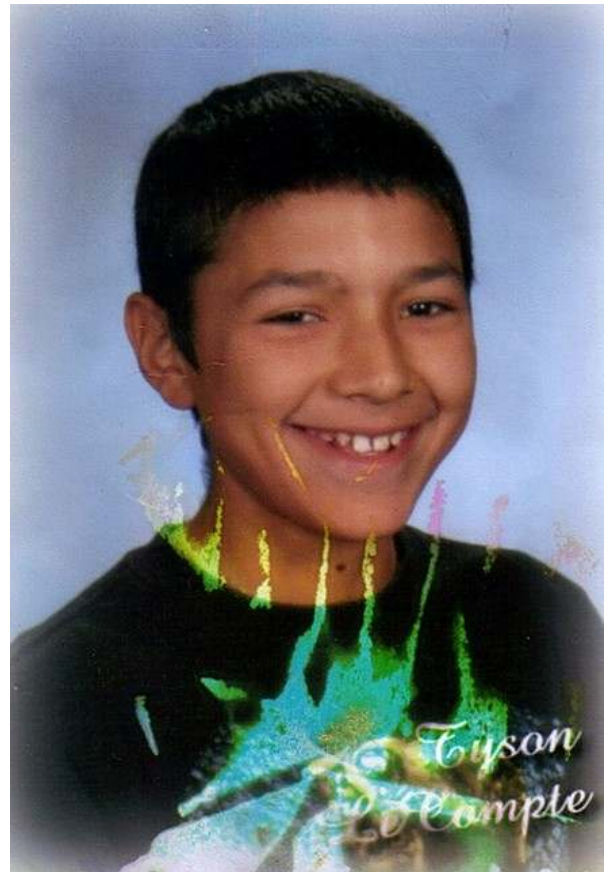


## **CAMPING BROCHURES**

The 2011 camping brochures and registration forms for Camp Mt. Luther are available in the church office or on our church website under the “publications” tab.

Any young people planning to attend one of the church camps this summer are asked to get their registrations in before **April 15<sup>th</sup>** for the early discount.

## **CHILD FUND INTERNATIONAL**



This is Tyson LaCompte, the Child Fund International Native American teen-ager whom Messiah Women of the ELCA has supported for a number of years. Tyson lives somewhere near Rapid City, South Dakota. He is 16 years old and in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. His favorite subject is Math and he likes to read about history and sciences. His grades are average. He would like to be a Pro-Basketball player. With a current height of 5 feet 11 inches, he may be able to reach his goal. He has received a recognition certificate for carpentry. The benefits that he receives from Child Fund International are Health Care Services, Drug Abuse Prevention, Housing Development and Diversity and Cultural Awareness.



## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS THIS EASTER SEASON

### LOCUST GROVE

Jean McNaight (Cottage #5)  
Ethel Bossinger     Sue Collins  
Sis Stetler

### BROOKLINE

Flo Beale     Virginia Feaster  
Marian Gross  
Anna Mary Zimmerman

### BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

Goldie Kauffman

### NORTH STREET MANOR

Florence Beasom

### ELMCROFT OF REEDSVILLE

Helen Knox

### LAKEVIEW SENIOR CARE CENTER, SMETHPORT, PA

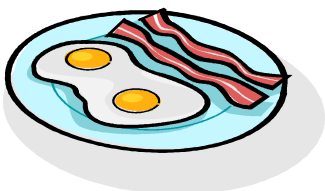
Cathryn Renninger

### AT HOME

Arlene McLain     Cassie Smith  
Helen Coder     Reba Sigler

### OTHERS OF CONCERN

--Martha Hicks, Locust Grove (Barb S.  
Geedey's Aunt)  
--Craig Walker  
--Dorothy Patterson (Cindy Van  
Gavree's Mother)  
--Jane Marhefka, at home  
--Fannie King, at home  
--Bud Crawford, at Brookline

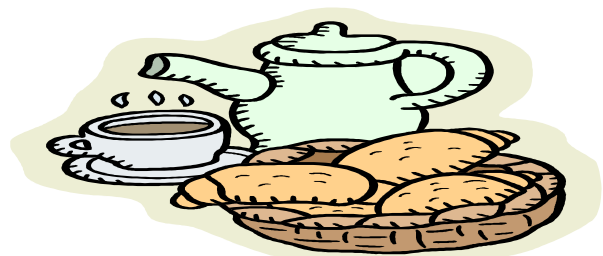


## MEN'S 2011 PRAYER MEETINGS & BREAKFAST

**7:00 a.m. at The Stop**

March 26, Rev. Ed D'Agostino, speaker,  
Pine Grove Methodist Church  
April 2, Greg Speece, speaker,  
Bread of Life Restaurant

April 9, Sam Leister, speaker,  
Retired School Administrator  
April 16, Rev. Terry Smith, speaker,  
Free Spring Church of the  
Brethren  
April 23, William Rohm, speaker  
Warden



## 2011 PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

**7:00 a.m. at the Community Building**

March 26 Rev. Gay Irwin, speaker,  
Trinity Methodist Church  
April 2 Rev. Ron Shupe, speaker,  
First Baptist Church  
April 9 Rev. Glen Hosler, speaker,  
Delaware Mennonite Church  
April 16 Rev. Chris Mathiason, speaker,  
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
April 23 Brent Stoner, speaker  
Westminster Presbyterian Church



## 2011 WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LENTEN TEAS

**Bible Study is on the book "Uphill Faith"  
9:30 AM Fellowship – 10:00 AM Program**

March 30 Messiah Lutheran Church  
April 6 Westminster Presbyterian Church  
April 13 Trinity Methodist Church

## 2011 COMMUNITY LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE



Lent 4/March 30 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Preacher, Father Fidelis. Theme: Forty Years in the Desert (Acts 7:31-41).

Lent 5/April 6 at Messiah Lutheran Church. Preacher, Pastor Martha Carlson. Theme: Forty Days of Fasting (Matthew 4).

Lent 6/April 13 at St. Jude Catholic Church. Preacher, Pastor William Esborn. Theme: Forty Lashes Minus One (2 Corinthians 11:19-29).

Maundy Thursday/April 21 at Trinity Methodist Church. Preacher, Pastor Chris Mathiason. Theme: Forty Days of Repentance (Jonah 3).

Good Friday Noon/April 22 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Pastors of the Community.

Good Friday Tenebrae/April 22 at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. Service of Lessons and Prayers.

Easter Sunrise/April 24 at Aldersgate Methodist Church. Preacher, Pastor Martha Carlson. Theme: Forty Days He Appeared to the Disciples (Acts 1:1-8).

### SEVEN LAST WORDS

**Good Friday – April 22, 2011**

**Westminster United Presbyterian Church**

12:00 noon, Welcom and Opening  
Pastor Martha Carlson  
12:05-12:30 "Father forgive them"  
Pastor Martha Carlson  
12:30-12:55 "My God, my God"  
Pastor James Wooster  
12:55-1:20 "Today you will be"  
Pastor William Esborn  
1:20-1:45 "Mother, behold thy son"  
Pastor Gay Irwin  
1:45-2:10 "I thirst"  
Pastor Chris Mathiason

2:10-2:35 "It is finished"  
Pastor Edd Carlson  
2:35-3:00 "Into thy hands"  
Father William Weary  
3:00 p.m., Closing and Sending  
Pastor Martha Carlson

### MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Individuals, church groups, or Sunday School classes who would like to make a contribution to the Meals-On-Wheels program, your continued support would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be sent to:

Juniata Meals-On-Wheels  
P.O. Box 251  
Mifflintown, PA 17059



### GOSPEL CONCERT

A Gospel Concert to benefit Juniata Agape Ministries (JAM House) will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 6:30 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Mark your calendars and watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to submit the weekly Messiah Herald article for the newspaper.



There are currently four individuals who submit the article each week. Each person is responsible for 3 months of the year. It can be completed at home on a computer and submitted to The Times and Juniata Sentinel via email: [thetimes@nmax.net](mailto:thetimes@nmax.net) and [csmith@juniata-sentinel.com](mailto:csmith@juniata-sentinel.com).

Coverage is needed for the months of June and October. Anyone who is interested can call the church office at 436-6213.



## **LENTEN FISH DINNERS**

Lenten Fish Dinners (all-you-can-eat), will be held every Friday through April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Mifflintown,

Cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6 to 12 years old, and kids 5 and under FREE. Sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES**

Summer Worship Services will begin on June 26, 2011 at 9:15 a.m. (Sunday School at 8:15 a.m.) and end on September 4, 2011.

## **MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!**

Messiah's Choir meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. for one hour – anthem practice run-through at 10:15 a.m. Sunday morning prior to church service.

We are happy to welcome new voices—anytime!



## **ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE**

The new Altar Guild schedule from June, 2011 through June, 2012 will be completed soon. If you are not already on the Altar Guild and you would like to serve, please notify the church office. If you no longer wish to serve, again let the office know. All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in May.

Thanks to all for your willingness to serve.

## **LECTOR SCHEDULE**

The new Lector Schedule from June, 2011 through June, 2012 will be completed soon. If you are not already serving as a Lector (the lay person who reads the scripture lessons at the worship service) and you would like to do so, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know.

All Lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in May. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship services.

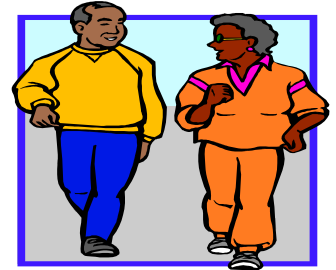
## **WALK FOR SIGHT**

The Pennsylvania Council of the Blind, Carl Shoemaker

Chapter, and Radio Reading Service (formally CARRS), will hold its annual Walk For Sight Walkathon on Saturday, May 7, 2011 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Walk will be a state-wide Walkathon again this year and will be a distance of approximately 6 miles.

Registration will be from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Walk will begin at Messiah Lutheran Church and end at Pennwood Development. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be provided. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Your support for this annual event would be greatly appreciated.

To obtain a sign-up sheet or for more information, call Geraldine Zeigler at 436-2746.





## **SENIOR VERSION OF “JESUS LOVES ME”**

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair or no hair at all. For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and all you others.

### JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,  
though my hair is white as snow.  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME.. YES, JESUS LOVES ME..  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME, THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
with my hand in His I'll go.  
On through life, let come what may,  
he'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,  
in my heart He puts a song.  
Telling me in words so clear,  
“have no fear, for I am near.”

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,  
and life's victories have been won.  
He will take me home above,  
then I'll understand His love.

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?  
Have I ever told Him so?  
Jesus loves to hear me say,  
that I love Him every day.

(CHORUS)

## **(W)HOLY, (W)HOLY, (W)HOLY** **Health Healing & Wholeness Article** **April 2011**

If you find great enjoyment in food (I've met few who don't fit this description), take some time to read the eleventh chapter of the book of Leviticus. The writer goes into great

detail regarding the purity and impurity of a variety of foods. More than just quaint legalism, some of these Hebrew “laws” probably saved more than a few lives. Today we have modern methods of food preservation, preparation, and storage. In addition, we've all been schooled in the importance of hand washing and proper clean-up when working with fresh foods.

According to the Food and Drug administration, an estimated 76 million cases of food-borne illness occur annually, resulting in 325,000 hospitalizations and 5,000 deaths – meaning that roughly 13 men, women and children die every day because of food-borne illness. This is an estimate, because many cases of gastrointestinal illness are treated at home, without being seen by a doctor. “If you have used your kitchen sponge longer than two or three days ... it is swimming with millions of bacteria, more specifically, E. coli, salmonella, or campylobacter ... that means that any time you use the sponge to wipe up a surface you are potentially spreading those pathogens.” (Elizabeth Scott, co-director of the Simmons Center for Hygiene and Health in the Home, Simmons College, Boston) UGH!! Dr. Charles Gerba, a microbiologist at the University of Arizona states that a home's highest levels of contamination are found in areas which remain damp: the kitchen sponge or dishcloth, Kitchen and bath sink drains, and the kitchen faucet handle.

### **What to do?**

- Wash your hands in hot, soapy water for at least 20 seconds before food prep and wash them again after touching raw foods (including vegetables).
- Kill bacteria from your sponge by microwaving the damp sponge on high for one minute – every day. Do not microwave a dry sponge – it might catch fire!
- Launder (in bleach) or microwave dishcloths regularly (while damp)

also!).

- Even plastic cutting boards are not 100% safe. 90% of bacteria will die in the dishwasher, but play it safe, wash the board in hot soapy water (or dishwasher) and in **addition**, rinse them with a solution of 1 teaspoon chlorine bleach in one quart of water.
- Your kitchen sink drain, disposal and connecting pipe are often overlooked. They should be sanitized periodically by pouring down the sink, a solution of 1 teaspoon of chlorine bleach in 1 quart of water.
- Make sure the water in your dishwasher is hotter than 140 degrees or bacteria will survive. Water lower than that temperature may actually spread bacterial contamination to other items in the dishwasher.

So the cleanest of kitchens, might turn out to be the dirtiest – especially if you wipe the counters often – you might be spreading bacteria in the process. In a University of Arizona study, the “cleanest kitchens were those of bachelors who never wiped up and just put the dirty dishes in the sink – go figure!”

Debbie Best, RN, FCN, BSW, MAH

## CHILDREN IN CHURCH

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, “How many women can a man marry?” “Sixteen,” the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. “How do you know that?” “Easy,” the little boy said, “All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer.”

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The Sunday School Teacher asks, “Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?” “No ma’am,” little Johnny replies, I don’t have to. My mom is a good cook.”

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Ms. Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle’s picture, which showed four people on an airplane. So she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

“The Flight to Egypt,” was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, “That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.

But who’s the fourth person?” “Oh, that’s Pontius – the pilot!”

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LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS

## Juniata County Food Pantry April Update

**In February 2011, the Food Pantry served 211 families in need – a total of 609 individuals.**

**Many thanks to our faithful churches who supported us with donations of food, supplies and money in January. A special thank you to Matamoras UMC for providing volunteers for the month of February.**

**Be sure to visit Mifflin Agway on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> for light refreshments and to support the Food Pantry! Any customer who mentions the Food Pantry will have 5% of their sales (excluding delivery sales), donated to the Food Pantry on those 2 days only!**

**Wish list: 2 office/desk chairs and 4-6 waiting room chairs.**

**Help needed: Someone with good handwriting who would like to volunteer at the Food Pantry 3-4 hours/week.**

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR APRIL:**

**ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS  
SHAMPOO, FIRST AID ITEMS AND OVER THE COUNTER  
PAIN AND COLD MEDICINE**

**WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH  
AND WEIS OR SCHLEGELS'S GIFT CARDS**

**PHONE # 717-436-9718**

**CONTACT PERSON: Kathy Queitzsch**

**ADDRESS: PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059**

**HOURS: Monday 1:00-4:00 PM,**

**Tuesday and Thursday 3:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Saturday 10:00 AM– 1:00 PM**