# Messiah Lutheran Church

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# ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 4, 2013 – 9:15 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Florence B., Jesse K., Tammy W., Wilma P., Audrey L., Josh B., George and Lorraine H., Karl and Margaret G., Sarah D., Clara S., Justin T., Connor L., Carol D., Don L., Don and Arlene D., Darlene Y., Arielle D., Wib T., Sarah S., Bill S., Gwen S., Troy B., Rick F., Riley C., Kitty W., Allen H., Harry W., Esther L., Joan F., Brian M. and family.

#### **PREPARATION**

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** 

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

- BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS.
  - P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit

# C Amen

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen

- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- P Gracious God.
- C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
- P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- C Amen.
- SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE
  - P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
  - C And also with you.

Congregational sharing: "Peace be with you."

#### **GATHERING**

- \* ENTRANCE HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior"
- \* GREETING
  - P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
  - C And also with you.
- \* KYRIE (sung)

P Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son: C Lord, have mer-cy.
P Chri-ste, e-le-i-son: C Christ, have mer-cy.
P Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son: C Lord, have mer-cy.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the

Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the highest; glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

- \* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)
  - P The Lord be with you

- C And also with you.
- PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)
  - P Let us pray...
  - C Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

#### WORD

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

FIRST READING

A reading from Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12 (Responsively)

L – My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

<sup>2</sup>you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

41 will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

6the wickedness of those who trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

8 for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.

# ALL – My mouth shall speak of wisdom.

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from Colossians 3:1-11

#### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al-le-lu-ia. You have the words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu—ia. Al-le-lu—ia.

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

- \* GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21
  - P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.
  - C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

### THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON Pastor Esborn

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY "In Christ There Is No East or West"
- \* APOSTLES' CREED ('new version') (all)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING OFFERTORY

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

SPECIAL MUSIC

Molly Rahe-Randall

# \* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vine-yards be fruit-full, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gather a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### \* OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Merciful God,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P Protect churches living under persecution, and erase the lines of country, race, and class that separate us from their struggle. Lord, in your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P Teach us to treasure and nurture the world around us, and reawaken our sense of wonder at the miracle and brevity of life. Lord, in your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

P Advance wisdom and diplomacy among nations, that we may recognize our interdependence and work together for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P Give hope to those weighed down by fear and worry: the unemployed, the depressed or suicidal, those who are ill, in pain, or in any way overwhelmed (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Jesse Kint, Tammy Walton, Wilma Pyles, Dorothy Patterson, Audrey Landis, Josh Beitz, George and Lorraine Hazard, Karl and Margaret Guss, Sarah Dressler, Clara Schlegel, Justin Tabb, Connor Lauver, Carol Dasen, Don Lewis, Don and Arlene DeLauter, Darlene Yutzy, Arielle Dougherty, Wib Taylor, Sarah Shellenberger, Bill Stoner, Gwen Swisher, Reba Sigler, Troy Burd, Rick Fultz, Riley Cooper, Kitty Walters, Allen Hall, Harry Woltman, Esther Long, Joan Nace Foltz, and Brian Marshall and family). Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Transform us by your gifts of bath, meal, and story that we will find riches in giving and sharing all that we have and enjoy. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Set our minds on things above and at the last, join us with our faithful departed brothers and sisters and bring us to eternal life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

P God of mercy, hear the cries of your people, and answer us according to your steadfast love; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

#### C Amen

- \* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] (all)
  - P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
  - C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

- \* BLESSING
  - P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
  - C A-men, A-men (sung)
- \* CLOSING HYMN "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

### MEAL

- \* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)
  - P Let us give thanks to the Lord.
  - C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.
  - P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.
  - C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.
  - P Let us come to his table with joy,
  - C for we come as God's invited guests!
- \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
  - P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

(In hospitality and attempting to meet the needs of individuals, Messiah now offers gluten free communion hosts. If you wish to receive gluten free hosts, please come to the side where Pastor Esborn is serving).

#### DISTRIBUTION

["INTINCTION" – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

- COMMUNION BLESSING
  - P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
  - C Amen
- \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
  - P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

- C Amen
- \* THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
  - P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today; the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
  - C Amen
- \* DISMISSAL
  - P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
  - C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Randy Clark NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Pat Fisher

## **WELCOME**

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the green portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads, but also in the guest book provided in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open

and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping 8with us. We invite you to return. Visitors are invited to commune with us if they are baptized and, if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshiping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Nace by Carole, Heidi and family, and Jennifer and family.

WE WELCOME Molly Rahe-Randall and thank her for providing our special music this morning. Molly is a professional violinist and vocalist. She holds a BM in Music Education from Mansfield University. For nine years she has been teaching private lessons in voice, violin, viola, and beginner cello in the Harrisburg/Hershey area. Molly performs mostly for weddings and private events but can be seen playing at Wegmans Café in Mechanicsburg. She is also honored to be an artist in residence at Hershey Medical Center where she is able to bring her talents to the patients, doctors and nurses at the hospital.

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.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

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

JUST A THOUGHT – Thomas a' Kempis, Medieval Catholic Monk and the probable author of "The Imitation of Christ" (1380 – 1471): Truly, when the Day Of Judgment comes, we will not be examined on what we have read, but what we have done; not how well we have spoken, but how we lived.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN WILL BE UPDATED – The current Prayer Chain will be deactivated and a new one started. If you would like to receive emails for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie Kint at <a href="mailto:dskint@nmax.net">dskint@nmax.net</a>. A new phone chain will also be established. If you wish to receive phone calls for persons needing prayers, please contact Stacie at 436-6341.

MESSIAH IS IN NEED of a new treasurer to replace Ken Eyler after his many years of service. If you would like details, please contact Executive Director Guy Dillman or Pastor Esborn.

QUIET COMMUNION – Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. (during June, July and August), a Quiet Communion Service will be held in the Jr. Church/Showers Class Room for those who are unable to attend on Sundays during the summer. Pastor Esborn, Jim Bahorik and Andrea Cameron will be presiding over these services.

EARLY SUMMER SERVICES will continue through September 1, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. Regular 10:30 a.m. worship services will resume on September 8, 2013 with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

"THE NEEDLERS" will continue their sewing project on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in helping to make patch quilts for local and World Relief, please come and join us!

A BIBLE STUDY ON LUTHERANISM 101 will be held beginning on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. and Monday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Adult Sunday School Room near the Library. Material is from the Concordia Publishing House and the text for the class will cost \$20.00 and can be found at <a href="LUTHERANISM 101"><u>LUTHERANISM 101 text Amazon</u></a> and in <a href="Kindle Edition">Kindle Edition</a>. Anyone wanting to join Messiah as their church home can use this course as their new member class.

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael "Doc" Johnston at 436-9209, or Cynthia Smith at 436-8512.

THANK YOU – "Dear Messiah Family....Thank you for all the prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits."

Dorothy J. Smith

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

SOAP PROJECT: "**Rub-a-dub-dub**, **let's fill the tub!**" Women of the ELCA are collecting new bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of any brand soap in its original wrapping (boxes are accepted) for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the wash tub in the Adult Sunday School Room.

SEAFARERS PROJECT - Women of the ELCA are collecting items for the Seafarers Christmas gift set through October. Please place collected items below on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room:

- --casual T-shirts, medium & large (no slogans, etc.)
- --sweat shirts, large & extra-large
- -- 3 pairs of socks
- -- 1 heavy knit winter cap

COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR SCHOOL KITS (July, August and September) – Now is the time to be watching for the start of school sales for items for our school kits at stores like Wal-Mart, K-Mart, and Target. Items needed:

- --4 (70 sheet) notebooks, 8 x 10½ wide or college ruled paper "no loose leaf paper"
- --1 (30 centimeter) ruler or one with cm. on one side and inches on the other
- -- 1 pencil sharpener
- -- 1 blunt pair of scissors
- --5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- --5 black or blue ballpoint pens
- -- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- --1 2½" eraser

Place any items on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you would rather give money for these items, you may give it to Cynthia Smith or any other WELCA member.

# **COMMUNITY**

# **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST**

FRESH PRODUCE AND ANY OTHER FOODS,
BABY WASH, DIAPER RASH OINTMENT, WIPES, DIAPERS (SIZES 4-6), PULL-UPS (ALL SIZES),
PAPER PRODUCTS (PAPER TOWELS, TOILET PAPER, AND TISSUES)

WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL STORES

PLASTIC AND PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

PHONE: 436-9718 – CONTACT: KATHY QUEITZSCH ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 44, 114 N. MAIN ST., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059 HOURS: MON/WED 2:00-6:00 PM, SAT 9:00-1:00

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – We would like to invite you to become a member of our volunteer team at Abundant Blessings. We are looking for volunteers in all departments of the store. For example we could use your love for dishes and house ware items as we clean, price and get them ready for display. If you like toys, we could use you in this area. We are also in need of more cashiers. You meet many wonderful people and get to practice your math skills. Please call us at 436-6947. We would be happy to help you find your area of expertise.

Gwyn Martin, Manager

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer drivers, cooks and people to help assemble meals. If you have some spare time and can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

LONGWOOD GARDENS BUS TRIP – Join the Mifflin County Garden Club and fellow garden lovers as we take a day trip to one of the most beautiful public display gardens in the country! Bus will depart on Friday, August 16, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. from Mifflin County Library, Lewistown, and arrive at Longwood Gardens between 11:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Lighted Fountain Show at dusk and return to Mifflin County Library Midnight or later. Cost is \$43.00 per person and includes bus trip and admission to gardens with Longwood Story Tour. Lunch/Dinner is on your own. We suggest packing a bag lunch to eat on the bus as we arrive at the gardens. Dinner at the Terrace Restaurant in the gardens (estimate \$10-\$15). Money for Gift Shop is optional. Scooter rental is available for \$15 a day on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for all weather variables. Call Maggie Shafferman to sign-up for the trip at 527-4234 or 717-269-9617 or email at: huntersrunnursery@embargmail.com

## **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

**Today:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.

**Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.

**Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday:** -OFFICE CLOSED (during July & August).

-6:30 p.m., Quiet Communion in Jr. Church Room.

**Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.

**Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/Communion.