

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 2014 – 10:30 a.m.

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

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

**SHUT-INS:** Marian G., Reba S., Kitty W., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Jean M., Cassie S., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Florence B.

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### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.*

**C Amen**

*P Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

*P Holy and faithful God,*

**C we so often choose our own way instead of yours. We think we can evade your**

**commandments. We have spoken in ways that kill, strayed with our hearts, betrayed friends, and hated enemies. We have broken our promises. Search us deeply and create us anew. Lift the heavy burden of our sin and free us to follow your way of life. Amen**

*P* "Call upon me," says the Lord, "and I will answer." Our God has come among us to loose every bond and set us free from all that weighs us down. Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of + Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

**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

"Oh, Worship the King"

\* GREETING

*P* The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (**spoken responsively**)

*P* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P* For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P* For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P* For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

*P* Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")

1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good will to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

\* 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 **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

THE LESSON READS:

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. <sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 112:1-9 [10] (responsively)

L *Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

**<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

**<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**[<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish].**

**ALL Light shines in the darkness for the upright.**

*Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

THE LESSON READS:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — <sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by

human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. <sup>16</sup>"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

- \* THE VERSE (sung to the tune of "Rise, O Children of Salvation")  
Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.*

- \* GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20

*P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.*

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)**

THE GOSPEL READS:

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

- \* APOSTLES' CREED (all)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of**

**the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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].*

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('Create in Me')

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

*P God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*P Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.*

*A brief silence.*

*P Your light springs forth like the dawn. Call your church to share the mystery of your grace with a broken and searching world. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Increase our care for the earth and all its creatures. Help us reflect your light in our use of these good gifts. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P You care for the weak and the strong, O God. Raise up leaders who will free the oppressed in all places (especially). Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Quickly send your healing for all in pain (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Tammy Walton, Dorothy Patterson, Josh Beitz, Karl and Margaret Guss, Sarah Shellenberger, Jo-Anne Brooks, Matt Hutchinson, Marian Gross, Chris Albright, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Clark Shirk, Bob St. Clair, Sr., Jesse Kint, Billy Holderman, Betty Karstetter, Dutch Walters, Mary Ann Zook, Charlene Aughey, Robert Reynolds, Rick Varner, Sally and Ray Miller, Fred Marshall, Bonita Gilson, Kim Shearer, Victoria Ricedorf, Allison Garver, and Max Ernest). Feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.*

*Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Give light and life to this gathering of faith, that we may delight to know your ways and share them with a world longing to know you. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P Satisfy our needs until we gather with all your saints from every time and place in your glorious light. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.*

**C Amen.**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] **(all)**

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

\* BLESSING

*P May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.*

**C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)**

\* CLOSING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

## **MEAL**

\* COMMUNION DIALOG (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 O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.*

*When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you*

granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**] Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**] Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

#### 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 Lord, it is good for us to be here, for we have tasted your glory in this holy meal. Continue your goodness as we go out from here. Open our eyes to see your face shining in every person, and send us to be your servants in every place, for you are the life and light of all, both now and forever.*

**C Amen**

\* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Christ is your light.*

**C Thanks be to God!**

#### POSTLUDE



NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Cynthia Smith  
NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Sandy Pines  
NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Nate Swailes and Gavin Kint

## **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 with 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 memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Miller by the family.

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 – Jeremy Taylor, Anglican Cleric (1613 – 1667): If we refuse (to give) mercy here, we shall have justice in eternity.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at [dskint@nmax.net](mailto:dskint@nmax.net). If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

THRIVENT CHOICE – Thank you to everyone at Messiah who has designated choice dollars to Messiah. If you are a Thrivent member and have questions about Thrivent Choice please contact Stacie Kint at [dskint@nmax.net](mailto:dskint@nmax.net) or 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.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES with updated addresses and phone numbers are now available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly on June, 20-21 2014 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library area. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend.

THE 2014 CAMPING BROCHURES and registration forms for Camp Mt. Luther are available in the church office or you may register online at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). Please note that if you register online, you still need to get a health form signed by a doctor. Any young people planning to attend one of the church camps this summer are asked to get their registrations in before April 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid a late fee.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2014 following the worship service. Business: 2013 audit and quarterly board reports.

CARD SHOWER – Tammy Walton will be celebrating her birthday on February 12<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to send her a card, her address is:

108 N. Grand Street  
Lewistown, PA 17044

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.

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4oz. to 5oz., 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 Adult Sunday School Room.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Cynthia Smith as program leader.

THE FIRST PROJECT THIS YEAR for Messiah Women of The ELCA for Lutheran World Relief will be baby care kits. Items needed are:

- 2 (6-24 months) lightweight cotton T-shirts
- 2 longer short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets—medium weight cotton or flannel, crocheted or knitted with

- lightweight yarn (up to 52" square)
- 4 cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)
- 1 jacket, sweater (with buttons or ties down front), or sweatshirt with a hood, or (include a baby cap)
- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel (dark color recommended)
- 2 bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of gentle soap in original wrapping
- 2 diaper pins

Place items on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

WELCA PROJECT FOR FRIENDS OF PINE RIDGE RESERVATION FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP – The biggest need right now is for the reservation's foster care agency, LOWO. They typically have about 450 kids in their system and unfortunately LOWO has no budget to provide clothing, bedding or other supplies for the children, most of whom arrive with only what they are wearing. They serve children from infant to teens so pretty much anything a child can wear, they can use (except preemie sizes for the baby items are not needed). Toddler pants, teen p-j bottoms, sleepwear for all ages, sun dresses and shorts during the summer, shirts and blouses, diaper bags, crib quilts, stuffed toys, bibs, cute colorful pillowcases, twin size bed sheets, crib sheets, Pack 'n Play size sheets, etc. Sewn tote bags are also always needed so the kids don't have to use plastic trash bags to carry around their few belongings. For those who knit or crochet, crib and smaller size baby blankets or afghans, slippers, cute scarves for the teens, mittens for the little ones, baby hats, booties, bunting, etc. would be welcome. Any colors and fibers and fabrics will work for any of the items that are made. The only restriction is not to send anything with an owl print as owls are a symbol of death in the Lakota culture. Place items on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Any questions, contact Barb S. Geedey, Linda Leister, Cynthia Smith, or Marilyn MaCoy.

**COMMUNITY**

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).

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JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY FEBRUARY UPDATE – Here at the Juniata County Food Pantry we are so thankful for all who shared their abundance with us throughout November and December. Thanks to the generosity of our community and our partnership with local branches of Kiwanis, the Boy Scouts, Salvation Army and others, we were able to provide over 400 families with both a Thanksgiving and Christmas Meal in 2013. Unfortunately, the excitement of the "giving months" has passed and donations have slowed almost to a standstill. And hunger is not reserved to only two months a year. The Food Pantry relies totally on contributions by the community to continue serving over 1000 Juniata County residents in poverty. Please help us help them! In December 2013, the Food Pantry served 375 families – 1080 of your neighbors! We thank River Church for sending volunteers for the month of December. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY:  
ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; DISH SOAP,  
ALL PURPOSE HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT

**P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, 17059**  
**Phone # 717-436-9718, Hours: Mon. & Wed. 2-6, Sat. 9-1**

Our vestibule is open to receive donations 24 hours a day! Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot.

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**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-7 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.
- Monday:** -7 p.m., Bible Study in Library.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Friday:** -6-9 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall (caller: Larry Snook).  
Everyone welcome!
- Saturday:** -9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Life Line Screening in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Bible Study.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Voters Assembly following worship service.