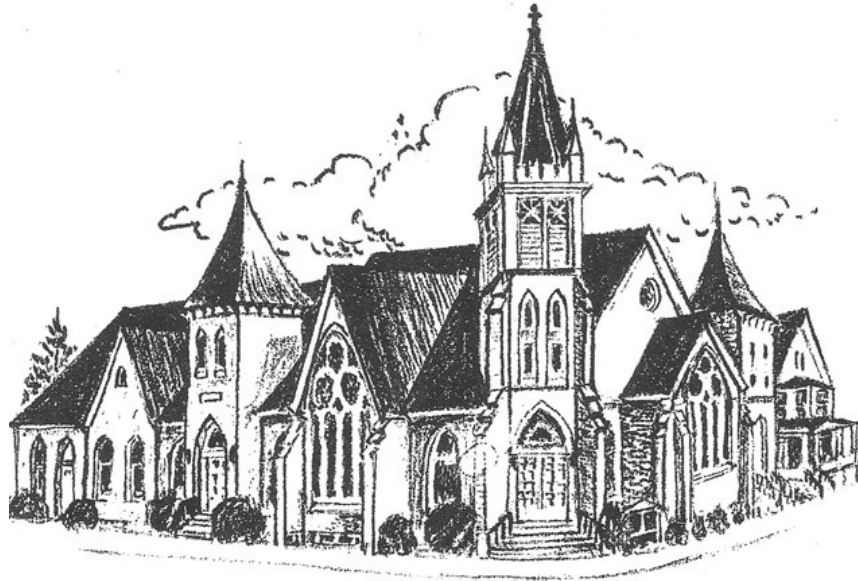


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“PROCLAIMING GOD’S LOVE REVEALED IN JESUS

The Messiah Herald



June 2011

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you are reading this newsletter then all the manipulations and calculations of Harold Camping to predict the beginning of the “rapture” as occurring on May 21st, 2011 have been proven wrong. Given the number of such predictions and the 100% failure rate over the 2000 years since Jesus Christ one would think that people, especially, the people of God, would begin to listen to what they read in scripture. ³⁶“No one knows when that day or hour will come. Even the angels in heaven and the Son don’t know. Only the Father knows.” (Matthew 24:36) It is straight forward and simple, no need for a lot of difficult translating or interpretation. People will give millions of dollars in fear of the unknown for some unbiblical prognosticator of the end of the world or the rapture while local congregations doing real work caring for their neighbors struggle.

The problem is today that we are becoming a nation of Biblical illiterates and increasingly do not know simple basic Biblical content and concepts. The excuses for either not reading the Bible, although 70 percent of Americans say they have read the Bible at least once during the past year, or more importantly studying it include; too busy, too difficult, too confusing, the world is too different today and a few others. Instead many people have chosen one of two other paths, 1) to forgo reading scripture at all on a regular basis let alone study it, or, 2) allow others to do the interpreting for them without using any criticism of what is being said, allowing people like Harold Camping and others to completely define for them what the Bible says because “He sounds smart” or seems to know a lot.

The Bible is a complex library of books but it is understandable and is one that can be studied to very good ends. It is not some type of Dan Brown novel and jigsaw puzzle of deep, dark mysteries. It is the experiences of people experiencing God’s self revelation across centuries in real world contexts. It defines the basic doctrines of the church and points towards the basic values of lives well lived before God and dependent upon God. It provides the foundation for both Judaism and Christianity.

When individuals and congregations fail to study the Bible we give all the more power to those who either abandon its relevance and power all together or those who use it to their own ends as power to manipulate people. The middle path between these two positions is broad and deep but does require us to be involved and to pick up our Bibles and do some of the work for ourselves.

Every program of the church and every corner of our lives are benefitted when we directly and personally engage the Bible personally. When we do not participate in Sunday School classes and Bible studies, when we do not read the Bible devotionally at home, we empower those others who dismiss it or manipulate us through it.

When you come to a Bible study the Book of Faith initiative of the ELCA identifies four ways to read and study scripture; Devotionally, Historically, as a Lutheran Confessionally, and as Literature. Each is valid and important. Next month I will expand on these.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill

DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

June	1: John 16:16-24
June	2: Acts 1:1-11
June	3: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
June	4: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
June	5: John 17:1-11
June	6: 1 Peter 4:1-6
June	7: 1 Peter 4:7-11
June	8: Acts 2:1-21
June	9: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
June	10: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
June	11: Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3
June	12: John 20:19-23
June	13: 2 Timothy 1:8-14
June	14: John 3:31-36
June	15: Numbers 11:24-30
June	16: Genesis 1:1—2:4a
June	17: Psalm 8
June	18: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
June	19: Matthew 28:16-20
June	20: Job 38:39—39:12
June	21: Job 39:13-25
June	22: Jeremiah 28:5-9
June	23: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-28
June	24: Luke 1:57-67
June	25: Romans 6:12-23
June	26: Matthew 10:40-42
June	27: Jeremiah 18:1-11
June	28: Matthew 11:20-24
June	29: Acts 12:1-11
June	30: Zechariah 9:9-12



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!

JUNE SCHEDULES

LECTORS

5: Linda Bahorik
12: Linda Dreibelbis
19: Sam Leister
26: Barbara S. Geedey

ALTAR GUILD

May 30—June 5	Ona Stoner
June 6—June 12	Ann Beaver
Cup communion	(Clint & Jamie Miller)
June 13—June 19	Linda Leister
Cup communion	(Clint & Jamie Miller)
June 20—June 26	Ona Stoner
June 27—July 3	Barbara S. Geedey

ALTAR FLOWERS

5: (RESERVED)
12: OPEN
19: OPEN
26: Kay Varner



Messiah Women of the ELCA met Thursday, May 12, 2011 with Velma Suloff as devotional leader. Velma used "Mother's Day" as the theme. We listened to readings about Mothers. From the last chapter of Proverbs; "The Beginning of Mother's Day;" a reading from Max Lucado's book "Next Door Neighbor;" "the Worth of a Mother;" "When God created Mothers;" by Erma Bombeck. The devotions were closed with the

"Mother's Prayer" from the Lutheran Book of Prayers.

Thank you, Velma.

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

Business discussed:

--We were reminded that Tyson LaCompte's seventeenth birthday is June 7. Also, we should be thinking if we care to continue with a Children's Fund child as we will probably be losing Tyson in a year.

--Cynthia Smith agreed to serve as Treasurer as Claire wants to be relieved of the duties.

--Convention is July 23, 2011 at Camp Mt. Luther. See Barbara S. Geedey for reservation forms.

--Agreed to send \$50.00 for the convention offering.

--Received a letter from the Executive Director of the ELCA inviting us to contribute to "Katie's Fund." Following discussion, it was agreed that we prefer to contribute to the Lutheran World Relief "Comfort Fund" which is used to pay for the shipment of Health Kits, School Kits, and other shipments.

--We are asking for more donations of women's, men's and children's socks for the Ronald McDonald House in Danville. We have received 22 pairs.

--For the Health Kits we continue to need the sturdy, large teeth combs and we are adding toothbrushes to be collected.

--Ona Stoner will provide the 7 needed wash cloths for the Health Kits.

The next meeting will be June 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Ona Stoner as devotional leader and hostess. We will be having Ona's granddaughters as guest speakers who will tell us about their Mission Trip to Haiti.

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

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.

FYI (FOR YOUR INFORMATION)

WHY HEALTH KITS?

People must flee their homes quickly and often do not have time to pack essential items. Health kits can help refugees maintain personal hygiene while living in exile.

Items may also contribute to a new start for those who can return home. Lutheran World Relief distributes Health Kits and other aid to victims of natural and man made disasters around the world, such as the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti—25,645 Health Kits were distributed and August 2010 floods in Pakistan, 13,400 were distributed. The average number of kits distributed weekly by Lutheran World Relief in 2010 was 3,365 kits. In a year that totals 174,980.

At the present time, it costs \$2.65 to ship Health Kits overseas. At this rate, for a year it costs \$463,697.00. This takes a lot of individuals and congregations working together to remember "the least of Christ's brothers and sisters!"

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

LOCUST GROVE

(69 Cottage Dr., Mifflin, PA 17058)

Jean McNaight (Cottage #5)

Ethel Bossinger Sue Collins

Sis Stetler

Mary Lorraine Hazard

BROOKLINE

(2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059)

Flo Beale

Virginia Feaster

Marian Gross

Anna Mary Zimmerman

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(3 Alex Circle, Mifflintown, PA 17059)

Goldie Kauffman

Carol Simonton

HONNEMAN HOUSE, THOMPSONTOWN
(58 E. Main St., Apt. 108, Thompsontown, PA
17094)

Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

ELMCROFT OF REEDSVILLE
(55 Carriage House Lane, Reedsville, PA
17084)

Helen Knox

LAKEVIEW SENIOR CARE CENTER, SMETHPORT, PA
(15 W. Willow St., Smethport, PA 16749)

Cathryn Renninger

NORTH STREET MANOR
(105 N. Fifth St., Apt. 214, Mifflintown, PA 17059)

Florence Beasom

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

CHURCH ORGANIST NEEDED

Church Organist for weekly services, beginning immediately, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3 South Third Street, Mifflintown, PA. Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, except during summer months. Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard.

Candidates should contact Bob St. Clair at stclairb@embarqmail.com or at 436-0279 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. for information, including salary. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at www.mlcmifflintown.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS "Acts of Kindness Camp" will be held the week of June 20—24 from 9:00 to

11:30 a.m. at Messiah. More information to follow.

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

GRADUATING SENIORS

Congratulations to our graduating Seniors:

Madalyn Goss, daughter of Mike and Sheree Goss
Jesse Kint, son of Curtis and Diana Kint
Tyler Singer, son of Andy Singer and the late Linda Leister Singer

AS YOU GRADUATE

- Treasure your memories, but look forward;
- Cherish your friendships, but reach outward;
- Learn from the past, but move onward;
- Live each day with hope, and climb upward.

CONFIRMATION

The following students will complete their Confirmation training and requirements this year and will be Confirmed on Pentecost, June 12, 2011.

Madalynn Marrone, daughter of Vicki Marrone and Timothy Marrone
Hannah Zeiders, daughter of Rachael Lauver and Jeffrey Zeiders

A congregational meal will be held following the worship service on June 12, 2011 to honor the confirmands and graduating seniors.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

Summer Worship Services will begin on **June 19, 2011** and end on Sunday, September 4th.

Worship service will begin at 9:15 a.m. with Sunday School class time being determined by the individual classes.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED

Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, 2011 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

The next Voters' Assembly will be held on June 19, 2011 following the worship service.

Business will be approval of previous minutes and quarterly board reports.

(W)HOLY, (W)HOLY, (W)HOLY Health Healing & Wholeness Article June 2011

Who among us cannot identify with Paul when he laments, *"I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do (Romans 7:19)?* In the summertime, it is easy to just "go with the flow" when we picnic or vacation. It is at those times when we let down our guard that accidents happen. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, more than 3.7 million consumers have made unplanned trips to their hospitals' emergency departments...in just one summer!

We often hear safety tips and warnings in regard to swimming, biking, hiking, picnicking, etc., and it can be easy to tune them out, thinking, "Yeah. Yeah. Yeah. I've

heard this before! I'm careful!" So...I'd like to devote this month's article to safety issues you may not have heard before! For much more comprehensive listings, check out the websites of the *American Academy of Pediatrics*, and the *U.S. Consumer Safety Commission*.

--If the outside temperature is 85 degrees or higher, discard all food that has been sitting out for an hour. If the temperature is under 85 degrees, throw it away after 2 hours.

--Never bring charcoal grills indoors [garage]. Burning charcoal produces deadly carbon monoxide.

--If your plans include camping, and you want to heat the inside of your tent or pop-up, use only those portable heaters equipped with oxygen depletion sensors (ODS). Heaters also produce carbon monoxide (CO). One which is equipped with an ODS will automatically shut off if oxygen levels begin to fall in the enclosure. Certain camping lanterns can also cause CO poisoning.

--Create three safety layers around your swimming pool – a fence, an alarm, and an eagle-eyed adult!

--So-called "safe" fireworks, such as sparklers can reach temperatures above 1000 degrees, burning users and/or bystanders.

--"Children who are not licensed to drive a car should not be allowed to operate off-road vehicles. [They] are particularly dangerous for children younger than 16 years who may have immature judgment and less developed motor (muscle)skills." (www.aap.org).

--A cushion of at least 9" of wood chips should be distributed under playground equipment to serve as a shock absorber for falls.

--The *American Academy of Pediatrics* recommends, "communities continue to develop skateboard parks, which are more likely to be monitored for safety than ramps and jumps constructed by kids at home."

Finally, I cringe whenever I drive by a home that has a trampoline in the yard! In fact AAP **does not** recommend the use of home trampolines. Children and adults are sustaining injuries, which range from sprains and strains to broken necks, head, and spinal cord injuries. Kids 15 and under account for two-thirds of all trampoline injuries, and almost 75% of all injuries involved more than one person being on the equipment at one time. According to the University of Michigan C. S. Mott Children's Hospital even adult supervision is not always adequate. Spotters need to be big enough and strong enough to protect the jumper if he/she gets too close to the edge. Though it can be a lot of fun, perhaps this is a piece of equipment better left to professional gymnasts.

Have a blessed and safe summer!
Debbie Best, RN, BSW, MHA

JAM BENEFIT AUCTION

The annual JAM Benefit Auction will be held Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the Juniata EMS Building in Mifflintown.

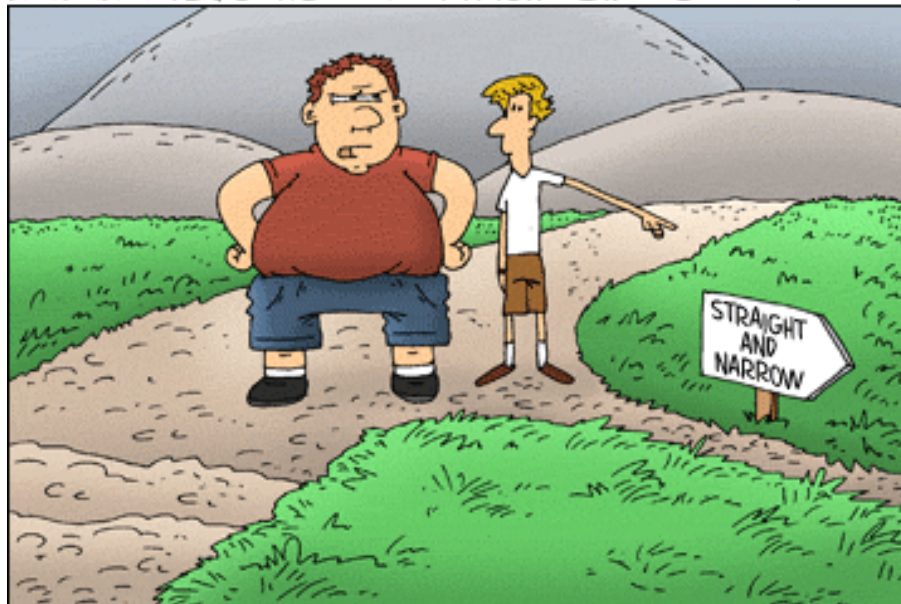
Preview of items will begin at 3:00 p.m. and the auction will start at 6:00 p.m.

JAM CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE

JAM Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at the Mifflintown Playground. Cost is \$4.00 per half and \$6.00 for a dinner.

Pick-up time is from 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. You may call 320-3165 or 436-7558 to purchase tickets.

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Thanks to George Sullivan (See Matthew 7:13-14)

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EASY FOR YOU TO SAY

Juniata County Food Pantry
June Update

Dear Friends,

We need your help. Normally donations drop off as we get close to summer vacation, but this year donations had already slowed down by early spring. Our personal care and baby shelves have been empty for months, even though we have been asking faithfully for donations of those supplies. Our food supplies are also dwindling. This will make heading into the summer "down" time even scarier than normal. Please prayerfully consider what it would be like to come to the Food Pantry in need and be met with empty shelves. Please prayerfully include us on your shopping list whenever you go for your own groceries. Just a couple of items each month from every churchgoer would keep us from ever having to offer empty shelves to those who come to us for help. Thank you for your godly support of your neighbors in need

In April 2011, the Food Pantry served 253 families in need – a total of 692 individuals. A special thank you to East Waterford Presbyterian Church and Locust Run Methodist Church for providing volunteers for the month of April. We also thank the many individuals who responded to our request for chairs. The Pantry is now blessed with a generous supply of chairs for our office and waiting areas.

Wish list: the donation of a 14' box truck in good working condition.

Help needed: Enthusiastic people to form a fundraising committee for the Food Pantry

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE

**ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, PERSONAL CARE AND BABY CARE SUPPLIES,
DIAPERS SZS 4-6, AND PAPER PRODUCTS**

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

PHONE #: 717-436-9718 CONTACT PERSON: Kathy Queitzsch

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HOURS: Mon. 1--4 PM, Tues./Thurs. 3--6 PM Sat. 10:00 AM– 1:00 PM