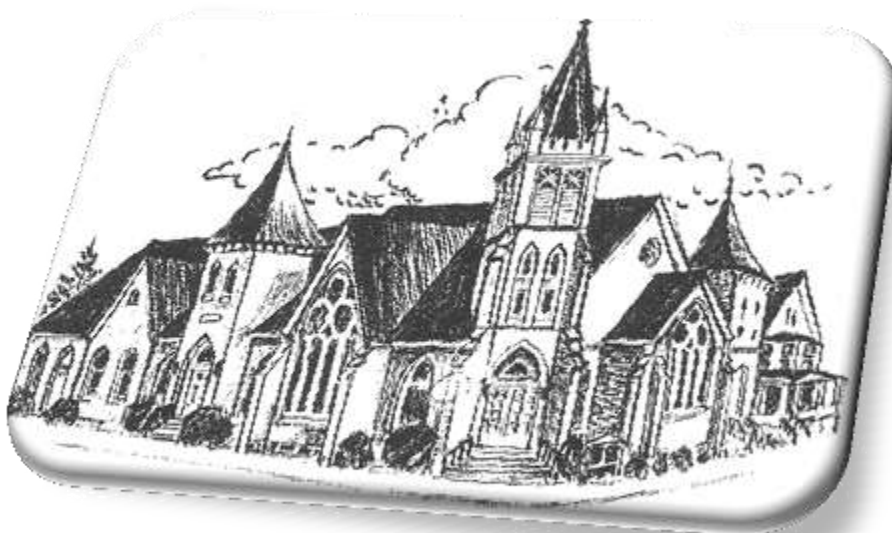


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“Proclaiming God’s love revealed in Jesus Christ and his People”

The Messiah Herald



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Talk to Jesus, tell him your fears. Listen to what he asks. “Where is your faith?”

Keep your faith in Jesus; in life and in death.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Kayaking has become a popular pastime along the streams, creeks and rivers of PA. In many ways enjoying kayaking is a parallel to life. There are times where one can simply go with the flow and others that you must paddle like mad to avert real problems and dangers.

Life is a constant stream of challenges. It is filled with a steady flow forward that sometimes can be growing turbulence, cascading rapids, or frustrating back eddys. Some people seem to navigate the challenges of life with relative ease and few disorienting life crises, others seem to become caught in every cross current and hydraulic on the stream.

The disciples were familiar with the water and all the hazards and dangers that it could bring. While not the dangers of kayaking storms could blow up in minutes and easily threaten the small boats with which some disciples made their living. In Luke 8:24 we learn that the disciples feared for their lives in the midst of one storm. Meanwhile Jesus was asleep in the back of the boat. The terrified disciples wake Jesus and in Mark’s version the disciples accuse Jesus of not caring, “The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” Jesus response is, “Where is your faith?”

Over the years people have asked me, “Where is Jesus?” “Doesn’t he care that I am struggling?” “What am I supposed to do?”

In those moments I always remember the story above. The question is how do we apply it to those crises and moments in life? It is easy to cry out with the disciples and to accuse Jesus, to be angry with him because he isn’t fixing our situation but the truth is Jesus never promised us he would do that. Instead Jesus focuses his gaze and his attention on the disciples and us and says, “Where is your faith?” Jesus understands the enduring solution isn’t in fixing the situation or changing the circumstances. The enduring solution is in us being changed. Jesus sleeps on the pillow in the back of the boat because he completely trusts the Father with everything in his life. Jesus knows whatever will be, will be OK as long as he is in the Father’s care. Ultimately, that meant that even death on the cross would be OK. As the Apostle Paul says, “Whether we live, or die, we are the Lord’s.”

None of this means that life will be easy or that we won’t face the challenges including the life threatening rapids of life. Life is ever changing like the river. What it does mean is that we are not alone in the midst of anything, good times or tough times; we are always in Christ as the baptized children of God. The disciples may have had their doubts about the situation but they knew what to do even if they did it awkwardly. They spoke to Jesus. They announced their fear and they sought Jesus’ help. Jesus was there for them.

Jesus is always there. He is always with us on that cushion in the back. As the psalmist writes, “121: 5 **The LORD watches over you**-- the LORD is your shade at your right hand; 6 the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The LORD will keep you from all harm-- **he will watch over your life**; 8 **the LORD will watch over your coming and going** both now and forevermore.” Jesus is always there talk to him on the river of life.

Talk to Jesus, tell him your fears. Listen to what he asks. “Where is your faith?”
Keep your faith in Jesus; in life and death.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill

DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

June	1: Galatians 1:1-12
June	2: Luke 7:1-10
June	3: Galatians 2:1-10
June	4: Galatians 2:11-14
June	5: Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20
June	6: 1 Kings 17:17-24
June	7: Psalm 30
June	8: Galatians 1:11-24
June	9: Luke 7:11-17
June	10: James 4:1-7
June	11: Acts 11:19-30; 13:1-3
June	12: Luke 5:17-26
June	13: 2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15
June	14: Psalm 32
June	15: Galatians 2:15-21
June	16: Luke 7:36—8:3
June	17: Psalm 130
June	18: Galatians 3:15-22
June	19: Isaiah 59:1-8
June	20: Isaiah 65:1-9
June	21: Psalm 22:19-28
June	22: Galatians 3:23-29
June	23: Luke 8:26-39
June	24: Luke 1:57-67 (68-80)
June	25: Job 19:1-22
June	26: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
June	27: Psalm 16
June	28: Galatians 5:1, 13-25
June	29: Acts 12:1-11
June	30: Luke 9:51-62



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

2:	Barbara S. Geedey
9:	Bob St. Clair
16:	Linda Bahorik
23:	Ron Yorks
30:	Randy Clark

ALTAR GUILD

May 27—June 2	Linda Clark
June 3—June 9	Ann Beaver
June 10—June 16	Barbara S. Geedey
June 17—June 23	Ona Stoner
June 24—June 30	Ann Beaver

ALTAR FLOWERS

2:	Earnest family
9:	OPEN
16:	Don & Barb Geedey
23:	Vance & Wendy Varner
30:	Varner



Messiah Women of the ELCA met Thursday, May 9, 2013. The program was by Pat Fisher on Mother's Day. She presented writings, articles and pictures regarding her Mother-in-Law, Mother and Grandmother. Everyone talked about their own Mother and Grandmother.

Pat presented a card to all who attended with a poem on Mothers:

"A Mother is someone special."
Her life is an example of truth;
Her love is a refuge for heavy hearts;
She's tender but strong, and forgives

when you're wrong,
and she's there to accept you...just the
way you are.

By Rebecca Barlow Jordan

The business meeting was conducted by
Barb S. Geedey.

Barb reminded everyone of the WELCA
convention on July 27, 2013 Camp Mt.
Luther.

May, June and July we are collecting items
for the Seafarers Christmas gift set:

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

(Please place collected items on the table
in the Adult Sunday School Room).

The project for May and June will be
collecting new bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of
any brand soap in its original wrapping
(boxes are accepted). There will be a
wash tub in the Adult Sunday School Room
for soap donations. **“Rub-a-dub-dub, let's
fill the tub”** for Lutheran World Relief.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 13,
2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.
Devotions and then take stock of items for
the personal care kits. Ona Stoner will
provide refreshments.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

Summer Worship Services will begin
on June 2, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. (Sunday
School at 8:15 a.m. if classes are being
held) and end on September 1, 2013.

Regular worship services will begin
on September 8th.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Volunteer drivers and cooks are
needed 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).

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
Anna and Elizabeth Clark, daughters of
Dan Clark and Lisa Sneath, and Colton
Fogleman, son of Don and Natalie
Fogleman.

AS YOU GRADUATE

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

PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding:

5/18/13, Nathan Clark and Valerie Myers

Confirmations:

5/19/13, Briley Holderman, daughter of
Bill and Christie Holderman

Hunter Berry, son of Steve and
Jean Berry

Olivia and Victoria Varner,
daughters of Vance and Wendy
Varner

Baptisms:

5/26/13, Evan Harry Miller, son of
Clinton and Jamie Miller

Robert Owen Cameron
and Lydia Quinn Cameron, son
and daughter of Robert and
JoAnna Cameron

Funerals:

3/9/13, Goldie Kauffman

4/24/13, Ryan Keresey (non-member)

4/27/13, Joe Forney

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

June is Messiah's month to volunteer at the Food Pantry. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette for Saturdays during the month of June.

Please sign-up today!

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.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

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 dskint@nmax.net.

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.



Juniata County Food Pantry June Update

Thank you and may the Lord bless you in abundance for your faithful support of the Food Pantry! In April, the Food Pantry served 297 families in need – a total of 850 individuals. Many thanks to Locust Run United Methodist Church for sending volunteers in April.

Summer and vacation time are upon us! However, summer is HARDLY a vacation at the Food Pantry! With children home from school the need for food increases, and typically donations decrease as people get too busy with summer plans to think about us. Please don't forget about the Juniata County Food Pantry and your neighbors in need as you go about your summer activities. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS
FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE
PAPER SUPPLIES: TISSUES, TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS
OVER-THE-COUNTER ALLERGY MEDICATIONS

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

PLASTIC AND PAPER GROCERY BAGS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED

***REMEMBER, OUR VESTIBULE (LOCATED ON THE RAMP SIDE OF THE BUILDING)
IS OPEN TO RECEIVE DONATIONS ANY HOUR, ANY DAY!
CASH OR GIFT CARD DONATIONS MAY BE DEPOSITED THROUGH THE MAIL SLOT.**

**HOURS: MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY, 2:00 – 6:00 PM AND SATURDAY, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
CLOSED ON TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY.**

***PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATACOUNTY FOOD PANTRY, P.O. BOX 44, 114 N. MAIN ST.,
MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 436-9718 (CONTACT PERSON: KATHY QUEITZSCH).
Email: jfoodpantry@embarqmail.com**



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Brochures are available on the
table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

For more information, please contact
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We aim to provide you with outstanding services and care.

For the **Senior Citizen**, our Team Members will help you maintain the independence, security and dignity that will enable you to live safely and remain in the comfort of your own home.

For the **Busy Professional**, we can help make YOUR life easier by assisting with daily errands or tasks specifically outlined through your personalized assistance plan.

For the **Family On The Go**, our Team Members can provide that needed assistance in the morning or evening for your aging loved one or assist with daily tasks to make YOUR time more available to the ones you love.

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Companionship ~ helping to keep individuals engaged both mentally and socially while supervising their safety and well-being.

Homemaking ~ assisting with light housekeeping, meal preparation, laundry, and transportation for appointments, errands, shopping and outings.

Independent Living Services ~ assisting with activities of daily living, such as dressing, grooming, mobility assistance, medication reminders.

Respite ~ giving a primary caregiver time off.

Pet Care ~ providing care for pets (dogs and cats), walks, feeding, outdoor breaks.

Specialized Services ~ such as, book-keeping, legal / notary services , home maintenance and plant care / gardening..

*Individualized Assistance
Plans Are Developed For ALL
of Our Clients!*

Additional Services are available, please visit our website or call for a complete overview of services we may provide.

www.InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com

How we do it

In Home Services carefully screens all Team Members (Service Providers). Background and criminal checks are conducted. We carry both professional and general liability insurance and all caregivers are bonded.

Who we serve

We provide services to people of all ages in the Centre, Mifflin and Juniata County Area.

Flexible and affordable

Whether we are your primary caregiver or providing respite care, our Team Members are available for as little or as much as you need them – during the day, night or week-end. In Home Services of Central PA provides affordable and flexible assistance plans to meet your needs.