

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 2013 – 10:30 a.m.

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

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

**SHUT-INS:** 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., Florence B.

**OTHERS:** Tammy W., Audrey L., Josh B., George and Lorraine H., Karl and Margaret G., Darlene Y., Arielle D., Sarah S., Gwen S., Troy B., Riley C., Allen H., Esther L., Rick V., Michael S., Trent P., Charlene A., Wendy S., Gretchen W., Tryon B., Jack S., Todd E., Kim S., David L., Cindy V., Cade C., Gary C., Jo-Anne B., Esther H., Linda R., Connor L.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."*

### **Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231**

*Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.*

\* 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 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

\* 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 **O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong,  
nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and  
guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

*Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who fear God.*

FIRST READING

A reading from Malachi 4:1-2a

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 98 (**Responsively**)

L – *In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)*

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**<sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**ALL – In righteousness will the LORD judge the world.**

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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.**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

\* GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19

*P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Andrea Cameron

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "When Peace like a River"

\* 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].*

ANTHEM

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

**Let the vine-yards be fruit-full, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, 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 With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*P That the church not weary of the mission you have called us to do, but continue to move forward toward the fulfillment of your reign, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P For the earth, that it may not fall into wasteful use or reckless destruction, but that you would protect and nurture it until your new creation comes to birth, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P For your guidance in uncertain times, endurance in hardships, and hope in a future of peace and prosperity for all people, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P For your merciful embrace of the unemployed, homeless, lonely, forgotten, and all who suffer in body, mind or spirit (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and for Tammy Walton, Dorothy Patterson, Audrey Landis, Josh Beitz, George and Lorraine Hazard, Karl and Margaret Guss, Darlene Yutzy, Arielle Dougherty, Sarah Shellenberger, Gwen Swisher, Troy Burd, Riley Cooper, Allen Hall, Esther Long, Rick Varner, Michael Slagle, Trent Phillips, Charlene Aughey, Wendy Swartz, Gretchen Wray, Tryon Benner, Jack Stutts, Todd Eby, Kim Shearer, David Lightner, Cindy Van Gavree, Cade Clark, Gary Comp, Jo-Anne Brooks, Linda Rhine, Connor Lauver, and Esther Henry). Let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P For this assembly, that we may encourage and support one another in the weekly gathering around the means of grace and in loving service throughout the week, let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P For all who wait eagerly for your coming and in thanks for those who now rest in your perpetual light and peace (especially Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society), let us pray.*

**C Have mercy, O God.**

*P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.*

**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, A-men (sung)**

\* CLOSING HYMN

"Soon and Very Soon"

**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**

\* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Bahorik

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Leister (cup communion – Clint & Jamie Miller)

#### **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) worshipping 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.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE by Andrea Cameron, Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leader persons have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the Bishop of the Synod to preside at the Lord's Table in specific situations. This is a ministry of the ELCA recognizing the mission need of the church for today and the future. We welcome Andrea as our worship leader this morning and pray God's blessing on her as she ministers to us this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our daughter Olivia's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by Vance and Wendy Varner and sister Victoria.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Esther Henry and family on the death of her brother, Lawrence Dressler, who died on November 10, 2013 at his residence. Please keep Esther and family in your prayers.

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 – J. B. Phillips, Bible Translator (1906 – 1982): Every time we say “I believe in the Holy Spirit,” we believe there is a living God able and willing to enter human personality and change it.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY – Sample copies of the new updated membership directory are on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Before final copies are made, members are asked to check their address, phone number and email address to be sure they are correct. Please make any corrections or additions to be included in the directory on the correction sheet provided or call the church office at 436-6213.

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 [diskint@nmax.net](mailto:diskint@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.

THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet on Sunday, November 24, 2013 following the worship service.

BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTY will meet on Monday, November 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

THE NEXT VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2013 following the morning worship service. Business: Quarterly reports of the boards and voting on 2014 proposed budget.

ATTENTION ALL KIDS! – We will begin reading through the Christmas program in preparation for the Sunday School performance on December 22, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. Please join us each Sunday in November and December during Sunday School at 9:15 a.m. in the church basement to read parts, sing songs, and celebrate the Birth of Jesus. We have many speaking and non-speaking parts to fill as well as special musical performances! See Christie or Stacie with any questions.

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

POINSETTIAS to decorate the church for Christmas may be placed in honor or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$8.00 for a 6½ " plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213. Please order no later than **December 12<sup>th</sup>**.

HELP MESSIAH LUTHERAN SEE DOUBLE! Participate in the Thrivent Choice Double Direction Church Campaign and help our congregation in a big way! During the campaign, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is giving up to \$15 million to churches across the country through the Thrivent Choice program. Here's how you can help:

--Direct available Choice Dollars to Messiah Lutheran between October 1 and November 30, 2013.

--Thrivent Financial will **double** all Choice Dollars directions made to churches during this time or until up to \$15 million has been awarded, whichever comes first.

**Thrivent Choice helps strengthen congregations.** The Thrivent Choice program allows eligible members of Thrivent Financial to recommend where some of its charitable grant funds go. To direct Choice Dollars, simply go to *Thrivent.com/thriventchoice*, or call 800-

THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say, "Thrivent Choice." It takes just minutes to do, so make your direction today and help Messiah Lutheran continue to grow and thrive! (Directing Choice Dollars is subject to the terms and conditions of the Thrivent Choice program. Visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice) for complete terms and conditions. All grants are made at the sole discretion of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans).

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year, now through December, for the "can tree" in the Adult Sunday School Room to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able. Cans will be delivered to Bethesda Mission later in December.

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.

SEAFARERS PROJECT - Women of the ELCA are collecting items for the Seafarers Christmas gift set. 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

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 6 children this year for the Christmas Angel Project. A poster with the information is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Gifts are to be wrapped, labeled with the children's name and family number, and returned to the Adult Sunday School Room by **December 1, 2013**.

### **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).

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on the following dates from **7:00 to 8:15 p.m.** in the Juniata High School music room. (Even if you cannot attend all of the rehearsals, please don't hesitate to join the group).

Monday, November 18  
Tuesday, November 26  
Monday, December 9

This year's 17<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Cantata performance "JOY TO THE WORLD" will be held Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in the Juniata High School auditorium with live

tableaux as an enhancement to the overall presentation. A special presentation will also be performed for area senior citizens on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the JHS auditorium.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER UPDATE – The Food Pantry will be working with the Mifflintown Kiwanis Club, local churches and the Boy Scouts to help provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for every person in Juniata County who needs one. We are asking for help to provide over 700 holiday meals this year. For every \$7.00 donated we can provide a complete holiday meal for a family of four. Or we will gladly accept donations of turkeys, hams, stuffing, sweet potatoes, fresh potatoes, fresh fruit (apples & oranges), rolls, and cake and icing mixes. A Thanksgiving grocery give-away will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mifflintown EMS Building for anyone in need. If you are unable to make it on that day, please give us a call at 436-9718. If you will be alone for the holidays, please talk to your local pastor and they will be glad to match you up with a family to enjoy a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal. Our vestibule (located on ramp side of building) is open any hour any day to received donations. Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot. Hours are Monday and Wednesday, 2—6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Please make checks payable to the “Juniata County Food Pantry,” P.O. Box 44, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

THE INTERNATIONAL GIFTS AND BAKE SALE will be held at Cedar Grove Brethren In Christ Church at 287 Deerville Road, Mifflintown, PA on Friday, November 22, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year’s sale offers baskets, jewelry, toys, pottery, Christmas ornaments, and international foods by organizations like Ten Thousand Villages, SERRV, Women at Risk International, and BeadForLife. By shopping fair trade you will help skilled artisans in third world countries receive a fair price for their handcrafted wares, create employment opportunities and assist them in being able to pay for uniforms and books in order to send their children to school and provide better opportunities for their future. We’ll also be offering baked goods on a donation basis to help offset the costs of promotion and shipping. For more information, visit our website at [www.juniatainternationalgiftsale.com](http://www.juniatainternationalgiftsale.com).

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-11:30 p.m., Voters Assembly. Business: quarterly board reports and voting on proposed 2014 budget.
- Monday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.  
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square & Line Dancing in Fellowship Hall. Caller: Larry Snook. Everyone welcome!
- Sunday:** -Christ the King.  
-Food Pantry Sunday.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-11:30 a.m., Worship & Music Committee meeting.