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Christ The King November 22, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

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PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives our sin, heals every illness, saves us from death, enfolds us with tender care, and crowns us with steadfast love.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P God of abundant mercy,

C we confess that we are more ready to be forgiven than to forgive others. We hold too closely your gifts to us. We trample your vineyard, our good earth. Have mercy, O God; turn us again to you and toward others; and grant that we may live for you and die in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

P God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of + Christ Jesus, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. The Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another.

C Amen

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "Thine the Amen"

* GREETING

P Grace and peace from our God and Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (**sung**)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

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

C Lord, have mer-cy.

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 mer-cy.

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

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men

* HYMN OF PRAISE (**sung**)

I – All Women

II – All Men

Bold print - All Congregation

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion:

Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

II For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)

P *The Lord be with you*

C **And al-so with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P *Let us pray...*

C **O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

WORD

Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The First Lesson is from the 34th chapter of Ezekiel.

THE LESSON READS:

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

Ps. – Intoned by Cantor

R – Sung by congregation (Re - joice, the Lord is King! Re-joice, a – gain I say, re – joice!)

¹Come, let us sing | to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, | are a great God, and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns | of the earth; the heights of the hills are | also yours. R

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it, and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship | and bow down, let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.

⁷For the LORD | is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord both of the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Ephesians

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

* THE VERSE (intoned by Choir)

Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia. [Revelation 22:13]

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

* GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C Glo - ry to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blessing and Honor"

* NICENE CREED (all)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will

have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Clinging to the promise of abundant life and resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

P Gather your people, Good Shepherd, and unite your church, that with one voice we might proclaim that you alone are God. Give courage to the faithful who struggle against the power of darkness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Restore your creation, Living One, and hold all things together in divine harmony, for you are the stronghold of every creature, and apart from your love the earth melts away. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Reconcile your world, blessed Peacemaker. Break the weapons of our hatred and make an end to war. We pray for the wounded in body and mind, for anxious and grieving families, and for our enemies. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Shepherding God, you are the source of life and health. Surround those who struggle with illness or other difficulties of life and bring them to wholeness and healing (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, Linda Rhine, Connor Lauver, George Sr. and Mary Lorraine Hazard and family, Laurie Funk, Mason Beward, Beth Smith, Denny King, Robert Watkins, Mark Krobath, Michelle Stoner, Kaye Clark, Stephanie Minnick, and Jesse Kint. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Strengthen this assembly in mission, that with patience and perseverance we may work according to your will, praying with confidence that you will establish the fullness of your kingdom on earth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Life-giving God, strengthen us to face our mortality with humility and courage, and to trust in your promise of life from death. Support those who grieve (especially). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive these our prayers, O God, and give us all we need for this day and the days to come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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."**

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

Choir

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er 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, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **(sung responsively)**

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PREFACE

*P It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **(sung)***

C Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sung) Through him, with him, in him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho-ly Spir-it, all hon-or and glo-ry is yours, al-might-y Fa-ther, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

*** 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

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Come, you that are blessed by God. Come to the banquet.

* LAMB OF GOD (**sung**)

Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

["AT CHANCEL RAIL" – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

* COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (**sung**)

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re – joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is – es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le – lu – ia. Al-le-lu – ia.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God our shepherd, you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, + guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

* CLOSING HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

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* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The Lord is near.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ed Beaver

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Ann Beaver

WELCOME

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the yellow 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.

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!

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of those who have served our country, past and present.

JUST A THOUGHT – Ecumenical Axiom – Author Unknown: “Doctrine divides, service unites.”

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

CHURCH ORGANIST for weekly services, beginning immediately, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3 South Third Street, Mifflintown, PA. Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard. Candidates should contact Ed Beaver at ebeaver41@yahoo.com or at 436-9382 for information, including salary. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at www.mlcmifflintown.org.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June, 2012 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

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.

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 6-1/2” plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213.

THANK YOU for the beautiful bouquet of white flowers that were given to me. They were very much appreciated.

Jane Marhefka

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 20, Community Thanksgiving Service at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

November 27, Light lunch after worship service in Fellowship Hall prepared by the Fellowship Committee. Those attending are asked to bring 1-2 doz. Cookies. Decorating of the church following lunch.

December 3, Fellowship Hall reserved (afternoon & evening) for Civil War re-enactors fashion show.

December 4, Hanging of the Greens Service at 10:30 a.m.

December 6, "The Needlers" Christmas Luncheon.

December 7, Showers Class Christmas Banquet at Turbett Grange Hall at 6 p.m. Bring item for Juniata County Food Pantry.

December 8, WELCA Christmas Festival at 7 p.m. in the Youth Area.

December 18, Children's Sunday School Christmas Program at 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Committee will provide cookies and beverage.

December 18, Christmas Cantata at 2 p.m. at Juniata High School.

December 24, 7 p.m., Family/Youth Service; 9:30 p.m., Prelude Concert with Louis Lynch; 10 p.m. Candlelight/ Communion Service.

January 7, Undecorating the church (morning)

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

MESSIAH 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.

Christmas Angel Project – Messiah Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 2 families 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 Sunday School Room by December 4, 2011.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, December 8, 2011 for their "Christmas Festival" at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Everyone is asked to bring a reading to share and a "goodie" for the refreshment table.

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on the following dates from 7:00 to 8:30 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).*

Tuesday, November 15
Tuesday, November 22
Monday, December 5
Tuesday, December 13

This year's 15th annual Christmas Cantata performance "Dawn of Redeeming Grace" will be held **Sunday, December 18, 2011** at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Juniata High School.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY BRANCH OF THE SALVATION ARMY needs bell ringers for the holiday season. Individuals, Sunday School classes, or youth groups who are willing to help may call Sylvia Kepner at 527-2386.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be holding the following local blood drives:

Wednesday, November 23, 2011
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
East Salem-Otterbein UMC
Mifflintown, PA

Wednesday, January 11, 2012
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Port Royal Community Building
Port Royal, PA

Thursday, December 1, 2011
1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
St. John's United Methodist Church
McAlisterville, PA

Saturday, January 14, 2012
Tuscarora Elementary School
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Port Royal, PA

Friday, December 30, 2011
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Fayette Area Lions Den
McAlisterville, PA

The need for blood never diminishes because blood is a perishable medicine. Individuals who are in general good health, are age 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate every 56 days. Individuals should bring their Red Cross donor cards, photo ID or two other forms of identification to the donor site. To schedule an appointment call 1-800 Red Cross.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR NOVEMBER – All non-perishable foods, paper and cleaning products: toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, all-purpose household cleaners, and plastic grocery bags. Donations of cash are also gladly accepted and Weis or Schlegels gift cards.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Christ The King.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-11:30 a.m., Voters Assembly. Business: vote on 2012 budget and distribution of estate funds.
-3 p.m., Quiet Communion.
-7 p.m., Community Thanksgiving Service at Aldersgate United Methodist Church.
- Monday:** -7 p.m., Bible Study.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-7 p.m., Community chorus rehearsal at Juniata High School.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., NA group meeting in Youth Area.
- Thursday:** -OFFICE CLOSED.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -First Sunday of Advent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-11:30 a.m., Lunch in Fellowship Hall followed by church decorating.