

THE MESSIAH HERALD



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

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month we have a first in the life of the ELCA. On October 5th Elizabeth Eaton will be installed as the presiding bishop of the ELCA. For many this may not seem like big news but it is bold evidence of how far this church has come in the 25 years of its existence.

When Pastor Anna stepped onto the campus of Gettysburg seminary in 1979 it was less than a decade since the ordination of the first woman as a pastor of a Lutheran body in the US. Her name was Elizabeth Platz. With the formation of the ELCA in 1988 women ordained as pastors was assumed from the very beginning and in 1992 Bishop April Larson was consecrated as the first woman to be a Lutheran bishop in America. In just over 40 years we have gone from the first women ordained as a pastor to the election of a women as our presiding bishop.

During this same time women have taken positions of leadership in business, government, academia, and throughout society. This is an amazing shift in culture and has had broad impacts on our homes and lives. As with all such things these are both wonderful and difficult, inspiring and frightening.

If we look to the time of Jesus and the early church we discover that Christ and the early church began down this path millennia ago. Jesus included women among those who traveled with the disciples. Numerous miracles are directed towards women and girls and their value affirmed and even elevated over expectations of the broader patriarchal culture. He speaks of the sisters Mary and Martha and of Mary Magdalene and others. Paul recognizes the leadership of women in the early church and includes their names among those he celebrates in his letters. Women were the first witnesses of the resurrection even as they go to do a routine act of compassion for the dead.

Within our congregation women provide continual leadership critical to the life of our congregation. They serve or they have served as executive director and assistant executive directors, directors and members of every board, as Sunday School teachers, and as pastor in Pastor Anna. Women are central to the life and success of the Body of Christ in every ministry at Messiah. Without them we all are diminished and our ministries for Christ, as well.

At the same time our women have, also, carried forward in their united ministries through the work of the WELCA. They lead us into acts of compassion for others as they sew quilts, gather school kits, make mid-wife kits, gather soap and other ministries. In all this we must stop and give them thanks and support them in these ministries as we make special offerings on October 6th in support of The Needlers and on November 10th for our Thank Offering Service.

As Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is raised to the calling of Presiding Bishop on October 5th let it remind us all to celebrate the ministries in Christ of our mothers, our sisters, our daughters and men, also, our wives for all the ways they have graced us with the love of Christ. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill

DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

October	1: 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36
October	2: 2 Kings 19:8-20, 29-37
October	3: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
October	4: Psalm 37:1-9
October	5: 2 Timothy 1:1-14
October	6: Luke 17:5-10
October	7: 2 Timothy 1:13-18
October	8: 2 Timothy 2:1-7
October	9: Luke 5:12-16
October	10: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
October	11: Psalm 111
October	12: 2 Timothy 2:8-15
October	13: Luke 17:11-19
October	14: Psalm 61
October	15: Genesis 32:3-21
October	16: Genesis 32:22-31
October	17: Psalm 121
October	18: Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53
October	19: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
October	20: Luke 18:1-8
October	21: Luke 18:9-14
October	22: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
October	23: Psalm 84:1-7
October	24: Jeremiah 31:31-34
October	25: Psalm 46
October	26: Romans 3:19-28
October	27: John 8:31-36
October	28: John 14:21-27
October	29: Luke 19:1-10
October	30: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
October	31: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18



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!

OCTOBER SCHEDULES

LECTORS

6: Sam Leister
13: Randy Clark
20: Ron Yorks
27: Linda Bahorik

ALTAR GUILD

Sept. 30—Oct. 6 Linda Clark
Oct. 7—Oct. 13 Christie Holderman
Oct. 14—Oct. 20 Michelle Stoner
Oct. 21—Oct. 27 Diana Wise
(cup communion – Clint & Jamie Miller)
Oct. 28—Nov. 3 Linda Clark
(cup communion – Clint & Jamie Miller)

ALTAR FLOWERS

6: Ed Singer & family
13: Cindy Miller & family
20: OPEN
27: Warren & Claire Mummah



Messiah Women of the ELCA met Thursday, September 12, 2013.

Devotions for the meeting were taken from "Christ In Our Home" Psalm 51:1-10 followed by prayer.

The group put together 77 School Kits and will complete a total of 84.

Blanket Sunday is October 6. Blankets will be packed at the next meeting on October 10th along with soap and Personal

Care Kits. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH PACKING IS MORE THAN WELCOME TO COME TO OUR MEETING. The quilts, soap, and kits will be delivered to St. John's, Lewistown on Monday, October 14.

We are asking the congregation to bring items for the Food Pantry beginning Sunday, October 24 so they can be displayed in the altar area for the Thankoffering Service on November 10, 2013. Pastor Anna Ritter will be the speaker for Thankoffering Sunday. A meal will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. Watch bulletins for further information.

SEAFARERS PROJECT CONTINUES - collecting items for the Seafarers Christmas gift set through October.

- 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.

SOAP PROJECT CONTINUES - collecting new bath size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of any brand soap in its original wrapping (boxes are accepted). There is 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 WELCA meeting will be on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

NEW TREASURER NEEDED

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.

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).

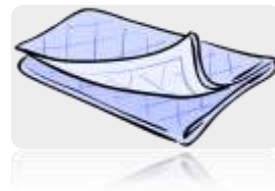
Individuals, church groups, or Sunday School classes who would like to make a contribution to the Meals-On-Wheels program, your continued support would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be sent to:

Juniata Meals-On-Wheels
P.O. Box 251
Mifflintown, PA 17059

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.



BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday will be observed on Sunday, October 6, 2013.

Along with all ELCA congregations, you are invited to make a donation to

Lutheran World Relief in the special Blanket Sunday envelopes that are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

Please make checks payable to Messiah Women of the ELCA and take this opportunity to serve as Christ's helping hands in our world today!

VOTERS ASSEMBLY

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. **NOTE:** PPC Board Directors are asked to submit their proposed 2014 budgets to Ken Eyler by October 15, 2013. You may place them in Ken's mailbox in the church office or by email to keyler@nmax.net

The next PPC meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.



CROP WALK

The Juniata County CROP WALK will be held **(rain or shine)** on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at Walker Township Park (route 322, Port Royal exit). Short Walk will be 3 laps and Long Walk will be 15 laps. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the Walk begins at 1:30 p.m. Please bring all pledge money on Walk day.

This year there are no incentive prizes for a certain amount of pledges. Everyone will receive a small 'thank you' gift for participating. There will be drawings for prizes periodically during Walk time. We will try to provide some sort of games or diversionary activities throughout the afternoon.

Donated items for the Food Pantry will be collected at the Walk. Needs include: PERSONAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, etc. CLEANING SUPPLIES like all-purpose cleansers, bleach, trash bags, laundry detergent, dish detergent, etc. PAPER PRODUCTS such as paper towels, toilet tissue, tissues. INFANT NEEDS like diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotions. NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS. Twenty-five percent of pledge money will go to the Food Pantry and the Meals-On-Wheels program. Thank you for all donations!

If you have questions, please contact Becky Zeigler at 463-2309 or Kathy Whitesel at 436-2401. Sign-up sheet and donation envelopes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.



FALL OUTING

Join us for an outing on **Sunday, October 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Butcher's Family Fun Farm & Corn Maze** – located at 1375 Turkey Bird Road in Newport. You are

welcome to bring family and friends. Activities to suit all ages.

Find your way through the giant corn maze or the mini corn maze, enjoy a hayride around the farm, make your way through the straw castle, drive the pedal tractors and karts, shoot the potato launcher, and more. Pick-your-own or pre-picked pumpkins are available for purchase, as well as other Fall décor.

No RSVP needed. You can simply meet us at Butcher's Family Fun Farm. Cost for youth and adults (age 2+) is \$7.50 per person (plus tax) - \$1.00 off if you mention that you are with our group. Seniors (age 65+) \$5.00 per person (plus tax). Children 2 years and under are FREE with a paid admission. Rain date will be October 20th at 2:00 p.m.



SOUP SALE

A Soup Sale will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at Messiah Lutheran Church.

Soups are: Ham Bean, Chicken Corn, Beef Vegetable, and Broccoli Cheddar. Cost is \$5.00 per quart. Pick-up between 4-7 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Kitchenette and Adult Sunday School Room. Proceeds will go to the Fultz family for medical expenses.

THRIVENT DINNER

The Annual Thrivent Election and Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church. Any member who brings an adult non-member with them will receive a Weis Gift Card (so bring a friend). Also, please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Juniata County Food Pantry. There is no charge for the meal and some great prizes will be given away. Hope to see you there!

Please RSVP by calling Esther Bratton at 436-8856 or Dan Smith at 436-9377 by **Friday, October 18th**.

OIL DISCOUNT

If you purchase your heating oil from Hilltop Oil Company or K & C Oil Company, please check with them to see if you qualify to have them donate 5 cents per gallon back to Messiah, at no cost to you.

Call 436-8553 for K & C or 436-2647 for Hilltop for more information.

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.

Juniata County Food Pantry October Update

Dear Friends,

HELP! We are coming out of the summer season very short of funds. Donations were especially low over the past 3 months and we are presently having a hard time making ends meet. We would be very grateful for cash, check or gift card donations. **We are in need of ALL non-perishable foods, personal, baby care and paper products.**

HELP! We are **still** in need of a "Few Good Men!" We need guys in decent physical shape who can lend us a hand for deliveries and warehousing—usually on Monday and some Friday mornings. Right now we are wearing out two really great guys from Lower Tuscarora Presbyterian Church who need a break! Come on! There must be some retired men who are getting bored sitting around the house!

In August 2013, the Food Pantry served 331 families in need—a total of 985 individuals. A special thank you to Lost Creek Mennonite Church for providing volunteers for August.

***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: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com**



PLEASE DON'T LET OUR CARTS GO EMPTY!

17th Annual Community Chorus

I am again attempting to organize a LARGE community chorus of varied age groups to combine with the Juniata High School Chorus for the annual Christmas cantata performance to be held Sunday afternoon, December 15th at 2:00 PM. I will conduct weekly rehearsals in the JHS music room from mid-October through December. I am delighted to announce that this year's cantata is JOY TO THE WORLD.

I anticipate interest from all age groups. Past singing groups consisted of young people, middle-aged adults, and senior citizens. This combination of age groups worked very well and I am confident that the varied ages will once again create a rewarding experience for not only the participating vocalists, but also the audience members who choose to attend the December 15th performance. As in the past, we'll have live tableaux as an enhancement to the overall presentation. We will also perform a special presentation for area senior citizens on Friday, Dec. 13th (2:00 PM in the JHS Auditorium).

Make note that the rehearsal nights include an assortment of Monday and Tuesday evenings. The first rehearsal will be held Tuesday evening, Oct. 15th (7:00-8:15 PM). Mark your calendars for the following rehearsal dates: Oct. 15, 21, & 28 / Nov. 5, 12, 18, & 26 / Dec. 9. Even if you cannot attend all of the rehearsals, please don't hesitate to get involved with this singing group!!! We're doing this to enjoy a positive singing experience . . . so just mail the form indicating your interest to sing, include a note regarding the rehearsals that may present a problem for you, and come to whatever rehearsals are possible.

Please cut off and return the bottom section of this letter by Monday, Oct. 7th. I'm looking forward to once again directing this group for it promises to be a unique experience and will hopefully provide an enjoyable time for all involved persons (regardless of age). **Please join us!!!!**

Respectfully,

Kevin Cunningham

Please neatly detach the bottom portion and return by Monday, Oct. 7th to . . .
KEVIN CUNNINGHAM, 644 CUNNINGHAM RD, MIFFLINTOWN PA 17059

✓/we want to sing with the Community Chorus!!! (Family members are welcome)

Name(s): _____

Phone #: _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Voice Part(s)

_____ **Soprano**

_____ **Alto**

_____ **Tenor**

_____ **Bass**

_____ **No Idea!**

Cantata: JOY TO THE WORLD

_____ I already have the cantata book.

_____ I will need a music booklet.

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For more information, please contact
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Pet Care ~ providing care for pets (dogs and cats), walks, feeding, outdoor breaks.

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www.InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com

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