

# **THE MESSIAH HERALD**



**SEPTEMBER, 2014**

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**September 2014**

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For the second year in a row we at Messiah have worked with John Miller to make sauerkraut. The second week of August over 3 days members of Messiah cut, chopped, shredded, packed and brined around 3000 pounds of cabbage. It now sits fermenting and working until the middle of September when it will be bagged and sold. The cost will be \$4 for a 3 pound bag. Please start checking with friends and getting orders for sauerkraut.

This project is overseen by the Board of Compassionate Care. Last year the funds we raised of about \$1500 were shared with three families in our community who had significant needs due to events in their lives. Through the Board of Resource Management those families were identified and Messiah provided them with assistance through act of Christian Compassion. In addition to those funds 50 bags of sauerkraut were donated to the Juniata County Food Pantry. This year we hope to have even more blessings to share since we packed an additional 50 gallon drum and another ¼ of a drum, 8 and a quarter 50 gallon drums all together.

To do this project takes time, labor, and a willingness to give away the benefits of which has been created through God’s gifts, John Miller’s farming, and the efforts of those who worked to create the sauerkraut and sell it. This project is a great example of the joy and fellowship of the body of Christ that bears fruit through the Spirit for both the people of Messiah and those with whom we share that fruit. It is a wonderful example of how we are called to give of ourselves to the benefit of our neighbor as we fulfill the two great commandments of God.

It is because we have experienced the love of God and God’s generosity in Christ that we are move with deep love for both God and neighbor. It all starts with God. It starts with the faithfulness of God in the divine covenants with Abraham, Moses, and David. It is revealed in the new covenant given in Jesus Christ at the last supper. It is testified to at the cross as we gaze on one who poured out his life for the world. And it is fulfilled in the resurrection and with every follower of Jesus who finds even a small way to lay her or his life down for others. It is the way of the kingdom of God, loving God and neighbor.

I thank all of you who have given time and effort to this project and to those who will help in the coming weeks and I most certainly give thanks to God who blessed us with the wonderful growing season and the fruits of the field and the Spirit that we can share.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Bill*

## DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

September 1: 2 Corinthians 12:11-21  
September 2: Matthew 23:29-36  
September 3: Ezekiel 33:1-6  
September 4: Ezekiel 33:7-11  
September 5: Psalm 119:33-40  
September 6: Romans 13:8-14  
September 7: Matthew 18:15-20  
September 8: 1 John 3:11-16  
September 9: Genesis 37:12-36  
September 10: Genesis 45:1-20  
September 11: Genesis 50:15-21  
September 12: Psalm 103:(1-7) 8:13  
September 13: Romans 14:1-12  
September 14: Matthew 18:21-35  
September 15: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24  
September 16: 2 Corinthians 13:1-4  
September 17: 2 Corinthians 13:5-10  
September 18: Jonah 3:10—4:11  
September 19: Psalm 145:1-8  
September 20: Philippians 1:21-30  
September 21: Matthew 20:1-16  
September 22: Ephesians 2:4-10  
September 23: James 4:11-16  
September 24: Acts 13:32-41  
September 25: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
September 26: Psalm 25:1-9  
September 27: Philippians 2:1-13  
September 28: Matthew 21:23-32  
September 29: Luke 10:17-20  
September 30: Colossians 2:16-23



## 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) or 436-6341.

If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

**DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!**

## SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

### LECTORS

7: Linda Bahorik  
14: Andrea Cameron  
21: Diana Wise  
28: Cynthia Smith

### ALTAR GUILD

Sept. 1—Sept. 7 Linda Clark  
Sept. 8—Sept. 28 Diana Wise  
Sept. 29—Oct. 5 Linda Clark

### ALTAR FLOWERS

7: Judy Armstrong  
14: Neil & Pat Fisher  
21: In Honor of our Choir  
28: OPEN



Messiah Women of ELCA met on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Linda Leister, Cynthia Smith and Barb S. Geedey assembled 13 Baby Kits. There would have been 14 kits, but we were short 1 bar of soap. There was no business meeting.

We will meet on Thursday, September 11, 2014 to finish assembling additional items collected for the Baby Kits and begin packing the School Kits. There will be a business meeting with devotions.

We are collecting items for the School Kits during July, August and September and are asking for help from the congregation. Items still needed are:

- pencil sharpeners (especially needed)
- boxes of 16-24 crayons

Donated items may be placed on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS STILL NEEDED for Baby Care Kits:

- socks
- little hats
- undershirts (no onesies)
- one piece sleepers (with no feet) or pants and shirts (sizes from 0-24 months)
- hooded or non-hooded sweaters, sweatshirts or jackets

We also need mild soap with no scent (**Ivory** or **Dove** are probably the best).

Please place items on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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.



## 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



## REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

### LOCUST GROVE

Jean McNaught (Cottage #5)  
Ethel Bossinger      Sis Stetler

### BROOKLINE

Flo Beale                      Marian Gross  
Tammy Walton

Jane Marhefka  
351 Village Blvd.  
Mifflintown, PA 17059  
(Ph: 436-5332)

### BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

Carol Simonton

### NORTH RIDGE CENTER FOR ASSISTED LIVING, McALISTERVILLE

Dorothy Cleck

### HONNEMAN HOUSE, THOMPSONTOWN

Ruth Cisney                      Ray Bramm

### ELMCROFT OF REEDSVILLE

Helen Knox

### VILLAGE AT WILLOW LANE, MACUNGIE, PA

Lura Aughey  
6488 Alburfis Road  
Macungie, PA 18062  
(Ph: 610-421-8100)

## AT HOME

Reba Sigler            Kitty Walters  
Fay McCormick  
Whitey & Mona Lawson

## OTHERS OF CONCERN

Craig Walker  
Dorothy Patterson, Richfield Senior  
Living Center (Cindy Van Gavree's  
Mother)  
Evelyn Spriggle, Brookline (Ann  
Beaver's Mother)

## **SUMMER SCHEDULE ENDS**

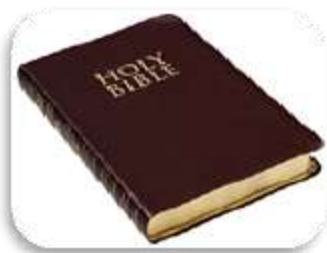
Early summer services will continue through August 31, 2014 at 9:15 a.m.

Regular 10:30 a.m. worship services will resume on September 7, 2014 with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.



## **“THE NEEDLERS”**

“The Needlers” will continue their sewing project on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



## **FALL BIBLE STUDY**

The Bible Study this Fall will be based on Barbara Rossing's “The Rapture

Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation.”

The book is 11 chapters and we will do a chapter a week. The class will meet on Monday evenings beginning on September 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library area. The book may be ordered online at [http://www.amazon.com/The-Rapture-Exposed-Message-Revelation/dp/0813343143/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_title\\_0?ie=UTF8&gid=1407247701&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/The-Rapture-Exposed-Message-Revelation/dp/0813343143/ref=tmm_pap_title_0?ie=UTF8&gid=1407247701&sr=8-1) or you may order a copy at the church office.

Barbara Rossing spoke at the Upper Susquehanna Synod Assembly this year as the Bible Study leader. She is a professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

***Please sign-up with the church office so that we know who is participating.***

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

The organizational meeting for Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2014 during the Sunday School hour at the rear of the Adult Sunday School Room near the Library.

If your child is in 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, they are eligible to participate in the Confirmation program. The material of study this year is the Bible, and the second year material beginning in the Fall of 2015 is Luther's Small Catechism. Parents and youth are asked to attend.

***Please notify the church office if you will be participating so that materials can be prepared.***





## **CORN MAZE OUTING**

Children of Messiah and their families are invited to attend an outing at a local corn maze on September 13, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

“At the Barnyard Corn Maze” is located just off Ferguson Valley Road in Granville Township. This year’s theme is “The Wild West.” Your admission includes a wagon ride and admission to the corn maze. Each child will also be able to paint a small pumpkin and take it home. If you pre-pay/pre-register, the cost will be \$7 per adult, \$4 per child, and children 3 and under are free. Please contact Kate Swailes by Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 717-436-2686 to pre-pay/pre-register and receive the discounted price. If you are able to attend, but you didn’t pre-register, you will pay when you arrive and the cost will be \$8 per adult and \$5 per child.

After our adventure in the corn maze we will gather around a campfire for a potluck dinner and smores. We are asking that each family take an item for the potluck dinner (there is no electricity) and chairs for around the campfire. Plates, napkins, drinks and smore ingredients will be provided. There is also a pumpkin patch where you can purchase additional pumpkins, gourds, and mums, as well as other activities such as climbing Straw Mountain and riding pedal carts.



## **YOUTH EVENT**

The St. Stephen's Youth Group will be climbing the 1,000 steps hiking trail in Huntingdon on October 19, 2014. Messiah

youth who are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up can join them.

Please contact Kathy Whitesel at 717-436-2401 if you are interested in going on the trip. They will be leaving St. Stephen's at 1:00 p.m.



## **BLANKET SUNDAY**

Blanket Sunday will be observed on Sunday, October 5, 2014.

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, September 21, 2014 following the morning worship service.

Business: Quarterly reports of the boards. NOTE: PPC Board Directors are asked to submit their proposed 2015 budgets to Ron Colledge by October 15, 2014. You may place them in Ron's mailbox in the church office or by email to [rcolledgecpa@gmail.com](mailto:rcolledgecpa@gmail.com)



## **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

A New Member Class will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library area.

If you wish to attend, please contact the church office.

## **GREETERS/USHERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY SUNDAY**

Family Sunday is the first Sunday of each month, and the Youth and Children Committee is looking for children and their families to be Greeters prior to the church service on Family Sundays beginning with September 7<sup>th</sup>. The Greeters' responsibilities include welcoming parishioners, handing out bulletins, providing pins to visitors, and inviting visitors to sign the guest book and Friendship Pads. For those who sign-up, please be at the main entrance off Washington Avenue between 10:00 and 10:15 a.m. to start welcoming parishioners. In addition, we would ask the family acting as Greeters to also be Ushers for the service that Sunday.

The Ushers' responsibilities include collecting the offering and returning the offering to the Pastor during the Sung Offertory.

If your family is willing to act as Greeters and Ushers on any of the Family Sundays, please add your names to the sign-up sheet hanging next to the Altar Flower chart in the Sunday School Room. Thank you!

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING**

A Property Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

There has not been a meeting since

May, so there are items to be discussed—please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please contact Kay Varner.

## **IN HOME SERVICES OF CENTRAL PA**

In Home Services of Central PA – Helping Senior Citizens in **providing a MULTITUDE of services** such as:

- Housekeeping
- Meal Preparation/Catering
- Laundry Services
- Running of Errands
- Grocery/Personal Shopping
- Companionship
- Personal Assistance
- Home Maintenance/Painting
- Technology/Computer Assistance
- Gardening
- Bookkeeping/Banking Assistance
- Insurance Billing/Benefits Research
- Pet Care
- Assistance with Holidays/Parties/Yard Sales
- Assistance with Making a Move/Downsizing
- Beautician/Barber Services
- Alterations/Mending
- Medical Set-up & Monitoring by Nurse
- Transportation To All Appointments

Let us be **YOUR PERSONAL ASSISTANT!** For more details, please call 888-881-2046. Serving Centre, Mifflin and Juniata Counties (LOCALLY OWNED). Check out our website: [InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com](http://InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com).

Business: approval of previous minutes, quarterly Board Reports, vote on nominations of new PPC members for 2014—2016, and Property Committee proposals for (1) furnace repair and (2) Gethsemane window repair. Both proposals will be by ballot vote.

## **MISSING KITCHEN CART**

A two-tiered kitchen cart with wheels is missing from the downstairs church kitchen.

If you know the whereabouts of this cart or if you borrowed it, please let the church office know as soon as possible. It's been missing for a month or more.

## **GETHSEMANE WINDOW PROJECT COMPLETED**

The Gethsemane Window is now back in its proper place in our sanctuary. The project to clean and repair the glass and the leading began June 30, 2014, when the window was removed and taken to Saltzer's Harrisburg workshop for the cleaning and repairs.

The finished window and the new storm window were installed on August 19 and 20. Mike Saltzer reports that the window was extremely dirty, even in between the double glass section, and the result is a much brighter more colorful window. The cost of the repairs and cleaning are \$13,824.00.

Please consider adding a gift to the stained glass fund to offset this cost

whenever you are able.

## **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.

## **THANK YOU**

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and flowers I received during my recovery from heart surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Esborn for his support and visits. Your thoughtfulness and concern are appreciated.

May God's blessings be upon Messiah's great church family.

Warren Mummah







**Mini Mountain Laurel  
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**January 9/10, 2015 – Walt Michael & Company**

**February 20/21, 2015 – Hello Stranger featuring Dale Carter Jett**

**March 20/21, 2015 – Little Roy Lewis and Lizzy Long**

**April 10/11, 2015 – Doofus**

Friday night concerts are held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lewistown, PA, 120 North Main Street, 7:30 p.m.

Autoharp workshops are held on the days of the Saturday concert at George Orthey's workshop, 18 Burd Road, Newport. They cost \$20 a person and require reservations. Workshop offered on Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. at Orthey Instruments, 18 Burd Road, Newport, PA

Saturday night concerts are held at Highland United Presbyterian Church, 11 Church Road, Newport, PA, 7:30 p.m.

Call George Orthey at (717) 567-6406 (Workshop) or (717) 567-9469 (Home).

Email: [gorthey@gmail.com](mailto:gorthey@gmail.com)

All concerts are free and open to the public.

A free will offering (\$10-\$20 per person suggested) is accepted at the door.

This Pennsylvania Partners in the arts Program is made possible through a regional partnership between Community Partnerships Resource Conservation and Development and the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts.

## **Juniata County Food Pantry September Update**

What a blessing for all the healthy fresh produce that has been pouring into the Food Pantry! Thank you for sharing the Lord's bounty with your neighbors in need! We also appreciate your support for our summer backpack program as we helped almost 200 children spend their summer having fun instead of going hungry.

In July 2014, the Food Pantry served 346 families in need – over 1000 individuals. A special thank you to Port Royal Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month.

Now that the harvest season is winding down, we're praying that we can fill some other empty shelves too. Also, our financial statement shows the Food Pantry operating at a loss throughout the summer months – not a good place to be leading into the holiday season and winter. We thank you sincerely for your prayers, and whatever help you are able to give.

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE, ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS,  
SHAMPOO, OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN AND COLD MEDICINES,  
DISHWASHING SOAP, ALL-PURPOSE CLEANERS,  
RECYCLED SHOPPING BAGS, AND ESPECIALLY DONATIONS OF CASH

*For more information, visit our website at [jcfoodpantry.com](http://jcfoodpantry.com) and  
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IS OPEN TO RECEIVE DONATIONS 24 HOURS A DAY!  
CASH OR GIFT CARD DONATIONS MAY BE DEPOSITED THROUGH THE MAIL SLOT.

**HOURS:** 9:00 AM to NOON AND 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EACH TUESDAY, AND FROM 9:00 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY. CLOSED ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SUNDAY.

\*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATACOUNTY FOOD PANTRY, P.O. BOX 44, 114 N. MAIN ST., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059. PHONE: 436-9718 (CONTACT PERSON: KATHY QUEITZSCH). Email: [jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com](mailto:jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com)



# Parish Fellowship Survey

The Parish Fellowship is asking for your help in choosing a few different events for the 2014-15 year. Our committee will continue to have the Thankoffering meal, Christmas decorating lunch, Children's Christmas program and Confirmation refreshments, as well as the Senior dinner event.

What we are asking of the congregation is for you to complete the following survey by **September 14, 2014** to help our committee determine what you would like to do this next year. Please choose 3 of the following suggestions according to your preference by numbering them 1,2,3.

- Father/Son Banquet
- Mother/Daughter Banquet
- Congregational Picnic
- Strawberry Festival
- Bingo night
- Bowling night
- Movie/game night

We would also welcome any other suggestions and/or comments. Feel free to write on the bottom of this paper.

Please place the surveys in the collection plate or drop them off at the office.

Thank you for your help.