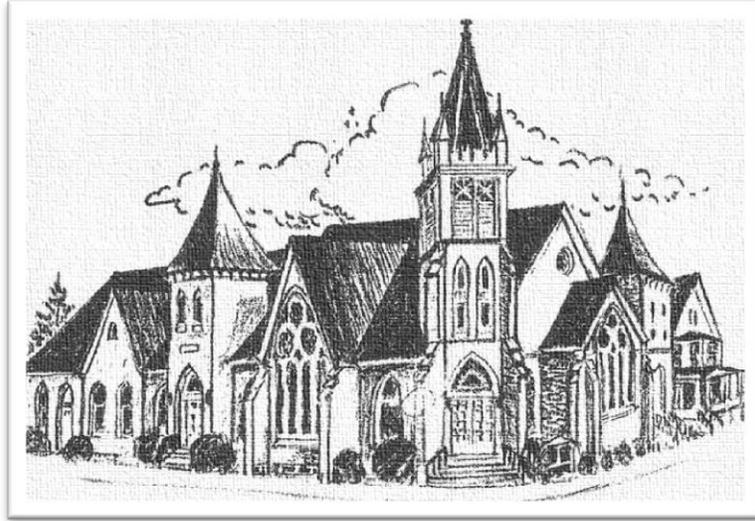


THE MESSIAH HERALD



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

The Messiah Herald



April 2015

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Within a week we will be hearing shouts of, “He is Risen! He is risen indeed!” We are close to our Easter celebration and the promise of resurrection and new life.

It is this resurrection that we confess in baptism. Lives defined by brokenness reimagined and redefined in the promise of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When celebrated with sufficient water the image as Paul writes is one of being raised from death to new life. Broken saints becoming healing sinners.

And yet it is not the amount of water that accomplishes this new life but rather the promise of Jesus Christ that our brokenness in sin is forgiven and that our relationship with God is wholly restored. We are now one with the God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through the creative power of God’s Word. The power of a Word present in creation and in the person of Jesus Christ.

In response to the question, “How can water do such great things?” Luther writes, “It is not the water indeed that does them, but the word of God which is in and with the water, and faith, which trusts such word of God in the water. For without the word of God the water is simple water and no baptism. But with the word of God it is a baptism, that is, a gracious water of life and a washing of regeneration in the Holy Ghost.” This proclaims to us that it is the promise of God’s Word that accomplishes these things through our trust it is ours with the water.

So then what we celebrate as the words, “He is risen!” ring on our tongues is that the very power of God’s grace raising Christ from the dead reigns in us and our lives. We no longer live in fear of death but celebrate instead that our lives freed from that fear empower us to use our mind, body, and spirit to serve both God and neighbor as Christ served all of creation trusting God’s will and laying down his life.

This conviction that our lives are freed from the threat of death and the power of sin transforms sinners into saints and broken lives into lives lived with empathy, compassion and power for others. God’s healing poured out into and through our lives. It says, “NO!” to greed and self absorption and instead extends its own gifts in the service of others. This attitude must touch our concepts of stewardship of creation, our use of our fiscal resources, our willingness to serve in our communities over against personal interests and use of our time, our willingness to be organ donors, to provide shelter, to feed the hungry, to visit the imprisoned, and to risk doing a good thing for our neighbor even knowing it may not be valued.

To confess that Jesus has risen and that we have been raised with him from the waters of baptism is to insist that we have been and are being made different by those events. We cannot go back denying the promise of God’s has ever been spoken over us. We have been made wet with the Word.

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!” Go in Peace and serve the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bill

DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

April	1: John 13:21-32
April	2: John 13:1-17, 31b-35
April	3: John 18:1—19:42
April	4: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
April	5: Mark 16:1-8
April	6: 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
April	7: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
April	8: Luke 24:13-49
April	9: Acts 4:32-35
April	10: Psalm 133
April	11: 1 John 1:1—2:2
April	12: John 20:19-31
April	13: Daniel 3:1-30
April	14: Daniel 6:1-28
April	15: Acts 3:1-10
April	16: Acts 3:12-19
April	17: Psalm 4
April	18: 1 John 3:1-7
April	19: Luke 24:36b-48
April	20: 1 John 3:10-16
April	21: 2 John 1-6
April	22: Acts 4:5-12
April	23: Psalm 23
April	24: 1 John 3:16-24
April	25: 2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18
April	26: John 10:11-18
April	27: 1 Peter 5:1-5
April	28: Psalm 96
April	29: Acts 8:26-40
April	30: Psalm 22:25-31



PRAYER CHAIN

Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at dkint@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!

APRIL SCHEDULES

LECTORS

5: Randy Clark
12: Sam Leister
19: Bob St. Clair
26: Linda Leister

ALTAR GUILD

Mar. 30—Apr. 5	Linda Clark (cup communion – Clint & Jamie Miller)
Apr. 6—Apr. 12	Diana Wise
Apr. 13—Apr. 19	Barbara S. Geedey
Apr. 20—Apr. 26	Sandy Pines
Apr. 27—May 3	Linda Clark

ALTAR FLOWERS

5: OPEN
12: OPEN
19: In honor of our organists
26: OPEN



WELCA met on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The program was led by Cynthia Smith for the book *Pew Sisters*. Good conversation followed her reading.

Cynthia gave the treasurer's report with a balance of \$379.25. She will be sending money to our Indian child this month.

Old Business: Barb thanked everyone who helped make the first Wednesday morning Lenten Tea a success. Good food and devotions were had by all. Alice Swartz served as our pianist and did a wonderful job. Cynthia led the devotions.

We discussed the Family Farm project. Barb has spoken with Wayne and the

project will be presented to the congregation soon. It will be ongoing until we reach our goal of \$715.00.

The only new business we had to discuss was the School Kits that will be started in July. The Seafarers' Project will continue through the Fall.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

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 cooks, drivers, and people to help assemble meals are needed. **Cooks are especially needed for the 5th Tuesday and 5th Friday of the month.**

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 THIS EASTER SEASON

LOCUST GROVE

(69 Cottage Drive, Mifflin, PA 17058)
Ethel Bossinger Evelyn Stetler

Jean McNaight
190 JAM House Rd., Cottage #5
Mifflin, PA 17058

BROOKLINE

(2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059)
Flo Beale Marian Gross
Fay McCormick Sara Ann Aurand
Evelyn Spriggle (Ann Beaver's Mother)

Jane Marhefka
351 Village Blvd.
Mifflintown, PA 17059

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(3 Alex Circle, Mifflintown, PA 17059)
Carol Simonton

NORTHRIDGE CENTER FOR ASSISTED LIVING

(99 Northridge Dr., McAlisterville, PA 17049)
Dorothy Cleck Dottie Smith

HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 Honneman House Dr., Apt. 108,
Thompsontown, PA 17094)
Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

GOLDEN LIVING CENTER – WILLIAM PENN

(163 Summit Drive, Lewistown, PA 17044)
Helen Knox

VILLAGE AT WILLOW LANE, MACUNGIE, PA

(6488 Alburtis Rd., Macungie, PA 18062)
Lura Aughey

RICHFIELD SENIOR LIVING CENTER

(631 Main St., Richfield, PA 17086)

Dorothy Patterson (Cindy Van
Gavree's Mother)

AT HOME

Reba Sigler
23390 Rt. 35 North
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Kitty Walters
P.O. Box 61
Port Royal, PA 17082

Earl & Mona Lawson
2792 William Penn Hwy.
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Jim Yetter
10 Cedar St.
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Craig Walker
7016 Rt. 333
Mifflintown, PA 17059

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly on June 18-19, 2015 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Esborn or the church office.



SEWING MACHINES NEEDED

"The Needlers" are in need of additional sewing machines. If you or someone you know has a working sewing

machine at home that is no longer being used, please consider donating it to "The Needlers."



ORGANIST NEEDED

If you, or anyone you know might be interested—Messiah has an immediate opening for Church Organist for weekly services. Also included Wednesday evening choir rehearsal, except for summer months.

Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard.

Candidates should call Diana Wise at 717-436-6629 evenings for more information, including salary. Possibilities include either full-time or half-time employment.

Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at www.mlcmifflintown.org.



MOTHER/CHILD BANQUET

The Mother/Child Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Messiah Fellowship Hall.

You may purchase tickets from Parish Fellowship members: Barb Geedey, Edith Nipple, Linda Leister, Marylou Hazard, Debbie Meinsler, Mary Grimm, or Karen Goss. **All tickets must be purchased and paid for by April 12th.** Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato, green beans, salad, coffee, tea, milk, and cake for dessert. Entertainment will be the EJ jazz band. Cost will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 4 to 12 years old, and kids 3 and under are FREE.

We need all available men of the church to help prepare, serve and clean-up after the meal. Contact Sam Leister if you are able to help.

CHURCH TREASURER NEEDED

Messiah has a position opening for church treasurer. Requirements are: the position of church treasurer must be held by an adult member of the congregation. A knowledge in proper accounting procedures is preferred. The following are some but not all of the position duties of the church treasurer:

1. Recording the congregational receipts and disbursements.
2. Suggest improved methods and systems for financial record keeping.
3. Present a written financial report for Voters' Assembly meetings and PPC meetings.
4. Submit permanent financial records for an annual audit.
5. Pay salaries and bills as authorized by the congregation or Directors of Boards.
6. Coordinate the flow of monies from the treasury in a balanced manor.
7. Oversee the signing of all checks for payment of bills, salaries or other commitments of the congregation.

Any person interested in more information about this position may

contact the church office in order to obtain a complete written job description. Further questions may be directed to PPC Executive Director, Kenneth Mummah or Pastor Esborn. Church office phone number is 436-6213, email address is messiahlutheran@pa.net.



MESSIAH EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5th at Messiah.

Any candy donations can be taken to the nursery at or before 9:30 a.m. on April 5th, which is when we will be filling the eggs. Any assistance would be appreciated.

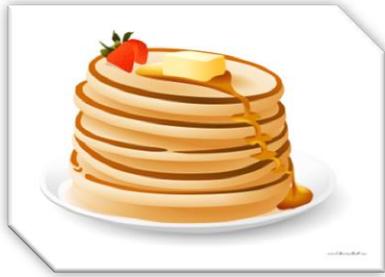


HOME COMMUNION

The Compassionate Services Committee is looking for people who would like to give Communion to our shut-ins.

One hour of training will be available for those not already trained. A rotating schedule of our shut-ins will be used on a quarterly basis.

If interested in this important ministry, contact Don Geedey (phone: 436-6433 or email: geedey@centurylink.net).



2015 PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKERS

7:00 a.m. – Port Royal Community Building

April 4: Al Ream, Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church



2015 MIFFLINTOWN MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKERS

7:00 a.m. – JP Pancake House (cost \$5.75)

April 4: Speaker – Bill Rohm
Music – Brent Stoner
Prayer Leader – Bill Esborn

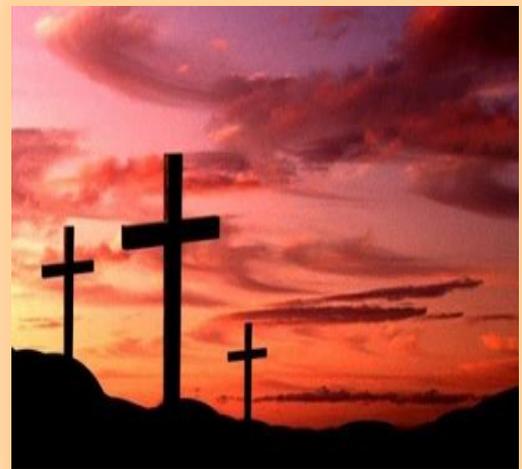


2015 TWIN BORO MINISTERIUM LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00 p.m. – St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Pastor Bill Esborn. Theme: One Tree of Life both sides of the river. Revelations 21:22-22:5, Ps 92:12

Good Friday, April 3rd, 12:00 noon—3:00 p.m. – Messiah Lutheran Church

Easter Sunrise, April 5th, Trinity United Methodist Church, Pastor Stephanie Rupert preaching. Service begins at 6:15 a.m., gathering at the river, then processing to the church. (If the weather is inclement, service will be held at the church).



2015 TWIN BORO
MINISTERIUM GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE – SEVEN LAST WORDS

Welcome and Opening, 12:00 p.m. – Pastor Bill Esborn.

Father Forgive them, 12:05-12:30 p.m. – Pastor Bill Esborn.

My God, My God, 12:30-12:55 p.m. – Pastor Gay Irwin.

Today you will be with me, 12:55-1:20 p.m. – Samuel Leister.

Mother, Behold thy Son, 1:20-1:45 p.m. – Pastor Stephanie Rupert.

I thirst, 1:45-2:10 p.m. – (to be announced).

It is finished, 2:10-2:35 p.m. – Pastor Chris Mathiason.

Into thy hands, 2:35-3:00 p.m. – Father Michael Opoki.

Closing and Sending, 3:00 p.m. – Pastor Bill Esborn.

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.

ALTAR GUILD

The new Altar Guild schedule for July, 2015 through June, 2016 will be completed by June 1st.

We are currently in need of more people to serve on Altar Guild, as a few of our long-serving members are no longer able to help. If you would like to serve, please either call the church office or contact Bob St. Clair.

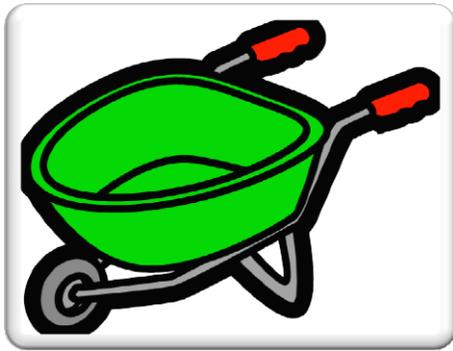
All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve

LECTOR SCHEDULE

The new lector schedule for July, 2015 through June, 2016 will be completed by June 1st.

If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June.

Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.



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.

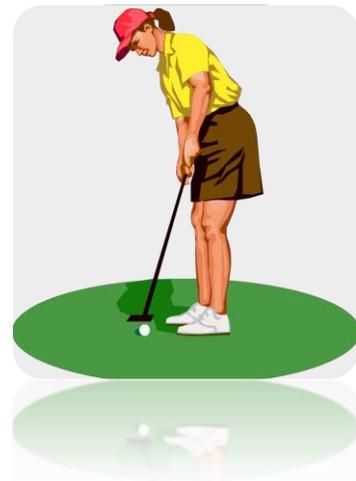
For more information, contact Michael "Doc" Johnston at 436-9209.



BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF CLASSIS

The annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic is set for May 11, 2015, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Damm. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. A flyer/bulletin insert containing information and registration form is available on the camp's website at www.campmountluther.org.

The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, door prize sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587 or at cml@campmountluther.org. Congregations are also encouraged to become hole sponsors. Get involved and help our synod's outdoor ministry!





Mini Mountain Laurel Concert Series 2014 – 2015

Presented by
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In **cooperation** with the PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE ARTS and host sites.

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

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 the Community Partnerships Resource Conservation and Development and the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts.

Spring

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY APRIL UPDATE

In February 2015, the Food Pantry served 317 families – 898 of your neighbors! We thank Lower Tuscarora Presbyterian Church for sending volunteers for the month of February.

Stuff the Bus – Stuff the Bus to benefit the Food Pantry's third annual Summer Backpack Program. This program provides lunches throughout summer vacation to school students who normally receive free and reduced price lunches at school. These students often face hunger in the summer months when their families struggle to make up for the extra meals. Stuff the bus at Weis Market in Mifflintown on Saturday, April 11, 9-3, or at Schlegel's Store in Thompsettown on Saturday, April 18, 9-3. See below for the kind of donations we need for the Backpack Program.

Charlie Stump's Oldies Dance – Celebrate spring by dancing to your favorite oldies with the famed Charlie Stump as DJ! on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the CJEMS Building (cost \$10 per person). Benefits the Juniata County Library and the Food Pantry!

Volunteers Still Needed for the Following Positions – Computer Program Specialist (particularly Microsoft Access); Summer Backpack Program; Grant Writer; Spanish Translator; Recipe Tester; Event Cook; Outreach Helpers.

No More Plastic Bags! For sanitary and environmental reasons, the Food Pantry is going green. We are encouraging our customers to bring their own cloth bags for their groceries. Thank you for your help in the past, but we will no longer accept the donation of plastic shopping bags, although we will gladly accept clean cloth bags.

STUFF THE BUS (BACKPACK PROGRAM) DONATIONS:

Single-serve, non-perishable lunch and snack items such as juice boxes or pouches, cans of pasta meals or soup, microwave meals, fruit cups, pudding cups, and snack crackers/cookies. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Address: P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059

Phone #: 717-436-9718

Hours: Tuesday 9-12 & 1-5, Saturday 9-12



***Remember, our vestibule is open to receive non-perishable donations any hour, any day! Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot inside the vestibule.**



Visit our **Website**: www.jcfoodpantry.com

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