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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR HEALING August 30, 2015 – 9:15 a.m.

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

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

**SHUT-INS:** Marian G., Reba S., Kitty W., Flo B., Ethel B., Jean M., Helen K., Sis S., Jane M., Fay M., Dorothy P., Ruth C., Ray B., Dottie S., Dorothy C.

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### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

*Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanses comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now Jesus says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.*

### \* 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 "Let Justice Flow like Streams"

\* 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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

**WORD**

*The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and neither to add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.*

FIRST READING

A reading from Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

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

PSALM: Psalm 15 (**Responsively**)

*L – LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? (Ps. 15:1)*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**<sup>2</sup>Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

**<sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

**ALL – LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?**

*The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.*

## SECOND READING

A reading from James 1:17-27

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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.**

*Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.*

\* GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

*P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

\* 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].

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christyan Seay

\* 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 confidence in God's compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.*

*A brief silence.*

*P O God, we pray for the church throughout the world. Give its members the inspiration to be doers of the word. Proclaim your grace to their children and their children's children. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P As the harvest comes to its peak, remind us that we live in a bountiful universe and inspire us to work for continued nourishment for Earth and all its creatures. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P We pray for the nations of the world. Give them the courage to seek peace with justice and to set free every person who is oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P We pray for those waiting for their freedom. Break the chains that bind our human hearts. Console those constrained by any sort of oppression, grief, loneliness, or illness (especially all of our shut-ins, both at home and in nursing homes, and for Dorothy Patterson, Sarah Shellenberger, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jesse Kint, Jim Woltman, Ed Forney, Allison Saner, Charlene Aughey, Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Charlie Rush, Allison Garver, Clara Shepps, Andy & Wesley Kinzer, Gus Keiser, Kaiden Woods, Tina Hutchinson, John Miller, Leah Bridges, Michal Gayer, Judy Grimes, Jane Ann (Ziegler) Baney, Sara Ann Aurand, Carol Jan & John Mahlin, Betsy Aumiller, Jodi Fitzgerald, Virginia Waller, Dot Zeiders, Mindy Fryer, Angela & Scott Bryner, Mary Ann Bardell, Audrey Morral, Gabby Baney, family of Sis Stetler, and Randy Clark). Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

*P We pray for all congregations. Inspire and strengthen them to live by your*

commandments and to be your hands in the community. Make them shining lights to the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P O God, we give thanks for those who have held fast to your commandments, and we look forward to the day of reunion when we shall all live upon your holy hill. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

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

**C Amen**

## THE RITE OF HEALING

### THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

P Those who wish to receive the laying on of hands as a commitment to God's power to heal may come forward to the altar rail. This may include those in need of physical, emotional, or mental healing. It may include those in need of reconciliation in their relationship to God or neighbor. It may include those who wish to commit their ministry of healing into the hands of God: as a doctor, nurse, or health care worker.

P Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. We give you thanks for this oil, for the fruit of the trees, nurtured in the warmth of the sun, watered from the rain of the heavens, the olives harvested, and oil pressed from the fruit of the trees. With oil, you anointed your chosen people Israel, and fed them with choice flour, oil, and honey. You anointed Aaron and made oil a sign of blessing for your chosen ones. You promised to anoint with oil those who walk through the valley of the shadow of death. You have anointed your own Son with the oil of gladness. The Good Samaritan tended a stranger, bound up his wounds, and poured oil on them. You gave the disciples power to heal, to cure, and to anoint with oil many who were sick. Your own body was anointed for burial by the woman who poured expensive ointment on his feet and wiped them with her hair. The virgins met the bridegroom and trimmed their oil lamps to burn brightly for the celebration, the feast to come.

(Then for each individual the following is said with the laying on of hands):

P I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know the healing power of his love.

**C Amen**

P (Name), I anoint you with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

#### \* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (for all)

P The almighty Lord a stronger tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they

obey--be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen**

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*P Let us pray.*

*Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

**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 – Malin Kint

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark

#### **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 worshipping 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.

WE WELCOME Christyan Seay and thank him for providing the special music for our worship service today. Christyan Seay, tenor is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University and a resident of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He studied voice with Dr. Thomas Houser (New Holland, PA) and Dr. Anthony Leach (State College, PA) while coaching with various vocal coaches in the central Pennsylvania and Philadelphia areas. Active in recital, oratorio and opera, Mr. Seay has performed extensively throughout central Pennsylvania and abroad, including performances at Weill Recital Hall in New York City and in Europe singing contemporary operatic works in Germany and the Czech Republic as well as Negro Spirituals, African American Gospel and excerpts from Porgy & Bess in Krakow, Poland and Prague, Czech Republic with the Pennsylvania State University Choral Ensemble (Essence of Joy). He has also appeared with internationally acclaimed organist Diane Bish performing hymn arrangements of Ms. Bish [with Ms. Bish as accompanist on the organ]. Highlights of his 2014-2015 Season includes performances of Handel's Messiah, Amahl & the Night Visitors (King Kaspar). "Mad About Mozart" (Lancaster Opera Co.), Haydn's Creation (Lancaster Chorale), "LINK\_UP" (Harrisburg Youth Symphony), "Steam Heat Broadway Cabaret (Phantom Theater Co.), Mozart Requiem (Shippensburg Festival Chorus & Orchestra), Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 2 – Lobgesang (Germantown Concert Chorus & Orchestra), and Saint Saens Christmas Oratorio – in addition to several concerts and recitals in the region. Mr. Seay is a performing artist for The Wednesday Club and currently serves as Artistic Director for the Capital Area Music Association (CAMA).

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Sis Stetler, who died on August 21, 2015 at Locust Grove Retirement Village. Please keep the family in your prayers. Sympathy is also extended to Randy Clark on the death of his mother, Doreen Adams, who died on August 24, 2015 at Geisinger Medical Center. Please keep Randy 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 – French Proverb: Years of repentance are necessary in order to blot out a sin in the eyes of men, but one tear of repentance suffices with God.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

**AUGUST 23, 2015 ATTENDANCE 62. TOTAL OFFERING \$2,394.00--GENERAL FUND \$2,264.00**

SPECIAL APPEAL ANNOUNCEMENT – The latest financial information available to your PPC has made it clearly evident to all that we need to make serious adjustments to our budget expenditures in order to overcome our income/expense deficit. Until we can conduct a Voters' Assembly on September 13<sup>th</sup>, the PPC is making a **special appeal** to all Messiah members to examine and pray about their current monetary giving and if at all possible increase that level over the coming weeks. PPC is formulating a reduced budget plan to present for a vote at a special congregational meeting on September 13, 2015. Your prayers for our church and the PPC are encouraged as we work through this difficult circumstance.

Thank you, PPC

WHAT IS THE GENERAL FUND? The General Fund pays the salary and benefits for our Pastor, our secretary's salary and annuity allowance, the salaries of our cleaner, our organists and our choir director. Also the General Fund pays electricity, fuel oil and propane, flowers (if not sponsored), insurance, pest control, phone and internet service, educational materials, taxes, office supplies, water, sewer and other miscellaneous bills. All furnace repair, furnace maintenance, building repair and maintenance comes out of the Building Fund. Total monies received for the General Fund for the last five years are as follows:

2010 - \$127,295.42  
2011 - \$127,569.19  
2012 - \$120,619.25  
2013 - \$120,311.75  
2014 - \$122,703.50  
2015-to-Date (8/16/15) - \$67,367.12 (55% of last year)

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.

**JUMP START BLOG:** The teacher recruitment for Children's and Youth Sunday School is now complete! As you may recall, our Jump Start model for Sunday School provides for TWO teachers per class. We now have enough teachers to do this! In the past, there was only one teacher per class, and this had the built in negative bias of wearing out (and burning

out) the teacher who struggled over the long haul at any cost. With the two teacher model, the teachers in each two-teacher team now have the flexibility of accommodating pressing personal schedules as they develop. The multiple teacher model is nothing new to Messiah. It has been part and parcel of our adult Sunday School for years if not decades. What is new is the application of this model to youth classes.

Ideally, when both teachers are available, BOTH will be present each Sunday. On any given Sunday, one of the two will be the designated teacher while the other will be subordinated to a support role. The subordinated teacher will be free to provide individual assistance to students as needed, to prepare reproducible study sheets at the laser copier, and to assist the designated teacher as needed. The two teachers will reverse their roles on a scheme acceptable to both. They may be the designated teacher every other week or every other month or every other unit such as they decide between them. Perhaps the most important outcome to having them both attend classes as much as possible will be that the "helper" teacher will be up to speed with the flow of the subject matter.

Teacher assignments have changed a bit over the past two weeks as it became necessary to tweak the arrangement. What follows is a listing of the final assignments:

**Nursery**: Elizabeth Book & Briley Holderman  
**Grades K – 2**: Tawny Mumma & Nasreen Kepler  
**Grades 3 – 5**: Sandy Pines & Jean Compton  
**Grades 6 – 12**: Kate Swailes & Caroline Bryner  
**Young Adults**: Linda Bahorik & Barb Geedey

**NOTE: Linda Clark will be the Real-time Facilitator** – "Principal" of the Sunday School. As such she will work to maintain a smooth running School. As the teachers have needs, she will be their onsite "go-to-person" who will work to make things right. She will also be the overseer of Act 34 Clearance documentation.

THANKS! The Christian Education Committee and the whole Jump Start Team wish to extend heartfelt thanks to the two (anonymous) parties who made very generous gifts to defray some of the initial cost of Jump-starting Children's and Youth Sunday School at Messiah. We can now report that the Laser Copier necessary for the workings of our curriculum has been purchased, delivered, setup and is ready to go!

THE STAINED GLASS FUND has been closed. The Gethsemane window has been paid and at this time all our stained glass windows are fine and need no further restoration. The Property Committee thanks everyone who has so generously contributed to our five year stained glass project, and hope you continue to support the Building Fund in order to keep all of our property in good repair.

EARLY SUMMER SERVICES will continue through September 6, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. Regular 10:30 a.m. worship services will resume on September 13, 2015 with Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet today immediately following the worship service.

THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you are unable to attend, please notify Kay Varner.

"THE NEEDLERS" will continue their sewing project on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone who would like to help is welcome!

GIANT STORE GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from members of the Disciples Class.

WEDNESDAY EVENING "INFORMAL COMMUNION" will be held during the summer months at 6:30 p.m. in the Junior Church Room for those who cannot make it to the services on Sunday mornings and still wish to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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 to members of Messiah for the cards and expressions of sympathy in the death of my brother, Gerald Dumm. Your kindness was very much appreciated.

Barbara Fairman

### **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.

KNITTING CLASSES will begin on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in the Jr. Church Room around 6:00 p.m. until everyone is ready to leave. We will be completing our scarves and starting a dishcloth. Knitters will need a skein of cotton yarn, worsted weight. Some brands are Lion Cotton, Lily Sugar and Cream, Lily Peaches and Cream, and Bernat Handicrafter. The pattern can be downloaded for free from [www.joann.com/static/project/0706/P148439.pdf](http://www.joann.com/static/project/0706/P148439.pdf). If you are unable to get the pattern, don't worry we will have copies. The needle size that is recommended is a size 10, however, size 8's can be used and the book says you can stay with the 7's that were used for the scarf.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Jean Compton providing the devotions. Cynthia Smith will have refreshments.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA continue to collect items for School Kits. Items needed are: 4—70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper 8" X 10½". One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, one pencil sharpener, one blunt pair of scissors, 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, 5 ballpoint pens, one box of 16 or 24 crayons, and one 2½" eraser. Items should be placed on the round table in the Adult Sunday School Room. School Kit items will be sent along with the blankets in October.

## COMMUNITY

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST:**  
**FRESH PRODUCE AND ANY NON-PERISHABLE FOODS;**  
**TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO, LOTION,**  
**BATH SOAP, OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN AND COLD MEDICINES**  
**BAND-AIDS AND ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT.**

**WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH, AND GIFT CARDS  
FOR LOCAL GROCERY AND DISCOUNT STORES**

Address: P.O. Box 44, 114 N. Main St., Mifflintown, PA 17059  
Phone #: 717-436-9718  
Hours: Tuesday 9-12 & 2-6, Saturday 9-12

**Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to accept donations!**

Contact person: Kathy Queitzsch

Email: [jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com](mailto:jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com)

Visit our **Website:** [www.jcfoodpantry.com](http://www.jcfoodpantry.com)

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MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer cooks, drivers and people to help assemble meals.  
**Cooks are especially needed for the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

### **SYNOD GROW Team – Save the Dates**

September 13, 2015: God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

September 20, 2015: Knoebel's Day for the Synod

October 31, 2015: Building Youth Groups at Camp Mount Luther

November 21, 2015: Family Advent Night at Messiah in Williamsport

February 19-20 or 26-27, 2016: GROW in the SNOW Retreat at Camp Mount Luther

**WATCH FOR DETAILS IN UPCOMING BULLETINS CLOSER TO THE DATES!!**

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.  
-9:15 a.m., Service of Healing/communion.  
-Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall (for anyone who wants to help).
- Wednesday:** -6:30 p.m., Quiet Communion in Jr. Church Room.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Summer Worship/communion.