

# THE MESSIAH HERALD



**FEBRUARY, 2015**

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**MESSIAH CHURCH CALENDAR**

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

# The Messiah Herald



***February 2015***

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We are called to rise from the waters and our dead, sinful, self-centered lives to be a saint, a saint who is set aside for the work of God.

Christ’s love and leadership are a responsibility we all share as people called by God.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the month with the Valentine’s Day and President’s Day holidays we can reflect on the connection between love and leadership. Pope Francis has been consistently taking public stances and making statements encouraging the Roman Catholic Church and I believe the world to grow and embrace the importance and the power of Christlike love to transform our world in powerful and positive ways. He is using his mantle of leadership to call the church to faithfulness in its walk with Christ.

Valentine’s Day has become about romantic love and has forgotten that the love exemplified by the saints of the church is less about romance and more about how Christ modeled for us the love of sacrifice and pouring out our lives for God’s call and our neighbor. Real Christ like love understands that to love another means that we are willing to accept real personal cost for the benefit of others. Christ went to the cross and died for us and our brokenness in sin not for his benefit but that instead that we may be saved.

Understanding this gift of salvation and its accompanying deliverance from the power of death we are freed to risk living in love for our neighbor like Jesus. Understanding this real power of love thus leads us into true leadership like Jesus’, like Francis’s. The power of this belief and faith is what has led Francis to challenge corruption within the church and the world. This leadership understands that sometimes the most faithful act is to challenge the powers of this world, inside and outside the church, and their visions of wealth and glory in service of self.

Pope Francis has challenged us to see the various ways we cause destruction and harm to neighbor and creation. He has done that repeatedly and is steadily calling us forward on a new path, one that clings conservatively to the calling we all received in the waters of baptism. We are called to rise from the waters and our dead, sinful, self-centered lives to be a saint, a saint who is set aside for the work of God.

In this new life we are to consider the impact our lives can have on each other helping and healing those in need, respecting and loving neighbor and creation. Francis has spoken about the dangers of economic systems that exploit rather support the poor. He has spoken about the damage we inflict upon creation with conspicuous consumption. He speaks of our responsibility to work for the healing the least of these and reflect Matthew 25 in our daily living. And he has now challenged us to reflect on the responsible size of our families and how we out strip both personal resources and global resources with indiscriminate population growth.

Christ’s love and leadership are a responsibility we all share as people called by God. How can you allow your life to be transformed by God’s love for you in Christ so that you can grow every day in every way to reflect that love into the lives and the world around you and how can you embrace the mantle of leadership and help show the glory of the one we call, “the way, the truth, and the life,” our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We do these things not out of concerns for political power; we do them for Christ and to be like Christ and we accept the cost even unto death.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Bill*

## DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

February	1: Mark 1:21-28
February	2: Luke 2:22-40
February	3: Psalm 35:1-10
February	4: Jeremiah 29:1-14
February	5: Isaiah 40:21-31
February	6: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
February	7: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
February	8: Mark 1:29-39
February	9: 2 Kings 4:8-17, 32-37
February	10: 2 Kings 8:1-6
February	11: Mark 3:7-12
February	12: 2 Kings 2:1-12
February	13: Psalm 50:1-6
February	14: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
February	15: Mark 9:2-9
February	16: Exodus 19:7-25
February	17: Job 19:23-27
February	18: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
February	19: Genesis 9:8-17
February	20: Psalm 25:1-10
February	21: 1 Peter 3:18-22
February	22: Mark 1:9-15
February	23: Job 4:1-21
February	24: 1 Peter 3:8-18a
February	25: Proverbs 30:1-9
February	26: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
February	27: Psalm 22:23-31
February	28: Romans 4:13-25



## 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!**

## FEBRUARY SCHEDULES

### LECTORS

1: Ron Yorks  
8: Diana Wise  
15: Cynthia Smith  
22: Randy Clark

### ALTAR GUILD

Feb. 1—Feb. 8 Kay Varner  
Feb. 10—Feb. 15 Ann Beaver  
(Clint & Jamie Miller – cup communion)  
Feb. 17—Mar. 22 Ann Beaver

### ALTAR FLOWERS

1: OPEN  
8: Miller Family  
15: In memory of Tammy Pines Walton's birthday  
22: OPEN



Items for the Seafarers Project are: sweatshirts (preferably hooded in sizes L-XL, thermal or white gym socks (no dress socks), casual pull-over T-shirts in sizes M-L, and heavy knit winter caps.

The next meeting for Messiah Women of the ELCA will be Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. All women of Messiah are invited to attend.

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



## **STAINED GLASS FUND**

Received in Stained Glass Fund to date: \$5,962.00. Total cost for repair of the Gethsemane stained glass window: \$13,824.00.



## **GET EXCITED FOR CAMP THIS SUMMER**

Campers of all ages are invited to come to Camp Mount Luther this summer and take advantage of all the programs they have to offer! There are traditional, specialty and trip camps for school-aged kids and Family Camp for kids and adults. Mount Luther is located five miles west of Mifflinburg, in Union County.

On Sunday, February 8, 2015, Chad Hershberger, Mount Luther's Director, will be at our church to share information about this year's programs. Don't forget that if you register before April 1, 2015, you receive a discount on your camp fee. Or, if you bring a friend to camp who's never been here, you and the friend (or sibling or church buddy) can both get \$25 off your registration! Just check that option on the registration form and send the forms together.

Kate Swales is serving this year as our camperson, a liaison between Mount Luther and our congregation. Because we have a camperson, you can see her to get an additional discount! For more information on summer camp programs, you can contact your camperson or visit the camp website at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). Camping brochures and registration forms are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.



## **YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Our Messiah youth group is holding a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 13, 2015 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Messiah. The cost will be \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, and free for children 4 and under. A portion of the proceeds will go to a community charity.

Anyone interested in donating money, food (especially desserts) or time would be most appreciated and should contact Tawny Mummah at 527-4493. Thank you for your support!



## **YOUTH ARCHERY WORKSHOP**

Youth members of Messiah are invited to attend an archery workshop hosted by Larry Wise. It will be held at the Juniata County Sportsmen's Club in Port Royal from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2015.

Please contact Kate Swales if your child will be attending.



## **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

Our youth will be holding soup pots on February 1, 2015 at the rear of the church. They will join young people in churches across the nation, sharing God's love with those who need our compassion and care.

Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "help our neighbors" by dropping a dollar in the soup pot on February 1. Proceeds will go to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Please also bring a can of soup to be donated to the Food Pantry

## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES**

Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2015 at Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove.

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

## **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

A First Communion Class will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library area.

Class is for any age child of parents who wish their child to attend.



## **BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASSES**

Baptismal and New Member classes will be held this winter.

If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to attend the New Member classes, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

## **VOTERS' ASSEMBLY**

The next Voters' Assembly meeting will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2015 following the worship service.

Business: board reports and approval of 2014 audit.

## **2015 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

The 2015 church offering envelopes are now available in the Adult Sunday School Room for you to pick up.

Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2014 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.



## **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.mlcimifflintown.org](http://www.mlcimifflintown.org).

## **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](mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net).



### **2015 WOMEN'S LENTEN TEAS**

The Women's Community Lenten Teas will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015 with fellowship time at 9:30 a.m. followed by the Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.

This year's study will be from the book "GIVE IT UP!" The lessons encourage us to give up different things each week.

Locations are listed below:

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| February 18: | Messiah Lutheran Church                |
| February 25: | St. Jude's Catholic Church             |
| March 4:     | Aldersgate United Methodist Church     |
| March 11:    | Trinity United Methodist Church        |
| March 18:    | Westminster United Presbyterian Church |
| March 25:    | St. Stephen's Lutheran Church          |



### **2015 PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKERS**

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

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| February 21: | Rev. Albert Gray,<br>Corner-<br>Community Church           |
| February 28: | Rev. Mike Sigler, Centre/<br>Emmanuel Lutheran<br>Churches |
| March 7:     | Warren Wagner, Free<br>Spring Church of the<br>Brethren    |
| March 14:    | Rodney Pry, Pine<br>Grove Methodist Church                 |
| March 21:    | Gary Krabill, Chaplain at<br>Locust Grove                  |
| March 28:    | Rev. Jim Beck, Evandale<br>Bible Church                    |
| April 4:     | Al Ream, Cedar Grove<br>Brethren in Christ Church          |



## **MOTHER/CHILD BANQUET**

ATTENTION! – A Mother and Child Banquet will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Messiah.

Please mark your calendars for that date. More information will follow in upcoming bulletins.



## **2015 MIFFLINTOWN MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKERS**

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

February 21: Speaker - Edd Carlson  
Music – Brent Stoner  
Prayer Leader – Bill Esborn

February 28: Speaker – Jim Bricker  
Music – Eddie Carlson  
Prayer Leader – Edd Carlson

March 7: Speaker – Bill Esborn  
Music – Brent Stoner  
Prayer Leader – Keith Whistler

March 14: Speaker – Jim Bahorik

Music – Eddie Carlson  
Prayer Leader – Brent Stoner

March 21: Speaker – Chris Mathiason  
Music – Brent Stoner  
Prayer Leader – John Shirk

March 28: Speaker – Brent Stoner  
Music – Eddie Carlson  
Prayer Leader – Bill Rohm

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



## **2015 TWIN BORO MINISTERIUM LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE**

Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. –  
Messiah Lutheran Church, Pastor Gay Irwin.  
Theme: Tree of Life: given and denied.  
Genesis 2:8-9, 15-18, 3:22-24, Ps 1:5

Lent 2, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – St. Jude's  
Catholic Church, Pastor Bill Esborn.  
Theme: The low tree into the Tree of Life.  
Ezekiel 17:22-24, Ps 1:4

Lent 3, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – Trinity United  
Methodist Church, Pastor Martha Carlson.  
Theme: Hold wisdom as the Tree of Life.  
Proverbs 3:13-18, Ps 1:2



Lent 4, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Father Michael Opoki,  
Theme: Mustard bush as the Tree of Life.  
Mark 4:30-32, Ps 1:3

Lent 5, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Pastor Stephanie Rupert.  
Theme: Fruits of the Tree of Life.  
Galatians 5:16-26, Ps 1:3b

Lent 6, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Pastor Chris Mathiason.

Theme: Tree of Life in the paradise of God.  
Revelations 2:7, Ps 1

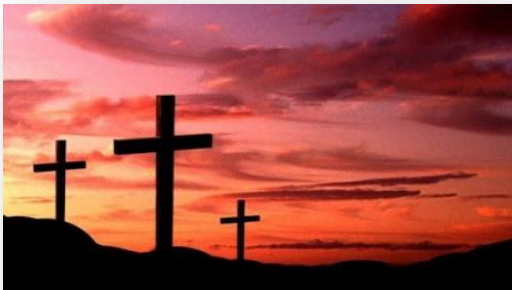
Mundy Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 p.m. – St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Pastor Bill Esborn.

Theme: One Tree of Life both sides of the river.

Revelations 21:22-22:5, Ps 92:12

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

Easter Sunrise, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 a.m. – Trinity United Methodist Church, Pastor Stephanie Rupert.



## **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](tel:888-881-2046). Serving Centre, Mifflin and Juniata Counties (LOCALLY OWNED). Check out our website: [InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com](http://InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com).

## **ALTAR GUILD**

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

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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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.



## **LENTEN FISH DINNERS**

Lenten Fish Dinners (all-you-can-eat) will be held every Friday beginning February 13, 2015 from 4-7 p.m. in the church social hall at St. Jude's Catholic Church.

Meals will include fried and baked fish, popcorn shrimp, fried clams, French fries, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, corn, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls, puddings, and a selection of homemade desserts.

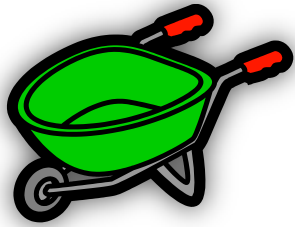
Pay at the door: Adults - \$12.00, Ages 6-12 - \$6.00, under 6 - free. Sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus.



## **EASTER LILIES**

Easter Lilies to decorate the church on Easter Sunday, may be placed in memory or in honor of someone or to the Glory of God.

Cost will be \$10.00 for a plant with 4 to 6 blooms. You may call the church office at 436-6213 to place your order.



## **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.



## **MINI MOUNTAIN LAUREL CONCERT SERIES 2014 – 2015**

Presented by **Orthey Instruments**

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

**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 FEBRUARY UPDATE**

Here at the Juniata County Food Pantry we are so thankful for all who shared their abundance with us throughout November and December. Thanks to the generosity of our community and our partnership with local branches of Kiwanis, the Boy Scouts, Salvation Army and others, we were able to provide over 400 families with both a Thanksgiving and Christmas Meal in 2014. Unfortunately, now that the excitement of the "giving months" has passed, donations have slowed considerably – and hunger is not reserved to only two months a year. The Food Pantry relies almost completely on contributions from the community to continue serving over 1000 Juniata County residents in poverty. Please help us help them!

In December 2014, the Food Pantry served 376 families – 1078 of your neighbors! We thank River Church for sending volunteers for the month of December. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY**

**ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS AND PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS:  
SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE AND LOTION.  
CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL GROCERS AND  
DISCOUNT STORES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

**NO MORE SHOPPING BAGS PLEASE! WE ARE GOING GREEN!  
CUSTOMERS ARE NOW BRINGING THEIR OWN BAGS OR BOXES.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE PAST!**

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](http://www.jcfoodpantry.com)

Like us on **Face Book!**

*\*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATACOUNTY FOOD PANTRY. (CONTACT PERSON: KATHY QUEITZSCH). Email: [jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com](mailto:jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com)*

