# Messiah Lutheran Church

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# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT February 22, 2015 – 10:30 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.

**OTHERS**: Sarah S., Rick W., Avonel W., Jesse K., Jim W., Ed F., Allison S., Miriam B., Charlene A., Kelly Y., Marti G., Brian A., John & Sheila S., Rick V., Carol & John M., John M., Heidi W., Bob & Jeanette S., Esther B., Charlie R., Doug W., Bill C., Jamie & family., Allison G., Wally Z.

#### **PREPARATION**

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CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** 

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

INTRODUCTION

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who brings us out of captivity into freedom, out of the wilderness into the promised land, out of death into life.

#### C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P Gracious God.

- C we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen
- P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, + God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us 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 "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"
- \* GREETING
  - P The grace of Jesus Christ our Savior, the reconciling love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
  - C And also with you.
- \* KYRIE (C spoken)
  - P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
  - C Amen
- \* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)
  - P Let us pray...
  - C Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17

The First Reading is from the 9th chapter of Genesis.

#### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." <sup>12</sup>God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 (responsively)

L Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

4Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

ALL Your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

The Second Reading is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of 1 Peter.

### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

\* LENTEN VERSE (sung)

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

\* GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

#### THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON Pastor Esborn

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY
- "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"
- \* APOSTLES' CREED (all)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Led by Christ in our journey of repentance and moved by his compassion, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

### A brief silence.

P Holy God, in baptism you wash us clean from sin and refresh us with your promise of belonging. Unite your church in proclaiming that in your family all are welcome, all are beloved, all are made whole. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P The earth thirsts for your life-giving water. We pray for desert places where there is no rain and for restoration of polluted rivers and oceans. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Flood our world with a desire for peace. Where people are oppressed, bring justice. Where there is terror, bring safety. Stir up compassion among leaders and citizens so that every person is treated with dignity, kindness, and love. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Your heart aches with those who are in pain. Tend to those who are hungry, lonely, lost, and those in any need (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, Miriam Sowers Bolton, Charlene Aughey, Kelly Yorks, Marti Geise, Brian Arentz, John & Sheila Sprenkle, Rick Varner, Carol & John Mahlin, John Miller, Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Heidi Woltman, Esther Bratton, Charlie Rush, Doug Wagner, Bill Corbin, Jamie & her family, Allison Garver, and Wally Zook). Hear their cries and spur us to respond as your hands and heart in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

P Bless ministers, musicians, teachers, visionaries, council members, committees, and all those who strive to lead this congregation faithfully into the future. Ground their work in scripture and prayer and fuel it with your great imagination. Lord, in your mercy,

### C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Remember your covenant with us, and keep us faithful to you until we join with all the saints and angels around your heavenly throne. Lord, in your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

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

### C 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].

#### ANTHEM

# \* SUNG OFFERTORY (sung)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

### \* OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen

#### MEAL

- \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
  - P With his Body and Blood, Jesus Christ delivers us from the power of darkness.
  - C and leads us into the Kingdom of God.
  - P Christ has humbled himself and become obedient unto death.
  - C even to death on a cross.
  - P He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities,
  - C and on him was the chastisement that made us whole.
  - P Here at his holy table he feeds us now with his Body and Blood.
  - C Glory to you, our Lord and Savior; with your Body and Blood you redeem the World.

# \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.
- C We praise you, O God.
- P Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.
- C We bless you, O God.
- P We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.
- C We thank you, O God.
- P 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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.
- C Amen
- \* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] (all)
  - C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
    - Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

- INVITATION TO COMMUNION
  - P Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you.

(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 Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
  - C Amen

#### **SENDING**

- \* BLESSING
  - P The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
  - C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)

DISMISSAL
 P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING CHIMES** 

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Andrea Cameron NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Ann Beaver

#### **WELCOME**

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the purple 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 worshiping 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) worshiping 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.

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 – Randy Alcorn, Contemporary American Protestant Author: Satan need not convince us that heaven does not exist. He need only convince us that heaven is a place of boring, unearthly existence.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at <u>dskint@nmax.net</u>. If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

**ATTENTION!** – A Mother and Child Banquet will be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 18, 2015</u> at Messiah. Please mark your calendars for that date. More information will follow in upcoming bulletins.

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 Swailes if your child will be attending.

JR. CHURCH COLLECTION – The month of February, all money collected in Jr. Church will be used to help support Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Mifflintown. The kids would like your help in collecting donations of all "baby" items including diapers (especially newborn and size 1), wipes, lotions, storybooks, crib sheets and blankets. A basket has been placed in the Adult Sunday School Room for the collection of these items. If you would simply like to donate money to be used to purchase necessary items, please see Stacie Kint.

JUNIATA COUNTY THRIVENT BOARD – As of the February meeting of the Juniata County Thrivent Board, changes have been made to the allocation process for **Care Abounds In Community Funding**. Each application received will be allotted a maximum amount of \$125 with a \$50 "bonus" **IF** someone from the group/organization applies for **Action Team Funds**. Every Thrivent member is eligible to receive \$250 twice a year as "seed money" for a project. You can apply online at <a href="www.thrivent.com/actionteams">www.thrivent.com/actionteams</a> or by contacting Sam Leister at 436-8589.

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 <a href="massiahlutheran@pa.net">messiahlutheran@pa.net</a>.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING will be held today following the worship service. Business: board reports.

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 <a href="https://www.mlcmifflintown.org">www.mlcmifflintown.org</a>.

"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."

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.

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 there, 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 Swailes 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 <a href="https://www.campmountluther.org">www.campmountluther.org</a>. Camping brochures and registration forms are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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 for a plant with 4 to 6 blooms. You may call the church office at 436-6213 to place your order.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2015 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Esborn or the church office.

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 all the prayers, cards and concerns I received and to Pastor Esborn for his visits.

Randy Clark

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU that shared in what was a very successful, fund raising event. Through generous donations almost all of our expenses were covered, leaving a profit of approximately \$1,200, with 25% going to Meals-On-Wheels. We hope to use the rest of the profit to help defray the cost for Messiah Youth participation in Mt. Luther programs. Thanks again for your tremendous support!

# **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.

SEAFARERS PROJECT – Women of the ELCA are collecting items for the Seafarers Project. Items needed are: sweatshirts (preferably hooded sizes L-XL), thermal or white gym socks (no dress socks), casual pull-over T-shirts sizes M-L, and heavy knit winter caps. Please place items on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYMODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION "Day of Renewal" will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The theme will be: "A Renewal of Hope" with speakers Gary and Deb Winters, founders and supporters of "God's Precious Children." Anyone interested in attending, please contact Barb S. Geedey.

### COMMUNITY

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer drivers, cooks and people to help assemble meals. If you have some spare time and can8 help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

LENTEN FISH DINNERS (all-you-can-eat) will be held every Friday during Lent 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.

THE NEXT WOMEN'S COMMUNITY LENTEN TEA will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at St. Jude's Catholic Church 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.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE, sponsored by the Twin-Boro Ministerium, will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church. Pastor Bill Esborn will be preaching on the theme: "The low tree into the Tree of Life." Ezekiel 17:22-24, Ps 1:4.

MIFFLINTOWN MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 7:00 a.m. at JP Restaurant. Cost will be \$5.75 per person. The speaker will be Jim Bricker and the prayer leader will be Edd Carlson. Music will be provided by Eddie Carlson.

THANK YOU – "Dear Friends at Messiah Lutheran Church.....thank you for sharing your generous Souper Bowl Sunday donations with the Juniata County Food Pantry! Your contribution of 25 ten dollar gift cards will allow many families to purchase diapers when our stock has run out or allow us to purchase other items of need. What a blessing!!! Thank you for your faithful support and thoughtfulness. Have a blessed winter as you are fulfilling His commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12). Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Sincerely,
Patricia Brown, Treasurer & the
Juniata Co. Food Pantry Board of Directors

# FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS AND PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS:
SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, TOOTHPASTE AND LOTION.
CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL GROCERY AND
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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 <u>non-perishable</u> donations any hour, any day! Cash or gift card donations may be deposited through the mail slot inside the vestibule.

Contact person: Kathy Queitzsch Email: <u>jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com</u>

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# THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today:	-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. ChurchVoters' Assembly meeting following worship service
Monday:	-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
Tuesday:	-9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
Wednesday:	-9:30 a.m. Women's Community Lenten Tea at St. Jude's Catholic Church7 p.m., Community Lenten Service at St. Jude's Catholic Church.
Saturday:	-7 a.m., Men's Prayer Breakfast at JP Restaurant.
Sunday:	-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion3-5 p.m., Archery Workshop at Juniata Co. Sportsmen's Club.
Please provide the church office with your email address (in case of bad weather), so everyone can be contacted if services are cancelled. Radio stations no longer work well. If you do not have an email address, but have a family member that could be contacted through their email address, please use that address.	
	Name(s)
	Email address
	Alternate email address