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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR HEALING March 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.

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PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

L. A. Warriner

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to American Indians, died 1758 – A Puritan minister in Connecticut, Edwards is remembered as being a great preacher. Though his most famous sermon talks at length about hell, he was more concerned with God's love. He served both as missionary to the Housatonic people in Massachusetts, and as president of the future Princeton University.

* 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 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

* 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 - sung**)

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 O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The First Reading is from the 31st chapter of Jeremiah.

THE LESSON READS:

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-12 (responsively)

L Create in me a clean heart, O God. (Ps. 51:10)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

ALL Create in me a clean heart, O God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:5-10

The Second Reading is from the 5th chapter of Hebrews.

THE LESSON READS:

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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: John 12:20-33

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

* HYMN OF THE DAY "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

* 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 Gracious God, keep your church firm in faith, so that it might trust in your goodness even when the way is difficult and the future seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P As the earth spins through another change of season, awaken trees and flowers from their winter's rest. Bring forth grain from the earth and fruit from the vine. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bring peace to nations devastated by war and violence (especially). Teach leaders to trust in your deep and abiding peace and make all of us instruments of that holy peace. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You come into a broken world that is never beyond your repair. Heal those who feel the effects of illness and injury in body, mind, or spirit (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, Marti Geise, Brian Arentz, John & Sheila Sprenkle, Rick Varner, Carol & John Mahlin, John Miller, Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Heidi Woltman, Charlie Rush, Doug Wagner, Bill Corbin, Jamie & her family, Allison Garver, Wally Zook, Terry Coder, Andy Kinzer, Clara Shepps, Roger Whitesel, and family of Kolleen Siebel). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bless the ministries of teachers and mentors in the faith and be with those preparing for baptism (at the Easter Vigil). Send newcomers into our midst, and prepare us to welcome them. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Remember your covenant with us, and write it on our hearts until we join with (Jonathan Edwards and) all the saints 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.*

THE RITE OF HEALING:

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

J. Denton

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

"I Rest In the Lord"

F. Ritter

[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:

"At the Appointed Hour"

T. Birchwood

["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 – Cynthia Smith

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Leister

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 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.

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 – Carlo Carretto, Cardinal (1454 – 1514): Optimism means faith in men, in their human potential; hope means faith in God and his omnipotence.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

MOTHER/CHILD BANQUET will be held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in Messiah Fellowship Hall. Tickets will go on sale from March 22nd to April 12th. You may purchase tickets from Parish Fellowship members: Barb Geedey, Edith Nipple, Linda Leister, Marylou Hazard, Debbie Meinsler, Mary Grimm, or Karen Goss. Entertainment will be the EJ Jazz Band. Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato, green beans, salad, coffee, tea, milk and cake for dessert. Cost will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 4 to 12 years old, and kids 3 and under are FREE. **All tickets must be purchased and paid for by April 12th.** 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.

THE BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTY will meet on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

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 www.thrivent.com/actionteams 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 Mumma or Pastor Esborn. Church office phone number is 436-6213, email address is messiahlutheran@pa.net.

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.mlcmissaint.org.

“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 www.campmountluther.org. Camping brochures and registration forms are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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.

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.

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 on June 19-20, 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.

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.

COMMUNITY

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer drivers, cooks 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).

FABULOUS FUND RAISER TUESDAYS – When: Tuesday, March 24, 2015. Where: Harshbarger’s Sub ‘N Malt Shop. Eat there any time during that day (or takeout) and they will donate 25% of what you paid for your food to the DeLauter Youth Center. You must turn in a ticket when you eat for the Center to receive those monies. Harshbarger’s food is great! Thanks for supporting the DeLauter Youth Center!! Tickets are available on the piano in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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 FINAL WOMEN’S COMMUNITY LENTEN TEA will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at St. Stephen’s Lutheran 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, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Aldersgate Methodist Church. Pastor Chris Mathiason will be preaching on the theme: “Tree of Life in the paradise of God.” Revelations 2:7, Ps 1.

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH

**ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS AND PAPER SUPPLIES
CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL GROCERY 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.**

Contact person: Kathy Queitzsch
Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com
Visit our **W**ebbsite: www.jcfoodpantry.com
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THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Healing Service/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in choir room.
-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. Stephen's Lutheran Church.
-7 p.m., Community Lenten Service at Aldersgate Methodist Church.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Friday:** -Fellowship Hall reserved (all day).
- Saturday:** -7 a.m., Men's Prayer Breakfast at JP Restaurant.
-Fellowship Hall reserved (all day).
- Sunday:** -Palm Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.

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.

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