

Giving Thanks and Praise Together



WELCA Thankoffering Sunday

November 8, 2015

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THANKOFFERING SERVICE

November 8, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

* Please Stand as **You** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

MEDITATION AND PRAYER

PRELUDE:

Arioso

G. F. Handel

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

* WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

* LITANY FOR GATHERING

WL: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

WL: Today brings the gift of life.

C: Creator, you make us in your image.

WL: Today brings all we need to live with purpose.

C: Inviter, you call us to discipleship in Jesus Christ.

WL: Today brings the strength to live more fully.

C: Inspiring one, you empower us by the Holy Spirit.

WL: Today brings women of many generations who grow together in faith and
affirm and support one another.

C: Companion, you embolden us with community.

WL: Today brings a world in need of healing and wholeness.

C: Healer, you engage us in ministry and action.

WL: For the church, the society, and the world, God we humbly enter this worship.

C: Prepare our hearts.

WL: We hear you calling, O God.

C: Make us bold to listen and to follow. Amen.

* ENTRANCE HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth"

* GREETING

WL: 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.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: Creator God, you call us into relationship with you and with all of creation. In Jesus you gave us mercy beyond our understanding and showed us how to live with grace toward each other. Your blessings are like the dew in the morning and the stars in the heavens, not to be counted but to be received with thanksgiving and generously shared. Keep us moving always toward you and our neighbor, eager to share and receive. In the name of Christ we pray.

C: Amen.

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

WL: 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.

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

WL: 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.

WL: 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 THE PEACE

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Congregational sharing **“Peace be with you.”**

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

The First Lesson is from the 17th chapter of 1 Kings

THE LESSON READS:

⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth."

¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: 146 (Responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

The Second Lesson is from the 9th chapter of Hebrews.

THE LESSON READS:

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

* GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 12th chapter.

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

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her

poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Sam Leister

* HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise and Thanksgiving"

* APOSTLES' CREED

WL: Let us confess our faith with the Apostles' Creed:

C: 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.

THANKOFFERING

WL: As we collect the Thankoffering today, we share in a tradition dating back to the 1800s, when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to fund mission. When others in the church said there was not enough money to carry out these projects, the women believed otherwise. In these societies, each woman collected offerings at home. On occasion, they would gather as we do today to worship and combine their offerings and offer them up with thanks and praise. When Women of the ELCA was formed nearly 30 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are collected and sent to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come, we now collect our Thankoffering.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: Father, We Thank Thee Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

[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].

* OFFERING PRAYER

WL: God of grace,

You have showered us with abundance and entrusted to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Accept these offerings to further your mission. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world. Accept these gifts and this prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your spirit and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us until all creation is satisfied.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM:

We Give Thanks

Arranged by Bruce Greer

* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WL: With the whole people of Christ Jesus, let us call upon God for the sake of the church, the world and all in need of prayer.

WL: Please pray for all who are ill (especially all of our shut-ins: Marian Gross, Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Ethel Bossinger, Jean McNaught, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Dorothy Patterson, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey. And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Charlie Rush, Allison Garver, Clara Shepps, Andy & Wesley Kinzer, Guss Keiser, Kaiden Woods, Tina Hutchinson, Leiah Bridges, Michal Gayer, Judy Grimes, Sara Ann Aurand, Carol Jan & John Mahlin, Betsy Aumiller, Jodi Fitzgerald, Virginia Waller, Mindy Fryer, Mary Ann Bardell, Audrey Morral, Diane Layton, Gabby Baney, Josh Delancey, Kay Stuck, Minnie Minick, Sam Leister, Norm Gray, Dan Brown, Max & Mary Ernest, Marcy Primak, Tina Benner, Don Wert, Shirley Zeiders, Michelle Stoner and Sue Crouse.

We pray in abundance,

C: Creator, draw us in.

WL: God who made all things good, you create us to be caretakers and stewards of your creation. You equip us to provide for the people, places and ministries that you have entrusted to our care. Draw us together in the light of faith and hope so that we may recognize our calling to this work.

We pray in abundance,

C: Creator, draw us in.

WL: God who blesses our labor, you light our paths with the histories of women who acted boldly on their faith to change the world. Bring their

influence to our attention and their stories to our lips and ears. May we see in them our own potential to live boldly.

We pray in abundance,

C: Creator, draw us in.

WL: God who provides, you endow us with all we need to nurture, harvest and share the fruits of creation. In this abundance, direct our eyes and feet to our neighbors who are on the margins, both near and far. Give us curiosity and courage to live into the fullness of our communities.

We pray in abundance,

C: Creator, draw us in.

WL: God who was and is and will be, through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Women of the ELCA, you have called us more deeply into relationship with you and the world. Bless every church, everywhere, that through our work, all may know your grace and accept your call to love one another.

We pray in abundance,

C: Creator, draw us in.

WL: God who reaches every people, turn our hearts to see those with us now, gathered at this Thankoffering service to give thanks and praise to you. Urge us on to the fullness of life, in the name of Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER ("trespasses")

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

MEAL

* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (From Isaiah 55)

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: for through these gifts he comes to feed us.

WL: 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.

WL: Let us come to his table with joy,
C: for we come as God's invited guests!

*** EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

WL: 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 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.

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**

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

*** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

WL: God bless you with courage, with peace, and with love, that you may freely live for God and freely give for others.

C: Amen.

SENDING

- * CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God”
- * DISMISSAL
WL: *Go in peace and share God’s abundance.*
C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Chorale: Now Thank We All Our God Melody by Johann Cruger, 1649
Harmonized by A. Schreiner

NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Linda Bahorik

NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Christie Holderman & Stacie Kint

WELCOME

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.

TODAY IS OUR ANNUAL THANKOFFERING CELEBRATION – A special thanks to the Messiah Women of the ELCA for organizing our worship service and to all who participated. All loose offering received plus all the Thankoffering envelopes will go to the Churchwide Women of the ELCA for their many projects. None of the money is kept locally. Envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please make checks payable to “Messiah Women of the ELCA.” Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU to the following people who are helping with our Thankoffering Service today: Sam Leister, Andrea Cameron, Diana Wise, Jeanette Gross, Cynthia Smith, Kate Swailes, Jean Compton, Marina Holderman, and Carolyn Bryner. Thank you also to everyone who is attending our meal and brought delicious covered dishes.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of Braedon Walton's birthday and in honor of Butch and Sandy Pines and Sieber and Ona Stoner's anniversaries by Dan and Michelle Stoner.

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 – Anthony Bloom, Writer and Broadcaster, Russian Orthodox Church (1914 – 2003): A miracle is not the breaking of the laws of the fallen world, it is the re-establishment of the laws of the kingdom.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

OCTOBER 25, 2015 ATTENDANCE 66. TOTAL OFFERING \$3,058.00—GENERAL FUND \$2,794.75—SUNDAY SCHOOL \$78.25.

NOVEMBER 1, 2015 ATTENDANCE 68. TOTAL OFFERING \$5,206.00—GENERAL FUND \$4,246.00—SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 44. TOTAL OFFERING \$101.00.

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

CHANGE OF ENVELOPE – Please note that your church envelope will look different in 2016. Resource Management Director, Bob Hazard approved Bob St. Clair's research to make a change of envelope for a savings of \$200. More information will be forthcoming when the envelopes arrive.

THE SECRETARY'S WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS beginning on October 6, 2015 will be as follows:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

GIANT STORE GIFT CARDS are also now available as well as the Weis Cards to purchase from members of the Disciples Class.

THE BOARD OF CHURCH PROPERTY will meet on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please let Kay Varner know if you are unable to attend.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2016 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly the 1st Sunday of May. If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Esborn or the church office.

POINSETTIAS to decorate the church for Christmas may be placed in honor or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$8.00 for a 6½” plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213.

THE NEXT VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY will be held on Sunday, November 15, 2015 following the morning worship service. Business: quarterly reports of the boards and voting on 2016 proposed budget.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SCHEDULE CHANGE – The Board of Worship and Music recently conducted an online survey, to which 50 persons from our congregation replied. In our survey, we asked questions pertaining to the possible combining of services for Christmas Eve, beginning with this Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th. Eighty four percent of those responding said they would appreciate one service being held instead of two, combining features from the Family Service and the later Communion/Candlelight service. With that in mind, the Board of Worship and Music has elected to go with the following information for Christmas Eve 2015. The 2015 Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve Service will be one service, beginning at 7:30 PM, preceded by 15 to 25 minutes of special Christmas music. This service will be a combined service of family, communion, and candle lighting. The junior and senior choirs will both provide anthems throughout the service and scripture and carols will be part of the service as well. More details about this service will be forthcoming in November. If you are willing to help be a part of this service – lecturing, candle lighting, church lights (during candle lighting), communion attendants, ushers for offering, greeters, etc., please let Diana Wise, Bob St. Clair, or Pastor Esborn know. We look forward to this being a VERY special service this year and are anticipating the arrival of the Advent and Christmas seasons at Messiah!

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year, now through December, to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able.

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.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 7 children this year for the Christmas Angel Project. A poster with the information is on the bulletin board in the Kitchenette. Gifts are to be wrapped, labeled with the child's name and family number, and returned to the Adult Sunday School Room by **December 6th**.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

COMMUNITY

MEALS-ON-WHEELS needs volunteer cooks, drivers and people to help assemble meals.

Cooks are especially needed for the 5th Tuesday and 5th Friday of the month. If you have some spare time and can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

APARTMENT FOR RENT AT JAM HOUSE – The board of directors at JAM House is looking for an individual or a couple to rent the four-room apartment attached to our house. The apartment has a separate entrance, parking and all utilities are included with the \$800/mo. rent. If you know of someone who may be interested, please contact Larry Wise at 436-6629.

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on the following dates listed below from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Juniata High School Music Room. (Even if you cannot attend all of the rehearsals, please don't hesitate to join the group).

Monday, November 9

Tuesday, November 17

Monday, November 23

Monday, December 7

Tuesday, December 15

This year's 19th annual Christmas Cantata performance "The Winter Rose" will be held Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Juniata High School Auditorium with live tableaux as an enhancement to the overall presentation. Should weather conditions present a need to postpone the December 20th event (December 21st and 22nd at 7:00 p.m. are available snow dates). A special presentation will also be performed for area senior citizens on Friday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the JHS Auditorium.

FOOD PANTRY HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS NEEDED:

**TURKEYS OR TURKEY BREASTS, STUFFING, CANNED FRUITS,
INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES,
CAKE MIX OR OTHER DESSERT MIX, OR A \$20 DONATION
WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!**

SYNOD GROW Team – Save the Dates

--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!!

JUNIATA VALLEY INTERNATIONAL GIFTS AND BAKE GOODS SALE will be held on Friday, November 20, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Cedar Grove Brethren In Christ Church, Mifflintown. Find us on Facebook for contests, information and more! www.JuniataInternationalGiftsSale.com.

SECOND ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZINS' HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, hosted by the Juniata County School District and Metz Culinary Management will be held on Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 12:20 p.m. at Juniata High School, 3931 William Penn Highway, Mifflintown. You are cordially invited to enjoy.....

- *A free holiday ham meal served by Juniata High School students
- *Entertainment by Juniata High School musicians
- *Student artwork
- *Student-led tours of the school
- *The opportunity to meet school district faculty, staff and administrators, as well as board members

If planning to attend this free event, please RSVP to Polly at 717-436-2111, x5002 or pdigon@jcsdk12.org.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Thankoffering Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Cate. Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-11:30 a.m., Fall Fest in Fellowship Hall.
-2-6 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.
- Monday:** -6 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room.
-7 p.m., Bible Study in Library area.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -7 p.m., WELCA in Youth Area.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-Voters' Assembly following worship service.
-Worship & Music Committee following Voters' Assembly.