

# THE MESSIAH HERALD



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# **The Messiah Herald**



## **"I'D LIKE 5,000 FISH SANDWICHES, PLEASE" BY SUSAN VERSTRAETE**

Can you think of a time when you heard some horrible news? Maybe you heard that some trip or event you had been looking forward to was canceled, or maybe you heard that a pet died. I remember how awful I felt in second grade when my best friend told me she was moving away. I ran into my room to cry and be alone. I didn't want anyone around me. I think it must be how Jesus and the disciples felt when they heard some very bad news about John the Baptist.

Jesus and His disciples had been very busy. People were coming to them at all hours of the day, asking Jesus and His disciples' questions, asking Jesus to heal their sick and listening to Him teach. The Bible says that the disciples didn't even have time to eat their meals! But when John's friends came and told everyone that John the Baptist had been killed by King Herod, Jesus knew that His disciples needed some time to rest and to be alone. He asked them to get into a boat, and they all sailed across the Sea of Galilee to a desert area where no one lived.

Can you imagine what the crowd must have been feeling as they watched Jesus sail away? Perhaps there was a mom who was bringing her sick baby to Jesus to be healed. How might she feel as Jesus and the disciples got on the boat? Maybe there was a man in the crowd who had heard someone say that Jesus might be the Messiah everyone was waiting for, the one who would bring freedom to the people. Imagine that he traveled from a nearby city to hear Jesus teach, and arrived just as the boat was pulling away from shore. What might he be feeling? Others in the crowd might have been excited to see Jesus heal the sick, or curious to see what else He could do. How might they feel as they watched the boat head out onto the sea?

The crowd probably waited to see where the little boat would stop and saw it come to rest on the shore in a desert place. Perhaps one person thought, "I think I can walk to that place," and started off. Then more and more people must have realized what the first man was doing and gradually the whole crowd was hurrying along the shore to the place where Jesus and the disciples were resting.

When Jesus saw all the people coming, do you think He was angry that they followed Him? No, the Bible says that Jesus had compassion on them. That means He felt sorry for them. He healed their sick and taught everyone until very late in the afternoon.

In fact, it was so late that the disciples came to Jesus and asked Him to send the people away. "This is a

desolate place, and the day is now over," they said. "Send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus had a different plan. "They need not go away," He said. "*You* give them something to eat."

How surprised the disciples must have been! There were 5,000 men, plus women and children in the crowd. How could the disciples possibly feed them? They couldn't go to a drive up window and say, "I'd like 5,000 fish sandwiches, please," like we might if we were very rich. They couldn't even go to a nearby village to buy food, because it would cost nearly a year's wages to feed all those people. All they had were five small loaves of bread and two fish—just enough for one person's hearty lunch.

Jesus told everyone to sit down in small groups, and He asked God the Father to bless the food. Then Jesus broke the bread into pieces and gave it to the disciples to pass out. First He broke off enough pieces to feed five people, then enough to feed ten. The disciples were amazed as He continued to break off enough food to feed twenty, fifty, and then a hundred people. And He just kept going! Jesus kept breaking the bread and the fish, but there was always more bread and more fish. The five small loaves and two fish turned into enough food for all the people to eat until they were full—perhaps 10,000 to 15,000 men, women and children. The disciples were even able to pick up 12 baskets full of leftovers!

I'm so glad this story was included in the Bible because of what it teaches us about Jesus. Most importantly, it teaches us that Jesus is God. Only God could feed more than five thousand people with so little food, and even have leftovers! But it also shows us that Jesus has compassion for (feels kindly toward) those who are sick or hungry. It shows us that He never gets angry when people come to Him.

So if you come to Jesus in prayer and by trusting Him, he will patiently teach you, just like He did these people. And if you ask Him to heal your sin-sickness, He will have compassion on you, just as He did for the sick people in this crowd. Jesus will never get angry or feel bothered when we come to Him in prayer. He is never too busy to help us. Aren't you glad for the powerful, kind God we serve?

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## DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

AUGUST 1 ----- ECCLESIASTES 2:1-17  
*PRAY FOR THOSE DAZZLED BY THINGS*  
AUGUST 2 ----- ECCLESIASTES 3:16 – 4:8  
*PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING*  
AUGUST 3 ----- ECCLESIASTES 12:1-8, 13-14  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT FORGIVE THEMSELVES OR OTHERS*  
AUGUST 4 ----- GENESIS 15:1-6  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE OVERWHELMED BY ANXIETY*  
AUGUST 5 ----- PSALM 33:12-22  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO FEEL STRESSED OUT*  
AUGUST 6 ----- HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16  
*PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR PLANET*  
AUGUST 7 ----- LUKE 12:32-40  
*PRAY FOR NEIGHBORS WITH NO PLACE TO CALL HOME*  
AUGUST 8 ----- 2 CHRONICLES 33:1-17  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO RESIST GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY*  
AUGUST 9 ----- 2 CHRONICLES 34:23-33  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED RECENTLY*  
AUGUST 10 ----- LUKE 12:41-48  
*PRAY FOR MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS*  
AUGUST 11 ----- JEREMIAH 23:23-29  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE TO BE HEARD*  
AUGUST 12 ----- PSALM 82  
*PRAY FOR THOSE YOU FIND DIFFICULT TO LOVE*  
AUGUST 13 ----- HEBREWS 11:29 – 12:2  
*PRAY FOR FRIENDS WHOSE FAITH HAS FALTERED*  
AUGUST 14 ----- LUKE 12:49-56  
*PRAY FOR SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS*  
AUGUST 15 ----- GALATIANS 4:4-7  
*PRAY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF A LOVING FAMILY*  
AUGUST 16 ----- JEREMIAH 25:15-29  
*PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF WAR AND NATURAL DISASTERS*  
AUGUST 17 ----- LUKE 19:45-48  
*PRAY FOR LETTING CHANGE FOR JUSTICE BEGIN WITH ME*  
AUGUST 18 ----- ISAIAH 58:9B-14  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR SUSTAINABLE JUSTICE*  
AUGUST 19 ----- PSALM 103:1-8  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE LONELY TODAY*  
AUGUST 20 ----- HEBREWS 12:18-29  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO FEEL GOD IS ABSENT*  
AUGUST 21 ----- LUKE 13:10-17  
*PRAY FOR PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS*  
AUGUST 22 ----- HEBREWS 3:7 – 4:11  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE TO HOPE*  
AUGUST 23 ----- REVELATION 3:7-13  
*PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES AND EVANGELISTS*  
AUGUST 24 ----- JOHN 1:43-51  
*PRAY FOR TEACHERS AND PROFESSORS*

AUGUST 25 ----- PROVERBS 25:6-7  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNFAIRLY COMPELLED TO BEHAVE HUMBLY*  
AUGUST 26 ----- PSALM 112  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER INNOCENTLY*  
AUGUST 27 ----- HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE TONGUES GET TIED AT THE NAME OF JESUS*  
AUGUST 28 ----- LUKE 14:1, 7-14  
*PRAY FOR SPIRITUAL SEEKERS*  
AUGUST 29 ----- 2 CHRONICLES 12:1-12  
*PRAY FOR ELECTION WORKERS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS*  
AUGUST 30 ----- TITUS 1:1-9  
*PRAY FOR THOSE WHO INSPIRE TRUST IN GOD'S MERCY*  
AUGUST 31 ----- LUKE 14:15-24  
*PRAY FOR THOSE ABSENT FROM WORSHIP*

## AUGUST SCHEDULES

### LECTORS

7 Marina Holderman  
14 Bob St. Clair  
21 Diana Wise  
28 Andrea Cameron

### ACOLYTES

7 Livia Arentz  
14 Nate Swailes  
21 Caden Swailes  
28 Emma Arentz

### ALTAR GUILD

August 1 to 14 ..... Linda Clark  
August 15 to 28 ..... Diana Wise  
August 29 to September 11 ..... Tawny Mummah

### ALTAR FLOWERS

7 Carole Nace  
14 Edith Nipple  
21 In Honor of our Sunday School teachers  
and Bible School Staff  
28 Dorothy Zeiders

## PRAYER REQUEST REMINDER!!

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for one month. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact Judy directly at the church office at 436-6213 or at [messiahlutheran@pa.net](mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net)! If you have anyone who is a "last minute" addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.





WELCA met on Thursday, July 14 at 7:00 P.M. Barb led the group in devotions from a chapter in a book written by Patsy Clairmont entitled God Uses **Cracked Pots**.

The business meeting included discussions on the upcoming convention at Camp Mt. Luther. The offerings to be collected will be going towards the following programs. The Freewill offering will go to support the on-going programs of the WELCA, the Mission Ingathering will support the Phebe Hospital, and the In-kind gifts are for the Lutheran Indian Ministries. Cynthia will give Barb a check on Sunday for the Ingathering.

Discussion was also had on the school kit collections. Items are at Wal-Mart now. Notebooks are \$.17 apiece as long as they have them. The Weis Store also has a few good buys on erasers, pencil sharpeners, pens, and rulers. Place any purchased items on the table in the Adult Sunday School room.

Barb is going to try to contact Barbara Collins regarding Thankoffering, however now that she has been elected our new Bishop she may not be able to come that day.

Following the closing of our meeting we put together 35 health care kits to be sent to LWR in October.

### **MEALS-ON-WHEELS**

Volunteer cooks, drivers, and people to help assemble meals are needed. **COOKS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY AND 5<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**

If you have some spare time and can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

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

### **CRUCIFER & ACOLYTE TRAINING**

Crucifer and acolyte training for new as well as veterans of this service -- kids grade 3 and up including those already confirmed -- will take place on Sundays, August 21 and 28, before or right after church services. Please contact Sam Leister at [sleister@gmail.com](mailto:sleister@gmail.com) come if you have any questions about this service to our church.

### **STORE GIFT CARDS**



Giant Store Gift Cards are also now available as well as the Weis Cards to purchase from members of the Disciples Class.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

#### LOCUST GROVE

(69 COTTAGE DRIVE, MIFFLIN, PA 17058)

Jean McNaught

190 JAM House Rd., Cottage #5  
Mifflin, PA 17058

#### BROOKLINE MANOR & REHAB SERVICES

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Dorothy Cleck

Dottie Smith

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Ruth Cisney

Ray Bramm

## LEHIGH CENTER

(1718 SPRING CREEK ROAD, ROOM 205B,  
MACUNGIE, PA 18062)

Lura Aughey

## AT HOME

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38 Wagon Wheel Lane      128 Manbeck Drive  
Mifflintown, PA 17059      Mifflintown, PA 17059

Kitty Walters                      Craig Walker  
P.O. Box 61                      7016 Rt. 333  
Port Royal, PA 17082      Mifflintown, PA 17059

Earl & Mona Lawson  
2792 William Penn Hwy.  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!**

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST.....**

August 5 – Ray Miller  
August 6 – Andrea Cameron  
August 8 – Kim White  
August 13 – Todd Grimm  
August 18 – Glenn Grimm  
August 26 – Bob Cameron  
August 31 – George Hazard, Jr.



### **....AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING VERY SPECIAL COUPLES!!**

August 4 – Bob & Andrea Cameron  
August 12 – Larry & Shirley Covert  
August 18 – Matt & Shelly Gross

If you want to add your name to the birthday/anniversary list, or know someone you would like to acknowledge, please let Bob St. Clair know at [stclairb@embarqmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embarqmail.com).

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES**

A reminder that the summer worship services will continue through Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, with Worship beginning at 9:15 AM. Regular worship services, with service time at 10:30 AM, will return on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **SECRETARY'S OFFICE HOURS**

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

## **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.

## **UPCOMING PASTORS & LAY**

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

August 7	The Rev. LeRoy Reitz
August 14	Richard Beck
August 21	Andrea Cameron
August 28	The Rev. LeRoy Reitz

## **RECENT BAPTISM AT MESSIAH**

God has created a new saint on July 3, 2016 through His Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We welcome Adriana Nicole Guido, daughter of Eric and Chelsea (Haubert) Guido of Mifflintown!

## **OUR SYMPATHIES & PRAYERS**

### **EXTENDED TO...**

.....Donna Lauver and family on the death of her husband, Barry Lauver.

.....Kitty Walters and family after the passing of their husband and father, Warren “Dutch” Walters on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

.....and Mary Ernest and family on the death of her mother Ethel Bossinger at Locust Grove on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.

*SUMMER TIP: The  
closer you are to the Son,  
the less likely you are to  
get burned.*

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Two groups are in need of volunteers for serving our church and community. First, the "Needlers" need people to press quilt tops. Tops can be taken home and pressed and brought back to the church. Anyone who is interested, please contact one of "The Needlers." Also, the staff of "Hospice: The Bridge," Lewistown Home Health, is looking for volunteers to share the gift of caring with those who have end-stage illnesses. Training will be held at the convenience of the participants. For more information, please contact Marina at 242-5000.

## **NEED A CRIB?**

There is an extra crib in the Fellowship Hall. Messiah was pleased to have two people donate Pac and Plays to the church. If you could use a crib, please call the church office.

## **K & C CHURCH PROGRAM**

Through the months of October—April our church has been accumulating four cents for every eligible gallon purchased by the church and by our parishioners in a pre-buy program from K & C Fuel. We received a check from K & C for \$120.68 from this program.

## **ANNUAL CROP WALK**

This year's Juniata County CROP Walk will be held this year on **Sunday, October 9th** at Walker Township Park. A promoter for each church is needed. Please email Graham Fowler at [pastor.lostcreekpres@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.lostcreekpres@gmail.com) if you are interested in being the promoter for your church.

## **MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – JULY 3 THRU JULY 24, 2016**

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
July 3	45 to 50 ?? – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$3,014.00	\$2,447.00	Benevolence -- \$220.00 Building Fund -- \$325.00 Flowers -- \$22.00
July 10	64 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$3,050.00	2,185.00	Benevolence -- \$35.00 Building Fund -- \$830.00
July 17	69 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$2,594.36	\$2,287.00	Benevolence -- \$90.00 Building Fund -- \$190.00 Bibles -- \$27.36
July 24	60 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$2,813.00	\$2,138.00	Benevolence -- \$195.00 Building Fund -- \$450.00 Bibles -- \$30.00

***A MINISTER PARKED HIS CAR IN A NO-PARKING ZONE IN A LARGE CITY BECAUSE HE WAS SHORT OF TIME AND COULDN'T FIND A SPACE WITH A METER. THEN HE PUT A NOTE UNDER THE WINDSHIELD WIPER THAT READ: "I HAVE CIRCLED THE BLOCK 10 TIMES. IF I DON'T PARK HERE, I'LL MISS MY APPOINTMENT. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES." WHEN HE RETURNED, HE FOUND A CITATION FROM A POLICE OFFICER ALONG WITH THIS NOTE "I'VE CIRCLED THIS BLOCK FOR 10 YEARS. IF I DON'T GIVE YOU A TICKET I'LL LOSE MY JOB. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."***



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE.....



## LETTERS TO THE PASTOR.....FROM KIDS!

**Dear Pastor,** I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. *Stephen. Age 8, Chicago*

**Dear Pastor,** I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, *Arnold. Age 8, Nashville.*

**Dear Pastor,** Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, *Pete. Age 9, Phoenix*

**Dear Pastor,** My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. *Robert Anderson, age 11*

**Dear Pastor,** I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, *Patty. Age 10, New Haven*

**Dear Pastor,** My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, *Annette. Age 9, Albany*

**Dear Pastor,** I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. *Loreen. Age 9, Tacoma*

**Dear Pastor,** I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, *Eleanor. Age 12, Sarasota*

**Dear Pastor,** Please pray for all the airline pilots. I am flying to California tomorrow. *Laurie. Age 10, New York City*

**Dear Pastor,** I hope to go to heaven someday but later than sooner. Love, *Ellen. Age 9, Athens*

**Dear Pastor,** Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher. Thank you. *Alexander. Age 10, Raleigh*

**Dear Pastor,** My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. *Joshua. Age 10, South Pasadena*

**Dear Pastor,** Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? Sincerely, *Christopher. Age 9, Titusville*

**Dear Pastor,** Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class. *Carla. Age 10, Salina*

**Dear Pastor,** I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. *Ralph, Age 11, Akron*

**Dear Pastor,** How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, *Marie. Age 9, Lewiston*

## **AUGUST 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Monday, August 1: -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Thursday, August 4: -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal  
-6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
- Sunday, August 7: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion
- Monday, August 8: -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday, August 9: -7 p.m., 4-H Beef Club in Youth Area.
- Thursday, August 11: -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Sunday, August 14: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.
- Monday, August 15: -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Thursday, August 18: -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal
- Sunday, August 21: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.  
-Crucifer/Acolyte Training immediately after worship service
- Monday, August 22: -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Thursday, August 25: -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Sunday, August 28: -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY  
-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion  
-Crucifer/Acolyte Training immediately after worship service
- Monday, August 29: -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.



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## **JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY AUGUST UPDATE**

Dear Friends,

As the summer heats up, we are reminded that hunger does NOT take a vacation! Please don't forget your neighbors struggling to keep their families fed while everyone else enjoys summer vacation. Thanks to all of you who are bringing in fresh produce from your gardens! What a blessing straight from the Lord is fresh produce to those who rarely taste any but the canned variety, and very little of that.

In June 2016, the Food Pantry served 318 families in need – a total of 880 individuals! In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided 3,140 lunches for 157 school age children who otherwise would be facing a hungry summer vacation. A special thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month.

**\*WE ARE STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR A NUMBER OF POSITIONS!**

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST:**

Fresh GARDEN produce and any NON-PERISHABLE foods; toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, lotion, bath soap, Over the counter pain and cold medicines, band aids and antibiotic ointment.

**CASH/CHECK DONATIONS AND LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS  
ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!**

**No More Plastic Bags, Please** *(although we will gladly accept clean cloth bags)*



**Our vestibule is  
open 24 hours a  
day to receive  
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**Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12**

**Once again our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to  
receive donations. Cash, checks or gift cards may be  
deposited in the vestibule's mail slot.**

**\*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATACOUNTY FOOD PANTRY.**

*(CONTACT PERSON: KATHY QUEITZSCH). Email: [jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com](mailto:jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com)*