# Messiah Lutheran Church

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# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 28, 2016 – 9:15 a.m.

\*Please Stand as YOU Are Able

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Those we want to remember in prayer today—please refer to "Prayers of Intercession."

### **PREPARATION**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

R. W. Thygerson

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

INTRODUCTION

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

### \* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P 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.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- P 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.
- P 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 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
  - C And also with you.
- \* KYRIE (sung)

P Kyrie, eleison:
P Christe, eleison:
C Lord, have mercy.
C Christ, have mercy.
C Lord, have mercy.

### \* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

- \* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)
  - P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
- \* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)
  - P Let us pray...
  - C O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **WORD**

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

### FIRST READING

A reading from Proverbs 25:6-7

### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 112 (Responsively)

L – The righteous are merciful and full of compassion. (Ps. 112:4)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up

their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

### All - The righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

### SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.

- \* GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14
  - P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.
  - C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

### THE GOSPEL READS:

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON The Rev. LeRoy Reitz

- \* HYMN OF THE DAY "O Jesus, I Have Promised"
- \* APOSTLES' CREED ('new version') (all)

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

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

OFFERING OFFERTORY:

"Offertory on 'Pleading Savior"

D. Paxton

[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].

SPECIAL MUSIC

Pishima Calloway

### \* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

### \* OFFERING PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Merciful God,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P O God, guide leaders who speak your word to your people. Use your church's powerful witness and genuine invitation to welcome all to your banquet table. Hear us, O God.

### C Your mercy is great.

P We thank you for tables of abundant food. Bless crops, farms, and industries, that as co-creators with you, we may provide responsibly from the earth for the sake of all. Hear us, O God.

### C Your mercy is great.

P Break the bonds of captivity and injustice. Work in leaders and nations to bring peace and to advocate for the least of these. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

P Heal and comfort those we hold in our hearts and those who have asked for our prayers (especially all of our shut-ins: Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Jean McNaight, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Mona Lawson, Sara Ann Aurand, and Jim Yetter). And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Bob Cameron, Michal Gayer, Joan Foltz, Bill Geise, Mary Ernest, Josh Delancey, Ellwood Miller, Cindy Reed, Marylou Hazard, Letha Swab, John Miller, Brady Mingle, Belva Fulton, Edith Nipple, Jim & June Bricker. Bring hope to prisoners, refugees, and outsiders. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

P Strengthen marriages, families, and friendships with mutual love and respect. Bless our congregation to be a place of support and care for healthy relationships. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Rejoicing in the promise of the heavenly banquet, we give thanks for all those who

have died in faith. Join us, with them, at the resurrection of the righteous. Hear us, O God.

- C Your mercy is great.
- P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.
- \* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] (all)
  - P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:
  - C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

- \* BLESSING
  - P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
  - C Amen, Amen, Amen (sung)
- \* CLOSING HYMN "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

### **MEAL**

- \* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)
  - P Let us give thanks to the Lord.
  - C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.
  - P 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.
  - P Let us come to his table with joy,
  - C for we come as God's invited guests!

### \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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 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, 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.

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel).

COMMUNION:

"Peace With God"

G. Parker

### 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 Let us pray,

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C Amen

### \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Ron Yorks NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah

### **WELCOME**

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 or indicate such in the Friendship Pads being sure to include your contact information. 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.

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.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR COMMUNION. Wine and wheat wafers are used and if you so desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

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

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.

WE WELCOME The Rev. LeRoy Reitz as our Worship Leader this morning. We pray God's blessing on him as he ministers to us today.

WE WELCOME Pishima Calloway to our worship service today and thank her for providing the special music for our service.

SPECIAL MUSIC will be presented today by Pishima Calloway. She is a sophomore at Juniata High School and performs in musicals at the high school. She has formed her own band, Resilence, where she is lead singer, plays piano and guitar. Resilence recently performed at the Big Tree Festival in Port Royal. She is a life guard at the Central Juniata Park pool. Pishima lives with her parents, Poppy and Albert Calloway in Spruce Hill.

THE CROP WALK will be held this year on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Walker Township Park. A promoter for each church is needed. Please email Graham Fowler at <a href="mailto:pastereekpres@gmail.com">paster.lostcreekpres@gmail.com</a> if you are interested in being the promoter for your church.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Sam Zeiders by Dot Zeiders and family.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS <u>THURSDAY NOON</u>.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for <u>one month</u>. 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 <u>messiahlutheran@pa.net</u>. 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.

JUST A THOUGHT – Allister McGrath, Anglican Priest and Theologian (b. 1953): The means by which we are justified is faith. Faith is like a channel through which the benefits of Christ flow to us. We are not justified on account of our faith, it is the work of Christ not our faith which is the foundation of justification. Faith itself is a gift of God.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

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

### **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:**

August 21, 2016 Worship Service	Sunday School	Other funds	
Attendance – 51	Attendance – $N/A$	Sunday School - \$ 50.00	1
Total Offering - \$4,657.00		Benevolence - \$ 265.00	)
<b>\$1,190.00</b>		Building Fund - \$ 675.00	)
General Fund - \$3,467.00		Summer Camp - \$ 200.00	)
		\$1.190.00	)

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS – Any Messiah member who wishes to receive the monthly financial reports and the weekly tallies by email, please send Ann Beaver (annbeaver@embarqmail.com) your email address.

HOME COMMUNION – The Compassionate Services Committee is again looking for people who would like to give Communion to our shut-ins. A rotating schedule of our shut-ins is used on a quarterly basis. If interested in this important ministry, contact Don Geedey. Phone: 436-6433 or Email: <a href="mailto:geedey@centurylink.net">geedey@centurylink.net</a>.

CRUCIFER AND ACOLYTE TRAINING (for new as well as veterans of this service) will be held today before or right after church services. Kids grade 3 and up including those already confirmed are invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will begin on Sunday, September 11, 2016 during the Sunday School hour at the rear of the Adult Sunday School Room. All youth who are in 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate in the Confirmation program. Please notify the church office at 436-6213 (email) <a href="mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net">messiahlutheran@pa.net</a> or Sam Leister at 436-8589 (email) <a href="mailto:sleister@gmail.com">sleister@gmail.com</a> if you are planning to attend the class.

KNITTING CLASSES will begin on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr. Church Room. We are going to continue with the Prayer Shawls and directions will be on the table next to the piano in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you have other directions that you prefer to use, that is fine also. Any questions, please call Barb Geedey at 436-6433.

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 a.m. Regular worship service, with service time at 10:30 a.m. will return on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

3-RING BINDERS ARE AVAILABLE in assorted sizes in the church office. Anyone who would like one may stop in during regular office hours.

JULY FINANCIAL REPORT PACKETS (with purple covers) are available on the piano. If you have any questions, call Ann Beaver at 436-9382.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to press quilt tops for "The Needlers." Tops can be taken home and pressed and brought back to the church. Anyone who is interested, please contact one of "The Needlers."

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

WEEKLY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are as follows:

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: For informational purposes here is the Sunday School teacher line-up for our children and youth and our young adults class:

Facilitator/Principal: Linda Clark

Nursery: Linda clark

Grades K - 2: Tawny Mummah and Nasreen Kepler

<u>Grades 3 – 5</u>: Sandy Pines and Jean Compton

Grades 6 − 12: Carolyn Bryner\*

Young Adults: Barb Geedey and Linda Bahorik

\*The Grades 6-12 class is in a state of uncertainty because it is from this age group that we draw for our catechism class. Ultimately it is the parent who decides if their child is ready for this step. This means that a greater number of students opting for catechism leaves less remaining for a Sunday School Class. Both the teacher, Carolyn Bryner, and the Board of Christian Education are committed to providing a quality Sunday School class for this age group, but as of now, very frankly, we do not know if a class will develop. We will have to wait until Sunday School starts to determine this. If a class does indeed form, then at that time the Board will turn its efforts to recruiting a second teacher and analyzing curriculum satisfaction. Sam Leister, our teacher of the catechism class, reports that he expects as many as 8 students to be enrolled in his confirmation studies.

Our teachers are all experienced and dedicated, and we hope you will pass on your encouragement to them and their students as you see them.

At this time in our Church's history when we are in a low financial ebb and without a called pastor, we must all, more than ever before, step up to the plate with an individual commitment to maintain a strong congregation and carry forth the mission of the Church. This translates to a strong grass-roots participation in all our church groups and their activities. We on the Board of Christian Education believe a good place to start is Sunday School. Sunday School provides opportunity for spiritual growth and cohesive fellowship. Sunday School is not "just for kids." We at Messiah have classes in place ready to serve ALL age groups. It is up to you to avail yourself to what Sunday School has to offer.

On the practical side, when one attends Sunday School he or she is already here on site and participation in the Worship Service is a natural follow through. For those of you who have children, if you are in Sunday School chances are good your children will also be "regulars," and they will follow-up with Jr. Church. All this can only snowball for the good.

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4oz. to 5oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected 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.

SCHOOL KITS – We will be collecting items for School Kits beginning in June. Items needed are: 70-sheet notebooks, college-ruled paper 8 x 10½ inches, 30 centimeter rulers or rulers with cm on one side and inches on the other, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens), boxes of 16 or 24 crayons, and 2½ inch erasers. Items may be placed on the table with the basket in the Adult Sunday School Room.

#### **COMMUNITY**

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

THE CROP WALK will be held this year on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Walker Township Park. A promoter for each church is needed. Please email Graham Fowler at <a href="mailto:pastor.lostcreekpres@gmail.com">pastor.lostcreekpres@gmail.com</a> if you are interested in being the promoter for your church.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY FAIR COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE will be held on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. (rain or shine). Event will be held under a large tent located in the general area of the George Settlemyer Livestock Building. The theme will be GOD IS ON THE MOVE and Pastor Nancy McClure will be preaching. Special music will be provided by THE BOYZ (please bring your own lawn chair). A free-will offering will be collected to help local charities. Those attending the worship service and paying the admission fee to enter the Fairgrounds will receive reimbursement for their paid admission by simply exchanging their admission ticket for cash reimbursement.

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER

FRESH GARDEN PRODUCE AND ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS,
BABY CARE ITEMS SUCH AS SHAMPOO/BABY WASH,
DIAPER RASH OINTMENT, LOTION AND POWDER
WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS.
(VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR A NUMBER OF POSITIONS)

### THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

**Today:** -FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY.

-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.

-Crucifer/Acolyte Training.

-Board of Worship & Music meeting following worship service.

**Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.

**Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.

-6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.

Sunday: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion (final Summer service for 2016).

-Worship Leader: Sam Leister.

-4:30 p.m., Juniata County Fair Community Worship Service at the Fairgrounds in Port

Royal.