

THE MESSIAH HERALD



FEBRUARY, 2016

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DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

February	1: 1 Kings 17:8-16
February	2: Luke 2:22-40
February	3: Luke 19:41-44
February	4: Exodus 34:29-35
February	5: Psalm 99
February	6: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
February	7: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]
February	8: Acts 10:9-23a
February	9: Acts 10:23b-33
February	10: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
February	11: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
February	12: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
February	13: Romans 10:8b-13
February	14: Luke 4:1-13
February	15: 1 Chronicles 21:1-17
February	16: Zechariah 3:1-10
February	17: Job 1:1-22
February	18: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
February	19: Psalm 27
February	20: Philippians 3:17-4:1
February	21: Luke 13:31-35
February	22: Romans 4:1-12
February	23: Numbers 14:10b-24
February	24: Luke 13:22-31
February	25: Isaiah 55:1-9
February	26: Psalm 63:1-8
February	27: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
February	28: Luke 13:1-9
February	29: Romans 2:1-11



PRAYER CHAIN

Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at dskint@nmax.net or 436-6341.

If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

***DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS
AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!***

FEBRUARY SCHEDULES

LECTORS

7: Marina Holderman
14: Kate Swailes
21: Jean Compton
28: Cynthia Smith

ALTAR GUILD

Dec. 28—Feb. 21 Kay Varner
Feb. 7 Clint & Jamie Miller (cup communion)
Feb. 22—April 3 Ann Beaver
Mar. 27 Clint & Jamie Miller (cup communion)

ALTAR FLOWERS

7: Miller Family
14: OPEN
21: NO FLOWERS
28: NO FLOWERS

CRUCIFER

7: Jared Hutchinson

ACOLYTES

7: Harrison Mummah & Haley Mummah
14: Emma Arentz & Livia Arentz
21: Drew Lauver & Wesley Lauver
28: Caden Swailes & Nate Swailes



Messiah Women of the ELCA met on January 14, 2016. Ann Beaver led the program on Angels and in particular one who became a foster mother and began to sew dresses for foster children. As of the writing of the article she had sewn 1200 dresses on an old Singer sewing machine that belonged to her

grandmother. Everyone present could relate to the Singer with the treadle and the article was appropriate as all present participate in the Needlers projects. We enjoyed a good discussion. Thank you, Ann.

Our project for the next several months will be the personal care kit. Items needed are: 1 light-weight bath-size towel (52 x 27) (dark color recommended); 2 bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz.) of any brand in original wrapping; 1 adult-size toothbrush; 1 sturdy comb; 1 metal pair of nail clippers with or without attached file. Items purchased may be placed on one of the tables in the Adult Sunday School Room.

We have not received information yet on the Lenten Teas. Ash Wednesday will be February 10.

The next meeting of Messiah Women of the ELCA will be Thursday, February 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Youth Area with Cynthia Smith providing the program.



KNITTING/CROCHETING CLASS

We are beginning our prayer shawl knitting/crocheting class on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:30 PM. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. The information regarding the prayer shawl is located on the small table next to the piano in the back of the church.

If you have any questions, please call Barb S. Geedey at 436-6433. Hope to see a lot of you there. If you are unable to attend the first class, please come when you are able as we can get you started any time.



MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Volunteer cooks, drivers, and people to help assemble meals are needed. **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).

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

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.

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.

THANK YOU

I want to thank Messiah Lutheran Church very much for the kind donation of 108 cans of food that will help us here at Bethesda Mission to feed many people who stay here as guests as well as our soup line guests.

Your donation makes a big difference in the lives of many who enter our doors, and we appreciate the partnership we have with you.

God bless you,
Alfonso Ciervo
Director of Food Service



2016 WOMEN'S LENTEN TEAS

The Women's Community Lenten Teas will be held each Wednesday during Lent with fellowship time at 9:30 AM followed by the Lenten Study at 10:00 AM

This year's study will be from the book "The Gift of New Creation" by Thomas L. Ehrich. We will study and look at our journey with The Lord! Is your faith "messy"? Do you live your faith every day or just when you have issues in your life? These are things we will look at and see where the Lord wants us to be. Locations are listed below:

February 10: St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

February 17: Messiah Lutheran Church

February 24: St. Jude's Catholic Church

March 2: Trinity Methodist Church

March 9: Westminster Presbyterian Church

March 16: Aldersgate Methodist Church



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Our youth will be holding soup pots at the rear of the church on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2016. They will join young people in churches across the nation, sharing God's love with those who need our compassion and care.

Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "help our neighbors" by dropping a dollar in the soup pot on February 7th.



SOUP COLLECTION

The church will again collect cans of soup on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, 2016 for the Juniata County Food Pantry.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

The next Voters' Assembly will be held on Sunday, February 21, 2016 following the worship service.

Business: 2015 audit and board reports.



EASTER LILIES

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 \$10.00 for a plant with 4 to 6 blooms. You may call the church office at 436-6213 to place your order.



CAMPING

BROCHURES/REGISTRATIONS

The 2016 camping brochures and registration forms for Camp Mt. Luther are available in the church office or you may register online at www.campmountluther.org. Please note that if you register online, you still need to get a health form signed by a doctor.

Any young people planning to attend one of the church camps this summer are asked to get their registrations in before April 1st to avoid a late fee.

NOTE: Chad Hershberger, Executive Director at Camp Mt. Luther will be at Messiah on March 13, 2016.



MIFFLINTOWN MEN'S LENTEN

PRAYER BREAKFASTS

The 2016 Men's Mifflintown Prayer Breakfasts will be held on Saturday mornings at 7:00 AM at JP Pancake House. They will be held beginning February 13 through March 26. Speakers will be announced in upcoming bulletins.



2016 PORT ROYAL MEN'S LENTEN PRAYER BREAKFASTS

The 2016 Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfasts will be held on Saturday mornings at 7:00 AM at the Port Royal Community Building. Below is a list of the speakers:

- February 13 - Rev. Bradly Wellard, Cedar Grove Youth Pastor.
- February 20 - Rev. Wes Stahl, Bunkertown Church of the Brethren.
- February 27 - Rev. Dan Kerlin, Trinity United Methodist Church.
- March 5 - Rev. Caleb Burd, South Juniata Baptist Church.
- March 12 - Rev. Michael Baumgardner, Pine Grove United Methodist Church

--March 19 - Rev. Steve Osenga, Assistant
Pastor, Nimonds Independent Church
--March 26 - Rev. Keith Graybill, Lost Creek
Mennonite Church

SECRETARY'S WEEKLY OFFICE HOURS

Hours are as follows:

Tuesday – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

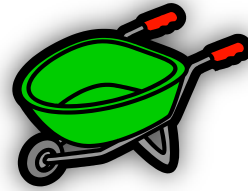
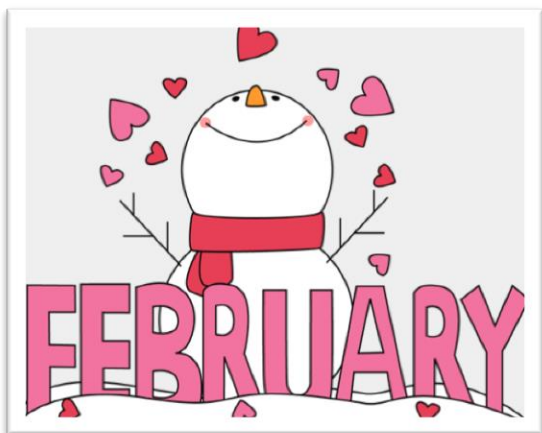
Thursday – 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday – 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM

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.



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.

IN HOME SERVICES OF CENTRAL PA

In Home Services of Central PA – Helping Senior Citizens in **providing a MULTITUDE of services** such as:

- Housekeeping
- Meal Preparation/Catering
- Laundry Services
- Running of Errands
- Grocery/Personal Shopping
- Companionship
- Personal Assistance
- Home Maintenance/Painting
- Technology/Computer Assistance
- Gardening
- Bookkeeping/Banking Assistance
- Insurance Billing/Benefits Research
- Pet Care
- Assistance with Holidays/Parties/Yard Sales
- Assistance with Making a Move/Downsizing
- Beautician/Barber Services
- Alterations/Mending
- Medical Set-up & Monitoring by Nurse
- Transportation To All Appointments

Let us be **YOUR PERSONAL ASSISTANT!** For more details, please call 888-881-2046. Serving Centre, Mifflin and Juniata Counties (LOCALLY OWNED). Check out our website: InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY FEBRUARY UPDATE

Here at the Juniata County Food Pantry we are so thankful for all who shared their abundance with us throughout November and December. Thanks to the generosity of our community and our partnership with local branches of Kiwanis, the Boy Scouts, Salvation Army and others, we were able to provide almost 400 families with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals in 2015. However, over 700 families are assisted by the Food Pantry each year; therefore the Food Pantry relies on contributions from the community to continue serving more than 2000 Juniata County residents in poverty. Please continue to help us help them!

In December 2015, the Food Pantry served 407 families – 1142 of your neighbors! We thank River Church for sending volunteers for the month of December. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY:

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS AND DISH SOAP.
PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS: SHAMPOO, DEODORANT,
TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES AND LOTION.

**DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECK AND GIFT CARDS
ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!**

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

**Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to receive
Non-perishable donations. Cash/check or gift card donations
may be deposited through the mail slot inside the vestibule.**

Visit our Website: www.jcfoodpantry.com

*Like us on **Face Book!***

*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATACOUNTY FOOD PANTRY. (CONTACT PERSON: KATHY QUEITZSCH). Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com

2016 FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Monday, February 1:	-8:00 PM, AA mtg. in Fellowship Hall.
Tuesday, February 2:	-9:00 AM, "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
Wednesday, February 3:	-7:00 PM, Choir rehearsal.
Thursday, February 4:	-1:00 PM, Dulcimer rehearsal. -6:00 PM, Thrivent mtg. in Library.
Sunday, February 7:	-9:15 AM, Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 AM, Worship/Communion.
Monday, February 8:	-6:30 PM, Knitting/Crocheting Class. -8:00 PM, AA mtg. in Fellowship Hall.
Tuesday, February 9:	-9:00 AM, "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall. -7:00 PM, 4-H Beef Club in Youth Area.
Wednesday, February 10:	-9:30 AM, Women's Lenten Tea at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. -7:00 PM, Ash Wednesday Service at Messiah. -8:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 11:	-7:00 PM, WELCA in Youth Area.
Saturday, February 13:	-7:00 AM, Men's Prayer Breakfast at JP Pancake House.
Sunday, February 14:	-9:15 AM, Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 AM, Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. -Worship & Music Committee meeting following worship service.
Monday, February 15:	-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE. -6:30 PM, Knitting/Crocheting Class. -8:00 PM, AA mtg. in Fellowship Hall.
Tuesday, February 16:	-9:00 AM, "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
Wednesday, February 17:	-9:30 AM, Women's Lenten Tea at Messiah Lutheran Church. -7:00 PM, Community Lenten Service at St. Jude's Catholic Church. -7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, February 18:	-1:00 PM, Dulcimer rehearsal.
Saturday, February 20:	-7:00 AM, Men's Prayer Breakfast at JP Pancake House.
Sunday, February 21:	-9:15 AM, Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 AM, Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. -Voters' Assembly following worship service.
Monday, February 22:	-6:30 PM, Knitting/Crocheting Class. -8:00 PM, AA mtg. in Fellowship Hall.
Tuesday, February 23:	-9:00 AM, "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
Wednesday, February 24:	-9:30 AM, Women's Lenten Tea at St. Jude's Catholic Church. -7:00 PM, Community Lenten Service at Aldersgate Methodist Church. -7:00 PM, Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, February 27:	-7 AM, Men's Prayer Breakfast at JP Pancake House.
Sunday, February 28:	-FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY. -9:15 AM, Sunday School/Catechetical Class. -10:30 AM, Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
Monday, February 29:	-6:30 PM, Knitting/Crocheting Class. -8:00 PM, AA mtg. in Fellowship Hall.

TWIN BORO MINISTERIUM

2016 LENTEN SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>HOST</u>	<u>PREACHER/CHOIR</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
Ash Wednesday Feb. 10, 2016	7:00 PM	Messiah Lutheran Church	Pastor Stephanie Rupert	What is Truth?
Feb. 17, 2016	7:00 PM	St. Jude's Catholic Church	Pastor Chris Mathiason	About Sin
Feb. 24, 2016	7:00 PM	Aldersgate Methodist Church	Pastor Dan Kerlin	About Fear
March 2, 2016	7:00 PM	Trinity Methodist Church	Father Michael Opoki	About Hate
March 9, 2016	7:00 PM	Westminster Presbyterian Church	<i>To Be Announced</i>	About Vengeance
March 16, 2016	7:00 PM	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church	Pastor William Esborn	About Repentance
Maundy Thursday March 24, 2016	7:00 PM	Trinity Methodist Church	Pastor Stephanie Rupert	About Grace
Good Friday March 25, 2016	12:00 Noon	Aldersgate Methodist Church	ALL	Seven Last Words
Easter Sunrise March 27, 2016	6:30 AM	Messiah Lutheran Church	Pastor Dan Kerlin	About Hope

TWIN BORO MINISTERIUM
2016 GOOD FRIDAY SCHEDULE
ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
12:00 NOON

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TIME</u>
WELCOME/OPENING	Pastor Stephanie Rupert	12:00 – 12:05 PM
FIRST WORD “Father, Forgive Them”	Pastor William Esborn	12:05 – 12:30 PM
SECOND WORD “Today.....Paradise”	Mr. Sam Leister	12:30 – 12:55 PM
THIRD WORD “This is your Mother”	Westminster Presbyterian <i>To Be Announced</i>	12:55 – 1:20 PM
FOURTH WORD “Why have you forsaken me?”	Pastor Dan Kerlin	1:20 – 1:45 PM
FIFTH WORD “I Thirst”	Pastor Chris Mathiason	1:45 – 2:10 PM
SIXTH WORD “It is finished”	Father Michael Opoki	2:10 – 2:35 PM
SEVENTH WORD “Into Your Hands”	Pastor Stephanie Rupert	2:35 – 3:00 PM
DISMISSAL	Pastor Stephanie Rupert	3:00 PM