

# **THE MESSIAH HERALD**



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# **The Messiah Herald**



## **"FIVE WAYS EVERY MEMBER CAN STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH" BY KOLE FARNEY**

If you want, you can pay someone to wash your car. You can pay someone to iron your clothes. You can pay someone to make food for dinner. You can even pay someone to "parent" your children for large parts of the day. It seems that everything worth doing can be done by someone else. Just pay up.

I once listened to a church member recall a conversation with a fellow member after a sermon where the pastor had confessed the need in his own life to be more active in evangelism:

"That message was really convicting to me."

"Really? Why? That's what we *pay him* to do."

That person said it, but how many of us have had that thought? It is so easy to excuse ourselves from responsibility when we think we've already paid up. But, paid leaders are not responsible for all the work. Every Christian bears responsibility to the church. It's time to de-professionalize ministry.

But what can you do? Well, there is good news—lots of it actually. The New Testament is filled with ways that every believer can love and serve in the local body where God has put them. Here are a few:

**THEREFORE, CONFESS YOUR SINS TO ONE ANOTHER.....JAMES 5:16A**

When is the last time you did this at a church meeting? Because forgiveness is given to confessors, we should be eager to do it when necessary. Additionally, I've found that some of the most encouraging moments of a church meeting are when others open up in confession. What you'll find is that your confession will convict others, encourage them to keep killing their own sin, and remind everyone of the forgiving grace of Christ that can take it away.

**BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS, AND SO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST.....GALATIANS 6:2**

Everyone in your church is carrying something. Personal sins or struggles and even harmful tendencies weigh some down quite heavily—especially during certain seasons. Let their difficulty become your own by finding ways to encourage and even exhort when necessary. Don't allow one person in your church to experience hard things by themselves.

**SHOW HOSPITALITY TO ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT GRUMBLING.....1 PETER 4:9**

Showing hospitality is giving someone food to eat and a place to sleep. It can apply to people who know each

other already, so loving others in your church by providing meals or inviting them over is a wonderful way to serve. But, the main application of hospitality is to people who are traveling through, or for some reason, are without food and shelter. Hospitality can be a substantial sacrifice. That's why Peter makes mention of not grumbling. If you have a home and food, you can do this for a missionary traveling though, or the needy one among you with nowhere to go.

**AND WE URGE YOU, BROTHERS, ADMONISH THE IDLE, ENCOURAGE THE FAINTHEARTED, HELP THE WEAK, BE PATIENT WITH THEM ALL.**  
**1 THESSALONIANS 5:14**

If you didn't know better, you might think these were instructions to pastors, or those in positions of authority. Now, pastors aren't free from these commands, but Paul's focus here is on the *brothers*—the men and women who constitute the church in Thessalonica. If another believer in your church is idle or weak, you are just the person God wants to use to admonish or help them. Likewise, that older widow who seems more and more distant since her husband's passing is waiting for you to come over with encouragement. Understandably, some situations may require wisdom or experience that you don't have, but this exhortation is aimed at you.

**ABOVE ALL, KEEP LOVING ONE ANOTHER EARNESTLY, SINCE LOVE COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS.....1 PETER 4:8**

Have you been underestimating love? Some of you are suffering with a wrong idea that goes something like, "Oh, little me, what can I do?" When you think that way you can't love, because all your thoughts reside upon your own interests. Raise your eyes to see the needs of others, and you'll quickly find that there is plenty of work to be done.

So, let's put out of our minds any thought which excuses us from loving others and start serving them in every way that God allows. A stronger church has everything to do with you.

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## DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

July 1----- Psalm 66:1-9  
*Pray for Music Ministries*

July 2----- Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16  
*Pray for the burdens of your neighbors*

July 3----- Luke 10:1-11, 16-20  
*Pray for new mission congregations*

July 4----- John 14:1-7  
*Pray for those searching for freedom and peace*

July 5----- Acts 19:21-41  
*Pray for artists and poets*

Jul 6----- Joshua 23:1-16  
*Pray for those you consider to be enemies*

July 7----- Deuteronomy 30:9-14  
*Pray for those who work in the judicial system*

July 8----- Psalm 25:1-10  
*Pray for those struggling with depression*

July 9----- Colossians 1:1-14  
*Pray for mentors and coaches*

July 10----- Luke 10:25-37  
*Pray for those who need a helping hand today*

July 11----- James 2:1-7  
*Pray for refugees and immigrants*

July 12----- 1 John 3:11-17  
*Pray for those who feel unloved*

July 13----- Matthew 25:31-46  
*Pray for caregivers*

July 14----- Genesis 18:1-10a  
*Pray for those looking for a warm welcome*

July 15----- Psalm 15  
*Pray for domestic violence shelters*

July 16----- Colossians 1:15-28  
*Pray for family counselors*

July 17----- Luke 10:38-42  
*Pray for those who plan and lead worship*

July 18----- Colossians 1:27—2:7  
*Pray for workers in restaurants and hotels*

July 19----- 1 John 2:1-6  
*Pray for new Christians*

July 20----- Genesis 18:20-32  
*Pray for those tormented by bullying*

July 21----- Psalm 138  
*Pray for those who fear speaking to a group*

July 22----- John 20:1-2; 11-18  
*Pray for Church committee members*

July 23----- Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)  
*Pray for news reporters*

July 24----- Luke 11:1-13  
*Pray for Stewardship leaders*

July 25----- Mark 10:35-45  
*Pray for public servants*

July 26----- Romans 9:30—10:4  
*Pray for attorneys and estate planners*

July 27----- Matthew 5:43-48  
*Pray for mediators and negotiators*

July 28----- Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23  
*Pray for Internet technology professionals*

July 29----- Psalm 49:1-12  
*Pray for Hospice staff and volunteers*

July 30----- Colossians 3:1-11  
*Pray for law enforcement officers*

July 31----- Luke 12:13-21  
*Pray for those who work in Thrift Shops*

## JULY SCHEDULES

### LECTORS

3 Linda Bahorik  
 10 Kate Swailes  
 17 Jean Compton  
 24 Barb S. Geedey  
 31 Linda Bahorik

### ACOLYTES

3 Caden Swailes  
 10 Nate Swailes  
 17 Haley Mummah  
 24 Emma Arentz  
 31 Harrison Mummah

### ALTAR GUILD

June 13 to July 3..... Barbara S. Geedey  
 July 4 to 17..... Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner  
 July 18 to 31..... Barbara S. Geedey

### ALTAR FLOWERS

3: OPEN  
 10: OPEN  
 17: OPEN  
 24: Warren & Claire Mummah  
 31: OPEN

**FEAR IS SPIRITUAL CHOLESTEROL....IT'S  
 A HEART STOPPER.**



## **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.



The WELCA met on Thursday, June 9 at 7:00 P.M. Cynthia presented our program with Barb leading the business meeting.

Under old business, Barb reminded everyone that we will be gathering school items beginning now through the month of September. The items are listed in the newsletter.

New business discussed related to the Convention to be held at Camp Mt. Luther on July 23. Linda Leister and Barb Geedey will be attending. Several others have indicated an interest in attending. If anyone would like to travel with them please contact Barb at 436-6433 and she will get the necessary form to you.

We have lost our drop site for our blankets and various kits in Lewistown as the truck that transported the items to Maryland is no longer available. There is now a drop site in the Sunbury/Selinsgrove area but we are hoping that someone from this end of the Synod will step forward and help us. We have discussed an option for our area but we are waiting until the convention to see if someone else has come forward. If anyone in the congregation knows of someone who can help us please contact Barb at the above number. We need a large sized box truck.

Our meeting closed with the WELCA purpose statement.

Refreshments of vanilla ice cream and strawberries were served by Barb and her mother Velma.

## **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

## **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

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Carol Simonton

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Ray Bramm

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## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!**

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

July 4 – Shane Grimm

July 6 – Bob St. Clair

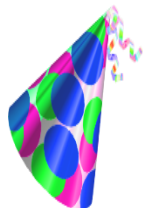
July 7 – Jace White

July 10 – Linda Bahorik

July 12 – Larry Covert

July 26 – Claire Mummah

July 28 – Jean Compton



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

July 17 – Zac & Tammy Smith

July 30 – Matt & Erin Harris

July 30 – Bob & Jeanette St. Clair

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 11th.

## **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.

## **IN HOME SERVICES OF CENTRAL PA**

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  - Bookkeeping/Banking Assistance
  - Insurance Billing/Benefits Research
  - Pet Care
  - Assistance with Holidays/Parties/Yard Sales
  - Assistance with Making a Move/Downsizing
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(LOCALLY OWNED). Check out our website:  
[InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com](http://InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com).

## A BIG "THANK YOU"....

... to everyone who assisted with Vacation Bible School this year, especially to coordinator Kate Swailes, who put in tireless amounts of time seeking volunteers and helpers for our four nights of Norwegian fun!. We were able to reach out to 36 kids during this year's program. We had four nights of fun and ended it with a great pool party at the Mifflin pool.....a cool ending to a cool, Norwegian week of VBS fun!!

## UPCOMING PASTORS AND LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

July 3 Pastor Esborn  
July 10 Sam Leister  
July 17 Pastor Esborn  
July 24 Jim Bahorik  
July 31 Pastor Esborn (final sermon)

## MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – JUNE 5 THRU JUNE 26, 2016

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
June 5	65 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$2,885.00	\$2,138.00	Benevolence -- \$455.00
				Building Fund -- \$220.00
June 12	67 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$4,027.00	\$2,957.00	Flowers -- \$22.00
				Church Camp -- \$50.00
June 19	59 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$2,048.00	\$1,566.00	Benevolence -- \$165.00
				Building Fund -- \$105.00
June 26	61 – Worship N/A – S.S.	\$1,832.50	\$1,501.00	Church Camp -- \$650.00
				World Hunger -- \$130.00
				Junior Church - \$20.00
				Benevolence -- \$120.00
				Building Fund -- \$240.00
				Flowers -- \$22.00
				Church Camp -- \$100.00
				Benevolence -- \$60.00
				Building Fund -- \$150.00
				Flowers -- \$71.50
				Fellowship Hall Use -- \$50.00

*\*A check for \$88.35 collected from the Bible School offerings will be presented to the Juniata County Library for support of their ongoing excellent programs*





## **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL A SUCCESS!!**

Thanks to the Parish Fellowship Committee for the Strawberry festival held on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>! There were two delicious flavors of homemade ice cream as well as strawberry shortcake and other snacks. Thanks also to the ice cream makers,

Sam Leister, Ruth Mummah, and Mary Grimm. There was laughter and lots of conversation to work off those sweet calories as well as some outdoor games for the youth provided by Kate and Caden Swailes. Thanks again to everyone who helped and/or attended this annual event at Messiah!!

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY PRAYER**

Creator and lover of what you have created,  
Open your arms to those imprisoned by sin  
That they might experience the independence  
You intended in the creation.

Gracious Christ, crucified and risen Christ,  
Embrace those who stumble through life  
That they might feel the independence from uncertainty  
That you died to abolish by undying love.

Mysterious, yet ever present Holy Spirit,  
Fill us with your power when we waver  
That we might cling to the independence from doubt  
Eternal Trinity, holy and ever present,  
We thank you for the independence  
Provided in our spiritual life  
Which makes a celebration of national independence  
A true and meaningful celebration.

In Thy Holy and Most Blessed Name,  
**AMEN.**

*Author: Larry Winebrenner*





## **JULY 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, July 3:	-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion
Monday, July 4:	INDEPENDENCE DAY -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
Thursday, July 7:	-1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal -6 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
Sunday, July 10:	-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.
Monday, July 11:	-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
Tuesday, July 12:	-7 p.m., 4-H Beef Club in Youth Area.
Thursday, July 14:	-7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
Sunday, July 17:	-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion.
Monday, July 18:	-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
Thursday, July 21:	-1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal
Sunday, July 24:	-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion
Monday, July 25:	-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
Thursday, July 28:	-NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
Sunday, July 31:	-FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion/Healing Service/ Pastor Esborn's final sermon at Messiah





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beginning  
September 7th!

7-8 PM

## **JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY JULY UPDATE**

It's been a busy summer at the Food Pantry with the Summer Backpack lunch program in full swing. Thank you so much for all the great community support! So far our Backpack program has signed up over 100 children in grades K-8 – children who might otherwise be spending the summer hungry are instead filling up their backpacks with nutritious lunches.

In May 2016, the Food Pantry served 316 families in need – a total of 864 individuals. A special thank you to Free Spring Church of the Brethren for providing volunteers for the month of May.

Donations are beginning to slow down as families head off on vacation. Please don't forget that hunger doesn't take a vacation in the summer! If you'd like to come give us a hand we can always use volunteers!

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JULY:**

**All non-perishable foods, dish soap, all-purpose household cleaners,  
Paper products - paper towels, Toilet paper, tissues..**

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

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



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open 24 hours a  
day to receive  
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**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)*



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