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DAY OF PENTECOST

May 15, 2016 – 10:30 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

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P 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.

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of grace and glory,

C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness,

through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and + frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C Amen.

*** 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.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Malin, Marina, Jared and Tai have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

P Malin Elizabeth Kint, Marina Bryn Holderman, Jared Matthew Hutchinson, and Tai Jacen Kepler, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

P Amanda Yohn desires to make public affirmation of her Baptism as a sign of her renewed participation in the life and work of the Church of Christ.

P Amanda, we rejoice that you have returned to the household of God to claim again the eternal inheritance which is your birthright in Holy Baptism.

P Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been [nourished at his holy table and] called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Confirmands, New Member: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

Confirmands, New Member & Congregation:

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Confirmands, New Member & Congregation:

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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands, New Member & Congregation:

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

P Let us pray for Malin, Marina, Jared, Tai and Amanda who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands, New Member: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made Malin, Marina, Jared, Tai and Amanda your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Malin, Marina, Jared and Tai the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

Confirmands & Congregation: 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."**

PRESENTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL GIFTS

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* KYRIE (C - sung)

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

* HYMN OF PRAISE (In Unison)

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

II Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

II For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

C God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

The First reading is from the 2nd chapter of Acts.

THE LESSON READS:

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews

and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Lector: Here ends the reading.
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Intoned by Cantor – Response sung by Choir)

L – Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season. R**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created; and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles; you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live; I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

³⁴May these words of | mine please God. I will rejoice | in the LORD.

³⁵**Bless the LORD, | O my soul. Hal- | lelujah! R**

ALL – Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17

The Second reading is from the 8th chapter of Romans.

THE LESSON READS:

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

* THE VERSE (Congregation)

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

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

* GOSPEL: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)**

THE GOSPEL READS:

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

[²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

* HYMN OF THE DAY “Take My Life, That I May Be”

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

A brief silence.

P O God, move among your people and send forth your Spirit to make your church a holy place where people find welcome, Christ’s compassion, and new life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Send forth your Spirit to renew the earth in the wake of storms, earthquakes, or human misuse. Breathe life into every mountain and valley, stream and ocean. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Send forth your Spirit to unite all nations in caring for those who are vulnerable or in need. Help us to put aside our differences and to seek your will. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Send forth your Spirit to aid people in distress (especially for all of our shut-ins: Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Ethel Bossinger, Jean McNaught, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Earl & Mona Lawson, Sara Ann Aurand, and Jim Yetter). And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Josh Delancey, Julia Gross, Amy Stuter Reed, John Price, Stephen Townsend, Bob Cameron, Audrey Peters, Kerry Aumiller, Michal Gayer, Joan Foltz, Bill Geise, Norman Esborn, and John Miller. Sweep them up in the movement of your Spirit, and fulfill your everlasting promises for all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Send forth your Spirit to knock down barriers that prevent people from receiving your good news. Guide interpreters and cultural ambassadors who open lines of communication. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Send forth your Spirit to unite us with the saints of every time and place. By the gifts of your Spirit, rouse us to deeds of mercy and words of kindness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

[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].

ANTHEM:

* 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, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you

for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Sung) Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] (all)

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

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The table of life is spread before you. Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

* LAMB OF GOD (sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

DISTRIBUTION

[“AT THE CHANCEL RAIL” – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung)

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The blessing of the Lord God Almighty, the blessing of + Christ, the Lamb who was slain, and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth be among you and remain with you always.

C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)

* CLOSING HYMN “Spirit of Gentleness”

* DISMISSAL

P Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE:

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Sam Leister

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Christie Holderman & Stacie Kint (Cup Communion – Clint & Jamie Miller)

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 worshipping 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 red 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) worshipping 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in honor of our confirmands.

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. 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 FOLLOWING STUDENTS have completed their confirmation training and requirements: Malin Elizabeth Kint, daughter of Doyle and Stacie Kint; Marina Bryn Holderman, daughter of Bill and Christie Holderman; Jared Matthew Hutchinson, son of Matt and Jennifer Hutchinson; and Tai Jacen Kepler, son of Marc and Nasreen Kepler. Malin, Marina, Jared and Tai will be making affirmation of their baptism today. All are invited to personally congratulate them following the worship service at the reception in their honor in the Adult Sunday School Room.

WE WELCOME into the fellowship of our congregation today, Amanda Yohn. We are pleased to have her become a part of the Messiah family.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS **THURSDAY NOON**.

JUST A THOUGHT – Fredrick von Hugel, Christian Thinker: Behind every saint stands another saint.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS—NEW TIME SLOT – At the last Worship & Music meeting, it was decided to change the time for anyone wishing to make announcements at the beginning of church services. **Beginning Sunday June 5th (the first summer early service)**, announcements will be encouraged to begin 10 minutes prior to the start of worship, and PRIOR to the start of the Organ Prelude. Thank you!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>May 8, 2016 Worship Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Other funds</u>	
Attendance – 60	Attendance – 41	Benevolence -	\$ 130.00
		Flowers -	\$ 50.00
Total Offering - \$3170.00		Sunday School -	\$ 62.00
		Building Fund -	\$ 885.00
General Fund - \$1668.00		Summer Camp -	\$ 365.00
		World Hunger -	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
			\$ 1502.00

2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held on Monday, June 20th to Thursday, June 23rd from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. with a pool party being scheduled for Friday, June 24th. This year’s closing program will be held on Sunday, June 26th during the morning worship service.

THE YOUTH will be holding a bake sale today following the worship service. They will also be collecting donations after the service to help with the cost of camping fees at Mt. Luther. Thirteen kids from Messiah have signed up for camp this year.

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.”

THE NEW ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE for July, 2016 through June, 2017 will be completed by June 1st. We are currently in need of more people to serve on Altar Guild, as a few of our long-serving members are no longer able to help. If you would like to serve, please either call the church office or contact Bob St. Clair. All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve.

THE NEW LECTOR SCHEDULE for July, 2016 through June, 2017 will be completed by June 1st. If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.

LAST DAY OF SEWING for “The Needlers” will be Tuesday, May 17th. Anyone who wishes to continue sewing during the summer months may do so. Sewing will begin again in the Fall.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – June is Messiah’s volunteer month at the Food Pantry. About 4 volunteers are needed for each Saturday in the month. Teenagers are also welcome to volunteer. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. If you cannot come during your scheduled time, please call Kathy Queitzsch at the Food Pantry (436-9718) at least a day ahead of time. Your help is very much appreciated!

THE SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE will begin on June 5, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. and end on September 4th. Regular worship services will begin on September 11th.

PPC will meet this evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

THE SECRETARY'S WEEKLY 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.

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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA are collecting items for Personal Care Kits. 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 pair of metal nail clippers with or without attached file. Items purchased may be placed on one of the tables 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 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).

VISITING ARTIST SERIES – Dr. Timothy V. Blair, native of Blairs Mills, and now the Dean and Professor of Piano in the College of Visual and Performing Arts at West Chester University invites you to the West Chester University Visiting Artist Series, which will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the historic Upper Tuscarora Presbyterian Church. Performers on this Holy Trinity afternoon will include Terri Kleinfelter on piano and Anne Sciolla, soprano vocalist. Ms. Kleinfelter has performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra Chamber Series, the West Chester Symphony Orchestra at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia and currently serves as keyboardist for the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Sciolla has performed as a back-up vocalist on world renowned jazz organist Joey DeFrancesco's album “Never Can Say Goodbye” in 2011. She has also been a vocal coach to Courtney Love and has performed with Kevin Eubanks of the Tonight Show. There will be a free-will offering at the event and an afternoon party to be held after the performances. The historic Upper Tuscarora Presbyterian Church is located near the map-point meeting place of Franklin, Huntingdon, Juniata, and Perry counties, just off of Route 75 at Waterloo, located at 589 Brick Church Road, between Waterloo and Blairs Mills.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MAY

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; TISSUES, BABY DIAPERS (SIZES 4-6 ONLY!)
AND FEMININE CARE PRODUCTS. CASH/CHECK DONATIONS AND
LOCAL STORE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED!
NO MORE PLASTIC BAGS, PLEASE! ALTHOUGH WE WILL GLADLY
ACCEPT CLEAN CLOTH BAGS.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-Reception for Confirmands following worship service.
-Youth Bake Sale & Collection for Mt. Luther following worship service.
-7 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
- Sunday:** -Holy Trinity Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.