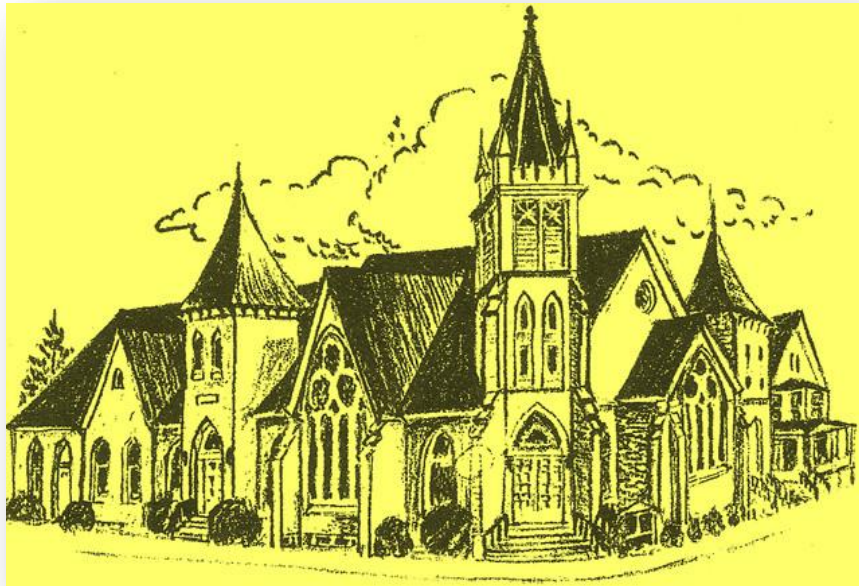


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The Messiah Herald



MOMS. YOU NEED JESUS

After a lifetime observing what moms do, I’ve come to some important conclusions. Motherhood is difficult, tiring, rewarding and fulfilling all at the same time, and as much as I appreciate my mom and now my wife, I don’t want the job.

Moms, we love you. A lot. Motherhood is a magnificent mosaic of bright, triumphant mornings and dark, tempestuous nights. The joys of children growing and walking in obedience to their parents and to God, and the agonies of them rejecting, rebelling, and acting foolishly all get rolled up into one woman’s heart. You moms experience tragedy and joy in a unique way, storing them both with supreme empathy, carrying a weight that surely seems unbearable at times.

There is no getting around the gravity of your task, and although there are many things you must do, the greatest requirement of motherhood is love. This means that your daily labor will consistently reveal your own need for Jesus.

MOTHERLY LOVE IS PATIENT

When Paul teaches us what love is in 1 Corinthians 13, he is not giving us a list of mere characteristics, but is personifying the person “love” and showing us how that person acts. The first act of love in verse 4 is patience. Motherhood requires long-suffering forbearance in the face of injustice. This is not mainly the need to wait on a slow child while they get dressed, but rather the necessity to suffer wrong and not retaliate.

Your husband sometimes wrongs you, your church friends don’t quite understand the situation you’re in and make wrong judgments, and your kids bring you emotional pain with their sin. The easy out is to store up and blow up, to lash out, to attack others in your mind, and give them what they deserve.

In your blow-up moment the crucified Savior reminds you of his own patience toward you, the way he suffered long with you and your sin as you mistreated him and disbelieved. It is the same patience that he has toward you now when you fail to love those entrusted to you like he did.

MOTHERLY LOVE IS SELF-SACRIFICING

In verse 5 Paul says that love “does not insist on its own way.” The loving mother is not on a demanding search to secure her own benefit in or outside the home. You have been called to serve and to die. Following Jesus means that you have accepted a life of cross-bearing that is oriented toward the good of others. This is your model for mothering.

However, there are days when you have been home alone with the kids all day and your flesh begins to cry, “This isn’t fair!” You’ve been at work and are exhausted, and you come home to children who need you engaged until they go to sleep, and all you want is a hot bath and some me-time. You have to die yourself.

When you are prone to self-seek, remember that the servant’s place is where to find Jesus. He came to give his life for you. “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many,” (Mark 10:45). When you’re tempted to keep your life, there he remains, having given up his life for you.

MOTHERLY LOVE IS FORGIVING

Paul goes on in verse 5 and says that love is not resentful. Motherhood requires you to stop counting up wrongs and storing them in the diary of your mind—because that sort of accounting always leads to resentment. Forgiveness is crucial if a mom is going to love her family because the only other option is a growing bitterness toward them, which renders you incapable of love.

A resentful mother can poison the whole family. The kids pick up on it and are unwilling to forgive each other, and the husband is always defensive because he knows that she remembers and holds against him all the wrongs he’s done.

Resentment happens when forgiveness is forgotten. Your own wrongs have been piling up since birth like a mound of unwashed socks so old it’s started to ferment, and the stench that emanates from a resentful mother is worse than dirty laundry. Jesus has plenty of reason to resent you, but he forgave instead and decided not to treat you according to your sins. Here is where you’ll find all of your resentment, hanging on the cross, moving you to forgive as you have been forgiven.

Mom, you need Jesus. You need a long-suffering, others-oriented, forgiving Savior to come along with you and help you in your task. Your family needs a caring, empathetic, nurturing, patiently helping, and forgiving kind of love—the same kind that Jesus already gave to you.

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DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

May	1:	John 14:23-29
May	2:	Isaiah 30:18-21
May	3:	Revelation 21:15-22
May	4:	Acts 16:16-34
May	5:	Acts 1:1-11
May	6:	Psalms 97
May	7:	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
May	8:	John 17:20-26
May	9:	Exodus 40:16-38
May	10:	II Chronicles 5:2-14
May	11:	Acts 2:1-21
May	12:	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
May	13:	Romans 8:14-17
May	14:	Acts 1:15-26
May	15:	John 14:8-17, 25-27
May	16:	Joel 2:18-29
May	17:	I Corinthians 2:12-16
May	18:	Numbers 24:1-14
May	19:	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22
May	20:	Psalms 8
May	21:	Romans 5:1-5
May	22:	John 16:12-15
May	23:	Proverbs 7:1-4
May	24:	Proverbs 8:4-21
May	25:	Daniel 1:1-20
May	26:	I Kings 8:22-23, 41-43
May	27:	Psalms 96:1-9
May	28:	Galatians 1:1-12
May	29:	Luke 7:1-10
May	30:	Jonah 4:1-11
May	31:	Luke 1:39-57



PRAYER CHAIN

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

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

MAY SCHEDULES

LECTORS

1:	Marina Holderman
8:	Jean Compton
15:	Kate Swailes
22:	Sam Leister
29:	Randy Clark

ALTAR GUILD

May 25 - May 1 Linda Clark
May 2 to 22 Christie Holderman & Stacie Kint (May 15 & 22 – Cup Communion – C. & J. Miller)
May 23 to 29 Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner
May 30 to June 5 Linda Clark

ALTAR FLOWERS

1:	To the Glory of God
8:	OPEN
15:	Barbara Fairman & Family
22:	Warren & Claire Mummah
29:	Swailes Family

CRUCIFER

1:	Harrison Mummah
8:	Drew Lauver
15:	Tyler Rosenberry
22:	Tai Kepler
29:	Drew Lauver

ACOLYTES

1:	Drew Lauver & Wesley Lauver
8:	Caden Swailes & Nate Swailes
15:	Harrison Mummah & Haley Mummah
22:	Emma Arentz & Livia Arentz
29:	Wesley Lauver & Nate Swailes

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! 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 next Messiah Women of the ELCA meeting will be Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. We will be gathering items collected for the Personal Care Kits to evaluate what items are still needed.

Messiah Women of the ELCA also 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.

The next Triennial Convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 13-16, 2017. If anyone is interested in attending this event, please let Barb know.

Finally, we are now collecting items for Personal Care Kits for the next several months. 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. These items purchased may be placed on one of the tables in the Adult Sunday School Room

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

LOCUST GROVE

(69 COTTAGE DRIVE, MIFFLIN, PA 17058)

Ethel Bossinger

Jean McNaught

190 JAM House Rd., Cottage #5

Mifflin, PA 17058

BROOKLINE MANOR & REHAB SERVICES

(2 MANOR BLVD., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Flo Beale, Sara Ann Aurand

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Jane Marhefka

92 Village Drive

Mifflintown, PA 17059

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(62 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Carol Simonton

NORTHBRIDGE CENTER FOR ASSISTED LIVING

(99 NORTHBRIDGE DR., MCALISTERVILLE, PA 17049)

Dorothy Cleck

Dottie Smith

HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR., APT. 108, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)

Ruth Cisney

Ray Bamm

LEHIGH CENTER

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

Lura Aughey



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Earl & Mona Lawson Craig Walker
2792 William Penn Hwy. 7016 Rt. 333
Mifflintown, PA 17059 Mifflintown, PA 17059

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING IN THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY.....

May 1 – Claire Grimm
May 18 – Mary Grimm

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

May 12 – John & Kim White
May 29 – Glenn & Jean Compton

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.

LECTOR SCHEDULE



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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

Summer worship services will begin on June 4, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. and end on September 5th. Regular worship services will begin 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

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](tel:888-881-2046). Serving Centre, Mifflin and Juniata Counties (LOCALLY OWNED). Check out our website: InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com.

2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School preparations are underway already as Messiah prepares for summer. This year's Bible School will be held from **Monday, June 20th** to **Thursday, June 23rd**, from 6:00 to 8:15 each evening, 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.

YOUTH BAKE SALE

The youth will be holding a bake sale on Sunday, May 15, 2016 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.



SUMMER CAMP – HERE WE COME!!

We are planning on having a group of Messiah youth attend Camp Mt. Luther from Sunday, June 12th through Thursday, June 16th. During that week, there are camps for kids who have completed Kindergarten through 8th grade, including the Morning Glories camp, Fishing camp, and Hammock Haven. Kids will arrive at 2:45 p.m. Sunday afternoon and they have a closing event at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday. We will have a

Messiah parent attend the entire camp, so that the day campers can stay overnight from Sunday through Thursday.

We will be sending the registration forms together to Mt. Luther. Each camper

must pay \$50 toward the non-refundable



registration fee and Messiah will pay the additional \$75 registration fee as well as the remaining cost of camp. If your child does not attend camp, then the family responsible for reimbursing Messiah for the \$75 non-refundable registration fee. Messiah has funds set aside to assist families with costs for such programs, if you are not able to pay the \$50 per camper. We don't want to see any child miss this opportunity, so please let Kate Swailes know if you would like assistance with the cost. If your child is interested in going to camp, complete the camp registration / health form which is in the 2016 Mt. Luther catalog and drop it off at the church office with a \$50 check for the registration fee (check should be made out to **Messiah Lutheran Church**). We will then mail the forms together to Mt. Luther with the total registration fee for each child. Judy has books in the office if needed. You can turn in the form right now without having the form signed by a physician. As soon as you are able to get your physician to complete the form, it should be forwarded to Mt. Luther. Do not complete the payment section of the form. We will complete this section so that they bill Messiah for the camp fees.

If your child is planning on going to Mt. Luther for a camp week other than June 12-16th, please complete your forms and drop them off with payment prior to Kate Swailes by May 3rd. We would like to send those from Messiah with the total registration fee.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Three National Day of Prayer services will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 in Juniata County:

12:10 – 12:40 p.m. at the Flag pole in Lost Creek Park along Rt. 35 in McAlisterville. In case of rain, we will meet in the grey building. Contact Pastor Ron Landis – 535-5035.



7:00 p.m. on the Courthouse lawn in Mifflintown. In case of rain, the service will be held at the

River Church of Juniata County, located behind the CJEMS building on CJEMS Drive, just off of Rt. 35 N. about a mile from the Courthouse. Contact Pastor Ron Shupe at 436-2221.

7:00 p.m. in Beasom Park, Richfield. In case of rain, the service will be held in the sanctuary of Richfield Mennonite Church on Church Street. Contact Pastor Nick Smith at 694-3224.

This year's theme is: "Wake Up America."

The Scripture text is Isaiah 58:1a – "Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet."

DIAL-A-PRAYER SERVICE

DISCONTINUED!!

Due to the inconsistent reliability and the cost of almost \$700.00 a year, the Dial-A-Prayer number (436-2100) has been discontinued.

MUSIC SUNDAY

Plans for Music Sunday, 2016 are in the works by our Worship and Music Committee. Please pay attention to upcoming bulletins for this year's date and musical event!

SUPPLY SCHEDULE OF PASTORS AND

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

May 1	Pastor Esborn
May 8	Pastor LeRoy Reitz
May 15	Pastor Esborn
May 22	Pastor Paul Kampa
May 29	Stephen Rodgers
June 5	Pastor Esborn
June 12	Sam Leister
June 19	Pastor Esborn
June 26	Andrea Cameron

PARISH FELLOWSHIP EVENTS!

The Parish Fellowship Committee wants to remind everyone of a couple upcoming events.

First, a small reception with light refreshments for our new confirmands following the worship service on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th.

Next, on Saturday, June 25th, a Strawberry Festival will be held at Messiah. More details will appear in later bulletins and June newsletter.



2016 MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS -- APRIL 3 THRU APRIL 24, 2016

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
April 3	51 – Worship 42 – S.S.	\$2,799.00	\$1,699.00	Benevolence -- \$205.00 Flowers -- \$70.00 Sunday School -- \$70.00 Building Fund -- \$1,100.00 Memorial Fund -- \$30.00 Church Camp -- \$525.00
April 10	71 – Worship 26 – S.S.	\$3,305.00	\$1,988.00	Benevolence -- \$35.00 Flowers -- \$22.00 Sunday School -- \$60.00 Building Fund -- \$775.00 World Hunger -- \$75.00 Church Camp -- \$350.00
April 17	79 – Worship 52 – S.S.	\$3,067.00	\$2,512.00	Benevolence -- \$155.00 World Hunger -- \$115.00 Sunday School -- \$65.00 Building Fund -- \$210.00 Matthew 25 -- \$10.00
April 24	70 – Worship 39 – S.S.	\$3,407.00	\$1,888.00	Benevolence -- \$310.00 Church Camp -- \$290.00 Sunday School -- \$79.00 Building Fund -- \$780.00 Memorial Fund -- \$60.00



MAY 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 1: -9:15 AM – Sunday School
 -10:30 AM – Worship/Communion/Jr. Church
 -11:30 AM – Worship & Music Meeting in Library

Monday, May 2: -8:00 PM – AA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 3: -9:00 AM – “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 4: -7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 5: -1:00 PM – Dulcimer Rehearsal
 -6:00 PM – Thrivent Meeting in Library

Sunday, May 8: **MOTHER’S DAY**

-9:15 AM – Sunday School
 -10:30 AM – Worship/Communion/Jr. Church
 -Youth Bake Sale & Collection for Mt. Luther following
 worship service

Monday, May 9: -8:00 PM – AA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 10: -9:00 AM – “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall
 -7:00 PM – 4-H Beef Club in Youth Area

Wednesday, May 11: -7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 15: **PENTECOST/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY/WEARING OF THE RED**

-9:15 AM – Sunday School
 -10:30 AM – Worship/Communion/Jr. Church
 -7:00 PM – PPC Meeting

Monday, May 16: -8:00 PM – AA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 17: -9:00 AM – “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 18: -7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 19: -1:00 PM – Dulcimer Rehearsal

Sunday, May 22: **HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

-9:15 AM – Sunday School
 -10:30 AM – Worship/Communion/Jr. Church

Monday, May 23: -6:30 PM – Property Committee Meeting in Choir Room

-8:00 PM – AA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 24: -9:00 AM – “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 25: -7:00 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 26: -4:00 PM – NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, May 29: **FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY**

-9:15 AM – Sunday School
 -10:30 AM – Worship/Communion/
 Service of Healing

Monday, May 30: **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

8:00 PM – AA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 31: -9:00 AM – “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall

**Choosy Moms
 Choose Jesus!**



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY MAY UPDATE

In March 2016, the Food Pantry served 306 families - 813 of your neighbors! We thank Locust Run UM Church for sending volunteers for the month of March.

STUFF THE BUS- benefits the Food Pantry's 4th annual Summer Backpack Program. This program provides lunches throughout summer vacation to school students who normally receive free and reduced price lunches at school. These students often face hunger in the summer months as their families struggle to provide the extra meals. Stuff the bus will take place at Schlegel's Store in Thompsontown on Saturday, May 7th from 9-2. See below for the kind of donations we need for the Backpack Program. **Volunteers are also needed to help with the Backpack Program this summer!** Call Pat Brown, 436-2592, to sign up.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We need friendly folks with good people skills as on call/back up coverage for our regular customer registration and shopping volunteers. If you like to cook, we're also looking for a recipe tester -someone who loves to try out new recipes.

BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS: Single-serve, non-perishable lunch and snack items such as juice boxes or pouches, 15 oz cans of pasta meals or ready-to-heat soup, microwaveable meals, fruit cups, pudding cups, and snack crackers/cookies. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

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 ALSO
APPRECIATED! No More Plastic Bags, Please! Although we will gladly accept clean
cloth bags**



**Our vestibule is
open 24 hours a
day to receive
donations.**

**PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, 17059
717-436-9718**

Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12

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

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

2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Take a Trip to Norway!

- ✿ New friends
- ✿ Amazing new culture
- ✿ Fun games
- ✿ Unique snacks
- ✿ Surprising adventures
- ✿ Incredible music

Location: Messiah Lutheran Church, Mifflintown, PA
(church name)

VBS will last from: June 20 to June 23, 2016
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 6:00 PM
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: 8:15 PM
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: Church Office -- 436-6213
(church phone number)