



OCTOBER, 2016

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM
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Messiah Herald

"ENJOYING THE AUTUMN DAYS OF LIFE" BY JAMES MCALISTER

"THERE IS AN APPOINTED TIME FOR EVERYTHING. AND THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERY EVENT UNDER HEAVEN—A TIME TO GIVE BIRTH AND A TIME TO DIE...A TIME TO WEEP AND A TIME TO LAUGH...A TIME TO KEEP AND A TIME TO THROW AWAY." (ECCLESIASTES 3:1FF)

This is a beautiful autumn day, just the kind that proved infinitely enjoyable when our son, his dog Smiley and I would go for long Sunday afternoon walks. Whenever fall crispness transfigures the leaves—and they begin to crunch under foot—I fondly recall those precious, delightful times.

On such a day as this, my mind carries me back, and we three are once again on one of our little jaunts. Old Smiley runs to investigate every rustle in the leaves and to chase every smell, covering three miles of back, forth and zigzag to our one. Then with a shout, my son suddenly brandishes a stick he has plucked off the ground and challenges me to a game of Robin Hood and Little John. We mount a fallen log, quarterstaffs clash, and I take a tumble. He guffaws about how he beats me every time.

Then we're back on the trail, encouraging Old Smiley with whistles and shouts to move toward the car—and the snacks waiting at home. Smiley huffs and puffs contentedly on the floorboard as we rehash the day's excitement on the return trip. Sometimes a treasure—a deer antler or jawbone with teeth—is waved before Mom, perhaps with a few embellishments of our adventure.

Old Smiley has been gone for years. My son now sleeps on Sunday afternoons to recuperate from a week of rigorous physical labor. And I am older and far less sturdy than I once was.

In one of his hymns, Isaac Watts penned this poignant line: "Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day." The significant people, times and places of the seasons of our lives

come and go, leaving only memories—until time bears even those away.

Though autumn is my favorite time, I actually welcome each season of the year and look forward to the inevitable, predictable changes it will bring. Should it not be so with the seasons of life?

The writer of Ecclesiastes is right: each season and purpose of life has its proper place in God's grand scheme.

While I truly miss those past summer days of my life, shouldn't autumn bring its own unique perspectives and pleasures? Albeit the pace is slower, crunching fallen leaves underfoot without the ever-pressing responsibility of rearing small children imparts a different sort of joy.

I'm content to be in autumn and do not wish to relive spring or summer. Memories of them still linger—and suffice.

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PRAYER REQUEST REMINDER!!

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.

DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS	OCTOBER 26 DANIEL 5:13-31		
OCTOBER 1 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14	PRAY FOR ELECTED LEADERS		
PRAY FOR DEVOUT PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS	OCTOBER 27 JEREMIAH 31:31-34		
OCTOBER 2Luke 17:5-10	PRAY FOR THOSE LONGING FOR LIBERATION		
PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS WEAK	OCTOBER 28JOHN 14:21-27		
OCTOBER 3JAMES 1:2-11	PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SPREAD GOD'S LOVE		
PRAY FOR BIBLE TEACHERS AND FAITH MENTORS	OCTOBER 29 ROMANS 3:19-28		
OCTOBER 4HABAKKUK 2:1-11	PRAY FOR THOSE WORKING IN STORES		
PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS	OCTOBER 30 JOHN 8:31-36		
OCTOBER 5 HABAKKUK 2:12-20	PRAY FOR THOSE WORKING FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTOBER 31 NEHEMBALL 13:1, 3, 23, 31		
PRAY FOR STRESSED FAMILIES	OCTOBER 31NEHEMIAH 13:1-3, 23-31		
OCTOBER 62 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15C	Pray for people living in war-torn countries		
PRAY FOR THOSE WITH ADDICTIONS AND THEIR FAMILIES			
OCTOBER 7 PSALM 111	OCTOBER SCHEDULES		
PRAY FOR WORSHIP PLANNERS AND CHOIR DIRECTORS	LECTORS GREETERS		
OCTOBER 8 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15	2 Andrea Cameron Cynthia Smith & Carolyn Bryner		
PRAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LONGING FOR APPROVAL	9 Kate Swailes Steve & Linda Bahorik		
October 9 Luke 17:11-19	16 Jean Compton Kevin & Kate Swailes		
PRAY FOR THOSE LIVING WITH A CHRONIC ILLNESS	23 Linda Bahorik		
October 10 2 Kings 15-19A	30 Barbara S. Geedey		
PRAY FOR THOSE STRUGGLING TO BELIEVE	ov Barbara ev Geedey		
OCTOBER 112 KINGS 5:19B-27	ACOLYTES		
PRAY FOR THOSE AFRAID TO TELL THE TRUTH	2 Harrison Mummah & Nathan Swailes		
October 12Matthew 10:5-15	9 Nathan Swailes & Braedon Walton		
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO FEEL INADEQUATE TO SERVE	16 Jace White & Nathan Swailes		
OCTOBER 13 GENESIS 32:22-31	23 Braedon Walton & Hannah Ehrisman		
PRAY FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS	30 Haley Mummah & Harrison Mummah		
OCTOBER 14 PSALM 121	(Crucifer for Oct. 30: Tyler Rosenberry)		
PRAY FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND STAFF	(Changer for Sun 200 I just 1000moorly)		
OCTOBER 15 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5	ALTAR GUILD		
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH CHILDREN AND YOUTH			
OCTOBER 16 Luke 18:1-8	September 12 to October 2Christie Holderman		
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE WAILING FOR RELIEF	October 3 to 23Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner		
OCTOBER 171 CORINTHIANS 6:1-11	October 24 to October 30		
Pray for Officers of the court	(Cup Communion – Jamie & Clint Miller)		
October 18Luke 1:1-4, 24:44-53	October 31 to November 6 Barbara S. Geedey		
PRAY FOR STORYTELLERS	(Cup Communion – Jamie & Clint Miller)		
OCTOBER 19 LUKE 22:39-46			
PRAY FOR THOSE LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS	ALTAR FLOWERS		
OCTOBER 20JEREMIAH 14:7-10, 19-22	2 OPEN		
PRAY FOR THOSE WORKING FOR JUSTICE	9 Cindy Miller & Family		
OCTOBER 21 PSALM 84:1-7	16 OPEN		
PRAY FOR THOSE WITH NO PLACE TO CALL HOME	23 Butch & Sandy Pines		
OCTOBER 22 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18	30 In Honor of our Grandchildren		
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE DIFFERENTLY ABLED OCTODER 23	UPCOMING PASTORS & LAY WORSHIP LEADERS		
OCTOBER 23LUKE 18:9-14	October 2 Jim Bahorik		
PRAY FOR THOSE INJURED BY THE ARROGANCE OF OTHERS	October 9 The Rev. Leroy Reitz		
OCTOBER 24	October 16 Steven Rodgers		
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER	October 23 Sam Leister		
OCTOBER 251 PETER 5:1-11	October 30 The Rev. Paul Kampa		
PRAY FOR FIRST RESPONDERS	November 6 The Rev. Chris Mathiason		
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WELCA met on Thursday, September 8, 2016 with Linda Leister presenting the devotions. She spoke on Isaiah 6:8 on abilities versus gifts and loving kindness. Cynthia Smith gave the Treasurer's report and Barb Geedey conducted the business meeting.

We will begin our knitting class again on Monday, September 12th at 6:30 P,M. continuing to work on our prayer shawls and we will also discuss several other projects. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend any session of the class.

Barb reported on the Action Day to be held at the Synod Office in Lewisburg. The date is Saturday, October 8 at 11 A.M. We are to bring a packed lunch and beverages and dessert will be provided. Contact Barb if you are interested in attending. Speakers for this event will be Ruth Koble, Dr. Tom Martin, and Kristie Hammaker. The topic is "Entitlements, an America Dream or a Nightmare?"

October 2 is Blanket Sunday and Linda Leister will contact Kathy Whitesel about delivering the quilts to Sunbury.

On Tuesday, September 20, following Needlers we will begin packing our kits and quilts to send to LWR as they will have to be delivered to Sunbury before our next scheduled meeting. Anyone who would like to help is more than welcome to come for Needlers and stay or come around 11:30 A.M.

Velma Suloff will provide devotions for our October meeting.

Delicious refreshments of gluten free cherry and apple pie with vanilla ice cream were provided by Cynthia Smith and Linda Leister. The tables were decorated with patriotic item. Thank you.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

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

(69 COTTAGE DRIVE, MIFFLIN, PA 17058)
Jean McNaight
190 JAM House Rd., Cottage #5
Mifflin, PA 17058

BROOKLINE MANOR & REHAB SERVICES

(2 MANOR BLVD., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059) Flo Beale, Sara Ann Aurand, Reba Sigler

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Jane Marhefka 92 Village Drive Mifflintown, PA 17059

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(62 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, P.A. 17059) Carol Simonton

NORTHRIDGE CENTER FOR ASSISTED LIVING

(99 NORTHRIDGE DR., McALISTERVILLE, PA 17049)

Dorothy Cleck Dottie Smith

HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR., APT. 108, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)
Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

LEHIGH CENTER

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

Lura Aughey

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Mona Lawson 2792 William Penn Hwy. Mifflintown, PA 17059

PRAYER LIST (AS OF SEPTEMBER 30TH)

Bob & Jeanette St. Clair Rick Waller, Sr. Avonel Waller Jim Woltman Michal Gayer **Bob Cameron** Edith Nipple Ioan Foltz Mary Ernest Josh Delancey Ellwood Miller Letha Swab Marylou Hazard Brady Mingle John Miller Belva Fulton

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.

"CHRIST IN OUR HOME"

A reminder to anyone who would like a daily devotional to jump start their day. There are plenty of devotionals in "Christ in our Home," which can be picked up and are FREE.....and are located at the back of the adult Sunday school room. Get yours today!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.....

October 1 – Dave Smith October 11 – Lois Crissman

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



October 12 – George & Marylou Hazard October 18 – Steve & Jean Berry October 30 – Glenn & Mary Grimm

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.

CHURCH 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.**

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

Any member of Messiah who wishes to receive the monthly financial reports and the weekly tallies by email, please contact Treasurer Ann Beaver at annbeaver@embarqmail.com with your email address. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Two groups are in need of volunteers for serving our church and community. First, the "Needlers" need people to press quilt tops. Tops can be taken home and pressed and brought back to the church. Anyone who is interested, please contact one of "The Needlers."

Also, the staff of "Hospice: The Bridge," Lewistown Home Health, is looking for volunteers to share the gift of caring with those who have end-stage illnesses. Training will be held at the convenience of the participants. For more information, please contact Marina at 242-5000.

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS -SEPTEMBER 4 THRU SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

DATE	ATTENDANCE	Total Offering	GENERAL FUND Offering	OTHER FUNDS Offering
September 4	51– Worship N/A – S.S.	\$4,190.00	\$3,353.00	Sunday School \$25.00 Benevolence \$185.00 Building Fund \$605.00 Flowers \$22.00
September 11	63 – Worship 34 – S.S.	\$3,140.00	\$2,256.00	Sunday School \$212.00 Benevolence \$235.00 Building Fund \$315.00 Flowers \$122.00
September 18	80 – Worship 36 – S.S.	\$2,811.50	\$2,416.50	Sunday School \$73.00 Benevolence \$70.00 Building Fund \$205.00 Flowers \$47.00
September 25	67 – Worship 36 – S.S.	\$3,258.00	\$2,565.00	Sunday School \$68.00 Benevolence \$205.00 Building Fund \$420.00

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY OCTOBER UPDATE

Autumn has arrived! Soon to be followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. Again this year the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, Salvation Army and <u>YOU</u> to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. Working as a team and pooling our resources, we can reach more families in need and avoid duplicating services. But we can't do it without <u>your</u> help. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive- please give generously. And if you can help us to start stockpiling the following foods for the holidays, we would really appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

In August 2016, the Food Pantry served 334 families in need – a total of 966 individuals. A special thank you to Lost Creek Mennonite Church for providing volunteers for August.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS

(These are the foods that are hard for us to get) TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS); STUFFING; INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, GRAVY MIX OR CANNED GRAVY, CAKE MIX AND READY MADE ICING OR OTHER DESSERT MIX; OR, A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

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, PA 17059

Phone: 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: <u>icfoodpantry@embarqmail.com</u>

OCTOBER 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, October 2: -World Communion Sunday

-9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Jim Bahorik)

Monday, October 3: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area

-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 4: -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 5: -7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

Thursday, October 6: -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal

Sunday, October 9: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Rev. Leroy Reitz)

Monday, October 10: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area

-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 11: -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

-6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef Club in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 12: -7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

Thursday, October 13: -7 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.

Friday, October 14: -6 to 9 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 15: -8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 16: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Steven Rodgers)

Monday, October 17: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area

-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 18: -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

-6 to 9 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 19: -7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

Thursday, October 20: -1 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal

Saturday, October 22: -8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 23: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Sam Leister)

Monday, October 24: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Group in Youth Area

-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 25: -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 26: -7 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

Thursday, October 27: -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

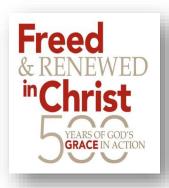
Sunday, October 30: -Reformation Sunday & Food Pantry Sunday

-9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class

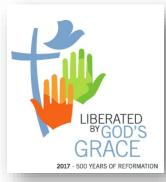
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: The Rev. Paul Kampa)

-1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Reserved

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE REFORMATION?



Martin Luther posted his "Ninety-Five Theses" in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517 and the resulting debate about Christian teaching and practice led to changes that have shaped the course of Western Christianity for almost 500 years. At the heart of these wide-reaching changes was a deep conviction that God's mercy or grace in Jesus is given freely to all. When Luther and others learned to trust God's mercy with "a living, daring confidence," they discovered in that faith the freedom to give themselves generously, lovingly in all of life's undertakings with everyone they met.



The changes began with a critical look at confession and forgiveness, preaching and the sacraments — what Luther called the "means of grace." The sale of indulgences, the practice of penance, the content of preaching, the administration of Baptism and the Lord's Supper — all the restrictions that impeded the message of God's mercy from being heard and received fully by all came under close scrutiny. Repeatedly, Luther made changes and took initiatives to give full and free expression to the gospel, the message of God's liberating mercy in Jesus Christ. He translated the Scriptures into German so that ordinary believers could hear the Word of God in their everyday language. He composed many hymns including "A Mighty Fortress" (based on Psalm 46) that put the Word of God to music, the language of the heart. He preached for the people in Wittenberg in simple, everyday terms, and he used those sermons as the basis for teaching resources that parents and local pastors could use — his Small and Large Catechisms.

WHY IS THE REFORMATION STILL RELEVANT?

The Lutheran Reformation offers to Christian communities everywhere a liberating way of listening to and speaking the Scriptures. The Reformation teaching that Christ's life flows through faith into a life of service to the neighbor is especially liberating in our culture today.

The evangelical Lutheran Reformation offers the promise of God's love that makes possible a life of "living, daring confidence in God's grace."

The Reformation teaching that faith is the work of God's Holy Spirit is especially liberating in a culture that assumes a faith relationship with God is an act of human "free will."

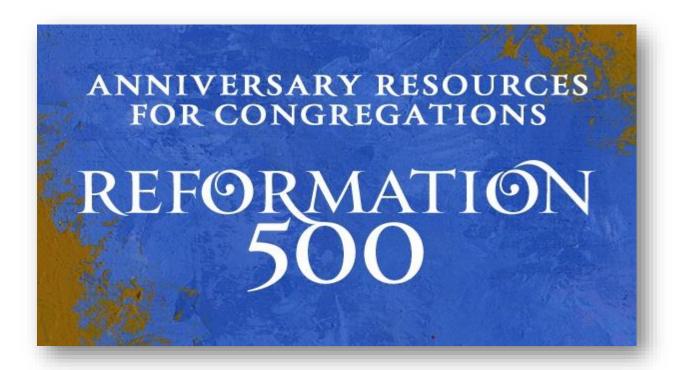
Many, both within Christian communities and beyond, are held captive by ideologies that limit the full scope of God's mercy in Christ to demographic groups defined sociologically by certain beliefs, behaviors or experiences. The Reformation teaching that Christ's life flows through faith into a life of service to the neighbor is especially liberating in a culture that makes religious life into a demonstration of one's own worthiness and privilege to the disadvantage of others.

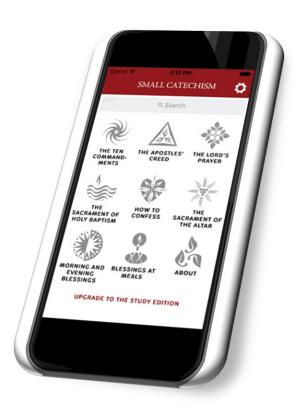
How is the ELCA observing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation?

The ELCA is one church body organized in three expressions — congregations, synods and the church wide organization. Each expression has its particular functions but all three share a common mission of doing God's work in the world and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Congregations, members, synods and other institutions of the ELCA will be observing the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation by a variety of events and activities in the coming years. Many of the local activities will reflect the magnitude of work being done on a national and international scale.

Some areas of engagement will surround acknowledging what Martin Luther did to spark the Reformation, revisiting the roots of our Lutheran beliefs and what those roots mean today for us and our engagement with others.

In all of these activities, the ELCA seeks to find in this historic milestone an occasion to give a confident and joyful witness of the life and freedom in Jesus Christ that is for all.





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Luther's Small Catechism and Spanish El Catecismo

Menor de Lutero are both included in a free mobile app,
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Apple or Google app stores.



