# Messiah Lutheran Church

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# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 15, 2017 – 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

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One, and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.
- C Amen.
- P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Loving God,

- C we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.
- P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C 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."

#### **GATHERING**

\* ENTRANCE HYMN

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

#87 LBW

- \* GREETING
  - P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.
  - C And also with you.
- \* KYRIE (spoken responsively)
  - P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - P 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.
  - P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
  - C Lord, have mercy.
  - P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
  - C Amen
- \* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung to the tune of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee")
  - 1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good will to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

- 2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
- 3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!
- \* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)
  - P The Lord be with you

- C And also with you.
- \* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)
  - P Let us pray...
  - C Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **WORD**

Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

### FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 49:1-7

### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength — <sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred

by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-11 (responsively)

L - I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

<sup>5</sup>Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

<sup>6</sup>Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sinoffering you have not required.

<sup>7</sup>And so I said, "Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

8'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.'"

<sup>9</sup>I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup>I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

<sup>11</sup>You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

# ALL -I love to do your will, O my God.

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

### THE LESSON READS:

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,

together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: Here ends the reading. Cong: Thanks be to God.

\* THE VERSE (sung to the tune of "Rise, O Children of Salvation")
Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

\* GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

### THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). 42He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON Stephen Rodgers

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

#170 LBW

# \* APOSTLES' CREED (all)

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

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.

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.

# 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 ('Create in Me')

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

### OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### C Amen

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing. A brief silence.

P Gather us in, gracious God. Bring together Methodist and Pentecostal, Baptist and Roman Catholic, Lutheran and AME-Zion. Form us in worship into your united people. Send us out as one in you, proclaiming your glory and serving all. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

P Fed with bread and wine, Christ's body and blood, make us eager to care for your good creation. Send us to pick up litter from highways and lakeshores and protect animal habitats. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

P We pray for all the nations of the world. Help us to reach out to the places where the scandal of hunger resides. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

P Quell the anxieties of all who wait for test results. Bring hope to all whose life is a struggle and filled with despair. Send us to care for those who suffer (especially all of our shut-ins Reba Sigler, Kitty Walters, Flo Beale, Jean McNaight, Jane Marhefka, Fay McCormick, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Mona Lawson, Sara Ann Aurand, and Jim Yetter). And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Rick Waller, Sr., Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Bob Cameron, Michal Gayer, Letha Swab, Brady Mingle, Belva Fulton, Joan Foltz, Janie Shearer, Mary Ernest, John Miller, Orville Graybill, Ellen Calhoun, Harold 'Butch' Oberholtzer, Randy Clark, Joyce Doyle, Steve Bahorik, Gary Bechtold, and Claire Mummah. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

P Open us to see how our congregation abounds with every spiritual gift. Send us out to share our abundant gifts and proclaim your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We thank you for the faithfulness of your prophets (especially Martin Luther King Jr.). Strengthen our faith in you. Send us out to proclaim and live your justice boldly. Hear us, O God.

# C Your mercy is great.

P Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

### C 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.

### \* BLESSING

- P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
- C A-men, A-men (sung)
- CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign"

#530 LBW

### **MEAL**

- \* COMMUNION DIALOG (from Isaiah 55)
  - P Let us give thanks to the Lord.
  - C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.
  - P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.
  - C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.
  - P Let us come to his table with joy,
  - C for we come as God's invited guests!

### \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [Amen.] Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [Amen.] Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [Amen.]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C Amen.

### \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

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

#### DISTRIBUTION

["INTINCTION" – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].

### \* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

### C Amen

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

### C Amen.

### \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. C Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADER – Pastor Paul Kampa NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Bob St. Clair NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner

#### **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 worshiping 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 green 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) worshiping 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.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Stephen Rodgers, an Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the bishop of the synod to preside at the Eucharist in specific situations. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is committed to ordained ministry as the primary means for filling the needs of this church for Word and Sacrament, but at this place in the church's pilgrimage, the church's inability to provide all congregations with full-time ordained pastoral ministry presents a challenge. On any given Sunday, congregations have needs that cannot be met by available ordained ministers. Therefore, because it is the bishop's responsibility to meet the Word and Sacrament needs of the congregations in this synod, synodically authorized lay worship leaders are trained to meet this need. On behalf of the whole church, Bishop Collins is deeply gratified by the ministry of these servants of the Gospel.

JUST A THOUGHT – Blaise Pascal, French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and Catholic philosopher: What reason have atheists for saying that we cannot rise again?....Is it more difficult to come into being than to return to it?

#### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

PRAYER CHAIN – Any time you wish to add a name to our prayer list, please contact Stacie Kint at <a href="mailto:dskint@nmax.net">dskint@nmax.net</a>. If at any time you would like to receive emails with prayer requests, please also contact Stacie.

THE DEADLINE for all items to be included in the Sunday bulletin is **Thursday noon**.

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 <a href="mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net">messiahlutheran@pa.net</a>. 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.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. At this time of the year, in particular, there are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not "overbooked" in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email <a href="mailto:messiahlutheran@pa.net">messiahlutheran@pa.net</a> for any changes or requests.

#### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

January 8, 2017 Worship Service	<u>Sunday School</u>	Other Funds		
Attendance – 73	Attendance – 39	Sunday School -		77.00
Total Offering - \$4265.00		Benevolence -	\$	385.00
<u>977.00</u>		Building Fund -		470.00
General Fund - \$ 3288.00		Summer Camp -		20.00
		Junior Church -	_	25.00
			\$	977.00

MESSIAH'S DOORS will be unlocked at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship.

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE A POINSETTIA, please take one or more with you after the service today. Any that are not taken will be disposed of on Tuesday.

MESSIAH DONATED 115 cans of food this year to Bethesda Mission and a \$500.00 cash donation as well? Thanks to all who donated to this project!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS – Any Messiah member who wishes to receive the monthly financial reports and the weekly tallies by email, please send Ann Beaver (annbeaver@embarqmail.com) your email address.

COPIES OF DECEMBER PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

A FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be held for any youth who are interested. Parents may contact the church office at 436-6213 or Sam Leister at 436-8589. A date and time will be set based on those who wish to attend.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASS will be held for those who are interested. If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to attend the New Member Class, please call the church office at 436-6213.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT PACKETS (with red covers) are available in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, call Ann Beaver at 436-9382.

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."

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2017 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly the 1st Sunday of May. If you are interested in serving, please contact the church office.

WEEKLY CHURCH 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**

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4oz. to 5oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected 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 MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Cynthia Smith will be presenting the program.

ITEMS FOR THE SEAFARERS BAGS will be collected through next summer, that way everyone will get to take advantage of any holiday saving and after Christmas sales for the winter items. Items needed are:

- -1 sweatshirt, preferably hooded (sizes L-XL)
- -3 pairs of socks (thermal or white gym socks)
- -1 pull-over T-shirt (sizes M-L)
- -1 knit heavy winter cap

### **COMMUNITY**

FOOD PANTRY BASIC NEEDS FOR JANUARY
ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; TISSUES; TOILET PAPER;
OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN, COLD AND FLU MEDICINES;
COUGH DROPS, VICKS. WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT
DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO PURCHASE THESE SUPPLIES

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

**Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.

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

**Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitters in Jr. Church Room.

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

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

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

**Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

**Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.

Saturday: -9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.

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

-7 p.m., PPC meeting in Youth Area.