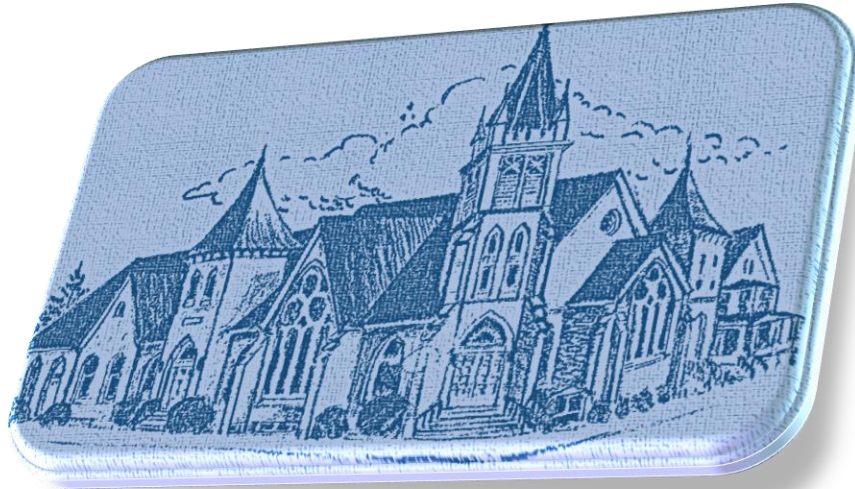


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"A LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS" BY CLARENCE EISBERG

Happy Mother's Day! On Mother's Day, the Church, the community of believers rejoices in the knowledge that the Savior's tomb is empty. The empty tomb is God's commitment to save us. His love is absolute and His care for us is uncompromising.

In Exodus 2:1-4, it is shared that you know the name of the baby placed in a papyrus basket. His name was Moses. To avoid having her baby killed by Pharaoh's death squads she hid her baby as long as she could and then she placed him in the basket. She didn't just send the basket down the river... she had a plan. She placed the basket in the bulrushes near where Pharaoh's daughter bathed and then she had the older sister watch the basket... then, there just might be a chance that Pharaoh's daughter would fall in love with the beautiful baby. It was a high-risk plan. But a mother's love was willing to risk losing her child, in order to save the child's life.

Mothers have a powerful influence on the lives of their children. There is the story of 2 women who argued over a child in front of King Solomon. One mother said the child was hers, the other insisted it was hers. When Solomon ordered that the baby be cut in two... and half given to each woman, the false mother was delighted. But the real mother was willing to surrender her child rather than have him killed.

Mothers have a powerful influence on their children and it is reflected in the amount of attention Mothers get that Father's don't. Did you realize that more cards are sent on Mother's Day than Father's Day? There are more phone calls made on Mother's Day to moms than there are to Fathers on Father's Day.

One man complained about this discrepancy, noting that he literally poured himself into his son's life. He taught him to play baseball, football, basketball, took him hunting, fishing, taught him how to drive. And then, when the boy went off to college and played ball for the college team. The network TV cameras focused on his son and guess what he said? "Hi, Mom"

Mother's Day is a special day. We all have a

mother; otherwise we would not be here. I hope and pray that your mother demonstrated selfless, "agape" love just as Moses's mother did. I hope she pointed you to Jesus. As a mother or grandmother may your life, your behavior, enable the next generation to see Jesus.

A mother's love is a great blessing. They help shape us and mold us. They serve as cook and counsel, barber, and budget director. Their love covers our short comings. Their faith overlooked our failures and encouraged us that tomorrow would be a new day... and they believed in us.

Love. Love is a big concept. Really too big for this short message. Last week we took the verb "love" and added action to an emotional word. We remembered what the apostle Paul wrote in Corinthians... Love has meaning when we practice patience, kindness.... And our words are not rude...and we do not keep a record of wrongs. Today I will only talk about a single component of God's love and the love of a Christian mother

This component is not on the list of attributes that theologians ascribe to God; like: omniscience, omnipotence, holiness, justice or grace. This word is not popular in our world. It is often disregarded. The word? The word is "commitment".

In a world where love almost always seems to be conditional and contractual, commitment is a rare thing. In an age when you are supposed to be self-fulfilled, self-actualized, self-starting -- the word commitment is unpopular. Which is why a mother's love is so special and stands out like a lighthouse on a storm swept shore. A mother's love is not dependent on what her child does, or doesn't to, or worldly success. Mothers are committed to loving their children. And so is God.

God's love is a committed love. God is omniscient. His love is not rationed, regulated or restricted. God loves us. He calls us his children. When Adam and Eve fell into sin, God went looking for them. He was committed to saving them. He promised to send a savior. It was a promise He was committed to keeping.

On August 16th 1987 a Northwest Airlines flight took off from the Detroit airport. Soon after the take off the plane crashed on the highway. 155 people died. When rescuers arrived among the carnage of cars and craft they found a 4-year-old girl. She said her name was Cecelia. Because of Cecelia's almost perfect condition it was thought she had been a passenger in a car rather than the plane. A quick check of the flight's roster showed that had thought wrong.

Cecelia had been on flight 225. Cecelia had explained how in the plane's last moments her mother, Paula, had unbuckled her seat belt, knelt in front of her daughter and held Cecelia as tightly as she could.

The mother put herself between her daughter and death. Love without limits.

God did the same in Jesus. If we celebrate the love of our mothers, how much more should we celebrate the love of our God? Who else but Jesus would come to seek and save the lost souls who were hiding? Who else would remain committed to showing a doubting world that God has been faithful in his commitment to rescue us from ourselves, to save us from sin and Satan? It is he who taught us to pray, 'deliver us from the evil one.'

Jesus was born so that you and I might be saved. He lived, suffered and died so that his blood would cover our sins. He did what even the most compassionate and caring mother cannot do: He rose from the dead. The empty tomb secures God's commitment...that all who believe in Jesus will have eternal life. Jesus said: "I tell you the truth; whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and will not be condemned." (John 5:24) "...for everyone who looks to the Son (of God) and believes in him shall have eternal life and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40)

I would like to add a special thank you to Christian mothers. Like all moms, they carry picture albums packed with their children's photos; they know more about Harry Potter and Dora than they do the President. They know all the Sesame Street songs. Christian mothers are special because they know they are the human window through which their children will see Jesus

In 1995, Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy's wrote in his book: "Well Done!" "When I was 11 years old, my adoptive grandmother took me to Michigan's Gull Lake to be baptized by immersion. I really felt that I was accepted by God when I was baptized. But what I remember most about my baptism was that my Grandma Minnie made it

happen. For her, Christianity meant more than doctrine you talked about on Sundays. It meant teaching her grandson about faith in Jesus. Mothers and grandmothers have a powerful influence on the lives of their children and grandchildren.

I was going through my files on Mother's Day and found some words of wisdom and advice for mothers. Years ago, a family called and asked if I could have the funeral for their mother who had just passed away. As I met with the family they shared with me some of their mother's favorite sayings. The words reflected her philosophy of life. Her dreams. Here are a few of the favorite sayings of Alta Pope the mother of Vicki Bandoni.

"Take care of those you love."

"do more than is expected."

"all that I am or hope to be I owe to my mother."

"Other things may change us, but we start and end with family."

"Plant flowers every spring."

"When playing games with children, let them win."

"don't worry that you can't give your kids the best of everything. Give them your very best."

And my favorite: "Live so that when you children think of caring and integrity, they think of you."

May God honor your walk in such a way that your little ones see the Savior and by the Spirit's power, be kept from a shipwrecked life. Amen.

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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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS & PRAYER FOCUS

MAY 1	-----	2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-6
		THE NEWLY BAPTIZED
MAY 2	-----	EXODUS 3:16-22; 4:18-20
		THOSE QUESTIONING GOD'S LOVE FOR THEM
MAY 3	-----	1 PETER 2:13-17
		GRADUATES
MAY 4	-----	ACTS 2:42-47
		STRUGGLING CHURCH COMMUNITIES
MAY 5	-----	PSALM 23
		THOSE CARING FOR TODDLERS
MAY 6	-----	1 PETER 2:19-25
		CAREGIVERS
MAY 7	-----	JOHN 10:1-10
		THOSE WITHOUT A HOME
MAY 8	-----	EXODUS 3:1-12
		FOR PRESERVATION OF THE EARTH
MAY 9	-----	ACTS 6:8-15
		THOSE ENDURING A TIME OF TRIAL
MAY 10	-----	ACTS 7:1-16
		NEW CHURCHES AND MISSION STARTS
MAY 11	-----	ACTS 7:55-60
		COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS AND LEADERS
MAY 12	-----	PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16
		THOSE FOR WHOM DEATH DRAWS NEAR
MAY 13	-----	1 PETER 2:2-10
		THOSE HOLDING ONTO ANGER
MAY 14	-----	JOHN 14:1-14
		FARMERS AND GARDENERS
MAY 15	-----	ACTS 1:15-26
		DISASTER RELIEF WORKERS
MAY 16	-----	GENESIS 7:1-24
		THOSE IN NEED OF CLEAN WATER
MAY 17	-----	GENESIS 8:13-19
		THOSE OVERWHELMED BY DIFFICULTIES
MAY 18	-----	ACTS 17:22-31
		THOSE WHO ARE FEARFUL AND TIMID
MAY 19	-----	PSALM 66:8-20
		TRAVELERS, TRANSPORTATION WORKERS
MAY 20	-----	1 PETER 3:13-22
		JUDGES, ATTORNEYS, COURT EMPLOYEES
MAY 21	-----	JOHN 14:15-21
		THEOLOGIANs, BIBLE TRANSLATORS
MAY 22	-----	2 KINGS 2:1-12
		COACHES, YOUTH WORKERS
MAY 23	-----	PSALM 47

		THOSE BEING BULLIED OR BRUTALIZED
MAY 24	-----	ACTS 1:6-14
		THOSE WHO FEEL NO JOY IN LIFE
MAY 25	-----	LUKE 24:44-53
		THOSE WHO FEAR CHANGE
MAY 26	-----	PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35
		CHURCH LEADERS
MAY 27	-----	1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11
		THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING TODAY
MAY 28	-----	JOHN 17:1-11
		THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR WAY
MAY 29	-----	NUMBERS 11:24-30
		THOSE SEEKING TO DISCERN GOD'S CALL
MAY 30	-----	EXODUS 19:16-25
		THOSE WHO ARE BLIND TO GOD'S GLORY
MAY 31	-----	LUKE 1:39-57
		NURSES AND MIDWIVES

MAY SERVANTS

LECTORS

7	Briley Holderman
14	Linda Bahorik
21	Jean Compton
28	Kate Swailes

ACOLYTES

7	Garrett Berry & Caden Swailes
14	Jace White & Nathan Swailes
21	Harrison Mummah & Braedon Walton
28	Nathan Swailes & Tyler Rosenberry

ALTAR GUILD

May 1 to 7	Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner
May 8 to 21	Barbara S. Geedey
May 22 to June 4	Linda Clark

ALTAR FLOWERS

7	Ken & Ruth Mummah
14	Warren & Claire Mummah
21	OPEN
28	OPEN



UPCOMING PASTORS AND WORSHIP LEADERS

May 7..... Andrea Cameron
May 14..... Sam Leister
May 21..... Stephen Rodgers
May 28..... The Rev. Paul Kampa



WELCA did not meet during April due to it being on Maundy Thursday and conflicting with the community service which was held at St. Stephen's.

SEND A GIRL TO SCHOOL is the new project for the Women of the ELCA. We are setting a goal of \$1000.00 for this project. If you would like to contribute toward sending a girl to school you may do so by noting a donation on your envelope marking it **WELCA project** or by placing your donation in the school box located on the piano by our chart which will track all of our donations. WELCA is beginning the donation with \$120.00. To send one girl to school the cost is \$40.00 but we will take any and all donations. If we go over our goal that would be wonderful. All money will be sent to the ELCA good gifts project. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask Barb Geedey.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 11th at 7 P.M.

STORE GIFT CARDS

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.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Individuals, church groups, or Sunday School classes who would like to contribute 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

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)

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, PA 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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128 Manbeck Drive 918 William Penn Hwy.
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Mifflintown, PA 17059

PRAYER LIST (AS OF APRIL 27TH)

Bob & Jeanette St. Clair	Rick Waller, Sr.
Avonel Waller	Jim Woltman
Andrea & Bob Cameron	Michal Gayzer
Letha Swab	Pete Swab
John Miller	Seth Arentz
Mary Ernest	Joyce Doyle
Orville Graybill	Randy Clark
Harold 'Butch' Oberholtzer	Steve Bahorik
Gary Bechtold	Joan Fulkroad
Tom Lyter	Don Clark
Charlie Stouffer	Teresa Kauffman
Tom Ernest	Butch & Sandy Pines
Janet Fultz	Jeff Sanders

"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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING IN THE
MONTH OF MAY.....
May 1 – Claire Grimm
May 18 – Mary Grimm

.....AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THESE
WONDERFUL COUPLES!

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

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.

HELP AVAILABLE

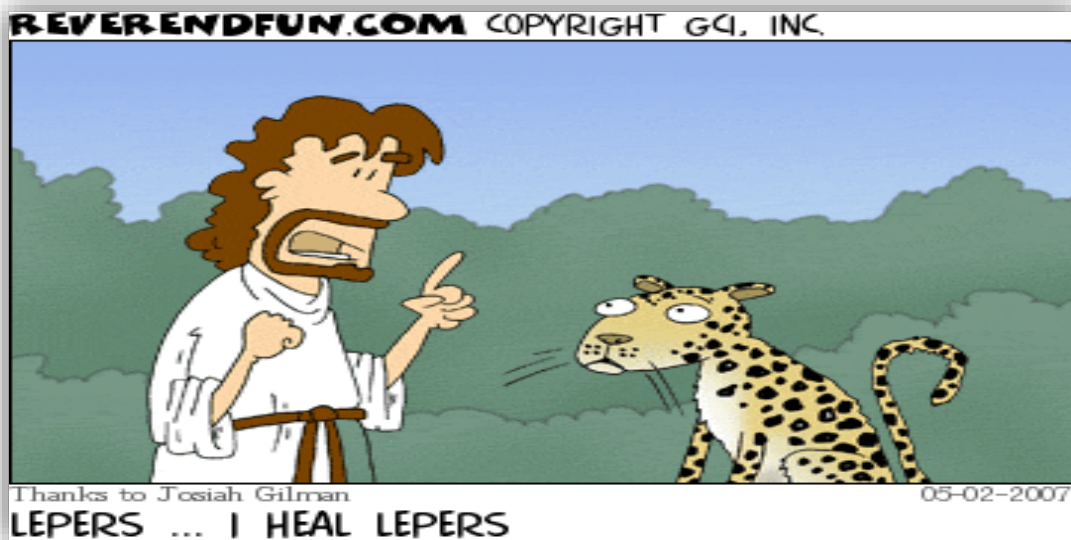
If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael "Doc" Johnston at 436-9209.

SUMMER SERVICE UPDATE!!

Since Pentecost and Holy Trinity are so late this calendar year, the Board of Worship and Music has decided that Summer Services will begin on **Sunday, June 4th** and conclude on **Sunday, September 3rd**. Worship services during the summer will begin at **9:15 AM**. (The format/Liturgy for Pentecost and Holy Trinity will remain the same with the Summer service format/liturgy beginning on June 18th.) Regular (10:30 AM) Worship Services will resume on Sunday, September 10th.

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – APRIL 2 TO APRIL 23, 2017

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
APRIL 2	90 – Worship 32 – S.S.	\$5,986.00	\$4,323.00	Sunday School -- \$91.00 Benevolence -- \$400.00 Summer Camp -- \$472.00 Building Fund -- \$610.00 Flowers -- \$40.00 Memorial Fund -- \$50.00
APRIL 9	89 – Worship 28 – S.S.	\$3,726.00	\$2,917.00	Sunday School -- \$84.00 Benevolence -- \$45.00 Summer Camp -- \$140.00 Building Fund -- \$470.00 World Hunger -- \$50.00 Youth Bowling -- \$20.00
APRIL 16	122 – Worship 13 – S.S.	\$3,351.00	\$2,396.00	Sunday School -- \$15.00 Benevolence -- \$135.00 Summer Camp -- \$365.00 Building Fund -- \$275.00 Flowers -- \$125.00 Memorial Fund -- \$40.00
APRIL 23	61 – Worship 31 – S.S.	\$2,386.00	\$1,946.00	Sunday School -- \$63.00 Benevolence -- \$135.00 Summer Camp -- \$170.00 Building Fund -- \$50.00 Flowers -- \$22.00



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY MAY UPDATE

In March, 2017 the Food Pantry served 279 families - 771 of your neighbors! We thank Lower Tuscarora Presbyterian Church for sending volunteers for the month of March.

Stuff the Bus- benefits the Food Pantry's 5th 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 Weis in Mifflintown on Saturday, May 13th from 9-2, or drop off donations for the Backpack Program at the Food Pantry anytime. See below for the kind of donations we need for the Backpack Program. **Volunteers are also needed to help with the Backpack Program!** Call the Food Pantry, 436-9718, to sign up.

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!

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

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. *Non-perishable foods and non-food items may be dropped off at any time in our vestibule. Please deliver perishable foods only when someone is here to receive them. Thank you!

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



MUSIC SUNDAY, 2017

MUSIC SUNDAY is May 7th! Special music will be provided in place of the sermon by the Junior and Senior choirs, musicians Bob St. Clair and June Bricker (organ and piano duet), and everyone joining to sing a few favorite hymns. Please join us May 7th as we worship with music!

On Sunday, April 23, 2017, we welcomed into the fellowship of Messiah's congregation, Kyle and Christina Martin and their daughters Julia and Paige. We are pleased to have all of you as part of the Messiah's family and welcome you with the open arms of Jesus. WELCOME MARTIN FAMILY!!

Youth Bowling Outing at Ney's April 1, 2017



THE ANSWER

A new pastor moved into town and went out one Saturday to visit his parishioners. All went well until he came to one house. It was obvious that someone was home, but no one came to the door even after he had knocked several times. Finally, he took out his card and wrote on the back: Revelation 3:20 and stuck it in the door.

The next day, as he was counting the offering he found his card in the collection plate. Below his message was the notation Genesis 3:10.

Revelation 3:20 reads: "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice, and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me."

Genesis 3:10 reads: "And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked."



2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS!!

Vacation Bible School preparations are underway already as Messiah prepares for summer! At this year's Bible School, we will be taking a wild ride through God's Word at the Avalanche Ranch. Bible School will be held from Monday, June 19 to Thursday, June 22, from 6:15 to 8:15 PM each evening, with a pool party being scheduled for Friday, June 23rd. This year's closing program will be held on Sunday, June 25th during the morning worship service at 9:15 AM. Plan to attend VBS now!!

MOUNT LUTHER CAMP MOUNT LUTHER FUND RAISER

Ed Beaver has donated wood crafts as a fundraiser for Mt. Luther Camp costs. Please check out the birdhouses, three-legged stools, and tool boxes that are displayed at the rear of the Adult Sunday School Room. For a donation toward camp, you can select your favorite craft. Place your donation in the basket on the table. Thanks for supporting our youth! Thank you also to Ed for donating the items.



FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed at our local Juniata County Food Pantry. The following positions need such volunteers:

- ✚ **Food Box Packer** – Organized person who works well without supervision to pack supplemental food boxes for our elderly and children's programs.
- ✚ **Summer Backpack Program** – Help register eligible families and fill food boxes with lunch items for children throughout the summer months (June-August). Times available: Monday 9-12, Tuesday 9-12 and 1-5, and Saturday 9-12.
- ✚ **Cleaning Angel** – Person with a God-given talent for cleaning and organizing. Approximately 4-6 hours per week.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT LOCUST GROVE

Locust Grove Retirement Home outside of Mifflin, along Route 35 North, is looking for volunteers (individuals or groups) to spend time with our residents. Some of the ways you can volunteer are: assist with activities, read, bingo caller, religious activities, music, pet visits, crafts, nail painting, games, birthday parties, and visits with residents. If you are interested in becoming Director at 717-436-8921.

MAY 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Monday, May 1: -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 2: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 3: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, May 4: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
- Sunday, May 7: -MUSIC SUNDAY
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion (Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron)
- Monday, May 8: -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 9: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 10: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, May 11: -7:00 p.m., WELCA Meeting
- Sunday, May 14: -MOTHER'S DAY
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Sam Leister)
- Monday, May 15: -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 16: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
-6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 17: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, May 18: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
- Sunday, May 21: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Stephen Rodgers)
- Monday, May 22: -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 23: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 24: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, May 25: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Sunday, May 28: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School & Confirmation Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: The Rev. Paul Kampa)
- Monday, May 29: -MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 30: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 31: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

2017

PLANNING COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

STATEMENT OF FAITH:

WE CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR AND THE GOSPEL AS THE POWER OF GOD FOR THE SALVATION OF ALL WHO BELIEVE.

STATEMENT OF VISION:

TO GROW GOD'S KINGDOM BY ENRICHING OUR FAITH AND EXPANDING OUR WITNESS WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION, OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD.

STATEMENT OF MISSION:

TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST OF ALL PEOPLE
BY TEACHING GOD'S GRACE
THROUGH FELLOWSHIP,
THROUGH THE STUDY OF GOD'S WORD,
THROUGH SERVICE TO OTHERS
AND
WITNESS TO ALL.

OUR MLC 2017 SHORT-TERM GOALS:

- 1) CALL A PASTOR
 - i. COMPLETE OUR MISSION SITE PROFILE
 1. DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS
 2. BUDGET ANALYSIS
 - ii. SELECT A CALL COMMITTEE
- 2) INCREASE ATTENDANCE TO 75p/SUNDAY
 - i. INCREASE CONGREGATIONAL ACTIVITIES
 - ii. INCREASE YOUTH ACTIVITIES
 - iii. INCREASE CONTACT WITH CURRENT MEMBERS
 - iv. INCREASE SERVICE PROJECTS
 - v. EXTEND BUILDING USE TO COMMUNITY
 - vi. IMPROVE SOCIAL MEDIA USE
- 3) RECRUIT MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR GOAL IMPLEMENTATION
- 4) INCREASE FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

OUR MLC LONG TERM GOALS:

- 1) HAVE A FULL-TIME PASTOR
- 2) INCREASE MEMBERSHIP
- 3) FOSTER A "GROWTH MENTALITY" WITHIN MLC
- 4) FOCUS ON YOUNG FAMILIES
- 5) EXPAND WORLD MISSION EFFORTS
- 6) FOCUS ON INDIVIDUAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- 7) IMPROVE STEWARDSHIP HABITS
- 8) IMPLEMENT YEARLY GOALS REVIEW

