

THE MESSIAH HERALD



NOVEMBER, 2017

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM

WORSHIP / COMMUNION / JUNIOR CHURCH – 10:30 AM

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"Proclaiming God's love revealed in Jesus Christ and his People"

The Messiah Herald



TO FOLLOW THE GIFT – THANKSGIVING, 2017

The practice of gift giving has significant and rich meaning in different cultures. A gift may be given to express gratitude, make amends, or show hospitality. Typically, the reception of a gift is followed by a word or sign of thanks. The benefit of a gift may be realized immediately, or that benefit may be realized over time. In today's gospel Jesus heals ten lepers. In addition to their restored health, they also receive the gift of being welcomed back into the community by showing themselves to the priests. In this story thankfulness is the rare response, and the gospel writer stresses the point that it comes from someone who seems less likely to express it. In this case the Samaritan's thanks is part of the healing, part of receiving the gift.

As we celebrate this coming Day of Thanksgiving, we are invited to reflect on how we are receiving the gifts of God. If we believe that God gives in abundance, we are freed to live in thanksgiving, trusting that God continues to give. Generosity is one sign of living in thankfulness. When congregations take chances on ministries without knowing how it will all come together, that is a sign of trusting God's abundance. Similarly, when congregations find themselves stretched financially and still commit themselves to what they believe God is calling them to do, that is a sign of living in thankfulness.

There may be times when thankfulness seems difficult to come by—for example, when it seems God has turned away or is ignoring the cries of those in need of healing or help. During these times we are invited to listen to the voice of thanks, even if it comes from an unlikely source. For God has not stopped giving. And through that expression of thanks, we are called once again to see God's abundant blessings.

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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 the church office at 717-436-6213 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Bob & Jeanette St. Clair	Jim Woltman
Avonel & Rick Waller, Sr.	Randy Clark
Andrea & Bob Cameron	Joan Fulkroad
Letha Swab	Pat Fisher
John Miller	Minnie Minick
Mary Ernest	Megan Hart
Don Clark	Austin Parker
Butch & Sandy Pines	Kay Varner
Tom Lyter	Terry Coder
Janet Fultz	Jesse Kint
Joyce Bradley	Dr. Laurie Cox
Paul Goss	Ken Stuck
Pat Forney	Bob Bell
Messiah's Call Committee	The Bryner Family
The Family of Donna Gray	Hurricane Victims
The Family of Luella McLaughlin	

...AND FOR OUR SHUT-INS

LOCUST GROVE

(190 JAM HOUSE RD., COTTAGE #5, MIFFLIN, PA 17058)

Jean McNaight

BROOKLINE MANOR & REHAB SERVICES

(2 MANOR BLVD., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Sara Ann Aurand, Reba Sigler

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Jane Marhefka

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

AT HOME

Jim Yetter	Betty Karstetter
128 Manbeck Drive	918 William Penn Hwy.
Mifflintown, PA 17059	Mifflintown, PA 17059

Kitty Walters	Mona Lawson
P.O. Box 61	2792 William Penn Hwy.
Port Royal, PA 17082	Mifflintown, PA 17059

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!

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.**



Thank you for the fruit basket that was delivered to me by Messiah Youth. It was greatly appreciated. *-MONA LAWSON*

Thank you to Messiah youth for the fruit basket we received and also for the nice visit. We greatly appreciated it. *-MAX & MARY ERNEST*

Thank you to Messiah youth for the nice fruit basket I received. It was greatly appreciated. *-JIM YETTER*

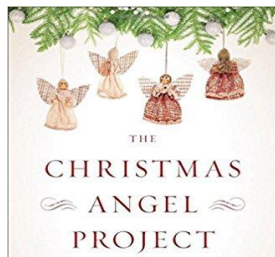
Thank you for the wonderful fruit that the youth group gave me. It means a lot. Thanks again! *--JANE MARHEFKA*

Thank you to the Messiah youth group for the fruit basket they brought to me. It was very thoughtful and I really appreciated it. *-KITTY WALTERS*

Thank you for the nice fruit basket that was delivered to me by Messiah youth group. It was very much appreciated. *-JEAN McNAIGHT*

OUR CHRISTMAS ANGELS

The Christmas Angel project has begun! Sign-up for a gift on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Gifts are due back at the church by Sunday, December 10th wrapped or bagged with a name tag with child's first name and family number on the tag.



MESSIAH'S 2017 CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Mark your calendars and save these dates for December's Christmas events! Also, please invite others to join us as we prepare ourselves in anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child!

DECEMBER 3RD: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Enjoy our morning worship, a light lunch prepared by the Fellowship committee then an early afternoon of family fellowship as we **decorate the church** for the Christmas season.

DECEMBER 10TH: 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: a portion of the morning worship service will include the annual **"Hanging of the Greens"** program.

DECEMBER 17TH: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The morning worship service will include the annual **Children's Program**.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH IS BOTH THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EVE: In the morning we will hold regular Sunday School and Advent Worship services with Candlelight Christmas Eve services held that evening.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES – MUSIC PRELUDE SERVICE AT 7:00 PM WITH OUR CANDLELIGHT SERVICE BEGINNING AT 7:30 PM. We are also excited to announce that Messiah is one of four local church services selected by our local radio station, Juniata County Radio, for **live broadcast** on Christmas Eve!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS & PRAYER FOCUS

NOVEMBER 1 -----JAMES 2:14-26
THOSE WEAK IN FAITH AND WORKS

NOVEMBER 2 ----- REVELATION 7:9-17
THOSE FACING A TRYING TIME TODAY

NOVEMBER 3 -----PSALM 34:1-10, 22
THOSE NEEDING REFUGE FROM THE STORMS OF LIFE

NOVEMBER 4 ----- 1 JOHN 3:1-3
THOSE WHO HAVE LOST HOPE

NOVEMBER 5 -----MATTHEW 5:1-12
THOSE GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE

NOVEMBER 6 ----- MATTHEW 24:1-14
THOSE WHO ARE DISCOURAGED

NOVEMBER 7 ----- 1 THESSALONIANS 2:13-20
MISSIONARIES

NOVEMBER 8 ----- PSALM 5
VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS

NOVEMBER 9 -----AMOS 5:18-24
ADVOCATES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

NOVEMBER 10 ----- PSALM 70
THOSE SEEKING DELIVERANCE FROM OPPRESSION

NOVEMBER 11 ----- 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18
VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

NOVEMBER 12 ----- MATTHEW 25:1-13
THOSE WHO ASSUME TOO MUCH

NOVEMBER 13 ----- REVELATION 16:1-7
JUDGES, LAWYERS, AND COURT EMPLOYEES

NOVEMBER 14 -----1 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13
THOSE WHO ARE TURNING AWAY FROM GOD'S WORD

NOVEMBER 15 -----MATTHEW 24:29-35
HYMNWRITERS AND POETS

NOVEMBER 16 -----ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18
THOSE IMMOBILIZED BY FEAR

NOVEMBER 17 ----- PSALM 90:1-8(9-11), 12
THOSE STRUGGLING WITH GUILT

NOVEMBER 18 ----- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

NOVEMBER 19 ----- MATTHEW 25:14-30
THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTIONS

NOVEMBER 20 ----- REVELATION 14:1-11
THOSE WHO ARE LONELY

NOVEMBER 21 ----- REVELATION 22:1-9
CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO ARE HOMELESS

NOVEMBER 22 ----- EZEKIEL 34:11-16, 20-24
VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

NOVEMBER 23 ----- LUKE 17:11-19
THOSE LIVING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS

NOVEMBER 24 -----PSALM 95:1-7A
COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL LEADERS

NOVEMBER 25 ----- EPHESIANS 1:15-23
THOSE WHO FEEL ABANDONED BY GOD

NOVEMBER 26 -----MATTHEW 25:31-46
THOSE WHO WALK MILES FOR WATER EACH DAY

NOVEMBER 27 ----- 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-13
THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

NOVEMBER 28 ----- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-18
THOSE IN NEED OF YOUR SMILE TODAY

NOVEMBER 29 ----- ISAIAH 64:1-9
THOSE WHO LONG FOR FRIENDSHIP

NOVEMBER 30 ----- JOHN 1:35-42
THOSE WHO FEEL THEY HAVE NO PURPOSE

NOVEMBER SERVANTS

LECTORS

5	Marina Holderman	19	Linda Bahorik
12	Kate Swailes	26	Diana Wise

ALTAR GUILD

October 30 to November 5Linda Clark
(Cup Communion: Jamie & Clint Miller)

November 6 to 19.....Tawny Mummah

November 20 to 26 Barbara S. Geedey
(Cup Communion: Jamie & Clint Miller)

November 27 to December 10.....Linda Clark

ALTAR FLOWERS

5 In Honor of Braedon Walton's birthday by
the Walton, Pines, and Stoner families

12 to 26 OPEN

ACOLYTES

5	Julia Martin & Harrison Mummah
12	Haley Mummah & Maia Kepler
19	Zeb Berry & Braedon Walton
26	Harrison Mummah & Sloan Smith

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

November 5 The Rev. James Rill
November 12 The Rev. Craig Miller
November 19 James Bahorik
November 26 The Rev. Paul Kampa

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – OCTOBER 1 TO 29, 2017

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
OCT. 1	57 – Worship 28 – S.S.	\$5,886.00	\$4,910.00 WELCA Blanket Sunday -- \$421.00	Benevolence -- \$225.00 Sunday School -- \$45.00 Building Fund -- \$165.00 Hurricane Disaster Fund -- \$200.00 Junior Church -- \$16.80 Memorial Fund -- \$125.00 Building Use -- \$200.00
OCT. 8	55 – Worship 29 – S.S.	\$2,520.00	\$2,213.00 WELCA Blanket Sunday -- \$135.00	Benevolence -- \$85.00 Sunday School -- \$82.00 Building Fund -- \$115.00 Flowers -- \$25.00
OCT. 15	66 – Worship 29 – S.S.	\$2,736.50	\$2,040.50 WELCA Blanket Sunday -- \$150.00	Benevolence -- \$200.00 Sunday School -- \$61.00 Building Fund -- \$165.00 Summer Camp -- \$50.00 Memorial Fund -- \$200.00 Hurricane Disaster Fund -- \$20.00
OCT. 22	51 – Worship 24 – S.S.	\$2,430.00	\$1,805.00	Benevolence -- \$155.00 Sunday School -- \$108.00 Building Fund -- \$140.00 Flowers -- \$22.00 World Hunger -- \$175.00 Summer Camp -- \$25.00
OCT. 29	50 – Worship 32 – S.S.	\$2,490.00	\$2,330.00	Benevolence -- \$50.00 Sunday School -- \$55.00 Building Fund -- \$30.00 Building Use -- \$25.00

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2017

NOVEMBER 15 – Zach Smith
NOVEMBER 17 – Jacob White, Livia
Arentz

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.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER UPDATE

Dear Friends, here we are careening through the calendar towards Thanksgiving. Our stockpile of Thanksgiving and Christmas foods is growing steadily, but we are far behind where we need to be to pack 350 or more Thanksgiving boxes for local families by our distribution date of Nov 18. We would be so grateful for your help. And speaking of Nov 18th, don't miss the 10th annual "Save Thanksgiving Benefit Concert" on that same day at 6:00pm at the CJEMS building. Many local bands will be performing, and admission is a donation of cash or food to benefit the food pantry!

In September we assisted 315 families (946 individuals). Many thanks to Trinity United Methodist Church for providing volunteers for September.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS-ITEMS STILL NEEDED ARE:

Turkeys (around 12 lbs.) or turkey breasts; hams (3-5 lbs.); stuffing; Canned fruits, instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, Cake Mix and icing, or other dessert mix;
or a \$20 donation will purchase one complete meal!

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

REMINDER! 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



**TURN YOUR CLOCKS
BACK ONE HOUR
BEFORE GOING TO BED
ON SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 4TH!**



The annual Christmas Eve Prelude Concert and Candlelight/Communion service will begin at 7 PM on December 24th. All are welcome to hear a service full of music, word, candlelight, and the Lord's Supper. For those unable to attend in person, our service will be broadcast LIVE on www.juniatacountyradio.com and will be available on Messiah's website as well at www.mlc-mifflintown.org. If you miss the service or want to simply enjoy it again, you can then go to either site to listen anytime you want!

Cynthia Smith presented the program for the evening. She spoke about Jesus as the Living Water from John 4. She also shared with us that during different wars women would knit secret messages in socks, etc. to the soldiers as a way to inform them of the enemies plans and movements. The information was quite interesting whether or not it was all accurate.

Cynthia also reported that we have received \$556.00 in blanket money and \$1400.00 was sent to the "Send A Girl To School Project."

Barb Geedey led the business meeting. Barb reported that she, Linda Leister, and Ann Beaver attended the Retreat held last Saturday at Camp Mt. Luther. All three enjoyed their day and the food. They also took 2 large bags of chalk, paper, embroidery floss, and markers for Camp Mt. Luther.

Barb also reported that 300 quilts will be leaving for Lutheran World Relief on Saturday. Ann and Ed Beaver, Sam and Linda Leister, Don and Barb Geedey, and Jeff and Kathy Whitesel will be taking them along with the soap and school kits to Lewisburg where they will be loaded onto a box trailer and taken to Maryland. Following the meeting the group put together the last of the school kits and boxed them. We had a total of 71 school kits along with 77.1 pounds of soap.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY TOWARDS THESE PROJECTS. Without the congregation's support we would not be able to do any of this. God Bless You.

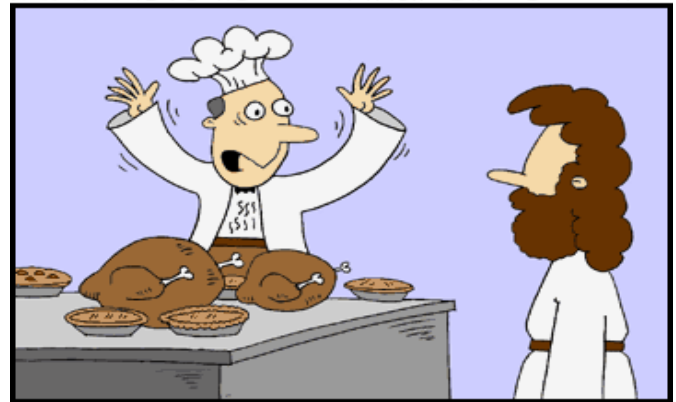
Our Thankoffering Service will be held on Sunday, November 12th with the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Craig Miller as our worship leader and speaker for the day. A congregational meal will follow with the Parrish Fellowship Committee providing chili and beverages. We are asking those attending to bring a covered dish, if they are able. The covered dish could be anything that goes with chili, such as corn bread, cheese and crackers, fruit, or vegetable

tray. Since this is a fall event anything with apples or pumpkin would also be great. Remember that these are just suggestions and anything is acceptable.

We also discussed possible special music and ushers. We are asking the congregation to bring items for the food pantry that day and they will be displayed in front of the altar area. Linda will check to see what items are most needed although she stated that they are always in need of dish detergent and pain relievers especially 81 mg of aspirin for the elderly.

Ann Beaver volunteered to provide a program for our November 9th meeting.

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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HONESTLY JESUS, YOU GIVE ME 5 PIES AND 2 TURKEYS AND EXPECT ME TO COOK FOR THE 5,000 GUESTS YOU'VE INVITED?!?



CONTINUED SUPPORT APPRECIATED

DEAR FRIENDS OF MESSIAH.....Randy has been transferred to his "home" prison in Chester, PA. He will be entered into a program with intense training on how to control his addictive behavior. If you wish to send a card or letter, his new address is:

Randal S. Clark NB5960
SCI Chester
500 East Fourth Street
Chester, PA 190013

Remember, no glitter, stickers, labels, etc., on the card or envelope. Write your return address on the envelope. In his letters to us, he always wants us to express his well wishes to all of you. Thank you for your continued prayers, love, and support to Randy and to us. In Christian Love, *JERRY, CADE, & LINDA CLARK*

THANK YOU!

DEAR MESSIAH, Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers—they are greatly appreciated. I am in Chester PA, near Philly and I am doing OK. I just started my recovery program which is call TC. It will be 4 months of all-day meetings in different groups and levels. I have around 5 months until my release date which is February 17, 2018. I will probably be going to a halfway house when I leave here. I have accepted many things and will make amends where needed. I will return to Messiah as soon as I can. My heart goes out to the Miller family. Peace be with all and God bless.
-RANDY CLARK

NITTANY OIL CHURCH PROGRAM

For every gallon of heating oil purchased by participating church members from September 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018, Nittany Energy will donate FOUR CENTS per gallon back to the church's heating oil account at the end of each month. One parishioner purchasing 800

gallons of oil during the heating season will save the church \$32.00 per year on their heating oil. From November to May of last heating season, Messiah's Nittany Energy church program saved the church \$207.53. If you participated last year, then you are already enrolled. If you have any questions, please ask any Property Committee member.

THANK YOU!!

Our thanks to "The Needlers" for sewing all of the lovely quilts you saw during worship on October 1st and for decorating the chancel and nave that morning. The quilts on display are being donated by "The Needlers" as their Blanket Sunday offering. Blankets/quilts and kits were taken to Buffalo Valley Commons parking lot across from the Synod office. The quilts were then sent to Lutheran World Relief and also given to Messiah members who are now in nursing homes. A report of the total number of quilts made and other items being sent will be printed in the bulletin after everything is packed for shipment. The covers on the altar and lecterns were made by Carole Nace.

NEW ADDRESS

Pat Forney is now living with her son in West Virginia. Moving to a new area can be a big adjustment so if you would like to send Pat a card or note, her address is:

Pat Forney
P.O. Box 795
Hedgesville, WV 25427

GET YOUR WALNUTS!

Black walnuts are available to anyone who wishes to pick them up in the cemetery lot next to Messiah's parking lot. Please pick them up before the lot is mowed on Saturdays!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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."



A REQUEST FOR ALL OF US!

A request has been brought forth from the Board of Worship & Music: In light of our congregation's recent acceptance of Messiah's Mission Statement (including "...making disciples of Christ through Fellowship..."), we invite more of the congregation to sit in the main sanctuary during the worship service. Unifying everyone into one space will help make us more welcoming to all members and visitors as well as creating a sense of community, sharing and togetherness. Worship Leaders will be able to better "connect" and "communicate" to all worshipers (and you to them) during the service. Other benefits include better sound while singing hymns, listening to the sermons/anthems/special music and an easier time of "Sharing the Peace." Also, give us your feedback regarding the removal of several rows of pews in the sanctuary and replacing them with soft chairs. Thanks for making this positive transition to your worship experience!

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. *Stephen. Age 8, Chicago*

Dear Pastor, I know God loves everybody but He never met my sister. Yours sincerely, *Arnold. Age 8, Nashville.*

Dear Pastor, Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, *Pete. Age 9, Phoenix*

Dear Pastor, My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. *Robert Anderson, age 11*

Dear Pastor, I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, *Patty. Age 10, New Haven*

Dear Pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, *Annette. Age 9, Albany*

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. *Loreen. Age 9. Tacoma*

Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, *Eleanor. Age 12, Sarasota*

Dear Pastor, I hope to go to heaven someday but later than sooner. Love, *Ellen. Age 9, Athens*

Dear Pastor, Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher. Thank you. *Alexander. Age 10, Raleigh*

Dear Pastor, my father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. *Joshua. Age 10, South Pasadena*



NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wednesday, November 1: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, November 2: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
- Sunday, November 5: ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY / DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church (Worship Leader: The Rev. James Rill)
- Monday, November 6: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, November 7: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, November 8: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
-7:00 p.m., Juniata County 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area
- Thursday, November 9: -7:00 p.m., WELCA Meeting
- Sunday, November 12: THANKOFFERING SUNDAY
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: The Rev. Craig Miller)
- Monday, November 13: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, November 14: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, November 15: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, November 16: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
- Sunday, November 19: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church (Worship Leader: Jim Bahorik)
- Monday, November 20: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, November 21: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, November 22: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, November 23: HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!
- Friday, November 24: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Sunday, November 26: FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY / CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church (Worship Leader: The Rev. Paul Kampa)
- Monday, November 27: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in the Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, November 28: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, November 29: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
FALL FEST
November 12, 2017



You are invited to attend the Fall Fest at Messiah on Sunday, November 12, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall following the Thankoffering Service. The menu will be Chili and beverages provided by the Parish Fellowship Committee. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish, if they are able. The covered dish could be anything that goes with Chili (such as: corn bread, cheese and crackers, fruit or vegetable tray, anything with apples or pumpkin). Remember, these are just suggestions—anything is acceptable.

The congregation is asked to bring items for the Food Pantry on Thankoffering Sunday and they will be displayed in the front of the altar area (dish detergent and pain relievers, especially 81 mg of aspirin for the elderly are always needed).

MESSIAH'S FALL FEST

Name(s) _____ Number attending _____

Bringing covered dish () YES () NO _____

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

UPDATED MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH/COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUPS LISTING

Women of ELCA (WELCA) – contact Barb S. Geedey, 717-436-6433

Knitters Group – contact Barb S. Geedey, 717-436-6433

Needlers Group – contact Linda Leister, 717-436-8589

Senior Choir – Andrea Cameron

Junior Choir and Sunday School – Linda Clark

Summer Bible School – Linda Clark

Summer Church Camp Mount Luther – Kate Swailes

Funeral Meals – contact Cynthia Smith, 717-436-8512

Community Home Repair/Yard Work – “Doc” Johnston, 717-436-9209

Prayer concerns, Sunday Bulletin –

Church office email: messiahlutheran@pa.net, or

Church office phone: 717-436-6213

Community groups with MLC volunteers:

Fundraiser Groups such as Crop Walk and Relay for Life

Meals on Wheels Volunteers – contact Sharon Ritzman 717-463-2096

Juniata County Food Pantry Volunteers – 717-436-9718