

THE MESSIAH HERALD



MAY 2018

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES! – 9:15 AM
WORSHIP, JR. CHURCH, & COMMUNION – 10:30 AM**

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"Growing God's Love"

The Messiah Herald



Transitioning – Pentecost Sunday

For some women the most painful and difficult point in the process of giving birth is near the end of active labor, just before it is time to push. It is the point at which many women think they cannot bear the labor any longer. This phase is commonly called the *transition*.

Today Jesus announces that he is going away, and the community of disciples knows that things will not be the same moving forward. Jesus will no longer be with the disciples, but he will send the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to join them. The disciples cannot bear it. It's a time of transition.

Between the community of disciples in John's gospel and the swarming crowds at Pentecost in the reading from Acts, we see the fullness of this transition. In the gospel we see the disciples devastated and sorrowful, unsure if they want to continue on without Jesus. Then we jump to the astonishment of Pentecost, when the Spirit of God rushes in like a mighty wind, making them drunk with joy. On the day of Pentecost there was no doubt that a page had turned and a new beginning had come to those followers of Jesus. We see the leap that is made from fear to freedom, from pain and loss to birth and life.

What is transitioning in your life? In your community? What familiar things are passing away and what new thing is God about to blow into your midst?

Transition almost always comes with pain and risk. Our hope is that the moment we do not think we can bear it any longer is precisely the moment that new life is taking hold. Do not be afraid of that which you cannot bear. It is a sign of the new thing the Spirit is bringing to birth!

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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.

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.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Bob & Jeanette St. Clair	Jim Woltman
Avonel Waller	Randy Clark
Andrea & Bob Cameron	Joan Fulkroad
Minnie Minick	Bob Bell
John Miller	Megan Hart
Mary Ernest	Austin Parker
Don Clark	Terry Coder
Butch & Sandy Pines	John Towsey
Tom Lyter	Audrey Peters
Dr. Laurie Cox	Paul Goss
Jane Ann Baney	Barbara Wengerd
Rich Walters	Mary Sanders
Sieber Stoner	Donna Barton
Messiah's Call Committee	Lysha Maldonado
Carolina Rubio and Family	Josh Hohol
Carol Smith	Noel Peachey
The Family of Leon Kramer	

...AND FOR OUR SHUT-INS

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)

Dottie Smith

RICHFIELD HEALTHCARE AND REHAB CENTER

(ROOM 6, 631 MAIN ST, RICHFIELD, PA 17086)

Dorothy Cleck

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

128 Manbeck Drive
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Betty Karstetter

918 William Penn Hwy.
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Kitty Walters

P.O. Box 61
Port Royal, PA 17082

Mona Lawson

2792 William Penn Hwy.
Mifflintown, PA 17059

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED!

Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2018 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan to attend the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly the 1st Sunday of May. If you are interested in serving, please contact Sam Leister or the church office.



MAY SERVANTS

LECTORS

- 6 Barbara S. Geedey
- 13 Andrea Cameron
- 20 Cynthia Smith
- 27 Linda Bahorik

ALTAR GUILD

- April 30 to May 6Barbara S. Geedey
- May 7 to 20.....Christie Holderman
(Pentecost Sunday, May 20 –
Clint & Jamie Miller – Cup Communion)
- May 21 to June 3 ..Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner
(Holy Trinity Sunday, May 27 –
Clint & Jamie Miller – Cup Communion)

ACOLYTES

- 6 Slone Smith & Haley Mummah
- 13 Hannah Ehrisman & Julia Martin
- 20 Jade Britcher & Zeb Berry
(Harrison Mummah – Crucifer)
- 27 Hope Miller & Slone Smith

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 6 to 20 OPEN
- 27 Warren & Claire Mummah

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

- May 6.....Stephen Rodgers
- May 13..... Andrea Cameron
- May 20 (Pentecost) Sam Leister
- May 27 (Trinity/Music Sunday)....Rev. Paul Kampa



WELCA met on Thursday, April 12th at 7:00 P.M. in the Young Adult Sunday School Class. Jean Compton opened the meeting with a program on "What To Be Thankful For" from Ideals and from a book on Thankful Attitude a reading entitled "Giving Thanks." The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved. Cynthia gave the Treasurer's report.

Barb led the short business meeting. Ann Beaver will lead the program in May and Cynthia Smith will present a program in June. Diana Wise and Jean Compton will provide light refreshments following the June meeting.

The only item under new business was the Convention to be held at Camp Mt. Luther on Saturday, July 21st. At this time Linda Leister, Cynthia Smith, and possibly Diana Wise are planning to attend. Cynthia will be going as the delegate this year as Barb is unable to attend. Any women of Messiah can attend, and we would love to have a carload or two. Contact Barb, Linda, or Cynthia if you think you might be interested. Registration is due by June 29th. Barb has extra forms.

The theme of the convention this year is **CALLED TO SERVE** with the scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 and 1 Peter 10.

No one from our unit can attend the Day of Learning held in Milton on April 21st.

Our meeting adjourned with the WELCA Purpose Statement.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

MAY 1 – Claire Grimm

MAY 18 – Mary Grimm

MAY 25 – Mona Lawson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

MAY 12 – John and Kim White

May 29 – Glenn and Jean Compton

If you want to add your name to the birthday/anniversary list, or know someone you would like to acknowledge, please let Bob St. Clair know at stclairb@embarqmail.com.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

MAY 1 ----- JOHN 14:8-14
THOSE WHO SERVE WITHOUT RECOGNITION

MAY 2 ----- ISAIAH 65:17-25
INVENTORS AND ENTREPRENEURS

MAY 3 ----- ACTS 10:44-48
BRIDGE BUILDERS AND RECONCILERS

MAY 4 ----- PSALM 98
THOSE WHO BRING GOOD TIDINGS

MAY 5 ----- 1 JOHN 5:1-6
THOSE WHO LONG FOR GOD'S PEACE

MAY 6 ----- JOHN 15:9-17
THOSE WHO PRACTICE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

MAY 7 ----- DEUTERONOMY 11:18-21
THOSE WHO STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

MAY 8 ----- PSALM 47
WORSHIP LEADERS

MAY 9 ----- EPHESIANS 1:15-23
THOSE WHO ARE UNGRATEFUL

MAY 10 ----- ACTS 1:1-11
THOSE WHO FEEL ABANDONED

MAY 11 ----- PSALM 1
THOSE WORKING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

MAY 12 ----- 1 JOHN 5:9-13
THOSE PERSECUTED FOR FAITH IN JESUS

MAY 13 ----- JOHN 17:6-19
ECUMENISTS AND DIPLOMATS

MAY 14 ----- ACTS 1:15-26
THOSE FACING A JOB CHANGE

MAY 15 ----- TITUS 1:1-9
THOSE STRIVING FOR TRUTH

MAY 16 ----- EZRA 9:5-15
OUR POLITICAL LEADERS

MAY 17 ----- ACTS 2:1-21
THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

MAY 18 ----- PSALM 104:24-34, 35B
THOSE WHO FEAR THE LIFE TO COME

MAY 19 ----- ROMANS 8:22-27
THOSE WHO FEEL LONELY TODAY

MAY 20 ----- JOHN 15:26-27; 16:4B-15
THOSE LIVING WITH DEPRESSION

MAY 21 ----- JOEL 2:18-29
ATHLETES OF ALL AGES AND THEIR COACHES

MAY 22 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27
THOSE LONGING FOR COMMUNITY

MAY 23 ----- EZEKIEL 37:1-14
FUNERAL HOME DIRECTORS AND STAFF

MAY 24 ----- ISAIAH 6:1-8
THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION

MAY 25 ----- PSALM 29
ACOLYTES AND COMMUNION SERVERS

MAY 26 ----- ROMANS 8:12-17
ORPHANS AND CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

MAY 27 ----- JOHN 3:1-17
THOSE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

MAY 28 ----- ROMANS 12:9-16B
YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

MAY 29 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-10
THOSE NEEDING A WORD OF HOPE TODAY

MAY 30 ----- DEUTERONOMY 5:12-15
THOSE WHO ARE OVERWORKED AND WEARY

MAY 31 ----- LUKE 1:39-45
CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

HOME COMMUNION NEEDS HELP

The Compassionate Services Committee is again looking for at least two people who would like to give communion to our shut-ins. A rotating schedule of our shut-ins will be used on a quarterly basis. Training is available. Complete Home Communion kits are also available, including all liturgy needed. If interested in this important ministry, contact Don Geedey at 717-436-6433 or geedey@centurylink.net.



MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS – APRIL 1 TO 29, 2018

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
APRIL 1	115 – Worship 25 – S.S.	\$3,863.00	\$3,333.00	Benevolence -- \$170.00 Sunday School -- \$34.00 Building Fund -- \$170.00 Summer Camp -- \$106.00 Memorial Fund -- \$50.00
APRIL 8	65 – Worship 33 – S.S.	\$2,802.00	\$1,895.00	Benevolence -- \$125.00 Sunday School -- \$62.00 Building Fund -- \$365.00 Summer Camp -- \$305.00 Memorial Fund -- \$50.00
APRIL 15	64 – Worship 34 – S.S.	\$3,501.55	\$2,641.00	Benevolence -- \$60.00 Sunday School -- \$70.55 Building Fund -- \$200.00 Summer Camp -- \$105.00 Memorial Fund -- \$425.00 <i>**\$705.00 from food concession at public sale was deposited to Summer Camp Fund.</i>
APRIL 22	55 – Worship 25 – S.S.	\$3,465.00	\$2,851.00	Benevolence -- \$55.00 Sunday School -- \$32.00 Building Fund -- \$35.00 Summer Camp -- \$105.00 Flowers -- \$22.00 Memorial Fund -- \$365.00
APRIL 29	53 – Worship 36 – S.S.	\$3,335.00	\$2,156.00	Benevolence -- \$175.00 Sunday School -- \$114.00 Building Fund -- \$550.00 Summer Camp -- \$100.00 Memorial Fund -- \$100.00 World Hunger -- \$100.00 Building Use -- \$40.00

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to our friends at Messiah Lutheran for your loving support of the Food Pantry's ministry to our neighbors in need. Your generous donation will help provide new hope and a new beginning to the more than 350 families, including over 400 children, who come to us for help every month. --YOUR FRIENDS AT THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU!

Thank you to members and friends of Messiah for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards, and kindness extended to us in the loss of our loved one, Leon Kramer. Thank you also to the Funeral Lunch Committee for providing and serving the lunch following the funeral service. Everything was very much appreciated. --FAMILY OF LEON KRAMER

KITS FOR L.W.R.

WELCA will be collecting items for Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Items needed are: 2 light-weight cotton T-shirts (NO ONESIES), 2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (WITHOUT FEET), 2 receiving blankets (medium-weight cotton or flannel, crocheted, or knitted with light-weight yarn up to 52 inches square), 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap, 2 pairs of socks, 1 hand towel (dark color), 2 diaper pins or large safety pins. Sizes are to be from 6 months to 24 months.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to members of Messiah for your thoughts and prayers and for all of the birthday cards I received. They were very much appreciated. -RANDY CLARK

Dear Friends.....Just a note to let you know how grateful we are for your support of Bethesda Mission. Our church partnerships mean so much to us and we thank you so much for your faithfulness! It is because of your generous donations that we are able to continue to help those in need. Blessings to you and your church family! --CINDY MALLOW, Director of Development, Bethesda Mission

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers I received from the church. They were greatly appreciated. -KITTY WALTERS



MESSIAH PRAYER LIST

If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Sam Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE



Dear colleagues in ministry,

Please save the date **Sunday, Sept. 9, for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday.**

As members of the ELCA, we believe we are called, gathered and sent into the world to embody the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection – called into relationship with God, gathered together as a community of believers and sent into the world to love and serve our neighbors.

1 Corinthians, Chapter 12, reminds us, *"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."*

On **"God's work. Our hands." Sunday**, we join together to use our various gifts in service to our communities – this is work you do every day, sharing the love of Christ with all of God's people.

If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 9, please consider another time.

Save the date and visit ELCA.org/dayof-service for updates to our resources.

We look forward to working together on **"God's work. Our hands." Sunday.**

God's peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christina Jackson-Skelton".

Christina Jackson-Skelton
Executive Director, Mission Advancement
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

THANK YOU!

Thank you to members of Messiah Lutheran Church for your donation to Juniata Meals-on-Wheels, Inc. As you may know, Juniata Meals-on-Wheels was organized to deliver prepared meals to home-bound residents of Juniata County. Your support will aid us in furthering our goals. Again, thank you for your support. *-ESTHER BRATTON, Treasurer*

"I wish to say thank you so much for giving me the altar flowers last Sunday. I'm sorry I wasn't able to get to the door to say hello and thank you, but my medical problems keep me from getting around very quickly. I look at the flowers and think 'someone remembered me!'" God Bless You! *--BETTY KARSTETTER*



SUMMER SERVICES

Summer is nearly upon us and so will be our worship schedule for the season. Starting **Sunday, June 3rd**, worship services will begin at **9:15 AM** each Sunday. Regular 10:30 AM worship services will resume on Sunday, September 9th.



SAINTS CREATED!

On Sunday, April 15, 2018, two new saints were created through His Sacrament of Holy Baptism at Messiah. We welcomed Chance David Britcher and Jade Marie Britcher, son and daughter of David J. Britcher, II, and Jennifer (Neoto) Britcher and grandchildren of Dave Britcher.



FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion was served to four of Messiah's young congregants on Sunday, April 15th. Taking part of the Lord's Supper for the first time was Chance Britcher, Jade Britcher, Hope Miller, and Grace Miller. Congratulations youngsters!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Activity Department at Locust Grove is looking for individuals or groups who would like to enrich the lives of others. There are various ways in which you can volunteer: assist with activities, bingo caller, music, pet visits, crafts, nail painting, games, birthday party, or visits with residents. In you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Locust Grove at (717)-436-8921.



JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY MAY UPDATE

In March 2018 the Food Pantry served 334 families - 953 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 6th 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 5th from 9-2 and Schlegel's Grocery Store in Thompsettown on Saturday, May 12th 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.

DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS 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



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: GLENDA FULTZ). Email: jcfoodpantry@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.

2018 CAMPING BROCHURES

THE 2018 CAMPING BROCHURES and registration forms for Camp Mt. Luther are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School

Room. Kate Swailes is serving as our camp person, a liaison between Mount Luther and our congregation. For more information on summer programs, you can contact Kate or visit the camp website at www.campmountluther.org. Submit your registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered through various fund-raising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the forms to Mount Luther.

MAY 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Tuesday, May 1: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 2: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, May 3: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 Meeting in Jr. Church Room
- Sunday, May 6: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Stephen Rodgers)
- Monday, May 7: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 8: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 9: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
-7:00 p.m., Juniata County 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area
- Thursday, May 10: -ASCENSION DAY
-7:00 p.m., WELCA Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, May 13: -MOTHER'S DAY
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron)
- Monday, May 14: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 15: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 16: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, May 17: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 Meeting in Jr. Church Room
- Sunday, May 20: -PENTECOST SUNDAY/**WEARING OF THE RED**
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Sam Leister)
- Monday, May 21: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room
-6:30 p.m., Property Committee Meeting in Choir Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 22: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 23: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Friday, May 25: -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Sunday, May 27: -HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY / MUSIC SUNDAY
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church (Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Kampa)
- Monday, May 28: -MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, May 29: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, May 30: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
proudly presents.....
THE COMMONWEALTH
BRASS QUINTET



SUNDAY, MAY 27TH, 2018 –
10:30 AM Worship Service

3 SOUTH THIRD STREET
MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059

ABOUT THE QUINTET:

The **Commonwealth Brass Quintet** has been the region's premier brass quintet for over 35 years. The CBQ was formed in 1981 by faculty members from several schools in Pennsylvania to promote the performance and teaching of brass chamber music. Members include **Michael Trego** (trumpet), a retired music educator of the Juniata County School District; **Dale Orris** (trumpet) a retired instrumental music of the Lewisburg Area School District; **William Kenny** (horn), professor of music at Bucknell University; **Robert LaBarca** (trombone), a retired music teacher of the State College Area School district; and **Rick Benjamin** (tuba), founder and conductor of the Paragon Ragtime Orchestra and freelance tubist.