# THE MESSIAH HERALD



# **JUNE 2018**

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SUMMER WORSHIP & COMMUNION - 9:15 AM

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THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

# "Growing God's Love"

# **ĕ** Messiah Herald



## HOLY HOW?

As children, the brother and sister had very different relationships with sabbath. Under the thumb and eye of Aunt Jose, who lived with them, the sabbath was a day of tyrannical prohibitions for the sister. Aunt Jose's piety employed the third commandment with the unbending sharpness of the hat pin that attached felt and feathers to her wisps of hair every Sunday morning for services. Rules and their keeping did not plague the brother, however. Enduring chronic Sunday loneliness when friends and neighbors disappeared into activities and adventures that didn't include him was what made sabbath a dreaded day.

It wasn't whether the sabbath was or was not holy that distanced the Pharisees and Jesus from one another; it was *how* the sabbath would be holy that marked their miles of separation.

Sabbath, ending or beginning? Sabbath, seventh day or first day? Sabbath, law or gospel? Sabbath, restriction or freedom? Sabbath, receive or give? Sabbath, pray or work? Sabbath, must or may? Sabbath, holy *how*?

The debates in the grain fields and the synagogue are a radical disagreement, but not a contest pitting hunger and disease against feeding and healing. They are about how to steward the gifts God puts in our hands.

To steward sabbath only as culmination, the last day of creation, tempts us to remove ourselves from participation in God's ever-creative activity in the world. To steward sabbath only as preparation, the beginning of seven days, tempts us to imagine that the work of creation depends wholly on our own activity.

Sabbath is God's gift of grace so that we may rest from the clamoring of anxieties, illusions, and urgencies to do what we need not or cannot do. Sabbath is God's gift of grace that we may rise to greet every day as holy, to feed and to be fed, to heal and to be healed.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it as a holy how.

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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 Ioan Fulkroad **Bob Bell** Minnie Minick Megan Hart John Miller Mary Ernest **Austin Parker** Don Clark Terry Coder **Butch & Sandy Pines** John Towsey **Audrey Peters** Tom Lyter **Paul Goss** Dr. Laurie Cox Barbara Wengerd Jane Ann Baney Rich Walters Mary Sanders Donna Barton Sieber Stoner Lysha Maldonado Messiah's Call Committee Carolina Rubio and Family Josh Hohol **Noel Peachey** Carol Smith **Shirley Miller** Jean Zimmerman Steve Bahorik Steve Berry & Family Elienai Ramirez Mike Maugans The Family of Betty Karstetter Larry Miller

## ...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 Mona Lawson 128 Manbeck Drive 2792 William Penn Hwy. Mifflintown, PA 17059 Mifflintown, PA 17059

Kitty Walters P.O. Box 61 Port Royal, PA 17082

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

JUNE 5 – Bob St. Clair, Sr.
JUNE 7 – Glenn Compton
JUNE 17 – Jane Miller
JUNE 22 – John White
JUNE 26 – Jane Marhefka
JUNE 30 – Ella Harris

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

JUNE 11 - Steve & Linda Bahorik

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

# JUNE SERVANTS

#### **LECTORS**

- 3 Marina Holderman
- 10 Barbara S. Geedey
- 17 Ron Yorks
- 24 Linda Bahorik

#### **ALTAR GUILD**

#### **ACOLYTES**

- 3 Harrison Mummah & Julia Martin
- 10 Braedon Walton & Zeb Berry
- 17 Haley Mummah & Slone Smith
- 24 Julia Martin & Hannah Ehrisman

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

- 3 OPEN
- 10 Don & Barb Geedey & Velma Suloff
- 17 Warren & Claire Mummah
- 24 George & Kay Varner

#### UPCOMING WORSHIP

#### LEADERS

June 3	Jim Bahorik
June 10	Rev. Robert Logan
June 17	Richard Beck
June 24	Sam Leister

# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!



SAVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR! This year's Strawberry Festival at Messiah will be held on **Sunday**, **June 10**<sup>th</sup>!



WELCA met on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Barb Geedey presented a program on Mothers. Barb also led the business meeting. Barb gave the Treasurer's report from Cynthia. Because the balance in our treasury is in good condition, the group decided to give \$300.00 to start our Oxen and Plow project through the ELCA Good Gifts program and we are going to sponsor 3 school children in Liberia.

Barb reminded the group of the Convention at Camp Mt. Luther on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Linda Leister, Cynthia Smith and Diana Wise are planning to attend the Convention. The offerings for the Convention with go toward the purchase of blinds for

Camp Mt. Luther, and for solar power for the Curran Lutheran Hospital in Liberia. The cost to install the solar power is \$600,000. Phoebe Hospital already has the solar power installed.

Barb still needs leaders for July and August.

The leader for June is Cynthia Smith and Diana Wise and Jean Compton will provide refreshments. Our June meeting will be Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

# DID YOU KNOW??

The month of June is named after Juno, the goddess of marriage. June's birthstones are the Alexandrite, the Moonstone, and the Pearl. Its birth flowers are the honeysuckle and the rose. The June Bug, also known as June beetle, is the name for several large beetles seen in the United States during May and June. They are usually seen at night when the light attracts them. June is also National Rose Month, National Dairy Month, African-American Music Month, National Ice Tea Month, and National Candy Month.

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

JUNE 1 PSALM 81:1-10
Those whose pain or egotism mutes joy
JUNE 22 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12
Those who feel unworthy of God's grace
JUNE 3 MARK 2:23 - 3:6
THOSE DISILLUSIONED BY RELIGION
JUNE 4JOHN 5:1-18
BODIES AND MINDS IN NEED OF HEALING
JUNE 5 1 PETER 4:7-19
THOSE WHO SUFFER FOR DOING GOOD
JUNE 6 GENESIS 2:4B-14
THOSE WHO SEE NO WORTH IN THEMSELVES
JUNE 7GENESIS 3:8-15
THOSE WHO BLAME OTHERS FOR THEIR ACTIONS
JUNE 8PSALM 130
THOSE FACING DEEP TROUBLES
JUNE 92 CORINTHIANS 4:13 – 5:1
THOSE WHO NEED HELP TO CARRY ON
JUNE 10 MARK 3:20-35
THOSE STRUGGLING WITH FAMILY ISSUES
JUNE 11 ACTS 11:19-30; 13:1-3
MISSIONARIES HERE AND ABROAD
JUNE 12 GENESIS 3:14-24
THOSE HUNGERING FOR FORGIVENESS
JUNE 13 MARK 4:1-20
THOSE LONGING TO KNOW GOD
JUNE 14 EZEKIEL 17:22-24
THOSE WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO TRUST
JUNE 15PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15
THOSE STRIVING TO LIVE WITH INTEGRITY
JUNE 162 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17
CREATION AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR IT
JUNE 17 MARK 4:26-34
<b>G</b> RANDPARENTS
JUNE 18 REVELATION 21:22 - 22:5
UTILITY WORKERS
June 19 Galatians 6:11-18
Those who leave no room for God in their lives
JUNE 20 JOB 37:1-13
THOSE ENDURING TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS
JUNE 21JOB 38:1-11
THOSE WHO FEEL DISCOURAGED
JUNE 22 PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32
VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

JUNE 232 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13				
STRANGERS IN YOUR MIDST				
JUNE 24 MARK 4:35-41				
Those who live in fear				
JUNE 25LUKE 1:57-67 (68-80)				
All of God's Children				
JUNE 26 ACTS 27:39-44				
SEARCH AND RESCUE SQUADS				
JUNE 27LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33				
Those growing weary from waiting				
JUNE 28 PSALM 30				
Those overwhelmed by sorrow				
JUNE 292 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 17-18				
<b>P</b> ASTORS				
JUNE 30 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15				
THOSE BOUND BY THEIR EARTHLY STUFF				

## 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.

#### **VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!**

The American Cancer Society is in desperate need of volunteer drivers. The Society provides Road to Recovery, a free program to



people undergoing cancer treatment so they can get to their treatments free of worry or cost. Volunteers can choose how far they wish to drive, how often, what days, etc.. You must be between 18 and 20, have a good driving record, a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, have access to a safe and reliable vehicle (a car is also provided for our drivers to use), be willing to have a DMV and background check, take an online 45-minute training, have access to a computer, and be available Monday through Saturday during the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, call 1-800-227-2345.

# CONGRATULATIONS,

#### CONFIRMANDS & GRADUATE!

Congratulations to Garrett Berry, son of Steve and Jean Berry; Jace White, son of John and Kim White; and Nathan Swailes, son of Kevin

and Kate Swailes on the completion of their confirmation training and requirements. Garrett, Jace and Nathan made affirmation of their baptism at the worship service on Pentecost Sun-



day, May 20, 2018. These fine young people were then personally congratulated following the worship service at a reception in their honor in the Adult Sunday School Room. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Also, congratulations to our graduating senior Hunter Berry, son of Steve and Jean Berry, who will be graduating from Juniata High School on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The congregation honored Hunter during the worship service on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and also following the worship service with reception in his honor in the Adult Sunday School Room. CONGRATULATIONS HUNTER!!

# NEW ALTAR GUILD &

#### **LECTOR SCHEDULES**

The new altar guild schedule for July, 2018 through June, 2019 will be completed soon. We are currently in need of more people to serve on Altar Guild, as a few of our long-serving members are no longer able to help. If you would like to serve or have any changes you would like to make, please contact Diana Wise. All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve.

In addition, the new lector schedule for July, 2018 through June, 2019 will be completed soon. If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any

young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.

#### THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much to our friends at Messiah Lutheran Church for your kind support of the Summer Backpack Program

at the Juniata County Food Pantry. Your charitable donation is getting us off to a great start! Many families will benefit from your generosity by receiving food for their children's lunches

during the summer months. Thank you for your compassion and for sharing in our mission to care for "the least of these." -- PAT BROWN, Summer Backpack Program Coordinator

## NEWSLETTER IN SPANISH!

Starting with this June, 2018 issue, we are taking another step forward in our church's mission to reach out to the various groups in our community in invitation to worship with us. Beginning this month, we are offering our newsletter in an alternate version, translated into the Spanish language. We have experimented with this during the month of May and now are ready to put it to the "real" test. Along with this version, which is already published to our website, the "new" Spanish translation will also be available right next to the link for this version. If you know of anyone in our Hispanic/multi-cultured community who would like to receive our newsletter or who needs a church, please let the church office know mlchurchofat fice@gmail.com and we will add their email address to our mailing list. Otherwise simply direct them towards our website at www.mlcmifflintown.org, then publications, then 2018 Newsletters. Thank you!

# Messiah Attendance & Offerings – June 6 to 27, 2018

DATE	ATTENDANCE	Total Offering	GENERAL FUND Offering	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
May 6	57 – Worship 24 – S.S.	\$3,328.00	\$3,006.00	Benevolence \$155.00 Sunday School \$57.00 Building Fund \$55.00 Summer Camp \$55.00
MAY 13	53 – Worship 32 – S.S.	\$1,901.00	\$1,535.00	Benevolence \$100.00 Sunday School \$56.00 Building Fund \$70.00 Summer Camp \$55.00 Memorial Fund \$75.00 Vacation Bible School \$10.00
MAY 20	61 – Worship 36 – S.S.	\$2,752.25	\$1,970.00	Benevolence \$95.00 Sunday School \$102.25 Building Fund \$425.00 Summer Camp \$150.00 Vacation Bible School \$10.00
MAY 27	91 – Worship 7 – S.S.	\$3,156.50	\$2,543.50	Benevolence \$95.00 Sunday School \$12.00 Building Fund \$230.00 Summer Camp \$150.00 Flowers \$50.00 Junior Church \$26.00 Vacation Bible School \$50.00

#### 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.



#### 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 <a href="mailto:sleister@gmail.com">sleister@gmail.com</a>.



#### 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 <u>ELCA.org/dayof-service</u> for updates to our resources.

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

God's peace,

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

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## SUMMER SERVICES

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

## **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.

#### CARLENE HACK MEMORIAL

#### PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

On Saturday, June 9, 2018, the first annual Carlene Hack Memorial World Wide Knit in Public Day Event will take place in the Memorial Garden of the Juniata County Library, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Bring water, portable shade, snacks/lunch if needed and a comfortable chair. Socialize while working on your favorite fiber crafting technique. This is a learn to knit opportunity and will be held rain or shine! For more information, call Ann at 717-463-3885.



#### JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY JUNE UPDATE

Thank you and may the Lord bless you in abundance for your faithful support of the Food Pantry! In April, the Food Pantry served 336 families in need – a total of 879 individuals. Many thanks to Locust Run UMC for sending volunteers in April.

Summer and vacation time are upon us! However, summer is HARDLY a vacation at the Food Pantry! With children home from school the need for food increases, and typically donations decrease as folks get busy with summer plans. Please don't forget about the Juniata County Food Pantry and your neighbors in need as you go about your summer activities. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

#### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE**

ALL non-perishable foods, personal care items; cleaning supplies; paper products.

Summer backpack lunch program: Single serve meals, Jell-O cups, fruit cups, non-chocolate pudding, and single serve cereal.

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 <u>JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY</u>. (CONTACT PERSON: GLENDA FULTZ). Email: <u>jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com</u>

#### 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.



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#### JUNE 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 3: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion (Worship Leader: Jim Bahorik)

Monday, June 4: -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 5: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 7: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal

-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 Meeting in Jr. Church Room

Sunday, June 10: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion (Worship Leader: Rev. Robert Logan)

-SPECIAL MUSIC: "The Boyz"

-AFTER WORSHIP: Strawberry Festival in Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 11: -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 12: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 13: -7:00 p.m., Juniata County 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area

Thursday, June 14: -7:00 p.m., WELCA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 17: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion (Worship Leader: Richard Beck)

Monday, June 18: -6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School in Fellowship Hall

-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 19: -6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School in Fellowship Hall

-9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 20: -6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 21: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal

-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 Meeting in Jr. Church Room

-6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School in Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 22: -7:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School Splash Party at Mifflin Pool

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Saturday, June 23: -9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilter's Guild in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 24: -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion/VBS Program (Worship Leader: Sam Leister)

Monday, June 25: -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 26: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

# Want Home Improvement? Bring your family to church.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018



# Messiah Lutheran Church 3 South Third Street Mifflintown, PA

June 18 to 21, 2018 6:15 = 8:15 PM

Splash Party at Mifflin Pool –

FRIDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> – 7:00 PM

VBS Program -

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 AM During Worship Service

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EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

# MESSIAH Sr. Choir

