

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST June 3, 2018 – 9:15 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Those we want to remember in prayer today—please refer to “Prayers of Intercession.”

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should not ever work anyone else seven days a week. Even slaves should be able to rest; even resident aliens. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

### \* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C Amen.**

## **GATHERING**

\* ENTRANCE HYMN                      “God, Whose Almighty Word”                      #400 Green Hymnal

\* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (sung)

P Kyrie, eleison:                      **C Lord, have mercy.**

P Christe, eleison:                      **C Christ, have mercy.**

P Kyrie, eleison:                      **C Lord, have mercy.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take  
away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the  
Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth, and peace  
to God’s people on earth.**

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

C **Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

Part of the Ten Commandments, these verses instruct the Israelites to keep the Sabbath. The Israelites are to rest and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.

FIRST READING

A reading from Deuteronomy 5:12-15

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.** (spoken)

PSALM: Psalm 81:1-10 (responsively)

L – Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the merry harp, and the lyre.**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon, and at the full moon, the day of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a statute for Israel, a law of the God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:

<sup>6</sup>**I eased your shoulder from the burden; your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the waters of Meribah.

**<sup>8</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you: O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not worship a foreign god.

**<sup>10</sup>I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

**All – Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**

When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.

## SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)**

\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.

\* GOSPEL: Mark 2:23—3:6

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not

lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." <sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

SERMON

Jim Baborik

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #479 Green Hymnal

\* APOSTLES' CREED ('new version') (all)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

A brief silence.

P God our strength, you command your people to keep sabbath. Coax your church away from the busyness of the world and give us holy rest, so that, refreshed, we will give vibrant witness to your world-healing love. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God our strength, you restore what is withered. As all creation stretches forth in hunger and thirst for you, revive what has ceased to flourish and repair what has fallen into decay. Make us partners in your holy healing. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God our strength, we ache for peace. Teach nations that you carry our burdens, you free human hands, and you rescue us in distress. Raise up leaders in the world who listen to your voice and walk in your ways. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God our strength, people are afflicted and perplexed, persecuted and struck down. Shine the light of your glory into the hearts of your suffering ones. Today we pray especially for our shut-ins, the sick, and those who may be grieving who are in our hearts and minds listed here: Kitty Walters, Jane Marhefka, Ruth Cisney, Ray Bramm, Dottie Smith, Dorothy Cleck, Carol Simonton, Lura Aughey, Mona Lawson, and Jim Yetter. And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Avonel Waller, Jim Woltman, Bob & Andrea Cameron, Mary Ernest, John Miller, Randy Clark, Joan Fulkroad, Don Clark, Tom Lyter, Butch & Sandy Pines, Joyce Bradley, Minnie Minick, Dr. Laurie Cox, Bob Bell, Megan Hart, Austin Parker, Terry Coder, John Towsey, Barbara Wengerd, Audrey Peters, Rich Walters, Sieber Stoner, Mary Sanders, Jane Ann Baney, Lysha Maldonado, Donna Barton, Carolina Rubio and family, Josh Hohol, Carol Smith, Noel Peachey, Shirley Miller, Jean Zimmerman, Steve Bahorik, and Elienai Ramirez. so that they will not be crushed, driven to despair, or forsaken. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God our strength, you grieve our hardness of heart whenever we turn your holy counsel into rules to control others. Open our hearts to your loving will for these times, for our neighbors, and for this community of faith. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Gracious giving God, give us your help again, just as you have always done. Remind us of your care. Let there be gratitude in our congregation, for all that is needful has been sent and ordained for us already. As our Call Committee works to call a new pastor to our congregation, may we be strengthened for this task with the thought that your providing reaches to every need of your church. Our Call Committee and community of believers are your church, too. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P God our strength, death is at work in us, but life is in you. Free us now to live into your promise of indestructible life and, in the end, restore us with all the saints. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

Congregational sharing: **“Peace be with you.”**

OFFERING  
OFFERTORY:

[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].

SPECIAL MUSIC

\* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

\* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**C for through these gifts he comes to feed us.**

P All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

**C Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.**

P Let us come to his table with joy,

**C for we come as God's invited guests!**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['new version'] (all)

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

DISTRIBUTION

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

\* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen.**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray,

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

\* THE SENDING AND BLESSING OF COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

P As we go into the world serving the ministry of Christ, may those who will extend this meal to the homebound take from the Lord's Table what we have received here today; the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and his promise of forgiveness. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

## SENDING

### \* BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

\* CLOSING HYMN                    “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”                   #229 Green Hymnal

### \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Barbara S. Geedey

NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Barbara S. Geedey

NEXT WEEK’S ACOLYTES – Braedon Walton & Zeb Berry

NEXT WEEK’S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Rev. Robert Logan

## WELCOME

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads but also in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor or indicate such in the Friendship Pads being sure to include your contact information. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshipping with us.

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE with us if they are baptized, and if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus’ promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR COMMUNION. Wine and wheat wafers are used and if you so desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the green portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the Narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshipping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Jim Baborik an Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the bishop of the synod to preside at the

Eucharist in specific situations. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is committed to ordained ministry as the primary means for filling the needs of this church for Word and Sacrament, but at this place in the church's pilgrimage, the church's inability to provide all congregations with full-time ordained pastoral ministry presents a challenge. On any given Sunday, congregations have needs that cannot be met by available ordained ministers. Therefore, because it is the bishop's responsibility to meet the Word and Sacrament needs of the congregations in this synod, synodically authorized lay worship leaders are trained to meet this need. On behalf of the whole church, Bishop Collins is deeply gratified by the ministry of these servants of the Gospel.

JUST A THOUGHT – Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of Canterbury (1904 – 1988): Calvary is the key to an omnipotence which works only and always through sacrificial love.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com). 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.

PRAYER CHAIN – 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](mailto:sleister@gmail.com).

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) for any changes or requests.

THE JUNE 2018 “MESSIAH HERALD” is now available online. Hard copies are available in the church office, Adult Sunday School Room, Kitchenette, and Fellowship Hall. If you want something placed in the Messiah Herald, please contact BOTH the church office ([mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com)) and Bob St. Clair ([stclairb@embarqmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embarqmail.com)) prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at [www.mlcimiffintown.org](http://www.mlcimiffintown.org). Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

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.

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.

PPC will meet this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the Youth Area.

PPC BOARD POSITIONS & THE 2018 MLC NOMINATING COMMITTEE – It’s time to rebuild our Parish Planning Council to serve from July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2020. This task is assigned to the MLC Nominating Committee members: Cindy Van Gavree, Warren Mummah, Kate Swailes, Carolyn Bryner, Tawny Mummah and Larry Wise, who are busy and have already filled many of the positions in our eight-board structure. Over the next few weeks they will be asking more of our congregation to fill the remaining open positions and share their talents in moving Messiah Lutheran toward our goals. MLC Boards: COMPASSIONATE SERVICES, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, WITNESS & OUTREACH, PARISH FELLOWSHIP, CHURCH PROPERTY, YOUTH SERVICES, MUSIC & WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Every member is asked to consider giving their talents and skill to one of these important action groups so, if you have a desire to help on one of them, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee. Please consider this thought: If not you, who? If not now, when? Please keep the committee in your prayers as they complete their assigned work.

**REQUEST from the Board of Worship & Music: In light of our congregation’s 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.” Thanks for making this positive transition to your worship experience!**

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.”

COPIES OF March 25, 2018 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

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](mailto:geedey@centurylink.net).

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

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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 27, 2018

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 91		Benevolence -	\$ 95.00
Sunday School – 7		Building Fund -	\$ 230.00
		Sunday School -	\$ 12.00
Total Offering	\$3,156.50	Summer Camp -	\$ 150.00
Other Funds	<u>\$ 613.00</u>	Vacation Bible School -	\$ 50.00
General Fund	\$2,543.50	Flowers	\$ 50.00
		Jr. Church	<u>\$ 26.00</u>
		Total	\$ 613.00

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.

WEEKLY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are as follows:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

### **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4oz. to 5oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

THE NEXT WELCA MEETING will be on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. The leader will be Cynthia Smith. Diana Wise and Jean Compton will provide refreshments.

WELCA IS 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.

WELCA will soon be collecting donations for the Oxen and Plow project through the ELCA Good Gifts program and will also be sponsoring 3 school children in Liberia.

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION Annual Convention will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Evergreen Center at Camp Mount Luther. The theme for this year’s convention is “Called to Serve,” based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 and 1 Peter 4:10. The bible Study leader is Jodi Ellis and Pastor Ann Zimmerman is the worship leader. Contact Barb Geedey, Linda Leister or Cynthia Smith if you are interested in attending. Registration is due by June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNITY**

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

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS,  
CLEANING SUPPLIES, PAPER PRODUCTS

SUMMER BACKPACK LUNCH PROGRAM: SINGLE SERVE MEALS,  
JELLO CUPS, FRUIT CUPS, NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING,  
AND SINGLE SERVE CEREAL.

DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS FOR GROCERY AND DISCOUNT STORES  
ARE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPTED.

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.

THE FIRST ANNUAL CARLENE HACK MEMORIAL World Wide Knit in Public Day Event will take place on Saturday, June 9, 2018 in the Memorial Garden of the Juniata County Library from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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.

**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES BEGIN.  
-9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion. (Lay Worship Leader: Jim Bahorik).
- Monday:** -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.
- Thursday:** -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.  
-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 meeting in Youth Area.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion. Special Music: “The Boyz.” (Worship Leader: Rev. Robert Logan).  
-Strawberry Festival in Fellowship Hall following Worship Service.

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**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018 – FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**MESSIAH FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Home-made ice cream will be served, plus strawberries and a variety of toppings, sandwiches, snacks, and beverages. (No need to bring anything).

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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