

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST June 17, 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: Morning Has Broken

Arr. By Lani Smith

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

### \* 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

“Built on a Rock”

#365 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 O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## WORD

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

## FIRST READING

A reading from Ezekiel 17:22-24

### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

## PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (responsively)

L – The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12)

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night;

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God;

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

All – The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

## SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

### THE LESSON READS:

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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 frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

### \* GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

### THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would

sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Richard Beck

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "Now the Green Blade Rises"

#148 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 O Most High, your divine realm is like a noble tree whose boughs and branches give shade and rest to the peoples of the earth. Make your church a nesting place for all who need your peace and healing. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P O Most High, all the world is a garden for your creativity. Refresh places of drought with abundant rains. Strengthen and keep safe those who fight fires in your forests. Help us tend your mountains and plains, oceans and rivers with loving care. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P O Most High, you speak and your word is accomplished. Speak to the leaders of the nations so they might end cycles of violence, giving people everywhere tranquility and peace. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P O Most High, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Bring the abundant healing blessings of the new creation into the lives of those who suffer illness or deprivation of any kind. 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, Elienai Ramirez, Larry Miller, Mike Maugans, and Jamie Miller. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P O Most High, your steadfast love and faithfulness sustain your people. Bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. 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 O Most High, just as the earth produces of itself and the harvest comes, you gather up your people from all times and places. Bring us along with those who have died into the lasting harvest of your kingdom. 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:

You Are the Seed

Gabarain/Chavez-Melo

[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].

\* 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.**

SENDING

\* BLESSING

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

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

\* CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

#530 Green Hymnal

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Bahorik

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Christie Holderman

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Julia Martin & Hannah Ehrisman

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Sam Leister

### **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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents and loved ones by Warren and Claire Mummah.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Richard Beck 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 – F. F. Bruce, Biblical Scholar (1910 – 1990): Sanctification is glory begun. Glory is sanctification completed.

### **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.

HERSHEY PARK TICKETS will be available in the church office (in the next week or two) for a discounted price of \$34.50. Regular price is normally \$67.80 per ticket. If you would like to purchase tickets, please call the church office at 436-6231 to make sure we received them. If you have any questions regarding the tickets, please contact Kate Swailes.

THE NEXT VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY will be held on Sunday, June 24, 2018 following the Worship Service. Business: Board Reports and election of new PPC officers and board members.

REMINDER: Next Sunday (June 24<sup>th</sup>) will be the closing program for Vacation Bible School. Worship service will be held at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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 APRIL 2, 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.

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 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JUNE 10, 2018

Attendance

Worship Service – 58

Total Offering     \$3,728.00  
Other Funds         \$ 377.00  
General Fund        \$3,641.00

Other Funds

Benevolence -	\$	60.00
Building Fund -	\$	240.00
Memorial Fund -	\$	50.00
Flowers -	\$	22.00
Summer Camp -	\$	5.00
Total	\$	377.00

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.

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.

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion. (Lay Worship Leader: Richard Beck).
- Monday:** -6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.  
-6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School in Fellowship Hall.
- Thursday:** -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.  
-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 meeting in Youth Area.  
-6:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School in Fellowship Hall.
- Friday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.  
-7:00 p.m., Vacation Bible School Splash Party at Mifflin Pool.
- Saturday:** -9:00 a.m., to 4:00 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters Guild in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Worship/Communion/VBS Program in Fellowship Hall. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).  
-Voters Assembly meeting following worship service. Business: Board Reports and election of new PPC officers and board members.