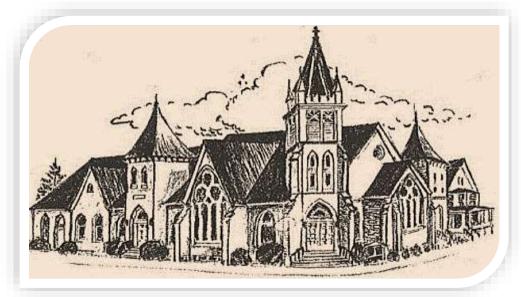
THE MESSIAH HERALD



OCTOBER 2018

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM
WORSHIP / COMMUNION / JUNIOR CHURCH – 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SERMONS OFFERED EVERY 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS!

USS-ARK NEWSLETTER
THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

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

♯ Messiah Herald



SET FREE!

We live in a time when we can look up facts and search for information with one finger. But finding "the truth"? That is more difficult. In today's gospel Jesus offers us the truth of himself. And as we observe the 501st anniversary of the Reformation, we continue to affirm and live out this truth: we have been saved by grace through faith alone, apart from our works. We have been freed from death's grip on us.

Truth and freedom are two great Reformation themes. It can be tempting to look on the past with a nostalgia that clouds the truth. We may respond to Jesus like the Israelites, denying the ugly parts of our past in the same way they deny their enslavement (John 8:33). However, we too have been set free from the bondage of sin through the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If we have been made free, what has God freed us to do, to be? Have we been freed to cling to our past or to live only for ourselves? To be unkind, apathetic, or compassionless? Has God freed us to ignore the poor, the homeless, the immigrant, the refugee, the marginalized?

No. We have been freed from sin so that we might serve and glorify God. We have been freed to live lives that share the good news of Jesus Christ, who became truly human out of love for creation. Beloveds, we have been freed from death so that we can truly live. That is who we are as children of the Reformation; but more important, that is who we are as children of God.

We are free; that's the truth. Now let us live!

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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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Jane Ann Baney Jamie Miller Donna Barton Minnie Minick **Bob Bell Austin Parker** Joyce Bradley **Noel Peachey** Andrea & Bob Cameron **Butch & Sandy Pines** Don Clark Elienai Ramirez Terry Coder Carolina Rubio and Family **Mary Sanders** Mary Ernest Ed Fraker Bob & Jeanette St. Clair Ioan Fulkroad Sieber Stoner Ben & Dorothy Towsey Josh Hohol Lysha Maldonado **Rich Walters** Mike Maugans Barbara Wengard John Miller Dottie Wilson Larry Miller Jim Woltman **Shirley Miller** Jean Zimmerman

Messiah's Call Committee

Victims of Hurricane/TS Florence

...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 & ANNIVERSARY!

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER,BIRTHDAYS!

OCTOBER 1 – Dave Smith OCTOBER 3 – Ona Stoner OCTOBER 10 – Lois Crissman

.....AND ANNIVERSARIES!

OCTOBER 12 – George & Marylou Hazard OCTOBER 18 – Steve & Jean Berry OCTOBER 30 – Glenn & Mary Grimm

If you want to add your name to the birth-day/anniversary list, or know someone you would like to acknowledge, please let the church office know at mlchurchoffice@gmail.com.

KITS FOR L.W.R.

WELCA is continuing to collect 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.

OCTOBER SERVANTS

LECTORS

- 7 Bob St. Clair
- 14 Harrison Mummah
- 21 Andrea Cameron
- 28 Ron Yorks

ALTAR GUILD

October 1 to 21......Barbara S. Geedey October 22 to 28 Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner (Clint & Jamie Miller – Cup Communion) October 29 to November 4 Linda Clark (Clint & Jamie Miller – Cup Communion)

ACOLYTES

- 7 Harrison Mummah & Julia Martin
- 14 Braedon Walton & Zeb Berry
- 21 Haley Mummah & Slone Smith
- 28 Hope Miller & Hannah Ehrisman

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 7 OPEN
- 14 Cindy Miller
- Butch & Sandy Pines & Braedon Walton
- 28 Kitty Walters

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

October 7	Rev. Erin Bovendam
October 14	Richard Beck
October 21	Sam Leister
October 28	Andrea Cameron



The WELCA met on Thursday, September 13th at 7:30 P.M. in the Young Adult's Sunday School Classroom. Barb led the program with devotions.

The Treasurer read a note from Carol Nace who no longer lives in the area and is unable to attend our meetings.

Old Business: Barb announced that she has contacted Rosalee Smith to be our speaker for our Thankoffering Service on Sunday, November 11th. It was suggested that Barb contact her to see if she would be willing to be our Supply Pastor that day as well. Barb agreed to do so. Barb announced to the group that we will be receiving the names of 6 children for our Christmas Angel Project about the middle of October.

New Business: Barb reported that our knitting class has begun again. At this point we have not determined what our next project will be as several are still working on their baby sweaters.

Blanket Sunday will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 7th</u>. The Needlers will display many of their beautiful quilts that have been completed during this past year. They will be delivered to the Synod Office on Saturday, October 13th.

Our Retreat will be held at Camp Mt. Luther on Saturday, October 20th from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. The program will be "Just Say Yes to God" led by Friends of the Heart. Watch the church bulletin and newsletter for more information on this day. There will be a registration form for you to complete and mail if you are interested in attending (please see page 11 of this newsletter). The cost is \$22.00 which includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch and the program. If you are interested let Barb Geedey or Linda Leister know and we can carpool.

Next month's meeting will be led by Diana Wise on October 11th.

We finished our meeting by putting together some of our baby kits but were unable to complete all of them because we were missing several items. We gave a list to Jean Compton who agreed to see what she could locate and then we will complete the rest of the kits by October 11th.

We closed with refreshments provided by Cynthia Smith and Barb Geedey. Thank you, Cynthia, for your help.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS& PRAYER FOCUS

OCTOBER 1 PSALM 5
REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS
OCTOBER 2ZECHARIAH 10:1-12
RANCHERS AND FARMERS
October 3 Romans 8:1-11
THOSE STRUGGLING WITH DEPRESSION
OCTOBER 4 GENESIS 2:18-24
FIRST RESPONDERS
OCTOBER 5PSALM 8
MINISTRIES THAT PROVIDE CLEAN WATER
OCTOBER 6 HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12
POLITICIANS OCTOBER 7 MARK 10:2-16
CHILDREN WHO ARE NEGLECTED OR ABUSED
OCTOBER 8 LUKE 16:14-18
WORKERS WHO RELY ON TIPS
OCTOBER 9 DEUTERONOMY 5:22-33
BEGINNING DRIVERS
OCTOBER 10 MATTHEW 15:1-9
ELDERS IN OUR COMMUNITY
OCTOBER 11 AMOS 5:6-7; 10-15
TRUTH-TELLERS AND PROPHETS
OCTOBER 12 PSALM 90:12-17
THOSE WITHOUT A SAFE PLACE TO SLEEP
OCTOBER 13 HEBREWS 4:12-16
POETS AND MUSICIANS
OCTOBER 14 MARK 10:17-31
PASTORS, BISHOPS, DIACONAL MINISTERS
OCTOBER 15 REVELATION 7:9-17
N ATIONS IN CONFLICT
OCTOBER 16 GENESIS 14:17-24
THOSE WRAPPED IN GREED AND INSECURITY
OCTOBER 17 ISAIAH 53:4-12
Those who don't trust G od's grace
OCTOBER 18 LUKE 1:1-4; 24:44-53
THOSE WHO NO LONGER BELIEVE
OCTOBER 19 PSALM 91:9-16
Those who resist God's leading
OCTOBER 20HEBREWS 5:1-10
THOSE WHO ARE PRIDEFUL
OCTOBER 21 MARK 10:35-45
VOLUNTEERS IN HOMELESS SHELTERS OCTOBER 22
THOSE WHO FFAR THERE IS NO HOPE

MORE CHILDREN'S SERMONS!

The Board of Worship and Music has added another Sunday each month for our children of Messiah to receive God's Word. Begin-



ning back on Sunday, August 19th, children's sermons began being offered on the <u>first and third</u> Sundays of

each month.....with the option of the addition of even more "in church" activities which will include our kids. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and their children to hear the Word of the Lord!

CALL COMMITTEE/PPC MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Call Committee and the Parish Planning Council with Pastor Craig Miller, Assistant to the Bishop, at Messiah at 6:30 on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. The purpose of the meeting is to share ideas, thoughts, and goals of the call process.

DID YOU KNOW??

The name of the month of October comes from the Latin "octo", meaning "eight", because in the Roman calendar October was the eight month of the year. With the adding of January and February at the beginning of the calendar after the Julian calendar reform, October became the tenth month of the year, as we know it today.

The Anglo-Saxons called October "Wintirfyllith", meaning "fullness of winter" because it had the first full moon of the winter season.

Another fun fact about October is that, according to folklore, if the deer have a **gray coat** in this month you should expect a hard winter.

The holiday of **Halloween**, celebrated in October, comes from "All Hallows' Eve" or the night before "All Hallows" day ("All Saints" day) as in old English "hallow" means "to sanctify".

The **birthstones** for October are the tourmaline and the opal. Tourmalines display a wide spectrum of colors, such as yellow, pink, blue, red, green, black or brown and they are believed to help you stay calm under pressure, bring peace and tranquility and defeat emotions like anger and jealousy. Opals exhibit different colors (green, white, yellow, blue, pink etc.) depending on the conditions under which they were created. Opal gemstones are believed to cure eye infections, strengthen memory, calm nerves and enhance creativity.

The **traditional flower** of the month of October is the calendula, symbolizing comfort, healing, protection and grace.

Finally, the October full moon is called the Barley Moon, because it is the time to harvest and thresh the ripened barley.

A BLESSING FOR

STUDENTS & TEACHERS

God our creator, you surround us with the marvels of this world and give us the ability to explore the mysteries of creation.

You fill the earth with the Spirit of wisdom and inspire us to search for the truth.

You have sent us prophets and teachers as witnesses to your love for us.

You have come among us in Jesus Christ to teach us your saving truth by word and example.



Help students and teachers to enjoy

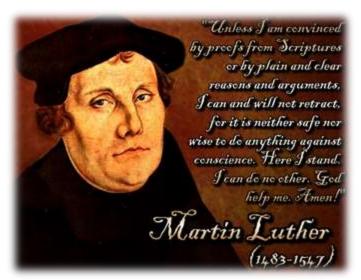
their learning together and enable them to take delight in exploration.

Give them patience in their studies and strength to meet new challenges.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, now and forever. **AMEN.**

ACOLYTE TRAINING

New acolyte training will take place in October. Any youth in grade 3 and older may participate. Please contact the church office or Sam Leister if you are interested in this service to our Lord. A new schedule will be made for November and beyond once the training is complete.



MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – SEPTEMBER 2 TO 30, 2018

	_	TOTAL	GENERAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS
DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING	OFFERING	OFFERING
SEPT. 2	37 - Worship	\$2,799.00	\$2,258.00	Building Fund \$285.00 Benevolence \$85.00 Flowers \$22.00 HersheyPark Tickets \$149.00
SEPT. 9	55 – Worship 32 – S.S.	\$2,472.00	\$2,111.00	Building Fund \$105.00 Benevolence \$145.00 Flowers \$22.00 World Hunger \$50.00 Sunday School \$39.00
SEPT. 16	71 – Worship 30 – S.S.	\$3,391.76	\$2,936.00	Building Fund \$315.00 Benevolence \$85.00 Sunday School \$55.76
SEPT. 23	51 – Worship 22 – S.S.	\$2,504.00	\$2,166.00	Building Fund \$180.00 Benevolence \$120.00 Sunday School \$38.00
SEPT. 30	46 – Worship 22 – S.S.	\$2,274.25	\$1,909.25	Building Fund \$130.00 Benevolence \$90.00 Flowers \$47.00 Sunday School \$48.00 World Hunger \$50.00

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

If you would like a copy of the most recent monthly financial reports for our church, please see our treasurer, Carolyn Bryner, before or after our morning worship service and give her your request, or please contact her at mlchurchtreas-urer@gmail.com. Extra copies have been made and put on the table in the Adult Sunday School room, but very few, if any, are picked up and paper is being wasted, so we will try to go with this approach for the time being. THANK YOU!

YOU SHOULDN'T SKIP CHURCH

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear

hunting. As he rounded the corner on a perilous twist in the trail, he and a bear collided, sending him and his rifle tumbling down the mountainside.

Before he knew it, his rifle went one way and he went the other, landing on a rock and breaking both legs. That was the good news. The bad news was the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, and he couldn't move.

"Oh Lord," the preacher prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping services today to come out here and hunt. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish.... please make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me. Please, Lord!"

That very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its paws together and began to pray aloud right at the preacher's feet.

"Dear Lord, bless this food I am about to receive... in Jesus' name... Amen."

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY OCTOBER UPDATE

Autumn has arrived, soon to be followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas! Again this year the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, Salvation Army and <u>YOU</u> to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. Working as a team and pooling our resources, we can reach more families in need and avoid duplicating services. But we can't do it without <u>your</u> help. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive- please give generously. And if you can help us to start stockpiling the following foods for the holidays, we would really appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

In August 2018, the Food Pantry served 308 families in need – a total of 839 individuals. A special thank you to Lost Creek Mennonite Church for providing volunteers for August.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS

(THESE ARE THE FOODS THAT ARE HARD FOR US TO GET)

Turkeys, Turkey Breasts, Hams (3-5 lbs); Stuffing; Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Fruit Cocktail, And Ready-Made Icing;

OR, A \$20 Donation Will Purchase One Complete Meal!

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059
Phone: 717-436-9718
Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12



*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE <u>JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY</u>. (CONTACT PERSON: <u>GLENDA FULTZ</u>). <u>Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com</u>

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!

THE PRICE OF A SERMON

A man and his ten-year-old son were on a fishing trip, miles from home. At the boy's insistence, they decided to attend the Sunday worship service at a small rural church. The father forgot to bring any cash, so he reached in his pocket and gave his son a dime to drop in the offering plate as it was passed.

As they walked back to their car after the service, the father complained. "The service was too long," he lamented. "The sermon was boring, and the singing was off key." Finally, the boy said, "Daddy, I thought it was pretty good for a dime."

OCTOBER 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 1: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Junior Church Room

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

Tuesday, October 2: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 3: -6:30 p.m., Combined PPC and Call Committee meeting in Youth Area

-7:00 p.m., Lost Creek/McCoysville Pres. Committee Meeting in Adult SS Room

-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

Thursday, October 4: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal

-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 7: -WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY/BLANKET SUNDAY

-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon -- Worship Leader: Rev. Erin Bovendam

Monday, October 8: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Junior Church Room

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

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

Wednesday, October 10: -6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area

-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

Thursday, October 11: -7:00 p.m., WELCA Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 14: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church -- Worship Leader: Richard Beck

Monday, October 15: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Junior Church Room

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

Tuesday, October 16: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 17: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

Thursday, October 18: -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal

-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 21: -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church/Children's Sermon -- Worship Leader: Sam Leister

-11:30 a.m., Worship & Music Committee Meeting in Library

Monday, October 22: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Junior Church Room

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

Tuesday, October 23: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 24: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

Friday, October 26: -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Sunday, October 28: -REFORMATION SUNDAY/FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class

-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church -- Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron

-7:00 p.m., PPC Meeting in Youth Area

Monday, October 29: -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Junior Church Room

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

Tuesday, October 30: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 31: -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room

HYMN SING

LOCATION: Upper Tuscarora Presbyterian Church

589 BRICK CHURCH ROAD

(back road between Waterloo and Blairs Mills)

EAST WATERFORD, PA 17021

DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

TIME: 2:30 PM

Featuring..... THE "STRUNG-OUT" DULCIMER GROUP FROM JUNIATA COUNTY

THE STRUNG-OUT DULCIMER BAND, OF JUNIATA COUNTY, IS A GROUP OF MUSICIANS WHO PLAY DULCIMERS, A GUITAR, HARMONICA, AUTOHARP, METALLOPHONE, MELODICA AND PSALTERY.

FREE WILL OFFERING WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO THE
JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Upper Susquehanna Synodica Women's Organization and the Present

and Cluster Gatherings Fall Women's Retreat

All women are invited to come for a day-long retreat to spend some quiet time with God and with your sisters in Christ in the tranquil setting of God's creation.

Just Say Yes to God

Led by Friends of the Heart

based on the book of Philippians that focuses on balancing work with worship. They talk about: "Looking In," issues that keep you from moving on in life, "Looking Up," developing an ongoing relationship with Christ and "Looking Out," using your talents, gifts and passion to touch the world. Skit characters are Mary, Millersburg women who share God's love through teaching, testimony, drama and song. "Just Say 'Yes' to God!" is a retreat Friends of the Heart is comprised of three



Martha, and a psychologist who helps them determine how they might best express devotion to Christ.

Saturday, October 20, 2018

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Doors open at 9:00 Evergreen Center at Mount Luther

Cost includes coffee and tea, snacks, lunch, and the program.

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2018 REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Deadline is October 12, 2018 Cost: \$22.00

Zip:	State:	City:
1		Phone:
		Address:
		E-Mail:
		Name:

Permission to take part in program:

give consent and give permission to participate in this program. I am interested in the policies, goals, and programs of Camp Mount Luther and the Upper Susquehanna Synod and hereby free of any claims. might appear may be used for promotion of the camp/synod Any photos or video recordings taken in which I or my child

Date:	Signature:

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Make checks payable to Camp Mount Luther with "Women's Retreat" on the memo line and send to the address below:

355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844

Phone: (570) 922-1587 E-Mail: cml@campmountluther.org Fax: (570) 922-1118



BLANKET SUNDAY

OCTOBER 7, 2018



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