

THE MESSIAH HERALD



December 2018

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES! – 9:15 AM

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"Growing God's Love"

The Messiah Herald



KEEPING THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS AT HOME – IDEAS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Christmas isn't just one day, but a whole season! It lasts twelve days, from Christmas Day to Epiphany (January 6). Keep celebrating! Gather with friends and family, eat cookies, enjoy your Christmas decorations, watch Christmas movies, and sing all your favorite Christmas songs. Song suggestions for each day follow, but sing whichever ones your family likes best.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Sing "Joy to the world" (ELW 267). Bundle up and go outside to sing. Join your voices with the fields, rocks, hills, and all the earth! Jesus is born, and this is good news for creation. Notice the ways that the world outside is "singing" its praise: listen for birds singing, the sound of the wind through tree branches, and other nature sounds.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Sing "Go tell it on the mountain" (ELW 290). Today the church remembers St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. John's gospel describes Christ as the Word-made-flesh who came to live among us. In Jesus, God comes to us in person to bring us love and light. With John and all messengers of good tidings, we shout from the mountaintop the joyful news that Jesus is born!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Sing "O little town of Bethlehem" (ELW 279). Build a fort out of chairs, couches, pillows, and blankets. Make sure there is plenty of room in the inn—fill your fort with stuffed animals, family members, and pets. Light a flashlight, lantern, or battery-powered candle inside your fort and think about Jesus being born among the animals in that little town called Bethlehem.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Sing "O come, all ye faithful" (ELW 283). Jesus is born, and it is a happy morning! Cook breakfast together with your family—something delicious like pancakes or waffles. While you are cooking and eating, talk about your favorite parts of the Christmas season so far.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Sing "Love has come" (ELW 292). Celebrate love today. Call, text, FaceTime, or Skype family and friends who live far away and tell them you love them. At bedtime, bless one another by tracing the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads and saying, "Jesus loves you and so do I!"

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Sing "It came upon the midnight clear" (ELW 282). At Christmas midnight, the angels welcomed Jesus. At midnight tonight, we welcome a new year. Say a special prayer together tonight. Thank God for the blessings of this past year. Ask God for hope and protection in the new year. Pray for peace and healing for all people, nations, and creation.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

Sing "What child is this" (ELW 296). The church observes this day as "Name of Jesus," because according to Jewish tradition, baby boys received their names on the eighth day of life. Do you know what your name means? Were you named after someone? Do you have a nickname? Remember today that in baptism, you were also given the name "Child of God."

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

Sing "Away in a manger" (ELW 277/278). While baby Jesus slept in the manger, his parents, the animals, and even the stars watched him and protected him. Tonight, hang stars above your bed and put some stuffed animals near you to watch you sleep. Remember that Jesus loves you and promises to guard you, sleeping or waking.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

Sing "Silent night, holy night!" (ELW 281). Tonight, gather and light as many candles as you can find in your home. Turn off the lights. Notice how the candlelight bounces and flickers around the room. Have a leader say, "Jesus Christ is the light of the world." Everybody else responds, "The light no darkness can overcome." Take turns being the leader.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

Sing "Angels, from the realms of glory" (ELW 275). Have the magi from your nativity set been waiting to come to the manger? Move them somewhere a little closer to the nativity scene, then go outside and look for the brightest star you can see in the sky.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

Sing "Your little ones, dear Lord" (ELW 286). Collect all the stars you can find in your home—the stars you hung over your bed, star ornaments from the Christmas tree—and place them around your nativity scene. Hang the biggest one over the manger. Now your magi figures will know where Jesus is!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Sing "The First Noel" (ELW 300). Have a home blessing. Notice what you are thankful for in each room of your home, and ask for God's blessing ("God, bless our kitchen and the conversations we have there"). Continue the celebration with other Epiphany traditions, like burning pine branches or eating king cake.

Adapted from Families Celebrate Advent & Christmas 2018-2019 (Augsburg Fortress, 2018).

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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.**

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER 4 – Jean Berry

DECEMBER 5 – Silas Smith

DECEMBER 11 – Gene Crissman

DECEMBER 15 -- Jane McNaught Shearer

DECEMBER 25 – *OUR SAVIOR, JESUS*

DECEMBER 26 – Emma Arentz

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

Jane Ann Baney	Jamie Miller
Donna Barton	Minnie Minick
Bob Bell	Ken & Ruth Mummah
Joyce Bradley	Austin Parker
Andrea & Bob Cameron	Noel Peachey
Don Clark	Butch & Sandy Pines
Terry Coder	Elienai Ramirez
Mary Ernest	Carolina Rubio and Family
Ed Fraker	Mary Sanders
Joan Fulkroad	Megan Shoop
Josh Hohol	Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Carol Lyter	Sieber Stoner
Lysha Maldonado	Kay Stuck
Mike Maugans	Ben & Dorothy Towsey
Pastor Nancy McClure	Jasmine Vazquez
John Miller	Rich Walters
Larry Miller	Barbara Wengard
Shirley Miller	Dottie Wilson
Messiah's Call Committee	Jim Woltman
California Fire Victims	Jean Zimmerman

...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

AT HOME

Jim Yetter

128 Manbeck Drive

Mifflintown, PA 17059

Mona Lawson

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Mifflintown, PA 17059

Kitty Walters

P.O. Box 61

Port Royal, PA 17082

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.

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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT

Messiah's WELCA are sponsoring 6 children this year. The sign-up chart for the gifts that are needed is on the bulletin board in the Kitchenette. Gifts are due at the church by December 9th, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child's name and number on the tag.

WELCOME!

On Sunday, November 4th, six new saints were created as we welcomed the Reed Family to our family at Messiah. Robert and Jessie, and their children Nicholas, Gabriella, Sofia and Stella were all baptized and took their first communion with us during the morning worship service. We are pleased and happy to have them become a part of the Messiah family and welcome them with open arms!

DID YOU KNOW??

December was originally the 10th month in the Roman calendar. The period of January and February didn't really count as months, and the Roman calendar was based on a 304-day year, based on the approximate lunar month of 29½ days. The inventor of the 304-day calendar was Romulus, twin brother of Remus - the same Romulus and Remus who founded Rome around 800 B.C.

The Winter Solstice, also known as Midwinter, occurs around December 21 or 22 each year in the Northern hemisphere, and June 20 or 21 in the Southern Hemisphere. It occurs on the shortest day or longest night of the year, sometimes said to astronomically mark the beginning or middle of a hemisphere's winter.

In December, as winter sets in, the Full Moon is called the Cold Moon. It is also called Long Nights Moon, and the Moon before Yule. The December Full Moon is named after the cold temperatures of winter and occurs this year on December 22nd.

December is Bingo Month, Egg Nog Month, Fruit Cake Month, and Write To A Friend Month.

UPCOMING PREPARATION AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT MESSIAH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND – Enjoy our morning worship, a light lunch prepared by the Fellowship committee then an early afternoon of family fellowship as we **decorate the church** for the Christmas season.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH – A portion of the morning worship service will include the annual “**Hangin’ of the Greens**” program. The focus for the service this year will be the Manger/Nativity Scene.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD -- The morning worship service will include the annual **Children’s Program**.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH – Christmas Eve Prelude Service at 7:00 PM by pianist Justin Aurrand of Selinsgrove, followed by the annual Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion service at 7:30 PM, with worship leader Sam Leister at the pulpit and featuring both our junior and senior choirs. *(The service will also be broadcast live on*

JuniataCountyRadio.com and rebroadcast at their convenience.)

DECEMBER SERVANTS

LECTORS

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| 2 | Slone Smith | 23 | Jean Compton |
| 9 | Andrea Cameron | 30 | Diana Wise |
| 16 | Ron Yorks | | |

ALTAR GUILD

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| November 26 to December 16..... | Linda Clark |
| December 17 to 23..... | Diana Wise |
| December 24 to 30 | Kay Varner |

ACOLYTES

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| 2 | Harrison Mummah & Zeb Berry |
| 9 | Hope Miller & Gabby Reed |
| 16 | Braedon Walton & Nick Reed |
| 23 | Hannah Ehrisman & Haley Mummah |
| 24 | Nick Reed & Julia Martin |
| 30 | Slone Smith & Olivia Mummah |

OFFERING USHERS

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| 2 | Braedon Walton & Haley Mummah |
| 9 | Slone Smith & Hannah Ehrisman |
| 16 | Julia Martin & Gabby Reed |
| 23 | Zeb Berry & Harrison Mummah |
| 24 | Gabby Reed, Olivia Mummah & Hannah Ehrisman |
| 30 | Hope Miller & Nick Reed |

ALTAR FLOWERS

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| 2 & 9 | OPEN |
| 16 | Judy Armstrong |
| 23 & 30 | Poinsettias decorate the church |

UPCOMING WORSHIP LEADERS

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| December 2..... | Rev. Erin Bovendam |
| December 9 | Deborah Hackenberger |
| December 16 | Jim Bahorik |
| December 23..... | Stephen Rodgers |
| December 24..... | Sam Leister |
| December 30..... | Andrea Cameron |



DAILY BIBLE READINGS & PRAYER FOCUS

DECEMBER 1 ----- 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13
COMMUNITIES MIRED IN CONFLICT

DECEMBER 2 ----- LUKE 21:25-36
HOSPICE NURSES, VOLUNTEERS, AND GRIEF COUNSELORS

DECEMBER 3 ----- DANIEL 7:19-27
ELCA YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION

DECEMBER 4 ----- MALACHI 4:1-6
STRAINED RELATIONSHIPS AMONG FRIENDS

DECEMBER 5 ----- PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18A
CAMPUS MINISTRY SITES

DECEMBER 6 ----- MALACHI 3:1-4
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

DECEMBER 7 ----- LUKE 1:68-79
THOSE FACING CAREER CHOICES AND CHANGES

DECEMBER 8 ----- PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11
THOSE AWAITING ORGAN TRANSPLANTS

DECEMBER 9 ----- LUKE 3:1-6
LEADERS OF BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

DECEMBER 10 ----- ISAIAH 40:1-11
TEXTILE WORKERS

DECEMBER 11 ----- ISAIAH 19:18-25
LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE

DECEMBER 12 ----- 2 PETER 1:12-15
ACCOUNTANTS, FINANCIAL PLANNERS

DECEMBER 13 ----- ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20
CHURCH MUSICIANS AND CHOIR DIRECTORS

DECEMBER 14 ----- ISAIAH 12:2-6
THOSE COPING WITH BETRAYAL

DECEMBER 15 ----- PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7
PRISONERS AND JAIL GUARDS

DECEMBER 16 ----- LUKE 3:7-18
THOSE FEELING BLUE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

DECEMBER 17 ----- ISAIAH 11:1-9
FAMILIES TRYING TO DO THEIR BEST

DECEMBER 18 ----- ACTS 28:23-31
FAITH MENTORS AND COUNSELORS

DECEMBER 19 ----- ISAIAH 42:10-18
THOSE WAITING TO BE PARENTS

DECEMBER 20 ----- MICAH 5:2-5A
THOSE FEELING EXHAUSTED BY THE SEASON

DECEMBER 21 ----- PSALM 80:1-7
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS AND STAFF

DECEMBER 22 ----- HEBREWS 10:5-10
THOSE IN NEED OF YOUR RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

DECEMBER 23 ----- LUKE 1:39-45 (46-55)
PARENTS OF NEWBORNS

DECEMBER 24 ----- LUKE 2:1-14 (15-20)
THOSE WHO ARE TRAVELING TODAY

DECEMBER 25 ----- PSALM 96
THOSE WHO ARE MISSING LOVED ONES TODAY

DECEMBER 26 ----- ACTS 7:51-60
THOSE HAVING SUICIDAL THOUGHTS

DECEMBER 27 ----- JOHN 21:20-25
MISSIONARIES

DECEMBER 28 ----- MATTHEW 2:13-18
CHILDREN LIVING IN REFUGEE CAMPS

DECEMBER 29 ----- PSALM 148
THOSE WHO HAVE NOT FELT JOY FOR A LONG TIME

DECEMBER 30 ----- LUKE 2:41-52
CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

DECEMBER 31 ----- COLOSSIANS 3:12-17
THE NEW YEAR

NITTANY OIL CHURCH REBATE PROGRAM

Help our church while heating your home this winter! Nittany Energy will donate four cents to our church for every gallon purchased from Nittany Oil from September 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019. This is a FREE program at no cost to our church or to you. It's easy to enroll by contacting Terry Wian at (570)-651-5028 or at terryw@nittanyoil.com.



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 mlchurchtreasurer@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!



The Women of the ELCA met on Thursday, November 8, at 7 P.M. in the Young Adults Sunday School Class.

Jean Compton led the program with 3 short messages from Sound Bytes Ministry which is an email ministry begun in 1999. The messages were well received and appropriate for the times. Thank you, Jean.

Due to the absence of our Treasurer we did not have a report this month.

Old Business: Barb reported that the quilts, kits, and soap were delivered to the Synod Office.

Barb also reminded the group of the Christmas Angel Project and reported that the information can be found on the bulletin board in the kitchenette upstairs.

Two of our members along with Deb Hackenberger from Centre Lutheran Church attended the Women's retreat at Camp Mount Luther. We all enjoyed the day spent together in fellowship and fun.

New Business: Butch Pines will be ringing the bell at 11:00 on Sunday morning.

Linda Leister reported that the Day of Learning will be held on April 26th, 2019 in New Berlin. Further information on this event will be forthcoming.

Barb asked those present to think about our next project. She wondered if we could possibly work on Seafarers Bags as we did not do them this year. January, February, and March are good

months to get the sweatshirts, scarves and hats because of after Christmas sales. We will discuss it in January.

Our December program will consist of each person bringing a favorite story, poem, writing, or game as well as a Christmas goody for refreshments. Barb will read the Nativity Story for our closing.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 13th at 7 P.M. All women are invited. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

MESSIAH YOUTH UPDATE!

Messiah's youth met for our first monthly meeting on Sunday, November 4th. We made individual pizzas together, and the youth cast their votes for a name for our youth group. And the winner is.....**SUNDAY'S SOLDIERS!** On Sunday, December 2nd, Sunday's Soldiers will meet again after helping to decorate the church. We will gather to assemble and deliver small, holiday fruit baskets for our shut-ins. Please help us by donating some fruit on the morning of Sunday, December 2nd. Your support and donations are most appreciated! **Sunday's Soldiers** will regularly meet after the church service on the first Sunday of each month. We will also have special events on at least a quarterly basis. If you ever want to join us, please do so. **WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!**



JOINT STATEMENT ON PITTSBURGH VIOLENCE

A statement from the seven Lutheran bishops in Pennsylvania in response to the violent crimes at Tree of Life synagogue.

Our hearts are broken for the bereaved families of those who were killed on Saturday, October 27, for the congregations of Tree of Life, Dor Hadash, and New Light, and for the city of Pittsburgh. Your loss is also our loss, for we belong to each other.

We are also painfully aware that the very name of our church, "Lutheran," carries a memory of hurtful rhetoric and systemic violence against Jewish people because of the words of Martin Luther and the catastrophe of the holocaust in lands where Lutherans were numerous.

Our church has firmly rejected Luther's invectives and the complicity of Lutheran churches in actions of great evil, most notably in the 1994 [Declaration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to the Jewish Community](#), saying:

"We recognize in anti-Semitism a contradiction and an affront to the Gospel, a violation of our hope and calling, and we pledge this church to oppose the deadly working of such bigotry, both within our own circles and in the society around us."

In the spirit of that declaration, we call others in our state and our country who are associated in any way with anti-Semitic speech and action to repudiate those evils and to join with us in praying for and working for peace.

- The Rev. Michael Rhyne, Bishop, Allegheny Synod, ELCA
- The Rev. James Dunlop, Bishop, Lower Susquehanna Synod, ELCA
- The Rev. Samuel R. Zeiser, Bishop, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
- The Rev. Ralph E. Jones, Bishop, Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

- The Rev. Patricia A. Davenport, Bishop, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
- The Rev. Kurt F. Kusserow, Bishop, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA
- The Rev. Barbara J. Collins, Bishop, Upper Susquehanna Synod, ELCA

2019 FLOWER CHART

The new flower chart for 2019 will be available soon in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you wish to place flowers on a specific date, please sign-up on the chart.

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2019 church offering envelopes will be soon available to pick up in the Library. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2018 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

MATTHEW 25 FUND

All loose offering at the Christmas Eve Service will go to the Matthew 25 Fund to help those in need throughout the year. You can also donate to the fund by writing Matthew 25 Fund on your regular offering envelope and the amount you wish to contribute.

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HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – NOVEMBER 4 TO 25, 2018

DATE	Attendance	Total Offering	General Fund Offering	Other Funds Offering
Nov. 4	61 – Worship 33 – S.S.	\$4,701.00	\$4,155.00	Benevolence -- \$175.00 Sunday School -- \$51.00 Building Fund -- \$240.00 Youth -- \$30.00 World Hunger -- \$50.00
NOV. 11	58 – Worship 26 – S.S.	\$3,930.60	\$3,478.00	Benevolence -- \$155.00 Sunday School -- \$35.00 Building Fund -- \$135.00 Memorial Fund -- \$50.00 Flowers/Poinsettias -- \$53.20 Lutheran Disaster -- \$24.40
NOV. 18	61 – Worship 32 – S.S.	\$5,393.00	\$1,885.00	Benevolence -- \$80.00 Sunday School -- \$38.00 Building Fund -- \$260.00 Flowers/Poinsettias -- \$73.40 Lutheran Disaster -- \$56.60 Memorial Fund -- \$3,000.00
NOV. 25	63 – Worship 31 – S.S.	\$2,863.60	\$2,329.00	Benevolence -- \$120.00 Sunday School -- \$54.00 Building Fund -- \$300.00 Flowers/Poinsettias -- \$15.60 Lutheran Disaster -- \$25.00 Summer Camp -- \$20.00



**WE WISH ALL OF YOU A
 CHRISTMAS FILLED
 WITH BLESSINGS FROM
 GOD AND HIS PEACE
 WHICH PASSES ALL
 UNDERSTANDING.**

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY DECEMBER UPDATE

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!

With your help, by the time you read this notice we will have distributed over 275 Thanksgiving meals to our Juniata County neighbors in need! In December we'll attempt to do it all again-for Christmas!

The Food Pantry served 357 families in October – 954 individuals. Many thanks to Bunkertown Brethren in Christ Church for providing volunteers in October.

FOOD PANTRY BASIC NEEDS FOR DECEMBER:

All non-perishable foods, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and other Cleaning Supplies

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS

Turkey breasts; hams (3-5 lbs); stuffing; Fruit Cocktail, canned sweet potatoes, and icing;
or a \$20 donation will purchase one complete meal!

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



*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY. (CONTACT PERSON: GLEND A FULTZ). Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com

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!

Christmas Eve, 2018



MESSIAH LUTHERAN

3 South Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Service Time: 7:00PM

LAY WORSHIP LEADER SAM LEISTER

LISTEN LIVE ON JUNIATACOUNTYRADIO.COM!

CAN TREE

Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year through the end of December to benefit Bethesda Mission in Harrisburg. Everyone is invited and encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able. Merry Christmas!



Candlelight Christmas Eve services will begin with a **Prelude service at 7:00 PM** featuring pianist Justin Aurand from Selinsgrove. **The Candlelight Service will begin at 7:30 PM** and will include singing of Carols and special anthem music by the Jr. and Sr. Choirs. Andrea Cameron will also be performing "Ave Maria" during the lighting of the candles. We are additionally blessed that Messiah has been selected once again this year as one of three local church services by our local radio station, Juniata County Radio, for **live broadcast** on Christmas Eve! Please plan to attend this beautiful service for the whole family in anticipation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!!

One Solitary Life

He was born in an obscure village
The child of a peasant woman
He grew up in another obscure village
Where he worked in a carpenter shop
Until he was thirty when public opinion turned
against him
He never wrote a book
He never held an office
He never went to college
He never visited a big city
He never traveled more than two hundred miles
From the place where he was born
He did none of the things
Usually associated with greatness
He had no credentials but himself
He was only thirty-three.
His friends ran away
One of them denied him

He was turned over to his enemies
And went through the mockery of a trial
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves
While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing
The only property he had on earth
When he was dead
He was laid in a borrowed grave
Through the pity of a friend
Nineteen centuries have come and gone
And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race
And the leader of mankind's progress
All the armies that have ever marched
All the navies that have ever sailed
All the parliaments that have ever sat
All the kings that ever reigned put together
Have not affected the life of mankind on earth
As powerfully as that **one solitary life.**



**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
POINSETTIA AND/OR
LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
ORDER FORM**



In keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, poinsettias may now be purchased for our services this holiday season in honor or memory of loved ones. They will be used to beautify our altar area to help us celebrate the holiday season. We are again including this year another way to honor or to remember loved ones by making a donation in their name to the Lutheran Disaster Response effort. In the wake of this year's many weather disasters and because of those still suffering, we are again adding this worthwhile opportunity for those who may not usually consider purchasing a poinsettia.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check for either type (payment or donation)**, made payable to **"Messiah Lutheran Church"** and print **Poinsettias or Lutheran Disaster Response** in the memo line. Attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by **December 9, 2018. PAYMENT OR DONATION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!**

Thank you for helping to beautify our space, and/or supporting Lutheran Disaster Response!

Please note, that if you are making a donation for the disaster response effort, our Treasurer will keep track of all money received for that cause and write one check at the end of the Christmas season from our church to the Lutheran Disaster Response and also enclose a listing of those who were honored or remembered. As in the past, a full listing of either a Poinsettia or a Donation (will not include the amount of the donation) with those persons honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin for Sunday, December 23rd and on Christmas Eve

FLOWERS MAY BE PICKED UP ANYTIME FOLLOWING OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.

POINSETTIA /LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE ORDER FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS –

Please check one: In Honor Of OR In Memory Of

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER AND/OR DONATE AS FOLLOWS:

6" Poinsettia (4 to 5 blooms) \$7.80 each: # of plants _____ x \$7.80 = \$ _____

Donation to Lutheran Disaster Response in the amount of _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, December 2:** -1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT/DECORATING OF THE CHURCH
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon -- Worship Leader: Rev Erin Bovendam
-After Worship, Brief Music & Worship Meeting in the Library
-After Worship, Luncheon and Decorating of the Church for Christmas
- Monday, December 3:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Junior Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, December 4:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, December 5:** -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, December 6:** -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, December 9:** -2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT/HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church -- Worship Leader: Deborah Hackenberger
- Monday, December 10:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Junior Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, December 11:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, December 12:** -6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area
-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, December 13:** -7:00 p.m., WELCA Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, December 16:** 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church/Children's Sermon -- Worship Leader: Jim Bahorik
- Monday, December 17:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Junior Church Room
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday, December 18:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, December 19:** -7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Rearick Room
- Thursday, December 20:** -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer Rehearsal
-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, December 23:** -4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DURING WORSHIP
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church -- Worship Leader: Stephen Rodgers
- Monday, December 24:** -7:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Prelude concert with Pianist Justin Aurand
-7:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Communion, and Candlelight
- Tuesday, December 25:** **HAVE A BLESSED and MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!**
- Friday, December 28:** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- Sunday, December 30:** FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS/HEALING SERVICE/FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church/Children's Sermon -- Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron



*May the peace and hope of
Christ's birth
be with you now and in the days ahead...*



Trio Salisi

Pianist Dr. Timothy Blair

Violinist Dana Allaband

Cellist Sara Male

Sunday, December 9, 2018

2:00 PM

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