

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## ***THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD***

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

3 SOUTH THIRD STREET  
MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059  
(717)-436-6213

***EMAIL:***

[mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com)

***WEBSITE:***

[www.mlcmifflintown.org](http://www.mlcmifflintown.org)

*The artwork is by Sharon Geiser. Permission to use this copyrighted graphic is limited to congregational use.  
This bulletin cover provided by [www.scholia.net](http://www.scholia.net) and is made available without cost.*

# Messiah Lutheran Church

3 South Third Street  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Church Office: 717-436-6213 Email: mlchurchoffice@gmail.com

The Rev. Chris Mathiason  
Sam Leister  
June Bricker  
Andrea Cameron  
Slone Smith  
Diana Wise  
Clint and Jamie Miller  
Nick Reed & Hannah Ehrisman  
Olivia Mummah & Zeb Berry

Interim Pastor  
Lay Worship Leader  
Organist  
Choir Director  
Lector  
Altar Guild  
Cup Communion  
Acolytes  
Offering Ushers

## Transfiguration Of Our Lord

March 3, 2019 – 10:30 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

Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus will be unable to avoid reflecting that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see the glory of the Lord in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by the Spirit of God.

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

**C Amen.**

P Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Mighty and loving God,

**C** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

**P** Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE

\* ENTRANCE HYMN “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” #158 Green Hymnal

\* GREETING

**P** The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

\* KYRIE (C - sung)

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (I & II Choir C – Congregation)

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**I** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**II** Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**I** Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**II** For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you.

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

C **Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid, so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

The First Lesson is from the 34<sup>th</sup> chapter of Exodus.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Congr: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 99 (Intoned by choir)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the | people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD, | great in Zion, is high a- | bove all peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome; God is the | Holy One.

<sup>4</sup>**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity; you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

<sup>6</sup>**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

<sup>7</sup>you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

<sup>8</sup>**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

<sup>9</sup>Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into Christ's likeness.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

The Second Lesson is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of 2 Corinthians.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>12</sup>Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

<sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup>but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup>And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup>Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Congr: Thanks be to God.**

\* THE APPOINTED VERSE

Alleluia. You are the fairest of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips.

Alleluia. (Ps. 45:2)

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

\* GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." <sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. <sup>43</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sam Leister

ANTHEM:

"Love, Love, Love" & "Do Lord"

Junior Choir

SERMON

Sam Leister

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#546 Green Hymnal

\* NICENE CREED (all)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P We pray for the church. Open us to listen to your word and to do your will. Direct us in paths of faithful service that reflect your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For the earth, your beloved creation and our fragile home; for mountains and prairies; for cities and wilderness areas. Renew places we have neglected or misused. Where natural disasters have altered the land, help us to honor nature's healing. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For the nations. Shine the light of truth into world relationships hindered by mistrust or misunderstanding. Bring freedom and stability to all nations. Shelter those who have been displaced by war, famine, or natural disaster. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For those in need. Free those who struggle with shame or guilt. Bring clarity to those whose judgment is clouded by fear. Comfort those who grieve, and heal the sick. 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, Mona Lawson, and Jim Yetter. And for Bob & Jeanette St. Clair, Jim Woltman, Bob & Andrea Cameron, Mary Ernest, John Miller, Joan Fulkroad, Don Clark, Butch & Sandy Pines, Joyce Bradley, Minnie Minick, Austin Parker, Terry Coder, Rich Walters, Mary Sanders, Jane Ann Baney, Donna Barton, Carolina Rubio, Josh Hohol, Noel Peachey, Shirley Miller, Elienai Ramirez, Larry Miller, Ed Fraker, Ben & Dorothy Towsey, Tami Metz, Dottie Wilson, Sieber Stoner, Carol Lyter, Kay Stuck, Jasmine Vazquez, Jim Minick, Bob Bell, Curt & Judy Houtz, Pat Cook, Kevin Miller, Linda Zimmerman, Jean Zimmerman, Edith Nipple, Will Delancey, and family of Linda Swartz. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P For this assembly. Deepen our faith and understanding. Guide our ministries of hospitality and outreach. Renew us in the baptismal promise to care for others and the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P **Gracious calling God**, call on us with your grace again and again. Renew us daily in the peace, hope, and eternal life we have been promised and which we have been called to proclaim. As we work to call a pastor to our congregation, may we count on the prayers of all members of this community of faith to uphold us, just as we trust your Spirit to guide us. We remember, God, you are the One who called us first. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their example and bring us with them into the eternal light of your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; 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].

ANTHEM: “He Who Dwells in the Shelter of the Most High” by Carl Schalk

\* 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, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**



\* OFFERING PRAYER

P God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**MEAL**

\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

\* PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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 his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**] Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**] Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**(Sung) Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

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

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, ad the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

\* LAMB OF GOD **(sung)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

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

#### DISTRIBUTION

["AT CHANCEL RAIL" – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

\* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C Amen.**

\* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung)

**C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.

**C Amen.**

\* BLESSING

P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)**

\* SENDING HYMN "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" #265 Green Hymnal

\* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Reprinted from *Words for Worship*, copyright 2018 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission. Scripture quotations (except psalms) from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989 Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Kate Swailes  
NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner  
NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Sam Leister  
NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Julia Martin & Haley Mummah  
OFFERING USHERS – Harrison Mummah & Hope Miller

## **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 worshiping 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 yellow 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) worshiping 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 Sam Leister, 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 – Thomas Watson, English Theologian (1515 – 1584): He called them that they might be holy, and holiness is the beauty produced by his workmanship in them.

## **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 MARCH 2019 “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 at [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) and Bob St. Clair at [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.

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.”

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly on June 14 and 15, 2019 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, McAlisterville. If you are interested in serving, please contact Sam Leister or the church office.

COPIES OF JANUARY 27, 2019 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

SUNDAY’S SOLDIERS will meet today from 3-6 p.m., for a special event at the Juniata County Sportsmen’s Club. Our resident archery expert, Larry Wise, will be sharing his knowledge with our youth. There will be a special contest of kids v. parents!!

KATE SWAILES IS SERVING AS OUR CONGREGATION’S CAMPERSON with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer, as well as other events throughout the year. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at (570) 922-1587 or [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org). Since our congregation has a camperson, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate for use at the camp store this summer! Summer brochures are now available for Camp Mount Luther. Church camping is an important faith developer of our young people.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CAMP MOUNT LUTHER or to print the camp registration form, visit [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org). Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. We ask that you submit your registration form and payment to Kate prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> so that we receive the early registration discount. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fund-raising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther. There is also a posting on the Youth bulletin board listing upcoming events at Camp Mount Luther. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, Chad Hershberger, Director of Camp Mount Luther, will be at our church to share information about this year’s programs as part of our Children’s Service.

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.

THE WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE will meet today in the Library following the worship service.

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.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 24, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 46		Benevolence -	\$ 65.00
Sunday School - 28		Building Fund -	\$ 205.00
Total Offering \$2,191.00		Sunday School -	\$ 56.00
Other Funds \$ 426.00		Memorial Fund -	\$ 100.00
General Fund \$1,765.00		Total	\$ 426.00

CHURCH OFFICE CHANGE OF HOURS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Open Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., 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 WILL BE COLLECTING items for the Seafarers’ Kits through Spring as this is the best time to get good sales of the needed items. Anyone who would like to contribute can bring items to the church and place them in the container provided for them. The items needed are: one sweatshirt (hooded or unhooded in sizes L-XL), 3 pairs of socks (thermal or white gym socks), one casual pull-over T-shirt in sizes M-L, and one heavy winter cap. The Seafarers enjoy sports teams and Nascar heroes.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Cynthia Smith will have the program. All women are invited to attend!

**COMMUNITY**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR MARCH:**

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, COUGH DROPS, PAPER TOWELS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, AND DIAPERS (SIZES 4, 5 & 6). DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

THE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on March 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Messiah. Service will be a County-wide worship service involving all Juniata County Lutheran Churches (Centre, Thompsontown, Messiah, Port Royal, St. Paul’s, St. Stephen’s, and Trinity Lutheran Churches). Guest speaker will be Synod Bishop, The Rev. Barbara Collins.

PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKERS. Breakfasts will be held on Saturdays during Lent at 7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building.

- March 9: Mr. Stew Kehler, Matamoras Methodist Church
- March 16: Rev. Warren Peachey, Retired Pastor
- March 23: Mr. Mark Partner, St. Paul's Lutheran Church
- March 30: Rev. Mike Neiman, Shamokin Dam Baptist Church
- April 6: Rev. Leroy Yoder, Shade Mt. Fellowship Church
- April 13: Rev. Dave Gingrich, Delaware Mennonite Church
- April 20: Rev. Ken Hepner, Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church

### **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -Transfiguration of Our Lord.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon/Jr. Church. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).  
-Music & Worship Committee meeting in Library following Worship Service.  
-3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Sunday's Soldiers Youth Group meeting at Juniata County Sportsmen's Association.  
-7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday choir rehearsal at Messiah.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room.  
-8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -7:00 p.m., Ash Wednesday Service at Messiah. Guest speaker: Synod Bishop, The Rev. Barbara Collins.
- Thursday:** -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.  
-5:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40440 meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -**Daylight Savings Time begins.**  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Lay Worship Leader: Sam Leister).

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A CONGREGATIONAL MEAL ON  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**



**Sunday, March 17, 2019 in  
Messiah's Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service**

**Ham and Green Beans will be provided  
by the Board of Parish Fellowship**

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish (**if they are able**). The covered dish can be anything (preferably something green) but anything is acceptable—be creative! There are a lot of vegetables, salads, and dessert recipes to choose from. Please wear something green!

*(tear off bottom of sheet and place in the offering plate)*

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

Bringing covered dish ( ) YES ( ) NO \_\_\_\_\_