

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22nd, 2019

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 22, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

“Love Lifted Me”

L. Smith

[Please use the Prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for Worship]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

C Amen.

P If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

P God our helper,

C we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

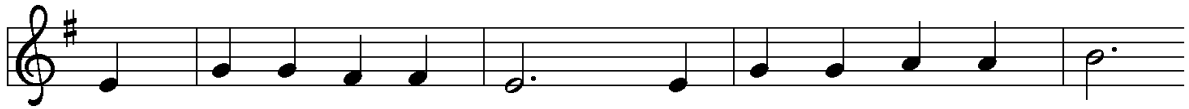
#328 Green Hymnal

* 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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

P Let us pray...

C God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

FIRST READING Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

PSALM..... Psalm 113 (responsively)

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.
²Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.
³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.
⁴The LORD is high above all nations, God's glory above the heavens.
⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,
⁶but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
⁸enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.
⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

SECOND READING..... 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Lector: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God. (spoken)

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

*GOSPEL..... Luke 16:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

THE GOSPEL READS:

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

SERMON

Andrea Cameron

* HYMN OF THE DAY

“Abide with Me”

#272 Green Hymnal

* APOSTLES’ CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE

P Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

* SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

“Shepherd’s Song”

E. Grieg

[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. God our provider,

C We bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

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

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, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION: "Jesus Spreads His Banner O'er Us" L. A. Warriner
["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].

[Gluten Free? If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel].

* 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,

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God + bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” #293 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Linda Bahorik

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith (8/26 – 9/29)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Zeb Berry & Harrison Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Nick Reed & Gabby Reed

NEXT WEEK'S LAY WORSHIP LEADER – Rev. Paul Kampa

PRAYER LIST

Carole Baker
Jane Ann Baney
Donna Barton
Lindsey Barton
Bob Bell
Joyce Bradley
Andrea & Bob Cameron
Don Clark
Terry Coder
Leann Crimmel
Will Delancey
Fred Dowling
Deanna Fawver
Ed Fraker
Joan Fulkroad
Eddi Kay Gill
Joyce Gilson
Angelica Hannon & Family

Pastor Charlie Hershberger
Josh Hohol
Matt Hutchinson
Curt & Judy Houtz
Denny King
Gavin Kint
Kevin Kint
Carol Lyter
Mike Maugans
Carlen McClure
Anne McNaight
Tami Metz
John Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Jim Minick
Messiah's Call Committee
Minnie Minick

Edith Nipple
Austin Parker
Noel Peachey
Butch & Sandy Pines
Betty Ranck
Mary Sanders
Mackenzie Shearer & Family
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Sieber & Ona Stoner
Kay Stuck
Dorothy Towsey
Rich Walters
Sandy Wert
Dottie Wilson
Jim Woltman
Dorothy Zeiders
Linda Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm
Ruth Cisney
Max & Mary Ernest
Mona Lawson

Jane Marhefka
Carol Simonton
Kitty Walters
Jim Yetter

WELCOME TO ALL

WITH CHRIST'S LOVE AND GOD'S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah today. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record 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. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE WITH US TODAY. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and who recognize the Sacrament as the promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to receive the elements at the Lord's Table at Messiah with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians. **Persons who may not wish to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are still welcome to come to the table to receive a blessing. To do so, please fold your hands and bow your head when you approach the pastor.**

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

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

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 Andrea Cameron 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 – Harry Lathrop Reed, Christian Thinker: Rightness is not easy of definition, but everybody knows what it is.

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. 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.

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 for any changes or requests.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY will be held today following the worship service. Business: quarterly board reports.

ATTENTION! CHANGE OF DATE – The Property Committee will meet **this evening** at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

COPIES OF JULY 28, 2019 PPC MINUTES are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who signed-up for September snacks for Sunday mornings. The October sign-up sheet is now available. Monetary contributions would also be appreciated to purchase plates, napkins, etc.

ATTENTION – A meeting will be held on Monday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. with Bishop Collins, the Call Committee, and PPC in the Adult Sunday School Room near the Library.

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER has a need for small bookshelves and night stands for the counselors to use when staying in each of the cabins. Please contact Kate Swailes at 717-649-0820 if you are able to donate one of these items.

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 64		Flowers	\$ 22.00
Sunday School – 26		Benevolence	\$ 70.00
		Building Fund	\$ 160.00
Total Offering	\$2,613.03	World Hunger	\$ 50.00
Other Funds	<u>\$ 345.03</u>	Sunday School	<u>\$ 43.03</u>
General Fund	\$2,453.03	Total	\$ 345.03

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 62		Flowers	\$ 22.00
Sunday School – 22		Benevolence	\$ 65.00
		Building Fund	\$ 165.00
Total Offering	\$2,141.00	Memorial Fund	\$ 50.00
Other Funds	<u>\$ 374.00</u>	Sunday School	\$ 62.00
General Fund	\$1,767.00	Sunday's Soldiers	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
		Total	\$ 374.00

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael “Doc” Johnston at 436-9209.

WEEKLY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are as follows:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

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 IS COLLECTING items for the Seafarers' Kits. 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.

COLLECTION for Fabric Kits includes: 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (NO KNITS OR 100% POLYESTER). Each piece of fabric is to be 2¼ yards of 58"—62" wide fabric, or 3 yards of 42"—45" wide fabric, or 4 yards of 34"—37" wide fabric, and 2 spools of matching or neutral-colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards each.

BLANKET SUNDAY will be October 6th. Along with all ELCA congregations, you are invited to make a donation to Lutheran World Relief in the special Blanket Sunday envelope that will be included with your bulletin that Sunday. Blankets/quilts/and kits will be taken to the Synod Office parking lot in Lewisburg on October 12th (anyone who has a truck and would be willing to help deliver the blankets/quilts/and kits, please contact Barb Geedey).

THE UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION Fall Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Camp Mount Luther. "*We All Are One In Mission*" will be presented by Pastor Sarah Hershberger. Cost will be \$20.00 and includes coffee, tea, snacks, lunch and the program. Registration deadline is **October 25th**. All women are invited to attend. Please contact Barb Geedey for a registration form.

COMMUNITY

THE 46th ANNUAL JUNIATA COUNTY 5k Fun Walk/Run will be held Sunday, October 13th at Walker Township Park, Mifflintown. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 1:00 p.m. CROP Walks support Church World Service as they partner with hunger ministries in the United States and around the world. As part of that partnership, 25% of the funds the local CROP Walk raises will go to the Juniata County Food Pantry and Juniata County Meals-on-Wheels. There is no registration fee. Instead, walkers are asked to collect donations from friends and turn in those donations on the day of the walk. Make checks payable to CWS/CROP. You can register online at www.crophungerwalk.org/mifflintownpa. Your supporters can make their donations online if they would like, or get a collection envelope by emailing Graham Fowler at gflower66@gmail.com or by calling the Lost Creek Presbyterian Church Office at 717-463-3138. If you have friends that like to walk together, form a team. You can include team information with your online registration or when you register the day of the walk. For more information or for promotional materials, check out our Facebook page: Juniata Co CROP 5k Fun Walk/Run.

SUNDAY'S SOLDIERS – In lieu of meeting on the first Sunday of October, our Sunday's Soldiers will be walking in the Juniata County Crop Hunger Walk on Sunday October 13th. We plan to have lunch immediately after church service and then go to the walk together. This is our first group act of kindness, kicking off our new, year long project. We ask for your support! Please consider joining our team, **Messiah Lutheran Sunday's Soldiers**, or donating toward our \$500 goal. You can go online at www.crophungerwalk.org/mifflintownpa/ to join or donate by entering our team name. You can also see Tawny Mummah for more information. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY - Again this year the Food Pantry will join forces with the Boy Scouts, Kiwanis, and YOU to bring Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to as many Juniata County families living in poverty as possible. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive, please give generously. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS

(THESE ARE THE FOODS THAT ARE HARD FOR US TO GET) – TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, CANNED SWEET POTATOES, AND FRUIT COCKTAIL, (OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!).

THE DELAUTER YOUTH CENTER will open on Tuesday, September 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for grades 5 – 8 and Thursday, September 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for grades 9 – 12. Come and enjoy basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, ping pong, pool, indoor soccer and many other games and activities and meet our new Director, Silvia Middaugh. Follow us on Facebook!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:**
- 9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
 - 10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church. (Lay Worship Leader: Andrea Cameron).
 - Voter's Assembly following worship service.
 - 4:00 p.m., Apple Festival in Fellowship Hall.
 - 6:30 p.m., Property Committee meeting in Choir Room.
- Monday:**
- 6:00 p.m., Meeting with Bishop Collins, Call Committee, & PPC in Adult Sunday School Room near Library.
 - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall.
 - 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., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
- Friday:**
- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Sunday:**
- 9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
 - 10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church/Service of Healing. (Lay Worship Leader: Rev. Paul Kampa).
 - Worship & Music Committee meeting in Library following worship service.