

THE MESSIAH HERALD



NOVEMBER 2019

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM

WORSHIP / COMMUNION / JUNIOR CHURCH – 10:30 AM

Children's Sermons offered every 1st and 3rd Sundays!

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

The Messiah Herald



JOY IN THE HARVEST

Anyone who has ever grown a tomato knows the joy of first fruits. You marvel at the beauty of that first ripe tomato on a vine. You snap a photo for Facebook. You soak in your neighbor's praise at such a successful garden. Then the celebration continues with feasting!

Deuteronomy 26 offers a practice of praise for such a momentous time. With some of what they harvest in that first round of gathering, reaping, and gleaning, God's people make their way to one who will join them in giving thanks for the gifts of land and produce. The words they speak tell the story of God's abiding presence with their family. The Israelites speak of Abraham's call and his wandering, the family's slavery in Egypt, the Lord's rescue, and God's gift of a land that provides for its inhabitants abundantly. Reading these instructions, we can almost hear, "Woohoo!" at the conclusion of the speech.

Then joy overflows into a meal for gardener and neighbor alike. After the liturgy of the word comes the meal: "Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house" (Deut. 26:11).

We know the aptness of this practice from our own joy at a single tomato. We know it also from what seems like a universal eagerness of gardeners to share the bounty of harvest ("Could you use some cucumbers? How about green beans?"). Every Sunday we enact a variation on this theme of thanksgiving with a story and a meal. We repeat the story of God's abiding presence with us. We bring our own offerings of thanksgiving. We celebrate by sharing God's gifts given for us and our neighbors alike: bread and wine, the body and blood of Christ. Thanks be to God!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Carole Baker	Anne McNaight
Jane Ann Baney	Charlie, Amanda, & Isabel Meinsler
Donna Barton	Messiah's Call Committee
Lindsey Barton	Tami Metz
Bob Bell	John Miller
Joyce Bradley	Larry Miller
Andrea & Bob Cameron	Shirley Miller
Pam Campbell	Jim Minick
Don Clark	Minnie Minick
Terry Coder	Edith Nipple
Leann Crimmel	Austin Parker
Will DeLancy	Noel Peachey
Fred Dowling	Butch & Sandy Pines
Max & Mary Ernest	Betty Ranck
Deanna Fawver	Mary Sanders
Jerald (Jerry) Foltz	Mackenzie Shearer
Ed Fraker	Tim Smith
Joan Fulkroad	Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Edie Kay Gill	Sieber & Ona Stoner
Pastor Charlie Hershberger	Kay Stuck
Josh Hohol	Dorothy Towsey
Matt Hutchinson	Rich Walters
Curt & Judy Houtz	Sandy Wert
Denny King	Dottie Wilson
Kevin Kint	Jim Woltman
Carol Lyter	Mackenzie Wray
Mike Maugans	Dorothy Zeiders
Carlen McClure	Linda Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Jane Marhefka Gail Henderson

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(62 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Carol Simonton

HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR., APT. 108, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)

Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

AT HOME

Jim Yetter	Mona Lawson
128 Manbeck Drive	2792 William Penn Hwy.
Mifflintown, PA 17059	Mifflintown, PA 17059

Kitty Walters
P.O. Box 61
Port Royal, PA 17082

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

NOVEMBER 15 – Zach Smith

NOVEMBER 17 – Jacob White, Livia Arentz, & Jim Yetter

NOVEMBER 29 – Kitty Walters & Ruth Cisney

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.

MESSIAH PRAYER LIST

If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at mlchurchvicar@gmail.com.

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!

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to drive Max Ernest to his doctor's appointments. If you can help, please call him at his home phone number.

NOVEMBER SERVANTS

LECTORS

- 3 Haley Mummah
- 10 Jean Compton
- 17 Bob St. Clair
- 24 Diana Wise

ALTAR GUILD

- Oct. 28 to Nov. 24 Linda Clark & Christina Martin
(*Cup Communion – Nov. 3 & 24 – Clint & Jamie Miller*)
- Nov. 25 to Dec. 29 Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed

ACOLYTES

- 3 Nick Reed & Grace Miller
(*Crucifer: Haley Mummah*)
- 10 Paige Martin & Gabby Reed
- 17 Hannah Ehrisman & Julia Martin
- 24 Slone Smith & Olivia Mummah
(*Crucifer: Nick Reed*)

OFFERING USHERS

- 3 Braedon Walton & Zeb Berry
- 10 Hope Miller, Jamie Miller, Julia Martin, & Christina Martin
- 17 Paige Martin & Grace Miller
- 24 Harrison Mummah & Haley Mummah

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 3 In Honor of Sieber & Ona Stoner’s anniversary
- 10 In Honor of Braedon Walton’s birthday
- 17 OPEN
- 24 OPEN

Under Old Business the group discussed the items yet to be done for the Thankoffering Service on November 10th. We still need female acolytes and female ushers. Barb will speak with Jean Berry and Sandy Pines to see if Zeb and Braedon can change with the girls on Sunday the 3rd. If that works for everyone, Barb will also speak to Christina Martin and Jamie Miller to see if Hope and Julia can be acolytes for the 10th. If they can Barb will also ask Jamie and Christina to usher with the girls.

Everything else is set for the service. Barb will check with Andrea to make sure she is here for the service to help with communion along with the acolytes. If not, Barb will help as Diana will not be here. Barb will check to see who is scheduled to be the lector for that day also.

New Business: Barb will ask the congregation to bring food items for the Food Pantry to be displayed in front of the altar for that Sunday also. Barb presented the Christmas Angel list to the group and reported that she will probably not have the chart ready until October 20th. It will be hung in the Kitchenette on the wall.

We closed the business meeting with the WELCA Purpose statement.

The group gathered in the Disciple area to pack the soap, the fabric kits, and school kits. We also packed two more boxes of quilts. We have a total of 344 quilts, approximately 62 boxes, 2 school kits, 2 fabric kits, and 226 bars of soap that will be delivered to Lewisburg on Saturday, October 12th.

Barb will have the program on November 14th unless someone else volunteers.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Geedey.

WELCA FALL RETREAT

The Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women’s Organization Fall Women’s Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Camp Mount Luther. “*We Are All One in Mission*” will be presented by Pastor Sarah Hershberger. Cost will be \$20.00 and includes coffee, tea, snacks, lunch, and the program. All women are invited to attend! Please contact Barb Geedey for a registration form.



WELCA met on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Young Adult Sunday School Classroom.

Barb led the group in devotions and then moved on to the business meeting as the group was packing kits, quilts, and soap for the program.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS & PRAYER FOCUS

NOVEMBER 1 ----- 2 KINGS, 18:1-8, 28-36
LEADERS FACING DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

NOVEMBER 2 ----- 2 KINGS 19:8-20, 35-37
THOSE LIVING IN WAR-TORN NATIONS

NOVEMBER 3 ----- HABAKKUK 1:1-4, 2:1-4
THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS WAVERING

NOVEMBER 4 ----- PSALM 37:1-9
THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO EAT TODAY

NOVEMBER 5 ----- 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14
THOSE EXPERIENCING BURNOUT

NOVEMBER 6 ----- LUKE 17:5-10
THOSE WHO MOURN

NOVEMBER 7 ----- 2 TIMOTHY 1:13-18
SEMINARY STUDENTS AND THEIR TEACHERS

NOVEMBER 8 ----- 2 TIMOTHY 2:1-7
THOSE LONGING TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS

NOVEMBER 9 ----- LUKE 5:12-16
THOSE WHO FEEL UNWORTHY OF GOD'S LOVE

NOVEMBER 10 ----- 2 KINGS 5:1-3, 7-15C
THOSE WHO DOUBT GOD'S WORD

NOVEMBER 11 ----- PSALM 111
THOSE WHO ARE IMPATIENT

NOVEMBER 12 ----- 2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15
THOSE STRUGGLING TO FEEL ACCEPTED

NOVEMBER 13 ----- LUKE 17:11-19
THOSE WHO DON'T FEEL APPRECIATED

NOVEMBER 14 ----- PSALM 61
ARCHITECTS AND CONSTRUCTIONS WORKERS

NOVEMBER 15 ----- GENESIS 32:3-21
THOSE STRIVING TO ANSWER GOD'S CALL

NOVEMBER 16 ----- GENESIS 32:22-31
THOSE FEELING BURDENED BY THEIR SIN

NOVEMBER 17 ----- PSALM 121
OUR FELLOW TRAVELERS AND COMPANIONS

NOVEMBER 18 ----- LUKE 1:1-4, 24:44-53
COUNSELORS AND THOSE IN THEIR CARE

NOVEMBER 19 ----- 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5
THOSE WHO FORMED US IN FAITH

NOVEMBER 20 ----- LUKE 18:1-8
CHILDCARE WORKERS

NOVEMBER 21 ----- LUKE 18:9-14
MENTORS AND COACHES

NOVEMBER 22 ----- 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18
THOSE FOR WHOM DEATH IS NEAR

NOVEMBER 23 ----- PSALM 84:1-7
HOMEMAKERS

NOVEMBER 24 ----- JEREMIAH 31:31-34
ELECTED LEADERS

NOVEMBER 25 ----- PSALM 46
LOCAL MINISTRIES SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED

NOVEMBER 26 ----- ROMANS 3:19-28
THOSE WHO WERE BAPTIZED RECENTLY

NOVEMBER 27 ----- JOHN 8:31-36
ELCA CONGREGATIONS AND SYNODS

NOVEMBER 28 ----- JOHN 14:21-27
THOSE WITH LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESSES

NOVEMBER 29 ----- LUKE 19:1-10
CHURCH AND COMMUNITY WORKERS

NOVEMBER 30 ----- 2 THESSALONIANS 1:1-4, 11-12
GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN

THANK YOU!!!

Our thanks to "The Needlers" for sewing all of the lovely quilts you saw during worship on Sunday, October 6th. The quilts displayed were donated by "The Needlers" as their Blanket Sunday offering. Blankets/quilts/and kits were taken to the Synod Office in mid-October and will then be sent to Lutheran World Relief and also given to Messiah members who are now in nursing homes. The covers on the altar and lecterns on Blanket Sunday were made by Carole Nace. (There were a total of 344 quilts, 2 school kits, 2 fabric kits, and 226 bars of soap delivered!!)

Also, THANK YOU to everyone who has been signing-up for snacks on Sunday mornings! If you can't bake or have access to goodies, monetary donations will also be appreciated to purchase plates, napkins, etc.

THANK YOU!!!

"I truly appreciate all of the cards, prayers, and thoughts I received during and following my hip surgery in July. My recovery is going well since the surgery. -ANNE McNAIGHT

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS – OCTOBER 2019

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
October 6	59 – Worship 21 – S. S.	\$2,026.00	\$1,736.00	Benevolence -- \$120.00 Building Fund -- \$110.00 Sunday School -- \$38.00 Flowers -- \$22.00
October 13	63 – Worship 24 – S. S.	\$3,616.00	\$2,969.00	Benevolence -- \$140.00 Building Fund -- \$400.00 Sunday School -- \$30.00 Youth -- \$47.00 World Hunger -- \$30.00
October 20	60 – Worship 24 – S. S.	\$2,364.00	\$2,047.00	Benevolence -- \$85.00 Building Fund -- \$135.00 Sunday School -- \$47.00 Youth -- \$50.00
October 27	68 – Worship 26 – S. S.	\$2,318.00	\$1,987.00	Benevolence -- \$75.00 Building Fund -- \$150.00 Sunday School -- \$56.00 Needlers -- \$25.00 Summer Camp -- \$25.00

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER UPDATE

Dear Friends, here we are careening through the calendar towards Thanksgiving. Our stockpile of Thanksgiving and Christmas foods is growing steadily,

but we are still in need of certain items to be used to pack 350 or more Thanksgiving boxes for local families by our distribution date of Nov 23. We would be so grateful for your help. And speaking of Nov 23rd, don't miss the 12th annual "Save Thanksgiving Benefit Concert" on that same day at 6:00pm at the Port Royal Community building. Many local bands will be performing, and admission is a donation of cash or food to benefit the food pantry!

In September we assisted 347 families (865 individuals). Many thanks to Trinity United Methodist Church for providing volunteers for September.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS-ITEMS STILL NEEDED ARE: TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS) OR TURKEY BREASTS; HAMS (3-5 LBS); INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, AND CANNED SWEET POTATOES; 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: GLENDA 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!

Nittany Oil Company Church Rebate Program 2019/2020

Help our church while heating your home

Nittany Energy will donate 4¢ to our church for every gallon
purchased from Nittany Oil 9/1/19–4/30/20

It's easy to enroll

This is a free program at no cost
to our church or to you

Contact Terry Wian today at:

570-651-5028

terryw@nittanyoil.com

Last year Nittany paid \$282.68 back to the church in their rebate program.

UPCOMING PPC AND VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES

- + **Sunday, November 17th** (after worship) – Brief PPC Meeting to discuss budget for 2020
- + **Sunday, November 24th** (after worship) – Voter's Assembly to approve 2020 Budget and vote on New "Executive Director" for PPC
- + **Sunday, January 19th** – 7:00 PM – PPC Meeting
- + **Sunday, February 16th** – After Worship – Voter's Assembly
- + **Sunday, March 15th** – 7:00 PM – PPC Meeting
- + **Sunday, April 19th** – After Worship – Voter's Assembly

- + **Sunday, May 17th** – 7:00 PM – PPC Meeting
- + **Sunday, June 21st** – After Worship – Voter's Assembly – PPC Election Approval

WELCA CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT

The Women of the ELCA of Messiah Lutheran Church are sponsoring six children for this year's Christmas Angel Project. 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 8th, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child's name and number on the tag.

A “NEW” CHAPTER IN MESSIAH HISTORY

On Sunday, October 20, 2019, the congregation of Messiah Lutheran Church entered a new stage in its history, voting unanimously to a covenant between our church and Sam Leister, a life-long member of Messiah, to become our “pastor in training,” or Vicar. We welcome Vicar Leister in this new role and look forward to his leadership with the guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ over the next chapter in our church life.

Below, you can read the covenant between Vicar Leister and Messiah.

TEEM COVENANT

Ministry Site – Messiah Lutheran Church, Mifflintown, PA
TEEM Candidate – Samuel Leister

October 20, 2019

The following statements reflect the TEEM Process relationship, during the first year, between the congregation of Messiah Lutheran, Mifflintown and the TEEM Candidate Samuel Leister.

Premise

The TEEM Process is one where a candidate is raised up by the Bishop to prepare for ordained ministry in order to serve a congregation with a specific diversity or ministry situation. The TEEM candidate intentionally serves a congregation while simultaneously completing the educational requirements and candidacy process for ordination to the roster of Word and Sacrament Ministry. The TEEM candidate, upon completion of the educational requirements, receives a TEEM Certificate and through successful examination by the Seminary Faculty and the Synod’s Candidacy Committee is approved for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

First Steps of this Relationship

Focus: Listening – Observing – Transitioning – Creating a Healthy Learning Environment

Whereas the TEEM candidate is not yet a Pastor, the appropriate title throughout this process is to be Vicar. Vicar Samuel Leister’s responsibilities to the congregation in this first year will be as follows:

- Vicar Leister will lead weekly worship services, as well as any other special or mid-week worship services of the congregation. He will be allowed to preside at the Eucharist, due to the fact that he is being placed into the congregation for the purpose of providing continuous worship leadership.
- Vicar Leister will be present for all council meetings, involved with worship planning and Christian Education for the congregation. He will be involved in these areas of ministry, but

not responsible for taking on the leadership in any of these areas. Because of this, he will need to step down as the current council president.

- Vicar Leister, with mentor supervision, will be allowed to officiate at baptisms and funerals for the members of this congregation. Any requests for baptisms or funerals outside of the membership of this congregation will not be permitted. Due to Pennsylvania State Law, he will not be permitted to officiate weddings until he has been ordained.
- Vicar Leister will provide pastoral care for members of this congregation when there are emergencies, hospital stays, or illnesses. He will also help in the visitation of members who are homebound or in long-term nursing facilities.
- Vicar Leister will stay in communication with the Bishop to offer updates, joys, concerns, or needs that may surface during the TEEM Process.

The responsibilities of the congregation to Vicar Leister and the TEEM Process will be as follows:

- The council of Messiah, Mifflintown will establish a three-person team who will serve as the “Mutual Ministry” team for the TEEM candidate and TEEM Process. One of these three shall be a current member of the council. These three shall have the characteristics of being good listeners/observers, those whom other members of the congregation will trust and be willing to talk to, and fair truth tellers – meaning, they won’t hesitate at speaking the truth to the candidate or to the congregation in order to promote a healthy learning environment.
- Members of the congregation will respect the TEEM Process and not expect Vicar Leister to take charge or do anything beyond his listed responsibilities. This means an adjustment to relationships in order to view Vicar Leister as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry who now serves the congregation in a different role. If other needs do arise, then the Vicar or council president will contact the Bishop to discuss additions to his responsibilities.
- Members of the congregation will be open to share joys and concerns with the Mutual Ministry team, established for this process, to help promote a healthy learning environment.
- The council president will stay in communication with the Bishop to offer updates, joys, concerns, or needs that may surface during the TEEM Process.
- The following compensation guidelines will be followed for this first year:
 - \$125.00 per worship service, \$150 for two worship services on the same day
 - \$20.00 per hour of time spent in meetings and visitation
 - IRS mileage compensation for travel related to visitation or off-site meetings, such as conference meetings or required synod events
 - Continuing Education allowance in the amount of \$500 / \$700 to help cover Seminary books, housing and travel expenses*
 - 4 vacation Sundays and 2 weeks of vacation time, without compensation
 - Paychecks will be given on the 15th and 30th of each month*
 - Or...*
 - Paychecks will be given every two weeks*

NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2:** **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED!**
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3:** **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY / VICAR LEISTER'S FIRST "OFFICIAL" SUNDAY**
-9:15 A.M., SUNDAY SCHOOL
-10:30 A.M., WORSHIP & COMMUNION, CHILDREN'S SERMON, JUNIOR CHURCH
-AFTER WORSHIP, SUNDAY SOLDIERS AND WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4:** -6:30 P.M., LIONS CLUB MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-6:30 P.M., KNITTING CLASS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-8:00 P.M., AA MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5:** -9:00 A.M., "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6:** -7:00 P.M., CHOIR REHEARSAL IN REARICK ROOM
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7:** -1:00 P.M., DULCIMER REHEARSAL
-4:00 P.M., GIRL SCOUT TROOP #40400 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10:** **THANKOFFERING SUNDAY**
-9:15 A.M., SUNDAY SCHOOL
-10:30 A.M., WORSHIP & COMMUNION, JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11:** -6:30 P.M., KNITTING CLASS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-8:00 P.M., AA MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12:** -9:00 A.M., "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13:** -6:30 P.M., 4-H BEEF & BREEDERS CLUB IN YOUTH AREA
-7:00 P.M., CHOIR REHEARSAL IN REARICK ROOM
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14:** -7:00 P.M., WELCA MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17:** -9:15 A.M., SUNDAY SCHOOL
-10:30 A.M., WORSHIP & COMMUNION, JUNIOR CHURCH, CHILDREN'S SERMON
-AFTER WORSHIP – BRIEF PPC MEETING TO DISCUSS 2020 BUDGET
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18:** -6:30 P.M., LIONS CLUB MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-6:30 P.M., KNITTING CLASS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-8:00 P.M., AA MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19:** -9:00 A.M., "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-6:00 TO 9:00 P.M., QUILTERS GUILD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20:** -7:00 P.M., CHOIR REHEARSAL IN REARICK ROOM
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21:** -1:00 P.M., DULCIMER REHEARSAL
-4:00 P.M., GIRL SCOUT TROOP #40400 IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23:** -8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., QUILTERS GUILD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24:** **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**
-9:15 A.M., SUNDAY SCHOOL
-10:30 A.M., WORSHIP & COMMUNION, JUNIOR CHURCH
-AFTER WORSHIP, VOTERS ASSEMBLY (**VOTE ON 2020 BUDGET**)

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25:** -6:30 P.M., PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
 -6:30 P.M., KNITTING CLASS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
 -8:00 P.M., AA MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26:** -9:00 A.M., "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28:** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30:** -10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED

MESSIAH'S DECEMBER ADVENT SEASON AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS

PLEASE INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN US AS WE PREPARE OURSELVES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COMING OF THE CHRIST CHILD!

- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST:** First Sunday of Advent, followed by a light luncheon (prepared by the Fellowship Committee). Decoration of the church will be held after the service and luncheon.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH:** Second Sunday of Advent. "**Hang-ing of the Greens**" program will be held during the morning worship service. The topic of this year's program will be the **Christ-mas Greens and Advent Wreath**.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH:** Third Sunday of Advent.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND:** Fourth Sunday of Advent. The morning worship service will include the annual **Children's Christmas Program**.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH:** -7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service
 -7:30 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service



CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will begin with a **Prelude Service at 7:00 PM**, featuring Mr. Justin Aurand, pianist, from Selinsgrove. **The Candlelight/Communion service will begin at 7:30 PM** and will include the singing of Carols and special anthems by both the junior and senior choirs. Christina Martin will also be performing "O Holy Night" and Andrea Cameron will be performing "Ave Maria" during the lighting of the candles. We are additional blessed again this year that Messiah has been selected as one of only a few local churches to have our service broadcast live by our local station, Juniata County Radio. So if you cannot attend our service, go to www.juniatacountyradio.com to listen and celebrate with us! Please plan to attend this beautiful service for the whole family in anticipation of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**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 10, 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 22nd 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: \$ _____

Pastor Gary Krabill has served as area pastor, Locust Grove Chaplain and is currently serving as Chaplain of Juniata County Prison Ministry. He will continue to serve as Chaplain of Juniata County Prison Ministry and as JCGYM Chaplain.

Locust Grove eliminated its Chaplaincy position, due to budget cuts, which led to the vision of JCGYM. Now people with long term care needs, often overlooked in our own backyard can receive ministry in all Juniata County facilities.

How can I help?

- Pray for the JCGYM ministry.
- Volunteer to minister to senior adults who may never otherwise hear God's wonderful good news.
- Consider contributing financially. Individuals, churches and businesses are welcome to contribute tax deductible donations.



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Juniata County Golden Years Ministry

Sharing
the
Love of Jesus
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What Is JCGYM?

- Ministry to senior adults, particularly in long term care facilities.
- An extension of and in coordination with local churches.
- Outreach to connect senior adults and their extended families having no church affiliation with a local congregation and with the Lord.
- Opportunity for Christians to be trained in senior adult ministry.

Who is JCGYM?

JCGYM is a Board made up of Pastors and lay leaders from various Juniata County churches representing various denominations, Pastor Gary Krabill and volunteers who have a heart for senior adults ministry.

Too often, those in need of long term care have little connection to the larger community around them. Those having no relationship with a local church may never be ministered to at life's end. JCGYM gives those seniors and their extended families the hope needed in one of life's most vulnerable times.

I want to volunteer. Welcome! Contact Pastor Gary Krabill and have a conversation on how you can best help.

I want to contribute financially. Thank you! JCGYM is a faith ministry and relies entirely on your contributions. Contributions help fund a local ministry assisting local churches in ministry to senior adults.

- **Individuals:** one-time or ongoing donations are always appreciated.
- **Churches:** Consider a regular contribution, or a one-time gift.
Consider a special emphasis Sunday and collect a special offering.
Ask Pastor Gary to come and share the JCGYM ministry with your congregation.
- **Businesses:** You may know people who are, or have family in care facilities. You will be adding a valuable service to your community.

Contributions are tax deductible and can be sent to:

River Church
105 CJEMS Lane
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Please attach a separate note with your contributions stating it is for JCGYM.
This will ensure the contributions will be credited properly.

JCGYM is not a ministry of River Church which is acting only as JCGYM Treasurer.

If you have any contribution questions, please contact Lisa at River Church by calling 717-436-8507.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me . . . '

(Matthew 25:35-36)