

“Growing God’s Kingdom”



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2nd, 2020

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.*

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY February 2, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

C Amen.

P As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God who searches us and knows us,

C you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; + your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C Amen.

* 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.”**

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

#383 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

P The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (spoken responsively)

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Lord, have mercy upon us.

P Christ, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Lord, have mercy upon us.

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (In Unison)

Come, Let Us Join



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

FIRST READING.....Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM:..... Psalm 15 (*responsively*)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**
⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source

of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)

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 opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

* GOSPEL.....Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Leister

ANTHEM: "Good Morning, Lord" & "This Is the Day"

Junior Choir

SERMON

Vicar Leister

* HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

#316 Green Hymnal

* APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

P Lord, in your mercy, **C Hear our prayer.**

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.

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('Create in Me')

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life.

C Amen.

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (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 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.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

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.

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

DISTRIBUTION

[“**At The Chancel Rail**” – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle].

[**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,

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours 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.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

* SENDING HYMN

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

#364 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Randy Clark

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner & Kim White (12/29/19—2/23/20)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Harrison Mummah & Braedon Walton

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING USHERS – Haley Mummah, Grace Miller,
Paige Martin & Zeb Berry

PRAYER LIST

Carole Baker
Jane Ann Baney
Donna Barton
Lindsey Barton
Bob Bell
Joyce Bradley
Andrea & Bob Cameron
Pam Campbell
Terry Coder
Leann Crimmel
Will DeLancy
Guy Dillman
Fred & Dot Dowling
Neil Fisher
Jerald Foltz
Ed Fraker
Bentley Fulkroad
Joan Fulkroad

Bill & Christie Holderman
Terri Gayer
Eddi Kay Gill
Jeanette Gross
Josh Hohol
Matt Hutchinson
Curt & Judy Houtz
Denny King
Kevin Kint
Pam Lawson
Carol Lyter
Carlen McClure
Messiah's Teem
Tami Metz
John Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Jim Minick

Dave Phelan
Madison Norman
Austin Parker
Noel Peachey
Butch & Sandy Pines
Betty Ranck
Mary Sanders
Mackenzie Shearer
Tim Smith
Mike Sparks
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Dorothy Towsey
Rich Walters
Tim Weston
Dottie Wilson
Jim Woltman
Mackenzie Wray
Linda Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

Ray Bramm
Ruth Cisney
Margaret Guss
Gail Henders
Minnie Minick
Sieber & Ona Stoner

Mona Lawson
Jane Marhefka
Carol Simonton
Edith Nipple
Ken & Kay Stuck

Kitty Walters
Jim Yetter
Max & Mary Ernest
Velma Suloff

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 Vicar 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 Vicar.**

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Miller by family.

JUST A THOUGHT – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop of Hippo (354 – 430): God is more anxious to bestow his blessings on us than we are to receive 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. 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 Vicar 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.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

THE FEBRUARY SNACK SHEET is now posted in the Kitchenette. There will be NO SNACKS during Lent. Snacks will return on Easter Sunday, April 12. We are asking for 3 people to sign-up for Easter Sunday to make this day extra special (and also because a lot of people attend church on Easter). Snacks will then continue until the end of May.

THE NEXT VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020 following the worship service.

THE FEBRUARY 2020 “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 (mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) and Bob St. Clair (stclairb@embarqmail.com) prior to the newsletter deadline, which is listed on the calendar in the newsletter, or online at www.mlcmiffintown.org. Also, if anyone would like to add or remove names from our email list, please let Bob know as well.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2020 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Among this year’s speakers and guests will be **The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

THIS YEAR’S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be held on February 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in McAlisterville. The service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion and Bishop Collins of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will be delivering the message for the evening. Please plan to attend as we begin our journey through Lent.

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES will be held at St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church in Licking Creek each Wednesday from March 4 to April 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY BREAKFAST – Messiah will be having a Maundy Thursday breakfast and Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9th in the Fellowship Hall. Holy Communion, the meal of Jesus, will be celebrated in, with, and among the meal of the people. Following the meal, those who can remain will move to the sanctuary to remove all items from the altar including the cross in preparation for Good Friday which marks Christ’s crucifixion. More information will be shared as this event comes closer.

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.

COPIES OF OCTOBER 13, 2019 PPC MINUTES, October 20, 2019 Voter’s Assembly, October 27, 2019 Voter’s Assembly, and October 27, 2019 PPC Minutes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY – Our youth will be holding soup pots at the rear of the church today. They will join young people in churches across the nation, sharing God’s love with those who need our compassion and care. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to “help our neighbors” by dropping a dollar in the soup pot and also by donating a can of soup on February 2nd. Proceeds will go to the Juniata County Food Pantry.

KATE SWAILES is serving as our congregation’s camp person with Camp Mount Luther again this year. She has information on programs for the summer. If you have additional questions, you can contact her or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. Since our congregation has a camp person, each camper from our church will receive Camel Bucks from Kate for use at the camp store this summer! Campers who have attended camp at Mount Luther in the past, will soon be receiving the camp brochures in the mail. For more information on Camp Mount Luther or to print the camp registration form, visit 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 15th so that we receive the early registration discount. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be

covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther. On March 15th, Chad Hershberger, Executive 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.

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.

UPCOMING PPC AND VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:

Sunday, February 16th (after worship) – Voter's Assembly to approve 2019 audit.

Sunday, March 15th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, April 19th (after worship) – Voter's Assembly.

Sunday, May 17th – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, June 21st (after worship) – Voter's Assembly for PPC Election approval.

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 OFFERING REPORT FOR JANUARY 26, 2020

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service –	71	Benevolence	\$ 110.00
Sunday School –	32	Building Fund	\$ 180.00
		Sunday School	\$ 39.00
Total Offering	\$3,546.00	World Hunger	\$ 50.00
Other Funds	<u>\$ 496.00</u>	Flowers	\$ 22.00
General Fund	\$3,050.00	Witness & Outreach	\$ 20.00
		Use of Building	\$ 50.00
		Memorial Fund	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
		Total	\$ 496.00

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.

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. All women are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY

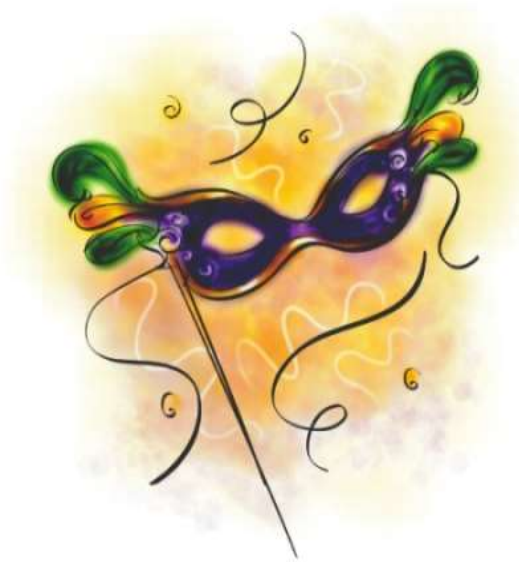
FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND FLU MEDICINES, PAPER TOWELS, COUGH DROPS, DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ANY CLEANING ITEM. DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS ARE ALSO APPRECIATED!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Souper Bowl Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon/Junior Church.
-3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Sunday's Soldiers Archery event at Juniata Co. Sportsmen's Club.
- Monday:** -6:00 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.
- Thursday:** -1:00 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal.
-4:00 p.m., Girl Scout Troop #40400 in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church.

Messiah Lutheran Church
Mardi Gras Congregational Dinner



Sunday, February 23, 2020
Following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall

Please bring a covered dish (if you are able). Be creative—let's try some new flavors! Check out Mardi Gras/ Creole Food online! Also, keep in mind that Mardi Gras colors are green, yellow, and purple. Come and enjoy this fun event!

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



Mardi Gras Congregational Dinner

Name(s) _____

Bringing covered dish () YES () NO _____