

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *The Second Sunday of Christmas Celebration of the Epiphany*

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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#### ***TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:***

*Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.*

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF THE EPIPHANY

January 5, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring J. S. Bach

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful God,

**C we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.**

P Dear people of God, hear the good news: Christ the Savior is born! You are loved and forgiven in the name of + Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING

\* GATHERING HYMN “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” #265 Green Hymnal

\* GREETING

P Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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 (spoken responsively)

P Lord, have mercy upon us.	C <b>Lord, have mercy upon us.</b>
P Christ, have mercy upon us.	C <b>Christ, have mercy upon us.</b>
P Lord, have mercy upon us.	C <b>Lord, have mercy upon us.</b>

“AWAY IN A MANGER” (VERSE 1)

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.	C <b>Lord, have mercy upon us.</b>
P Christ, have mercy upon us.	C <b>Christ, have mercy upon us.</b>
P Lord, have mercy upon us.	C <b>Lord, have mercy upon us.</b>

\* CANTICLE OF PRAISE (to the tune of “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”)



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 (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

**C O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

*Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.*

FIRST READING.....**Isaiah 60:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:.....**Psalm 72:1-7 10-14 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**  
<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.  
<sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**  
<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

*What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.*

SECOND READING.....**Ephesians 3:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

<sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* THE VERSE**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

*God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land, they welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.*

**\* GOSPEL.....Matthew 2:1-12**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

<sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold,

frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Vicar Leister

JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM "Do Lord" & "Whirl Welcome"

SERMON

Vicar Leister

\* HYMN OF THE DAY "We Three Kings"

#646 WOV Blue 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 (Prayers read by Worship Leader)

P Hear us O God,

**C Your mercy is great.**

\* 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:

Once He Came in Blessing

Paul Manz

[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 **"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM" (VERSE 1)**

"O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight."

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## MEAL

### \* COMMUNION DIALOG (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 We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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 Love has come: God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

## DISTRIBUTION

[**“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 Emmanuel, God with us,  
you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.

**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 Grace from God's own heart, peace from the + Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever.

**C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

\* SENDING HYMN “Son of God, Eternal Savior” #364 Green Hymnal

### \* DISMISSAL

P Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Sheep May Safely Graze J. S. Bach

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NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Cynthia Smith

NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Kay Varner & Kim White (12/30/19—2/23/20)

NEXT WEEK’S ACOLYTES – Grace Miller & Slone Smith

NEXT WEEK’S OFFERING USHERS – Haley Mummah, Braedon Walton, Paige Martin & Brea Beward



## PRAYER LIST

Carole Baker  
Jane Ann Baney  
Donna Barton  
Lindsey Barton  
Bob Bell  
Joyce Bradley  
Family of Johnny Beward  
Andrea & Bob Cameron  
Pam Campbell  
Family of Don Clark  
Terry Coder  
Leann Crimmel  
Will DeLancy  
Fred Dowling  
Jerald Foltz  
Ed Fraker  
Joan Fulkroad  
Eddi Kay Gill

Bill Holderman  
Josh Hohol  
Matt Hutchinson  
Curt & Judy Houtz  
Denny King  
Kevin Kint  
Carol Lyter  
Carlen McClure  
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Isabelle Meinsler  
Messiah's Teem  
Tami Metz  
John Miller  
Larry Miller  
Shirley Miller  
Jim Minick  
Madison Norman  
Austin Parker

Dave Phelan  
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 Gus  
Gail Henderson  
Minnie Minick  
Sieber & Ona Stoner

Mona Lawson  
Jane Marhefka  
Carol Simonton  
Margaret Reynolds  
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 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) worshipping 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.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Nick, Bethanie, Thea and Brea Beward and to Nick's mother, Lydia Beward and their family on the passing of their loved one, Johnny Beward, on Sunday, December 29, 2019 at Harrisburg Hospital. Please keep the family in your prayers.

JUST A THOUGHT – Roswell C. Long, Christian Thinker: Worship liberates the personality by giving a new perspective to life.

### **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 Vicar 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.

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](mailto:sleister@gmail.com).

VICAR SAM LEISTER will be attending class at the United Lutheran Seminary January 8<sup>th</sup> through January 11<sup>th</sup>. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Chris Mathiason at 717-463-2490.

THE JANUARY 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 at [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) and Bob St. Clair at [stclairb@embargmail.com](mailto:stclairb@embargmail.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.

ATTENTION KIDS! Those who have expressed interest in being involved in a “church band” are invited to a VERY brief meeting after the worship service today. The meeting will last 30 minutes at most and we will be discussing our “plan of attack” of when to start rehearsals, performances, and adding music to our services.

THE MUSIC AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING scheduled for Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for immediately after worship on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

BAKERS NEEDED! The Board of Worship and Music would like to begin using Manna Bread more frequently throughout the church year other than just on “celebratory” Sundays. Right now, the making of the Manna lays upon the hands of Jamie Miller, but she would like some help in order to use this Manna Bread more often. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Jamie for the recipe....and thank you in advance!

THE BOARD OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC recently made a decision concerning the glass wine container on the altar. It has come to our attention that there has been no real “watch” on this concerning when the container has been emptied, cleaned, etc. So, beginning in January, those of you who are serving on the Altar Guild on the first Sunday of each month are politely asked to empty the container outdoors (if possible), then clean and refill the container. This will then be the monthly procedure.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2020 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. 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.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who donated cookies for the children’s Christmas program on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. We were able to freeze the leftover cookies and they can be used during the month of January for Sunday morning snacks. The sign-up sheet will be placed in the kitchenette in February. Thanks to all for your donations throughout the year.

Parish Fellowship Committee

THE 2020 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available to pick up in the Library. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2019 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

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.

UPCOMING PPC AND VOTER’S ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:

- Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.
- Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly to approve 2019 audit.
- Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.
- Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly.
- Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.
- Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly for PPC Election approval.

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.

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

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 DECEMBER 29 2019

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 58		Benevolence	\$ 100.00
Sunday School – 22		Building Fund	\$ 110.00
		Sunday School	\$ 42.36
Total Offering	\$3,913.41	Lutheran Disaster	\$ 20.00
Other Funds	<u>\$ 816.41</u>	Flowers	\$ 7.80
General Fund	\$3,097.00	Donation for chandelier light bulbs	\$ 536.25
		Total	\$ 816.41

**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 WELCA MEETING will be Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Young Adult Sunday School Room. All women are invited to attend.

**COMMUNITY**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JANUARY**

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS; TISSUES; TOILET PAPER; OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN, COLD AND FLU MEDICINES; COUGH DROPS; VICKS; AND ANY HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS. DONATIONS OF CASH AND GIFT CARDS TO PURCHASE THESE SUPPLIES ARE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPTED.

**THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Sermon/Junior Church.  
-11:30 a.m., first "unofficial" church band meeting.
- 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:** -7:00 p.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.
- Sunday:** **-Baptism of Our Lord.**  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Junior Church.