

THE MESSIAH HERALD



OCTOBER 2020

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19

WORSHIP AND COMMUNION – 10:30 AM

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"Growing God's Love"

The Messiah Herald



A LOOK INTO LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

Dear Messiah Family,

May the blessings of God the Father, Jesus Christ, and The Holy Spirit be with you all!

Let us all pray for an outstanding October! The church seasons are changing with the calendar seasons. We complete the church year with Christ the King Sunday on November 22 this year. As we continue with the Time after Pentecost, we celebrate Reformation Sunday on October 25 and All Saints Day on November 1. Let us all pray to follow the will of God our Father and to care for His creation in all our times and in all our places.

Once again, take a moment to refer to the Ten Commandments to Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. If you do not have a copy of Luther's Small Catechism, please contact the church office; the cost for a paper copy is minimal. You can also find Luther's Small Catechism online by searching for this. The pre sermon review finishes the Ten Commandments in October. With each commandment, Luther asks, "What is this? or What does this mean?" Luther then explains what we are not to do. With the tenth commandment, we are not to entice, force, or steal away from our neighbor their spouse, household workers, or livestock." What we are to do is "instead to stay and fulfill their responsibilities to our neighbors."

Take some time to study the Ten Commandments in the light of what Jesus says in Matthew 22, where we read these verses. ³⁷He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Then read once more how Martin Luther shares the "do" statements for each commandment. You can see why Jesus desires our unconditional love of God and our unconditional love of our neighbors. What ways of love are you finding in your lives that meet the needs of your neighbors?

As a final lead-in for October study of Luther's Small Catechism, we will be looking at the articles of the Apostle's Creed. We confess each Sunday in this belief, and let us examine what we say, so we know this in our hearts and souls. Your homework this is to study these words and search their meaning. If this study of the Commandments and Creed reminds you of your days in Catechism class, wonderful. If this study of the Commandments and Creed seems new to you, then this is even better. The study of God's Word is a wonderful part of our lives in Christ.

May the Lord be with you all!

Vicar Samuel Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Carole Baker
Jane Ann Baney
Donna Barton
Lindsey Barton
Bob Bell
Nick Beward
Joyce Bradley
Andrea Cameron
Pam Campbell
Ruth Cisney
Curtis Clark
Terry Coder
Leann Crimmel
Will DeLancy
Guy Dillman
Fred & Dot Dowling
Renee Dzikowski
Neil Fisher
Janie Fogleman
Jerald (Jerry) Foltz
Ed Fraker
Michaela Fry
Bentley Fulkroad
Joan Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Edie Kay Gill
Paul Goss
Jeanette Gross
Beth Harris
Harry & Jennifer Heikes
Sue Henderson
Nox Hepburn
Jason Hockenberry & Familia
Curt & Judy Houtz
Matt & Jennifer Hutchinson
Brenda Imes
Denny King
Kevin Kint
Pam Lawson
The Family of Dottie Wilson

Carol Lyter
Marilyn MaCoy
Anthony Martin
Carlen McClure
Alice McClure
Messiah Mutual Ministry
Tammy Metz
Cecilia Miller
Elwood Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Jim Minick
Claire Mummah & Family
Landon Musser
Darve Nace
Madison Norman
Austin Parker
Noel Peachey
Dave Phelan
Butch & Sandy Pines
Steve Pontius
Betty Ranck
Keith Ranck
Mary Sanders
Mackenzie Shearer
Ronald Shearer
Tim Smith
Mike Sparks
Donald Speece
Pastor Charlie Stump
Bob & Jeanette St. Clair
Alice Swartz
Dorothy Towsey
Rich Walters
Erma Williamson
Jim Woltman
Mackenzie Wray
Barbara Yocum
Linda Zimmerman

BROOKLINE MANOR
(2 MANOR BLVD., RM. 226, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
Gail Henderson

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE CENTER
(3 ALEX CIRCLE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

OCTOBER 1 – Dave Smith

OCTOBER 3 – Ona Stoner

OCTOBER 10 – Lois Crissman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

OCTOBER 12 – George & Marylou Hazard

OCTOBER 18 – Steve & Jean Berry

OCTOBER 30 – Glenn & Mary Grimm

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE
(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
Jane Marhefka

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.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

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. Also, 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 as well. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

Sept. 28 to Oct. 25.. Tammy Smith & Tawny Mummah
Oct. 26 to Nov. 29.....Kay Varner & Kim White

LECTORS

October 4	Haley Mummah
October 11	Cynthia Smith
October 18	Kate Swailes
October 25	Barb Geedey



WELCA met on Thursday, September 10 at 7 P.M. in the Young Adult Sunday School Room. We did not have any devotions to begin our meeting.

Cynthia gave the Treasurer's report. Cynthia reported that she sent money for our child in Liberia to attend school.

The group reviewed the minutes in the September newsletter from our August meeting. There were no corrections.

Under Old Business Barb reminded the group that October 4 is Blanket Sunday and October 10 a group will be delivering the quilts and kits to the Synod office. Cynthia reported that she would be able

to help with the delivery and Linda stated that she thought that Sam would be able to help as well. Linda will check with Jeff Whitesel about using his trailer as we did last year.

New Business: We will pack our school kits tonight so that we know what items we still need. We were able to put together 5 complete bags so Barb will continue to put the items needed in the bulletin and newsletter until October 4. We will see where we can order the school bags for the kits as we have used all of our surplus. Before the typing of these minutes we were able to locate the company for the bags and Cynthia ordered 50 and they have arrived.

The Seafarers Bags need to be at Synod office by November 8 so we will see what we can find by then to put some together. Items needed are hooded sweatshirts-L-XL, t-shirts-M-L, and socks are thermal or white gym socks. Our group will take care of purchasing the candy bars.

Linda Leister will contact Deb Hackenberger to see if she would be available to be our leader for our Thankoffering Sunday, November 8. Since our meeting Linda spoke with Deb and she is available. The meeting closed with our Purpose Statement.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Geedey

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 in the church office or in the Adult Sunday School Room and are FREE!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Please let the church office know if you would like your child to attend a First Communion Class and a date and time will be arranged with those who are interested.

STORE GIFT CARDS

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.

THANK YOU!

“Dear Messiah Friends...What a touching surprise for us to receive the gift cards, the cake and the balloons in recognition of Dave’s retirement from his custodial duties at Messiah. And we were so blessed by the visit from Ann, Kay and Judy. The friendships we made at Messiah will always continue. May God bless each and every one of you.” Gratefully, DAVE & NANCY PHELAN

Dear Messiah Family,

We want to thank you very much for all the cards and lovely messages as we celebrated our anniversary. It was a complete surprise to receive so many cards. We appreciate everyone in the Messiah family for helping us celebrate our day! Sincerely, WARREN AND CLAIRE MUMMAH

Dear Messiah Friends,

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and thoughts of sympathy as I mourn the passing of my dear sister, Merriam Edwards. Sincerely, CLAIRE AND WARREN MUMMAH

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF FACEMASK CHALLENGE!

Lutheran World Relief has launched the **75,000 Face Mask Challenge**, a request for volunteers to sew cloth masks that will be sent overseas to slow the spread of COVID-19. If you are interested in participating in this challenge, you can make as few or as many masks as you would like. If you are interested in participating or want more details, please call Cynthia Smith at 717-994-4999 or email her at gramcynthia49@yahoo.com.

CARD SHOWER

Ona Stoner will be celebrating her 93rd birthday on October 3rd! For those who would like to send Ona a birthday greeting, her address is 23591 Route 35 North, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

BLANKET SUNDAY

A special Blanket Sunday envelope will be included with your bulletin on Sunday, October 4th for donations to Lutheran World Relief (please make checks payable to Messiah Women of the ELCA). Blankets will be delivered to the Synod Office by Saturday, October 10th.



On Crop Walk Day, Sunday, October 11th, walkers can deliver the following needed items to the Food Pantry:

Personal Hygiene Supplies – toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, etc.

Cleaning Supplies – all-purpose cleansers, bleach, trash bags, laundry detergent, dish detergent, etc.

Paper Products – paper towels, toilet tissue, tissues.

Infant Needs – diapers, baby wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotions.

Non-Perishable Food Items.

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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

OCTOBER 1-----PSALM 80:7-15
FARMERS AND AGRICULTURE WORKERS

OCTOBER 2-----PHILIPPIANS 2:14-18; 3:1-4A
POLICE AND OTHERS WHO WORK AT NIGHT

OCTOBER 3-----JOHN 7:40-52
ELCA PRISON MINISTRIES

OCTOBER 4-----MATTHEW 21:33-46
THOSE WHO WORK IN BUSINESS

OCTOBER 5-----1 PETER 2:4-10
THOSE WHO FEEL LONELY OR LOST

OCTOBER 6-----2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

OCTOBER 7-----JOHN 11:45-57
HOSPICE WORKERS AND THOSE NEAR DEATH

OCTOBER 8-----1 PETER 5:1-5, 12-14
CLERGY AND LAY LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

OCTOBER 9-----JAMES 4:4-10
JOURNALISTS AND REPORTERS

OCTOBER 10-----MARK 2:18-22
WORKERS IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

OCTOBER 11-----MATTHEW 22:1-14
THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

OCTOBER 12-----JUDE 17-25
ELCA SEMINARIES

OCTOBER 13-----PHILIPPIANS 3:13-4:1
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF

OCTOBER 14-----JOHN 6:25-35
THOSE WHO LACK DAILY BREAD

OCTOBER 15-----PSALM 96:1-13
CHURCH MUSICIANS AND CHOIR MEMBERS

OCTOBER 16-----DEUTERONOMY 17:14-20
LIFE COACHES

OCTOBER 17-----ISAIAH 14:1-11
METEOROLOGISTS AND ECONOMISTS

OCTOBER 18-----MATTHEW 22:15-22
CONGREGATIONS WORKING ON THEIR BUDGETS

OCTOBER 19-----LUKE 1:1-4, 24:44-53
COMPANION SYNOD RELATIONSHIPS IN THE ELCA

OCTOBER 20-----DANIEL 3:19-30
PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH REFUGEES

OCTOBER 21-----DANIEL 6:1-28
DIFFICULT AND STRAINED RELATIONSHIPS

OCTOBER 22-----NUMBERS 5:5-10
VICTIMS OF THEFT

OCTOBER 23-----TITUS 2:7-8, 11-15
ATHLETES AND THEIR COACHES AND TRAINERS

OCTOBER 24-----PSALM 1
ALL WHO CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION

OCTOBER 25-----JOHN 8:31-36
ELCA WORLD HUNGER

OCTOBER 26-----DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9, 20-25
BIBLE TEACHERS AND THEIR STUDENTS

OCTOBER 27-----DEUTERONOMY 10:10-22
LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE

OCTOBER 28-----JOHN 14:21-27
MISSION DEVELOPERS AND REDEVELOPERS

OCTOBER 29-----PSALM 43
MENTAL HEALTH CAREGIVERS

OCTOBER 30-----2 PETER 2:1-3
SMALL CONGREGATIONS AND THEIR LEADERS

OCTOBER 31-----MATTHEW 23:13-28
PREACHERS AND TEACHERS OF THE GOSPEL



*Fall leaves are beautiful,
Gods Blessings are
Breath-taking.*

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS -- SEPTEMBER 2020

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
SEPTEMBER 6	41	\$3,507.00	\$2,397.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$75.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$1,035.00
SEPTEMBER 13	33	\$2,937.00	\$1,827.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$75.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$1,035.00
SEPTEMBER 20	40	\$4,862.00	\$2,870.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$330.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$1,590.00 WORLD HUNGER -- \$50.00 FLOWERS -- \$22.00
SEPTEMBER 27	39	\$4,300.00	\$2,655.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$60.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$1,095.00 MEMORIAL FUND -- \$1,500.00

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY OCTOBER UPDATE

Autumn has arrived! Soon to be followed by Thanksgiving and Christmas. 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. Working as a team and pooling our resources, we can reach more families in need and avoid duplicating services. But we can't do it without your help. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive- please give generously. And if you can help us to start stockpiling the following foods for the holidays, we would really appreciate it. Our goal is to provide 800 meals: 400 for Thanksgiving and 400 for Christmas.

In August 2020, the Food Pantry served 207 families in need – a total of 563 individuals. A special thank you to Lost Creek Mennonite Church and Lauvers Mennonite Church for providing volunteers for August.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS:

(These are the foods that are hard for us to get) TURKEYS, TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3-5 LBS), canned sweet potatoes, and fruit cocktail
OR, A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!



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!

OCTOBER 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4:** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY AND BLANKET SUNDAY**
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6:** -9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM -- VICAR SAM -- PASTORAL CARE TRAINING
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8:** -7:00 PM -- W.E.L.C.A. MEETING IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11:** -10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
-1:30 PM – CROP WALK
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13:** -9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM -- VICAR SAM -- PASTORAL CARE TRAINING
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18:** -10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20:** -9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM -- VICAR SAM -- PASTORAL CARE TRAINING
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25:** **REFORMATION SUNDAY**
-10:30 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
-6:30 PM – PPC MEETING
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27:** -9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM -- VICAR SAM -- PASTORAL CARE TRAINING
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

ALL OTHER NON-CHURCH EVENTS AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC. PLEASE CHECK THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE, MLCMIFFLINTOWN.ORG FOR ANY UPDATES!

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EITHER THIS WAS SOME SORT OF HALLOWEEN GAG OR PASTOR WAS GOING TO HAVE TO LIVEN UP SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SOMEHOW

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MESSIAH'S NEW "MISSION OF THE MONTH" INITIATIVE

At the Parish Planning Council meeting on Sunday, September 27th, our members chose unanimously to seek donations for the fire victims on the west coast of the United States. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Lutheran Disaster Response. 100% of the donations are provided directly to the those devastated by the record-setting fires. Additionally, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This money comes from budgeted funds that have been unused this calendar year due to the shutdown from the Covid-19 Pandemic. This is just one way in which we can extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

FULL COMMUNION PARTNERS -- DID YOU KNOW?

FULL COMMUNION PARTNERSHIP is when two denominations develop a relationship based on a common confessing of the Christian faith and a mutual recognition of Baptism and sharing of the Lord's Supper. This does not mean the two denominations merge; rather, in reaching agreements, denominations also respect differences. These denominations worship together, may exchange clergy, and also share a commitment to evangelism, witness and service in the world. Each entity agrees that even with differences, there is nothing that is church-dividing.

A central document to Lutherans is the *Augsburg Confession*. Article VII of the *Augsburg Confession* states that "the true unity of the church" is present where the gospel is rightly preached, and sacraments rightly administered. The ELCA is committed to this model of full communion as an authentic expression of Christian unity.

CURRENT FULL COMMUNION PARTNERS

Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. (1997)
Reformed Church in America (1997)
United Church of Christ (1997)

The Episcopal Church (1999)
The Moravian Church (1999)
United Methodist Church (2009)