

# THE MESSIAH HERALD



**OCTOBER 2021**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM**

**WORSHIP, COMMUNION, & JR. CHURCH – 10:30 AM**

**AM RADIO 1700 AND FACEBOOK LIVE EACH WEEK**

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# "Growing God's Love"

## The Messiah Herald



### THE VOICE OF THE VICAR

Dear Messiah Family,

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

Looking at the Ten Commandments found in Exodus 20, read the second commandment located in 7. Luther's Small Catechism includes an explanation of this commandment. "*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." Here we see an example of the "Law" as given by God through the prophet Moses. With Luther's explanation, we see God's grace. We are to "call upon" God in times of trouble, to pray, to praise, and to give thanks. Through the Grace of God, we are always open to call on God, to direct to God our needs, praise, and all our prayers.

Luther's Small Catechism can be found online in PDF form. If you would like a copy, we can share one with you or we can order a copy for you to study. When you see any of our confirmands, please feel free to ask them about their studies.

Regarding the "Book of the Month" studies, we are continuing to read one psalm each day. On October first, Psalm 31 is the reading for that day. Simply add 30 and use a calendar to mark off the psalms you read. If you miss one, just make it up sometime.

The book of Psalms contains many prayers. As you read Psalm 31, read it as a prayer. You will find elements of praise and thanksgiving as well as supplications to God. These are as truthful and valid today for us as in the days they were first spoken and written. As you read through these lovely prayers, poems, and songs, make a list of ones that stand out in your mind and soul; maybe circle the number on the calendar or on your list.

Take a close look at Psalm 32. Do you find a connection to our worship service, particularly the confession and forgiveness of sins? As you read these psalms and other scriptures, remember the words of Martin Luther. "The Scriptures are a manger in which Christ lies." The wood of a manger may be gnarled and knotty, even broken and splintered, but the Bible holds the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Facebook live will connect you each Sunday with our worship service. We continue to record audio CD's as well. If you or someone you know would like to receive an audio CD, please call the church office. These are ways in which we share our worship services each week.

Let us continue to serve others in need during these extreme times of grief, sickness, loneliness, and struggles. Remain steadfast in your faith in the Love of Jesus to bring to others consolation, attention, happiness, and the peace that passes worldly understanding. Share the message of hope with others around you. Find ways to carry God's Love to others whom we must for now remain physically at a distance but can and must embrace with our spiritual arms and our souls.

May the Lord be with you all!

*Vicar Samuel Leister*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

All Front Line Workers  
Shirley Aumiller  
Steve & Linda Bahorik  
Donna Barton  
Donna Bell  
Harmon Bender  
Andy Berrier  
Ken Berrier  
Roxanne Boyer  
Wanda Boyer  
Don Bratton  
Dan Brown  
Charlotte Burd  
The Family of Richard Burd  
Andrea Cameron  
Pam Campbell  
Karen Centini  
Ron Chambers  
The Family of Daris Ciecierski  
Randy Clark  
Terry Coder  
Vincent Cramer  
Leann Crimmel  
Will DeLancy  
Fred & Dot Dowling  
The Family of Bill Dressler  
Renee Dzikowski  
Tom Ernest  
Neil & Pat Fisher  
Janie Fogleman  
Derek Fry  
Bentley Fulkroad  
Joan Fulkroad

Terri Gayer  
Edie Kay Gill  
Sam & Dianne Goshorn  
Beth Harris  
Amy Hart  
Joyce Hart  
Harry & Jennifer Heikes  
Sue Henderson  
John & Karly Henry  
Nox Hepburn  
Jay Hockenbroch  
Curt & Judy Houtz  
Dean Hutchinson  
Brenda Imes  
Annie Ingle  
Doc Johnston  
Guy Kerstetter  
Denny King  
Darvin Krause  
Pam Lawson  
Chase Lehman  
Michael Lozano  
Carol Lyter  
Mike Maclay  
Ryan Marker  
Tammy Marshall  
Anthony Martin  
Zayden Mabey  
Carlen McClure  
Alice McClure  
Isabel Meinsler  
Messiah Mutual Ministry  
Cecilia Miller

Elwood Miller  
Larry Miller  
Shirley Miller  
Jim Minick  
Claire Mummah  
Ken Mummah  
Darve Nace  
Paul Ogden  
Austin Parker  
Noel Peachey  
Rick & Audrey Peters  
Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine  
Dave Phelan  
Butch & Sandy Pines  
Mia Raish  
Betty Ranck  
Keith Ranck  
Mike Rhoades  
Bill & Claudette Satzler  
Ronald & Arlene Shearer  
Mike Sparks  
Andy Spigelmyer  
The Family of Bob St. Clair  
Dorothy Towsey  
George & Kay Varner  
Rich Walters  
Erma Williamson  
Jim Woltman  
Mackenzie Wray  
George Zimmerman  
Linda Zimmerman

## ...AND FOR OUR SHUT-INS

### BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Jane Marhefka

### BROOKLINE MANOR

(2 MANOR BLVD., MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Gail Henderson

Carol Simonton

### HONNEMAN HOUSE

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Ruth Cisney

Ray Bramm

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:sleister@gmail.com).

## FALL SCHEDULE

A reminder that our “normal” schedule with Sunday School classes begins at 9:15 AM each week and worship at 10:30 AM. After discussion at the PPC Meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>, and at Worship & Music, also on the 15<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to continue using the cup/juice combination cup and decide monthly when and if to use the wine/wafer again, all due to the ongoing pandemic. No manna bread will be needed or used for the foreseeable future and masking will be highly recommended, but optional, as suggested by both our Upper Susquehanna Synod and the CDC.

## 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!



The Women of the ELCA met on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7:00 in the Young Adult Sunday School Classroom.

Cynthia gave the Treasurer’s report, and

we have enough money right now to be able to send \$100 to the Convention on the 25<sup>th</sup> for the Ingathering Offering and \$100 for the In-Kind Offering. The In-Kind Offering will be divided between the needs of Haven Ministry in Sunbury and The New Love Center in Jersey Shore. The Ingathering is going to Lutheran Disaster Response.

We discussed the Thankoffering service and decided that with Covid the way it is right now, to ask someone from out of our congregation might not be appropriate this year. Barb will ask Vicar Sam if he would be willing to do the service that day.

While the group was putting the school kits together Vicar Sam came into the group, so Barb was able to ask him, and he agreed. Barb also asked if he could arrange the acolyte and collecting of the offering so that there would be girls doing both of those actions. There is already a female for lector. He agreed to do that. Barb will get the Service to him as soon as she can get it printed.

Following the business meeting the group gathered the items for the school kits and put them together. We were able to complete 38 full kits which will go to the Synod Office on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our meeting closed with the WELCA Mission Statement.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

## BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket Sunday will be October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The kits and quilts will be delivered to the Synod Office on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and noon. The Blanket Sunday report for 2020 was: 576 wool blankets at \$3,801.60, and 600 cotton blankets at \$3,288.00 with a total of donations of \$7,089.60 and \$1,736.40 given toward the cost of shipping.

# 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 2021, the Food Pantry served 159 families in need – a total of 401 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, stuffing, gravy, and brownie or cookie mix; **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](mailto: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!

## 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.

## UPCOMING SERVANTS

### ALTAR GUILD

Sept. 27 to Oct. 31 .. Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith

### LECTORS

October 3 ..... Haley Mummah  
October 10 ..... Jean Compton  
October 17 ..... Ron Yorks  
October 24 ..... Cynthia Smith  
October 31 ..... Linda Bahorik

### ACOLYTES

October 3 ..... Zeb Berry & Slone Smith  
October 10... Olivia Mummah & Braedon Walton  
October 17..... Hannah Ehrisman & Grace Miller  
October 24 .... Harrison Mummah & Gabby Reed  
October 31..... Thea Beward & Haley Mummah

### OFFERING PRESENTERS

October 3 ..... Sofia Reed & Hannah Ehrisman  
October 10..... Evan Miller & Harrison Mummah  
October 17..... Haley Mummah & Thea Beward  
October 24 ..... Julia Martin & Hope Miller  
October 31..... Brea Beward & Braedon Walton

### FLOWERS

October 3 ..... Dan & Michelle Stoner  
October 10..... Cindy Miller  
October 17..... OPEN  
October 24 ..... Butch & Sandy Pines  
October 31..... Dan & Michelle Stoner

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

OCTOBER 1----- ROMANS 8:1-11  
*THOSE WHO PROTECT AND PRESERVE OUR LAND*

OCTOBER 2----- LUKE 16:14-18  
*PEOPLE FEELING DISCONNECTED FROM GOD*

OCTOBER 3----- MARK 10:2-16  
*THOSE FEELING MISUNDERSTOOD*

OCTOBER 4----- PSALM 112  
*THE WORK OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF*

OCTOBER 5----- JEREMIAH 3:12-14  
*THOSE SEEKING FORGIVENESS*

OCTOBER 6----- MATTHEW 5:27-36  
*PEOPLE STRUGGLING IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS*

OCTOBER 7----- DEUTERONOMY 5:1-21  
*SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND FAITH FORMATION LEADERS*

OCTOBER 8----- PSALM 90:12-17  
*CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER-CARE SYSTEM*

OCTOBER 9----- MATTHEW 15:1-9  
*TEACHERS, STUDENTS, SCHOOL WORKERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS*

OCTOBER 10----- MARK 10:17-31  
*CAREGIVERS*

OCTOBER 11----- REVELATION 7:9-17  
*MISSION COWORKERS*

OCTOBER 12----- PSALM 26  
*WORSHIP LEADERS*

OCTOBER 13----- LUKE 16:19-31  
*SOCIAL WORKERS*

OCTOBER 14----- ROMANS 15:7-13  
*THOSE WHO ARE EAGER TO HEAR A WORD OF HOPE*

OCTOBER 15----- PSALM 91:9-16  
*PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN*

OCTOBER 16----- LUKE 22:24-30  
*MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT*

OCTOBER 17----- MARK 10:35-45  
*CIVIC AND SERVICE CLUBS*

OCTOBER 18----- LUKE 1:1-4; 24:44-53  
*THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD AS FRIEND*

OCTOBER 19----- 1 SAMUEL 10:17-25  
*THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID TO SERVE*

OCTOBER 20----- PSALM 37:23-40  
*YOUTH RESISTING PEER PRESSURE*

OCTOBER 21----- PSALM 126  
*DESERT ECOSYSTEMS*

OCTOBER 22----- JEREMIAH 26:12-19  
*THE WORK OF ELCA ADVOCACY*

OCTOBER 23----- MARK 8:22-26  
*AMBULANCE DRIVERS*

OCTOBER 24----- MARK 10:46-52  
*PEOPLE WHO ARE BUSY OR DISTRACTED*

OCTOBER 25----- EXODUS 4:1-17  
*SOCIAL WORKERS*

OCTOBER 26----- ACTS 9:32-35  
*THOSE IN RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION*

OCTOBER 27----- PSALM 119:17-24  
*HYMNWRITERS AND CHURCH MUSICIANS*

OCTOBER 28----- JOHN 14:21-27  
*ELCA MISSIONARIES SERVING ABROAD*

OCTOBER 29----- ROMANS 3:21-31  
*THOSE WHO WORK IN THEATER*

OCTOBER 30----- LUKE 10:25-37  
*ATTORNEYS AND PARALEGALS*

OCTOBER 31----- JOHN 8:31-36  
*THOSE WHO WORK IN THE NEWS MEDIA*

## 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.**

# MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS -- SEPTEMBER 2021

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
SEPTEMBER 5	S.S. - 22 WORSHIP - 44	\$3,355.00	\$2,715.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$160.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$140.00 LUTHERAN DISASTER -- \$295.00 FLOWERS -- \$25.00 SUNDAY SCHOOL -- \$20.00
SEPTEMBER 12	S.S. - 22 WORSHIP - 55	\$2,608.00	\$2,282.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$60.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$150.00 LUTHERAN DISASTER -- \$50.00 WORLD HUNGER -- \$50.00 SUNDAY SCHOOL -- \$16.00
SEPTEMBER 19	S.S. - 17 WORSHIP - 50	\$2,201.00	\$1,881.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$20.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$20.00 LUTHERAN DISASTER -- \$220.00 FLOWERS -- \$22.00 SUNDAY SCHOOL -- \$38.00
SEPTEMBER 26	S.S. - 17 WORSHIP - 57	\$2,996.00	\$2,671.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$20.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$120.00 LUTHERAN DISASTER -- \$170.00 SUNDAY SCHOOL -- \$15.00



On Crop Walk Day, Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

October’s “Mission of the Month” at Messiah will continue to be for Lutheran Disaster Relief. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Lutheran Disaster Relief by way of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can

continue to extend our mission in Christ’s love beyond the walls of our church building.

## JAM HOUSE NEED

We need a volunteer to perform the treasurer duties at JAM HOUSE. The position requires about one hour per week to pay bills and make other financial reports. The treasurer would also need to attend our quarterly board meeting. Please contact Larry Wise at 717-436-6629 if you have an interest or know someone who does. Thank you.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for the cards, thoughts, and prayers over the past week or so. They were much needed as we watched dad progress into eternal life. Even though we miss him dearly and with everything happening so quickly, my family is happy to know he is with the loved ones who went before him, and he is no longer suffering from his cancer or other ailments he encountered here on his earthly journey. Thank you and God Bless each of you! --Bob St. Clair

# OCTOBER 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3:** **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 4:** **FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-6:30 PM – LIONS CLUB IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5:** -6:30 PM -- JUNIATA CO. LUTHERAN GATHERING WITH BISHOP COLLINS
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7:** -5:30 TO 6:30 PM -- GIRL SCOUTS MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 11:** **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY**  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14:** -7:00 PM -- W.E.L.C.A. MEETING IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH  
-6:30 PM – PPC MEETING IN ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 18:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21:** -5:30 TO 6:30 PM -- GIRL SCOUTS MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 25:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31:** **REFORMATION SUNDAY**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH



## 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

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