

THE MESSIAH HERALD



JULY 2022

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
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717-436-6213

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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.

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The Messiah Herald



VOICE OF THE VICAR

Dear Messiah Family,

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

Take a moment and read *Matthew 28:16-20*. *16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

This is the Great Commission give from Jesus to the disciples at the end of the Gospel of Matthew.

Put yourself in the place of the disciples, after all you too are a disciple of Jesus. A disciple is a learner and follower of Christ. A disciple is NOT defined or dependent on gender, age, race, culture, place of origin, language, preferred foods, clothing, style of music, favorite color, or any other worldly trait and characteristic.

We are to baptize nations. Nations are people joined by customs or culture. Nations are NOT defined by geography, use of technologies, or prior beliefs. The "nation" is NOT required to be absorbed, assimilated, and/or eliminated through baptism into the body of Christ in this world.

We are commanded. This leads toward the end objective, the end result. This leads to what Jesus wants to see happen, NOT what we want to see happen or how we want the baptized nations to be. We do not baptize to make people in our own image.

Verse 20 is also a part of His Great Commission; "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:37-40 that the two greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbor. Baptizing the nations is only one part of the Great Commission. We are to teach the nations what Jesus taught us, to love God and to love our neighbors.

As we at Messiah embark on a new journey together, let us all resolve to follow the words and will of Christ our Savior. Let us continue to serve others in need during times of grief, sickness, loneliness, and struggles. Remain steadfast in our 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

THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF REVEREND SAMUEL J. LEISTER AS PASTOR OF MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MIFFLINTOWN, PA

The Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod will conduct the **PASTORAL ORDINATION SERVICE FOR VICAR LEISTER ON JULY 3, 2022, AT 3:00 PM** in the Messiah Lutheran Church sanctuary. All Messiah Lutheran Church members and Christian Believers are invited to attend this very special and historic ceremony.

Immediately following the Ordination Service, the Synod Bishop will conduct the **INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REVEREND SAMUEL LEISTER** as the Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church.

ON JULY 3, 2022, AT APPROXIMATELY 4:30 PM AN ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION RECEPTION AND CELEBRATION DINNER will be held in the Messiah Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall for all members and friends of Messiah Lutheran Church.

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.

STORE GIFT CARDS

Weis and Giant gift cards are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a particularly 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!

Thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for your generous donation to Juniata Meals-on-Wheels. Your gift will help deliver prepared meals to home-bound residents of Juniata County. Thank you for your support. *-Esther Bratton, Treasurer, Juniata County Meals-on-Wheels, Inc.*

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Thank you to our church family for the flowers, thoughts, and prayers over the past few weeks. Dave's surgery was a success and we are now asking for God's healing powers. Thank you and God bless each of you. *-Dave & Jan Smith*

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Dear Friends of Messiah....thank you so very much for the beautiful bouquet of altar flowers. After many years, I still so much enjoy working with the kids of Messiah. May God bless each of you. *-Linda Clark*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Peace in Ukraine & Russia
Victims of Gun Violence
The Family of Marge Warner
The Family of Jed Phelan
The Family of Joan Fulkroad
Congregation of Centre Lutheran Church
Steve & Linda Bahorik
Donna Barton
Michele Boniewicz
Dan Brackbill
Don Bratton
Dan Brown
Randy Clark
Terry Coder
Jane Cook
Vincent Cramer
Will DeLancy
Fred & Dot Dowling
Seth Dowling
Freda Durio
Cathy Dysinger
Renee Dzikowski
Neil & Pat Fisher
Janie Fogleman
Mindy Fryer
Bentley Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Deb Geedey

Edie Kay Gill
Beth Harris
Amy Hart
Joyce Hart
Sue Henderson
Lahryn Henry
Nox Hepburn
Jay Hockenbroch
Erin Husler
Brenda Imes
Terry Imes
Annie Ingle
Andrea Kauffman
Pam Kennedy
Guy Kerstetter
Kevin Kilmer
Pam Lawson
John Lehman
Ray Long
Michael Lozano
Zaden Mabey
Anthony Martin
Carlen McClure
Alice McClure
Cecilia Miller
Elwood Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Jim Minick

Claire Mummah
Ken Mummah
Paul Ogden
Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine
Dave & Nancy Phelan
Sandy Pines
Mia Raish
Betty Ranck
Blossom Ranck
Keith Ranck
Mike Rhoades
Diane Rowles
Ron & Arlene Shearer
Althea Smith
Dave Smith
Vicki Souja
Mike Sparks
Andy Spigelmyer
Stacey and Bonnie Swartz
Dorothy Towsey
George Trego
Molly Ulsh
Todd Wert & daughter
Austin Willi
Jim Woltman
Mackenzie Wray
Phillip Zendt
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

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE HOME

(68 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

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HONNEMAN HOUSE

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

Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

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Edith Nipple

1482 William Penn Hwy.

Mifflintown, PA 17059

Ken Stuck

66 Eighth Street

Mifflintown, PA 17059

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!

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

June 27 to July 31Linda Clark & Chris Martin

MANNA MAKERS

July 3Diana Wise
July 17.....Jean Berry

LECTORS

July 3Haley Mummah
July 10 Kate Swailes
July 17.....Jean Compton
July 24.....Marina Holderman
July 31..... Andrea Cameron

ACOLYTES

July 3 Brea Beward & Sofia Reed
July 10 Julia Martin & Nick Reed
July 17.....Evan Miller & Braedon Walton
July 24..... Slone Smith & Zeb Berry
July 31..... Olivia Mummah & Hannah Ehrisman

COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

July 3Grace Miller, Zeb Berry & Thea Beward
July 10 .. Paige Martin, Hannah Ehrisman & Gabby Reed
July 17.... Gabby Reed, Hope Miller & Hannah Ehrisman
July 24...Nick Reed, Haley Mummah & Braedon Walton
July 31..... Thea Beward, Sofia Reed & Zeb Berry

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

July 3 Zeb Berry & Thea Beward
July 10 Hannah Ehrisman & Gabby Reed
July 17..... Hope Miller & Nick Reed
July 24.....Haley Mummah & Braedon Walton
July 31.....Harrison Mummah & Olivia Mummah

FLOWERS

July 3 OPEN
July 10Pines Family
July 17..... Debbie Meinsler
July 24..... Don & Barb Geedey
July 31.....Carole Nace

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!!!

September will be here before we know it! That means Sunday School will be starting up again. We only have **ONE** class – a group of 5 or 6 kids in grades two through five. We need **at least** two teachers for this class. The **more** volunteers we have, the **fewer** times you will need to teach. So, **PLEASE** do not let these kids down! Keep Sunday School going at Messiah!! If you are willing and able to teach this Sunday School class, please contact Linda Clark at **717-348-8262** – for the kids!!!



UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

NOVEMBER 3 to 6, 2022

Each year the ELCA brings young leaders from across our church to gather for a long weekend of leadership development, networking, and faith formation. The Youth Leadership Summit will equip young leaders through workshops, speakers, and experiential activities. Youth will be inspired through music and worship. Participants will be challenged to take home what they learn and inspire action in their own synods, congregations, and communities. Youth will also hear from leaders of young adult ministries across the ELCA to help our young people look ahead to their next faith community. This event is planned and led by the ELCA Youth Core Leadership Team and will be held at Carol Joy Holling Conference Center in Ashland, Nebraska.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY JULY UPDATE



Summer is off to a busy start at the Food Pantry with the Summer Backpack lunch program in full swing. Thank you so much for all the great community support! Our Backpack program is providing food for children in grades K-8 – children who might otherwise be going hungry this summer are instead receiving boxes filled with nutritious lunches.

In May 2022, the Food Pantry served 180 families in need – a total of 457 individuals. A special thank you to Free Spring Church of the Brethren for providing volunteers for the month of May.

Donations are beginning to slow down as families head off on vacation. Please don't forget that hunger doesn't take a vacation in the summer! If you'd like to come and give us a hand, we can always use volunteers.

BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS:

CANNED: Beets, Carrots, Potatoes.

Cleaning Supplies & personal care items

BACKPACK PROGRAM: Single serve fruit cups, Jell-O cups, non-chocolate pudding, & single serve meals.

Monetary donations are also appreciated.

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Phone: 717-436-9718

Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12

*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY.
(CONTACT PERSON: GLENDA FULTZ). Email: jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com

WEBSITE: www.jcfoodpantry.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!

MISSION OF THE MONTH

July's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will for the Central Juniata Pool. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the pool to continue to serve our local community. 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.

2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING LOCATION ANNOUNCED

The ELCA Youth Gathering is jazzed to announce that we will be heading to New Orleans for the 2024 Gathering, MYLE and the tAble! The Big Easy is filled with rich history, friendly locals, amazing food, and great music, and we just can't wait to go back. Mark your calendars for July 16-20, 2024, to join this transformational faith-formation event. MYLE and the tAble will take place immediately before the Gathering, from July 13 to 16. More information is available at www.elca.org/youthgathering.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

JULY 1 ----- PSALM 66:1-9
THE HEALTH OF THE EARTH

JULY 2 ----- GALATIANS 6:[1-6] 7-16
PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS

JULY 3 ----- LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20
LAY LEADERS IN CHURCHES

JULY 4 ----- JOHN 14:1-7
REFUGEES

JULY 5 ----- PSALM 119:73-80
THOSE IN DESPAIR

JULY 6 ----- JAMES 2:14-26
COMMUNITIES LIVING AMID FOOD DESERTS

JULY 7 ----- DEUTERONOMY 30:9-14
OUR COMMUNITY NEIGHBORS

JULY 8 ----- PSALM 25:1-10
FIRST-CALL PASTORS

JULY 9 ----- COLOSSIANS 1:1-14
FARMERS AND GARDENERS

JULY 10 ----- LUKE 10:25-37
SOCIAL WORKERS

JULY 11 ----- JAMES 2:1-8
THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS

JULY 12 ----- 1 JOHN 3:11-17
EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS

JULY 13 ----- ECCLESIASTES 9:13-18
ALL WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL

JULY 14 ----- GENESIS 18:1-10A
WORKERS IN THE HOSPITALITY FIELD

JULY 15 ----- PSALM 15
ADVOCATES FOR THOSE WHO LACK SAFE HOUSING

JULY 16 ----- COLOSSIANS 1:15-28
PEOPLE WHOSE BODIES ARE BROKEN

JULY 17 ----- LUKE 10:38-42
CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES OF WELCOME

JULY 18 ----- EXODUS 18:13-23
THOSE WHO VISIT THE HOMEBOUND

JULY 19 ----- 1 JOHN 2:1-6
VICTIMS OF INTERNET HOAXES AND HACKERS

JULY 20 ----- JOHN 6:41-51
FARMERS, BAKERS, AND THOSE WHO FEED US

JULY 21 ----- GENESIS 18:20-32
JUDGES AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

JULY 22 ----- JOHN 20:1-2, 11-18
PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH ANXIETY

JULY 23 ----- COLOSSIANS 2:6-15 [16-19]
INTERFAITH CONVERSATIONS

JULY 24 ----- LUKE 11:1-13
PEOPLE WHO WORK WITH THEIR HANDS

JULY 25 ----- MARK 10:35-45
PEOPLE ON A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

JULY 26 ----- PSALM 55:16-23
THOSE EXPERIENCING THE PAIN OF BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

JULY 27 ----- MATTHEW 5:43-48
PEOPLE STRUGGLING TO LET GO OF THE PAST

JULY 28 ----- ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
PEOPLE FACING LIFE TRANSITIONS

JULY 29 ----- PSALM 49:1-12
PROCRASTINATORS

JULY 30 ----- COLOSSIAN 3:1-11
NEW BELIEVERS IN THE FAITH

JULY 31 ----- LUKE 12:13-21
BANKERS, INVESTMENTS PROFESSIONALS, AND FINANCIAL EDUCATORS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

JUNE 29 – Pastor Sam Leister (*Belated!*)

JULY 1 – Wendy Goss

JULY 4 – Shane Grimm

JULY 6 – Bob St. Clair

JULY 7 – Jace White

JULY 8 – Larry Wise

JULY 10 – Linda Bahorik

JULY 12 – Larry Covert

JULY 19 -- June Maelyn White

JULY 25 – Clint Miller

JULY 26 – Claire Mummah

JULY 28 – Jean Compton

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

JULY 7 – Todd and Deb Wise

JULY 30 – Matt and Erin Harris

JULY 31 – Shane & Kailey Grimm

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR JUNE

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sunday, June 5	Worship - 35	\$2,189.00	\$2,023.00	Benevolence -- \$56.00 Building Fund -- \$76.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$10.00 Flowers -- \$24.00
Sunday, June 12	Worship - 48	\$3,543.00	\$2,844.00	Benevolence -- \$115.00 Building Fund -- \$324.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$110.00 Central Juniata Pool -- \$150.00
Sunday, June 19	Worship - 50	\$2,795.00	\$2,249.00	Benevolence -- \$13.00 Building Fund -- \$23.00 Central Juniata Pool -- \$10.00 Memorial Fund -- \$500.00
Sunday, June 26	Worship - 47	\$2,514.00	\$2,164.00	Benevolence -- \$213.00 Building Fund -- \$103.00 Central Juniata Pool -- \$10.00 Flowers -- \$24.00

PASTORS VACATION SCHEDULE

Pastor Sam Leister will be on vacation from July 7 through July 18. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact the church office at 717-436-6213.

JUST FOR LAUGHS... THE UNFAIR TRADE

A preacher was making his rounds to his parishioners on a bicycle, when he came upon a little boy trying to sell a lawn mower. "How much do you want for the mower?" asked the preacher.

"I just want enough money to go out and buy me a bicycle", said the little boy. After a moment of consideration, the preacher asked, "Will you take my bike in trade for it?"

The little boy asked if he could try it out first, and after riding the bike around a little while said, "Mister, you've got yourself a deal."

The preacher took the mower and began to try to crank it. He pulled on the cord a few times with no response from the mower. The preacher called the little boy over and said, "I can't get this mower to start."

The little boy said, "That's because you have to cuss at it to get it started." The preacher said, "I am a minister, and I cannot cuss. It has been so long since I have been saved that I do not even remember how to cuss."

The little boy looked at him happily and said, "Just keep pulling on that cord. It'll come back to ya!"

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JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SUNDAY, JULY 3:** -9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
-3:00 PM – ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REV. SAMUEL J. LEISTER
-4:30 PM – CONGREGATIONAL MEAL FOR REV. LEISTER
- MONDAY, JULY 4:** **INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 6:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, JULY 10:** -9:15 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, JULY 11:** -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- THURSDAY, JULY 14:** -1:30 PM – WELCA IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, JULY 17:** -9:15 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, JULY 18:** -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 20:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, JULY 24:** -9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, JULY 25:** -7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 27:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- FRIDAY, JULY 29:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUNDAY, JULY 31:** -9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION; HEALING SERVICE

A PRAYER FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

“LIBERATING GOD, YOU HAVE GIVEN US THIS GOOD LAND AS OUR HERITAGE. MAKE US ALWAYS REMEMBER YOUR GENEROSITY AND CONSTANTLY DO YOUR WILL. BLESS OUR LAND WITH HONESTY IN THE WORKPLACE, TRUTH IN EDUCATION, AND HONOR IN DAILY LIFE. SAVE US FROM VIOLENCE, DISCORD, AND CONFUSION; FROM PRIDE AND ARROGANCE; AND FROM EVERY EVIL COURSE OF ACTION. WHEN TIMES ARE PROSPEROUS, LET OUR HEARTS BE THANKFUL; AND, IN TROUBLED TIMES, DO NOT LET OUR TRUST IN YOU FAIL. WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.” — AMEN

PRAYERS, GRAND CANYON SYNOD JULY 2, 2021



Women of the ELCA met on Thursday, June 9th at 1:30 P.M. in the Young Adult Sunday School Room.

Barb presented the program on Katie Von Bora Luther and Katie's Fund. The Ingathering offering will be going to Katie's Fund and Barb thought it would be a good idea to review some information on Katie and in turn her Fund. The Fund is a permanent endowment to provide a steady source of funding for ministry of the Women of the ELCA, such as global sharing, leadership development and growth in faith.

Katie was a very strong woman of her time and was only 3 when she was sent to a school and eventually became a nun. At the age of 26 the former nun married a 42- year- old former monk named Martin Luther. They had 6 children and she ran the household and organized the family finances. She grew her own garden, raised livestock, and brewed her own beer. Katie turned a former monastery into a guest house and offered room and board for as many as 30 students and visitors at a time. After Martin's death she fled the plague in Lutherstadt Wittenberg in 1552 and died in an accident with her wagon and horses. She was 53 years old. Look up her name on the internet and you will be able to find more information on Katie.

Business meeting:

Cynthia reported that there is a balance of \$481.33 in our Treasury.

Barb read the last month's minutes as presented in the June Newsletter. There were no corrections or additions.

Old Business: The Juniata Valley Bank reminded our group that we need to remove the name of Margaret Guss from our checking

account following her death. Since a second name is needed and there was no one else available, Barb Geedey agreed to have her name placed on the account. She will have to go to the bank to sign papers as will Cynthia. We need a copy of the minutes approving this action to give to the bank. The motion was made by Linda Leister and seconded by Pat Fisher to place Barb Geedey's name on the account with Cynthia. The motion passed.

Barb will get the minutes typed and a copy made for the bank.

New Business: Our Women's convention will be held at Camp Mt. Luther on Saturday, July 23rd. Anyone wishing to attend with Linda and Barb please let them know as soon as possible. The group agreed to give \$50.00 to Katie's Fund at convention. We also picked the following items to donate to the Shelter in Lewistown: dish detergent, shampoos and conditioners, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, and hairbrushes. This is the in-kind Offering for the convention. If you would like to help with this collection purchase what you choose and place your items on the round table in the Adult Sunday School room. We will need these items by July 22nd.

We discussed which kits we are going to collect items for to send to Lutheran World Relief in October and Barb said she would contact them to see which kit is most needed right now. Barb did in fact contact them and she was told that the most needed kit right now is the Personal Care Kit so we will be listing those items following our July meeting.

We also decided that we would continue to collect the items for Children and Youth services as they are listed in the Newsletter and Bulletins.

Our next meeting will occur on Thursday, July 14th at 1:30 P.M. Any woman wishing to attend is more than welcome.

We closed with our Purpose Statement.



5 THINGS TO DO INSTEAD OF COMPLAIN

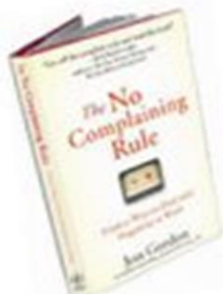
1. Practice Gratitude. Research shows that when we count three blessings a day, we get a measurable boost in happiness that uplifts and energizes us. It's also physiologically impossible to be stressed and thankful at the same time. Two thoughts cannot occupy our mind at the same time. If you are focusing on gratitude, you can't be negative. You can also energize and engage your coworkers by letting them know you are grateful for them and their work.

2. Praise Others. Instead of complaining about what others are doing wrong, start focusing on what they are doing right. Praise them and watch as they create more success as a result. Of course, point out their mistakes so they can learn and grow, but make sure you give three times as much praise as criticism.

3. Focus on Success. Start a success journal. Each night before you go to bed, write down the one great thing about your day. The one great conversation, accomplishment, or win that you are most proud of. Focus on your success, and you'll look forward to creating more success tomorrow.

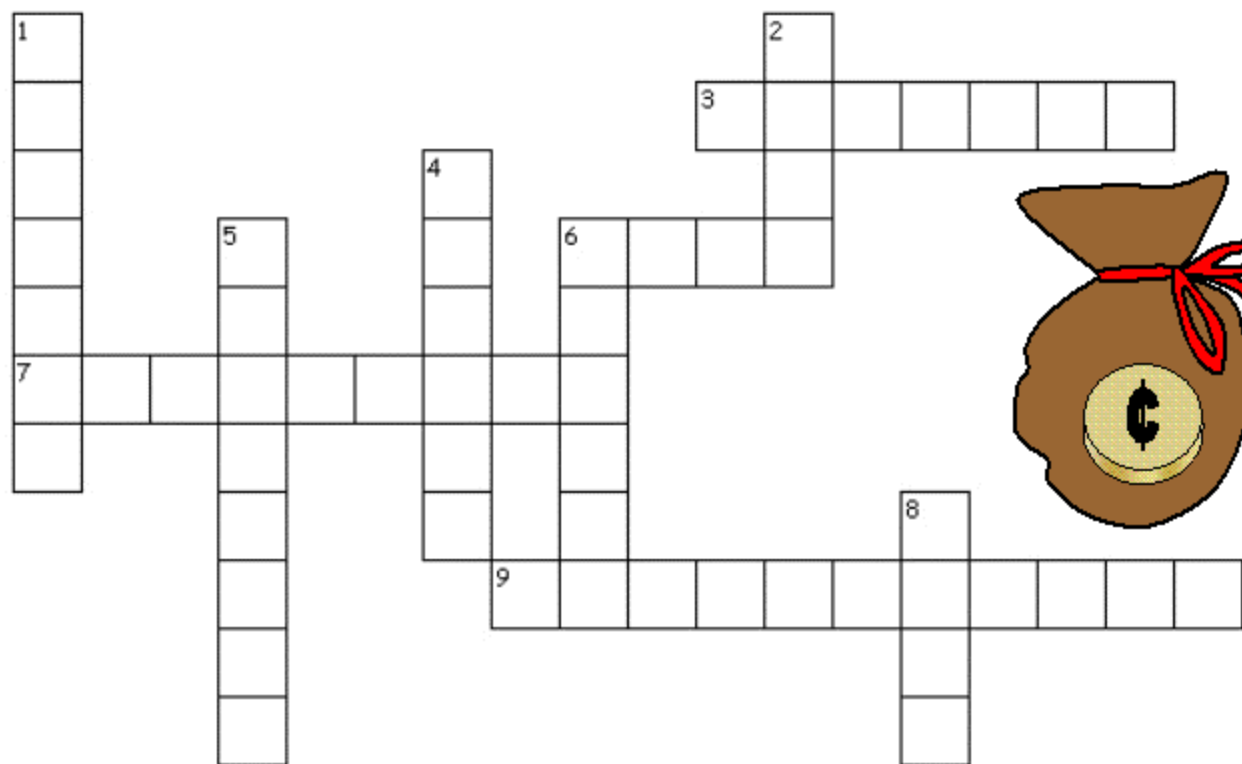
4. Let Go. Focus on the things that you have the power to change, and let go of the things that are beyond your control. You'll be amazed that when you stop trying to control everything, it all somehow works out.

5. Pray and Meditate. Scientific research shows that these daily practices reduce stress; boost positive energy; and promote health, vitality, and longevity. When you are faced with the urge to complain or you are feeling stressed to the max, stop, be still, plug-in to the ultimate power, and recharge.



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Parable of the Talents Crossword



Word List:

abilities buried
doubled master
parable special
trustworthy take
valuable more



Across

3. The type of story Jesus told about the talents is called this.
6. The master rewarded the servant who increased his talents by giving them ____.
7. The master gave to each servant according to their ____.
9. If you are ____ with a few things God will give you more responsibility.

Down

1. We are each given a ____ ability that no one else has.
2. If we don't use our special gift God will ____ it away.
4. The servant who received one talent did this with it.
5. Our abilities are very ____ to God, he wants us to use them wisely.
6. This person in the story is used to describe God.
8. The first two servants did this with their talents.