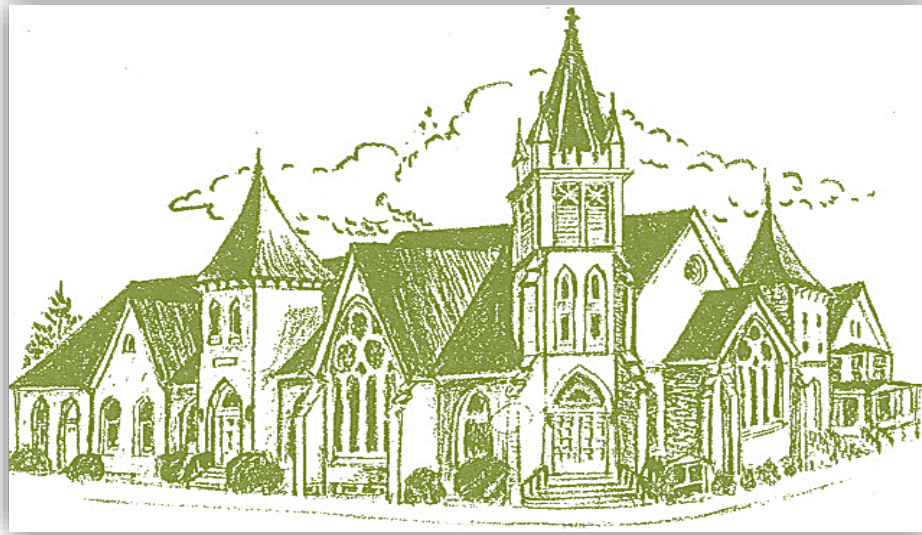


# THE MESSIAH HERALD



**MAY 2022**

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**3 SOUTH THIRD STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059**

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# **"Growing God's Love"**

## 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!

We continue celebrate during May the season of Easter. Each Sunday listen and hear a new message about the grace of God and the resurrection of Jesus Christ that frees us from the burdens of sin and death. On Thursday May 26, we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. Take a moment and read Luke 24:44-53 one more time. Note there is more to the Ascension than Jesus simply being lifted into Heaven. Look at verse 47 and imagine Jesus saying this not to his disciples, but directly to you. How does that image make you feel?

Pray now: *Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for the entire world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

As Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end of the age."

For a new "Book of the Month" study, during May, let us switch to the book of Exodus and relive the life and times of Moses and the Israelites, their bondage in Egypt and how God brought them out of Egypt. Take up the task of reading two chapters each week. Put yourself in the shoes of Moses and read as you were one of the children of Israel.

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*



## **ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMPORTANT SPRING & SUMMER EVENT DATES**

It is with profound thanksgiving and immense joy that the Parish Planning Council of Messiah Lutheran Church announces to all church members and all members of our Christian community the following special dates for 2022:

- 1) Sunday, March 20, the Parish Planning Council of Messiah received a recommendation from its Call Committee to extend a Call for Pastoral Duties to Vicar Samuel Leister. The PPC voted unanimously to recommend Vicar Leister to the congregation's Voters' Assembly for a Vote to Call upon his acceptance by the Upper Susquehanna Valley Synod of the ELCA as a Pastoral Candidate.
- 2) On April 21, the Upper Susquehanna Valley Synod of the ELCA conducted a Pastoral Candidacy Interview with Vicar Samuel Leister at which he was accepted as a Pastoral Candidate. We here at Messiah are now free to extend a Pastoral Call to Vicar Leister and to conduct a Vote to Call at a Voters' Assembly meeting.
- 3) On May 1, the first official announcement for a ***VOTE-TO-CALL SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15, 2022***, will be conducted at the regular Sunday worship service.
- 4) On May 8, the second official announcement for a ***VOTE-TO-CALL SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15, 2022***, will be conducted at the regular Sunday worship service.
- 5) ***ON MAY 15, 2022, A VOTE-TO-CALL*** Vicar Samuel Leister to fulfill the pastoral duties at Messiah Lutheran Church will be conducted by a Representative of the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the ELCA. The vote will be conducted at a Voters' Assembly meeting held at the conclusion of the regular Sunday service where a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by those members present is required to approve the Call. Please mark your calendar, pray for our congregation, pray for Vicar Leister, attend and vote.
- 6) Anticipating a favorable Vote-to-Call, 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.
- 7) Immediately following the Ordination Service, the Synod Bishop will conduct the ***INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR SAMUEL LEISTER*** as the Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church.
- 8) **ON JULY 3 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

All Front-Line Workers  
Peace in Ukraine  
The Family of Louise "Lou" Burd  
The Family of Don Haubert, Sr.  
The Family of Clarence Hibbs  
The Family of Brenda Taylor  
Steve & Linda Bahorik  
Donna Barton  
Donna Bell  
Andy Berrier  
Michele Boniewicz  
Dan Brackbill  
Don Bratton  
Dan Brown  
Greg and Nicole Brunner  
Karen Centini  
Randy Clark  
Terry Coder  
Vincent Cramer  
Will DeLancy  
Fred & Dot Dowling  
Seth Dowling  
Cathy Dysinger  
Renee Dzikowski  
Neil & Pat Fisher  
Janie Fogleman  
Bentley Fulkroad  
Joan Fulkroad

Terri Gayer  
Deb Geedey  
Edie Kay Gill  
Beth Harris  
Amy Hart  
Joyce Hart  
Sue Henderson  
Nox Hepburn  
Jay Hockenbroch  
Erin Husler  
Brenda Imes  
Terry Imes  
Annie Ingle  
Pam Kennedy  
Guy Kerstetter  
Kevin Kint  
Pam Lawson  
John Lehman  
Michael Lozano  
Zayden Mabey  
Anthony Martin  
Carlen McClure  
Alice McClure  
Messiah Mutual Ministry  
Cecilia Miller  
Elwood Miller  
Larry Miller  
Shirley Miller

Jim Minick  
Claire Mummah  
Ken Mummah  
Paul Ogden  
Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine  
Dave Phelan  
Jed Phelan  
Sandy Pines  
Mia Raish  
Betty Ranck  
Keith Ranck  
Mike Rhoades  
Ronald & Arlene Shearer  
Althea Smith  
Vicki Souja  
Mike Sparks  
Andy Spigelmyer  
Alice Swartz  
Dorothy Towsey  
George Trego  
Molly Ulsh  
George & Kay Varner  
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

### HONNEMAN HOUSE

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

Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

### AT HOME

Sieber & Ona Stoner  
23591 Route 35 North  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Minnie Minick  
187 JAM House Road  
Mifflin, PA 17058

Ken Stuck

66 Eighth Street  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

Edith Nipple

1482 William Penn Hwy.  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

## 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).



## 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!

## 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.

## 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

April 25 to May 29 ....Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith  
May 30 to June 26 ..... Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed

### MANNA MAKERS

May 1 ..... Cynthia Smith  
May 15..... Cynthia Smith

### LECTORS

May 1 .....Slone Smith  
May 8.....Diana Wise  
May 15..... Kate Swailes  
May 22 ..... Jean Compton  
May 29.....Ron Yorks

### ACOLYTES

May 1 ..... Brea Beward & Paige Martin  
May 8 ..... Sofia Reed & Julia Martin  
May 15 ..... Evan Miller & Nick Reed  
May 22..... Zeb Berry & Slone Smith  
May 29.....Olivia Mummah & Braedon Walton

### COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

May 1 .....Zeb Berry, Gabby Reed & Grace Miller  
May 8 .... Paige Martin, Silas Smith & Brea Beward  
May 15 .. Sofia Reed, Hannah Ehrisman & Paige Martin  
May 22... Evan Miller, Harrison Mummah & Nick Reed  
May 29.... Haley Mummah, Thea Beward & Silas Smith

### FLOWERS

May 1 ..... Cheryl Pinkerton & Debbie Meinsler  
May 8 & 15.....OPEN  
May 22.....Debbie Meinsler  
May 29.....OPEN

## 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.

## ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE BEING CREATED FOR '22-'23

The new altar guild schedule for July 2022 through June 2023 will be completed soon. We are currently in need of more people to serve on Altar Guild, as a few of our long-serving members are no longer able to help, especially with the making of the manna bread for communion services. If you would like to serve or have any changes you would like to make, please contact Bob St. Clair. All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule by June.  
**Thanks to all for your willingness to serve!**

# JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY MAY UPDATE



In March 2022 the Food Pantry served 167 families - 419 of your neighbors! We thank Lower Tuscarora Presbyterian Church for sending volunteers for the month of March.

The Food Pantry's Summer Backpack Program will begin its 10<sup>th</sup> year starting in June. This program provides lunches throughout summer vacation to school students who normally receive free and reduced-price lunches at school. These students often face hunger in the summer months as their families struggle to provide the extra meals. See below for the kind of donations we need for the Backpack Program. **Volunteers are also needed to help with the Backpack Program!** Call the Food Pantry, 436-9718, to sign up.

## **BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS:**

Single-serve, non-perishable lunch items such as 15 oz cans of pasta meals or ready-to-heat soup, microwaveable meals, fruit cups, pudding cups, and snack crackers/cookies.

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](mailto:jcfoodpantry@embarqmail.com)

WEBSITE: [www.jcfoodpantry.com](http://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

May's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will for Ukrainian rescue and refugee missions. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Upper Susquehanna Synod to continue assisting in these ELCA efforts. 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.

## LECTOR SCHEDULE BEING COMPLETED FOR '22- '23

The new lector schedule for July 2022 through June 2023 will be completed soon. If you are not already serving as a lector and you would like to read the weekly scripture readings, please notify the church office. Any young people who would like to read on the first Sunday of the month are also asked to notify the church office. If you would like to be deleted from the list, again let the office know. All lectors will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all of you who volunteer for this role in our worship service.

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

MAY 1 ----- JOHN 21:1-19  
PEOPLE WHO FEEL UNLOVED

MAY 2 ----- JOHN 14:8-14  
OPHTHALMOLOGISTS AND OPTOMETRISTS

MAY 3 ----- ISAIAH 30:18-21  
FOR LOVED ONES AWAITING TIMES OF REUNION

MAY 4 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-6  
FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER LOSS TODAY

MAY 5 ----- ACTS 9:36-43  
FOR THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS

MAY 6 ----- PSALM 23  
FOR THOSE TRAVELING TODAY

MAY 7 ----- REVELATION 7:9-17  
FOR OUR DIVIDED WORLD

MAY 8 ----- JOHN 10:22-30  
PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH TRUST

MAY 9 ----- PSALM 100  
MUSICIANS OF ALL KINDS

MAY 10 ----- EZEKIEL 37:15-28  
PEOPLE ESTRANGED DUE TO ANGER

MAY 11 ----- ACTS 11:1-18  
PEOPLE WHO ARE IN A TIME OF TRANSITION

MAY 12 ----- PSALM 148  
THE HEALTH OF THE CREATION

MAY 13 ----- REVELATION 21:1-6  
THOSE WHO LACK CLEAN, RELIABLE WATER

MAY 14 ----- ACTS 1:15-26  
SYNOD ASSEMBLIES ELECTING LEADERS

MAY 15 ----- JOHN 13:31-35  
DEACONS AND ALL WHO SERVE THE CHURCH

MAY 16 ----- PSALM 133  
SEMINARY CHAPEL MINISTRIES

MAY 17 ----- LEVITICUS 19:9-18  
ALL WHO TEND LAND AND LIVESTOCK

MAY 18 ----- LUKE 10:25-28  
THOSE WHO ARE LONELY, GRIEVING, OR AFRAID

MAY 19 ----- ACTS 16:9-15  
ELCA GLOBAL MISSION AND OUR PARTNER MINISTRIES

MAY 20 ----- PSALM 67  
THOSE WITH WHOM WE DISAGREE

MAY 21 ----- REVELATION 21:10, 22 - 22:5  
THOSE LIVING WITH DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY

MAY 22 ----- JOHN 5:1-9  
PEOPLE FOR WHOM IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND SABBATH TIME

MAY 23 ----- ACTS 1:1-11  
THOSE SURVIVING BROKEN PROMISES

MAY 24 ----- PSALM 47  
MUSIC TEACHERS, CHOIR DIRECTORS, AND OTHER  
MUSICIANS

MAY 25 ----- EPHESIANS 1:15-23  
MISSIONARIES AND CHURCH LEADERS

MAY 26 ----- LUKE 24:44-53  
GARDENERS

MAY 27 ----- ACTS 16:16-34  
THOSE WRONGFULLY IMPRISONED

MAY 28 ----- REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
BIBLICAL SCHOLARS

MAY 29 ----- JOHN 17:20-26  
PEOPLE IN WAR-TORN COUNTRIES

MAY 30 ----- PSALM 97  
FIREFIGHTERS

MAY 31 ----- LUKE 1:39-45  
FOR ALL TRAVELERS

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

MAY 1 – Claire Grimm

MAY 18 – Mary Grimm

MAY 21 – Nick Beward

MAY 23 – Bria Beward

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

MAY 12 – John and Kim White

MAY 23 – Jim and Brenda Bahorik

MAY 29 – Glenn and Jean Compton

# MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR APRIL

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sunday, April 3	S.S. - 5 Worship - 40	\$2,797.00	\$2,406.00	Benevolence -- \$43.00 Building Fund -- \$143.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$145.00 Flowers -- \$60.00
Weds., April 6	Worship -- 23	\$447.00	\$327.00	Benevolence -- \$80.00 Building Fund -- \$40.00
Palm Sunday, April 10	Worship - 67	\$6,166.00	\$4,213.00	Benevolence -- \$76.00 Building Fund -- \$321.00 Sunday School -- \$1.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$1,335.00 Flowers -- \$70.00 Memorial Fund -- \$100.00 World Hunger -- \$50.00
Thurs., April 14	Worship -- 16			
Friday, April 15	Worship -- 27	\$115.00		Meals on Wheels -- \$115.00
Easter Sunday, April 17	Worship - 92	\$2,486.00	\$2,249.00	Benevolence -- \$80.00 Building Fund -- \$90.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$20.00 Flowers -- \$10.00 Memorial Fund -- \$40.00
Sun., April 24	S.S. - 14 Worship - 57	\$2,954.00	\$2,396.00	Benevolence -- \$173.00 Building Fund -- \$193.00 Sunday School -- \$7.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$135.00 Flowers -- \$50.00





**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE LILIES TO HELP US CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S  
RESURRECTION ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>.**

In memory of my grandparents by Kenton Stuck.

In memory of our beloved wife and mother, Kay Stuck, by Ken and Kenton Stuck.

In memory of George and Evelyn Shirk and Gerald and Evelyn (Nootie) Davis by family.

To the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Don and Barb Geedey.

In loving memory of Abram and Ruth Shoener and Daniel and Thelma Dreibelbis by the Stephen Dreibelbis family.

In memory of my dad, James Harvey, by Debbie Meinsler.

In memory of my in-law, Larry Meinsler, by Debbie Meinsler.

In honor of Todd, Debbie, Wyatt and Zachary and in memory of loved ones by Larry and Diana Wise.

In memory of my grandparents, John and Hulda St. Clair and Lester and Grace Parsons, by Bob St. Clair.

In loving memory of my father, Robert St. Clair, Sr., by Bob St. Clair.

In loving honor of my mother, Jeanette St. Clair, by Bob St. Clair.

In memory of loved ones by Herman and Judy Armstrong.

In memory of Warren 'Dutch' and Kitty Walters by Cyndi and Bob Stiles and Deb Walters.

In memory of John and Anne Anstine by Rachael Diamond.

In honor of Nick by Tammy Brackbill.

In honor of Tirzah and Chris by Tammy Brackbill.

In memory of Dorothy and Karen Swab and Rick Fultz by the Bewards.

In memory of Donald Sr., Margaret 'Peg,' Donald Jr., Ronald, and Johnny Beward by the Bewards.

In honor of Mam-Maw and Pappy Leister and Nanny Beward by Thea and Brea.

In loving memory of Barry T. Stratford by Betty and family.

In memory of loved ones by Larry Goss.

To the Glory of God by Cynthia Smith.

In honor of our children, Susan, Carol, and Kenneth and their spouses by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In honor of our grandchildren, Harrison, Haley and Olivia, by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In memory of our parents, John and Helen Sieber and Martin and Ruth Varner, by George and Kay Varner.

In memory of our parents, Dale H. and Charlotte Henry and Harry and Martha Mummah by Ken and Ruth Mummah.

In honor of the families of our children and grandchildren: Holdermans, Kints, and Bewards, by Sam and Linda Leister.

In honor of Messiah's congregation by Sam and Linda Leister.

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## **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](http://www.elca.org/youthgathering).

# MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SUNDAY, MAY 1:**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH  
-AFTER WORSHIP – WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY, MAY 2:**  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 4:**  
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, MAY 5:**  
-5:30 TO 6:30 PM -- GIRL SCOUTS MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SATURDAY, MAY 7:**  
-6:30 PM – LION’S CLUB COMBINED SPRING YOUTH/GUEST NIGHT
- SUNDAY, MAY 8:**  
**MOTHER’S DAY**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, MAY 9:**  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 11:**  
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, MAY 12:**  
-1:30 PM – WELCA IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, MAY 15:**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH  
-AFTER WORSHIP – **VOTER’S ASSEMBLY TO CALL PASTOR TO OUR PULPIT**
- MONDAY, MAY 16:**  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-6:30 PM – LION’S CLUB MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 18:**  
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, MAY 19:**  
-5:30 TO 6:30 PM -- GIRL SCOUTS MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, MAY 22:**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH/ “BROTHERS IN GRACE”  
PERFORMING DURING WORSHIP SERVICE
- MONDAY, MAY 23:**  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 25:**  
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, MAY 26:**  
**ASCENSION DAY**
- FRIDAY, MAY 27:**  
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUNDAY, MAY 29:**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, MAY 30:**  
**MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA





The Women of the ELCA did not meet during the month of April.

Our church also received a letter from Juniata County Children and Youth requesting donations of clothing for Packages of Hope for local families as well as children entering foster care (*see below*). The list of clothing items is included with these minutes. If you would like to donate purchase an item or two and place them in the appropriate storage containers located in the Adult Sunday School Room. Our group felt this was a great way to help children in our area.

The group has decided to try for daytime meetings rather than evenings for a while to see if we can attract more members. **Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M.**

**JUNIATA COUNTY**  
**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**

133 INDUSTRIAL CIRCLE SUITE 1  
MIFFLINTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA 17059  
TELEPHONE 717-436-7707  
FAX 717-436-7708

COMMISSIONERS:  
Alice J. Gray  
Todd A. Graybill  
Mark R. Partner

DIRECTOR:  
Ashley J. Baxter

**0-3 Years**

- Socks (2 packs each: sizes 0-3mo, 3-6mo, 6-9mo, 9-12mo, 2, and 3)
- Onesies (2 packs each: sizes 0-3mo, 3-6mo, 6-9mo, 9-12mo, 2, and 3)
- Pajamas (2 packs each: sizes 0-3mo, 3-6mo, 6-9mo, 9-12mo, 2, and 3)

**4-7 Years**

- Socks (2 packs each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Underwear (2 packs each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Pajamas (2 sets of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Short sleeve tee (2 of each size: 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Long sleeve tee (2 of each size: 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Sweatpants (2 of each size: 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- Sweatshirts (2 of each size: 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)

**8-12 Years**

- Socks (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Underwear (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Short sleeve tee (2 of each size: small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Long sleeve tee (2 of each size: small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Sweatpants (2 of each size: small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Sweatshirt (2 of each size: small, medium, large, extra-large)

**13-17 Years**

- Socks (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Underwear (2 packs of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Short sleeve tee (2 of each size: small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Long sleeve tee (2 of each size: small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Sweatpants (2 of each size: small, medium, large, extra-large)
- Sweatshirt (2 of each size: small, medium, large, extra-large)

Additionally, we are requesting donations of plastic storage containers to help store and organize all donated items.



*Singing and making melody in their hearts...*

# **BROTHERS IN GRACE**

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**Because of His Amazing Grace**

**Date: Sunday, May 22, 2022**

**Place: Messiah Lutheran Church,  
Mifflintown, PA**

**Time: 10:30 AM**

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# *I know that my Redeemer lives*

This Easter, many of us will be able to gather in person for glorious celebrations of our Lord's resurrection. But the first Easter was in a cemetery, surrounded by tombstones. The women and then the men disciples came to see what had happened to their Lord. They expected to find a dead body, but instead they found God's defiant answer to death.

As St. Paul writes in Corinthians, "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Oh, death, where is your victory? Oh, death, where is your sting?"

I know now that we're entering the third year of this pandemic, and we see the signs of stress and incivility, even the signs of war and disease in Ethiopia and Sudan, in Europe. It might seem like death still has sway, but we can declare confidently on this Easter and all times what Job said, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh, I shall see God."

Centuries ago, the Russian Orthodox developed this beautiful poem, the Kontakion of the Departed. It's often used at gravesites. "Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind, and we are mortal, formed of the earth and to the earth shall we return. For so you did ordain when you created a thing. You are dust and to dust you shall return. All of us go down to the dust. Yet even at the grave we make our song. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

*Blessed Easter, dear church.*



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
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Happy   
*Mother's*  
Day

