"Growing God's Kingdom"



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 10th, 2022 **Messiah Lutheran Church**

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TODAY'S INTRODUCTION: To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 10, 2022 – 9:15 a.m.

*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

PREPARATION

CHIMES

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

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

- CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
 - P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
 - C Amen.
 - P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful God,
- C we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.
- P Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
- C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN

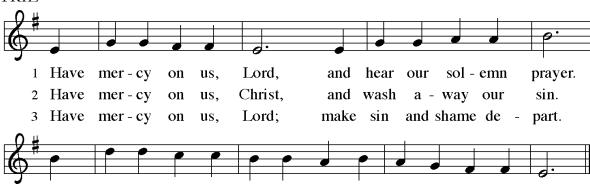
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#415 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

- P 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.

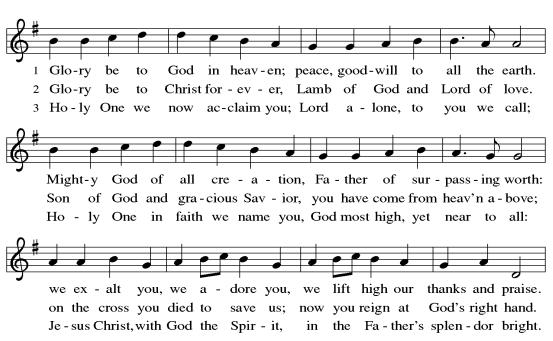
* KYRIE



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way. ⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

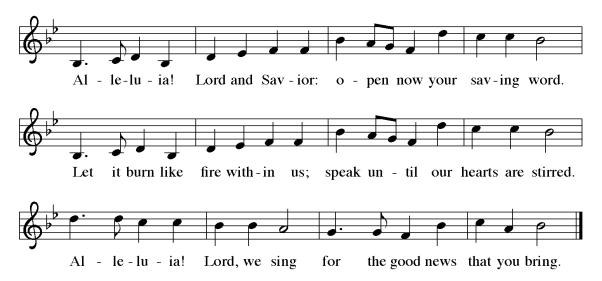
²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- L: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

- * GOSPEL.....Luke 10:25-37
 - P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.
 - C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON Andrea Cameron Andrea Cameron

HYMN OF THE DAY "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

#448 Green 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
 - P God of Grace
 - C hear our prayer.

* PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their pews at whatever level of physical contact with which they are comfortable).

OFFERING PRESENTATION

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards')

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

- P God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen.

MEAL

- * COMMUNION DIALOGUE (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 Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, 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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, how and forever.

C Amen.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER (all)

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.

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in the fron of the chancel).

DISTRIBUTION

["At the Chancel Rail" – come forward by the CENTER aisle; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Approach the altar to partake, then move to the chancel rail to pray. Then, return to your seat using the left or right SIDE aisle]. (Fellowship cups are available for those who wish to remain in your seat for communion)

* 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 Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.
- C Amen

SENDING

- * BLESSING
 - P The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.
 - C Amen, Amen. (sung)
- * SENDING HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #290 Green Hymnal
- * DISMISSAL
 - P Go in peace. Love your neighbor. C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Jean Compton

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark & Chris Martin (6/27/22—7/31/22)

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES - Evan Miller & Braedon Walton

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION ASSISTANTS - Hope Miller & Nick Reed

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS - Gabby Reed, Hope Miller & Hannah Ehrisman

NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD MAKER – Jean Berry

WELCOME TO ALL!

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit in the guest book provided in the Narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the Pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping with us.

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE with us if they are baptized, and if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ

GLUTEN FREE WAFERS ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR COMMUNION. If you so desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP by Andrea Cameron, an Authorized Lay Worship Leader of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. Authorized Lay Worship Leaders have received extensive training so as to provide worship leadership and preaching, and also have been authorized by the bishop of the synod to preside at the Eucharist in specific situations.

JUST A THOUGHT – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop of Hippo (354 – 430): When God crowns our merits, it is nothing other than his own gifts that he crowns.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS <u>THURSDAY NOON</u>.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Pastor Leister at sleister@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for <u>one month</u>. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or <u>mlchurchoffice@gmail.com</u>. 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 offering plates are placed during the service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email mlchurchoffice@gmail.com for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at sleister@gmail.com.

PASTOR SAM will be on vacation from July 7 to July 18. Pastor Richard Adams of St. Stephen's will provide emergency pastoral coverage during that time. He may be reached through his cell number at 717-253-0235.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION – We are now using "FULL" communion (cup and wafer). If you prefer to remain in your seat and use the communion kits that are pre-packaged and sealed that include a wafer and grape juice, please take a packaged kit when you receive a bulletin.

SEPTEMBER WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT! That means Sunday School will be starting again. We only have <u>one</u> class—a group of 5 or 6 kids in grades 2 to 5. We need <u>at least 2</u> teachers for this class. The <u>more volunteers</u> we have, the <u>fewer times</u> you will need to teach. So, <u>please</u>, do not let these kids down. Keep Sunday School going at Messiah! Please call Linda Clark at 717-348-8262 and say you will teach this class at Messiah.

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.

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.

THE JULY "MISSION OF THE MONTH" at Messiah will be for the Central Juniata Park Pool. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to this local organization. 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.

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:

June 26, 2022 Worship Attendance – (in person 47 – Online 31

		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Total Offering	\$2,514.00	Building Fund	\$ 103.00
Other Funds	<u>350.00</u>	Benevolence	213.00
General Fund	\$2,164.00	Central Juniata Pool	10.00
		Flowers	<u>24.00</u>
		Total	\$ 350.00

Other Funda

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

THE NEXT MESSIAH WELCA MEETING will be held on Thursday, July 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the Youth Area. Any women wishing to attend are more than welcome.

A LETTER WAS RECEIVED from Juniata County Children and Youth requesting donations of clothing for Packages of Hope for local families as well as children entering foster care. The list of clothing items is included below. If you would like to purchase an item or two to donate, please place them in the appropriate storage containers located in the Adult Sunday School Room.

0-3 Years

- --Socks (2 packs each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)
- --Onesies (2 packs each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 2, and 3)
- --Pajamas (2 sets of each: sizes 0-3 mo, 3-6 mo, 6-9 mo, 9-12 mo, 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: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes 4T, 5T, 6T, and 7)
- --Sweatshirts (2 of each: sizes 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: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Sweatshirt (2 of each: sizes 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: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Long sleeve tee (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Sweatpants (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)
- --Sweatshirt (2 of each: sizes small, medium, large, extra-large)

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

COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JULY: CANNED BEETS, CARROTS & POTATOES

CLEANING SUPPLIES & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

BACKPACK PROGRAM: (SINGLE-SERVE FRUIT CUPS, JELLO CUPS, NON-CHOCOLATE PUDDING & SINGLE-SERVE MEALS)
WE GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today: -9:15 a.m., Worship & Communion.

Monday: -7:00 p.m., AA in Youth Area.

Wednesday: -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday: -1:30 a.m., WELCA meeting in Youth Area.

Sunday: -9:15 a.m., Worship & Communion.

PRAYER LIST

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 Jane Fogleman Mindy Fryer Bentley Fulkroad Terri Gayer Deb Geedey Eddi Kav Gill Beth Harris Amy Hart Jovce 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 Ellwood Miller Larry Miller Shirley Miller Jim Minick Claire Mummah Ken Mummah Paul Ogden Kari Ann (Reagen) 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 Suoja Mike Sparks Andy Spigelmyer Stacey & Bonnie Swartz Dorothy Towsey George Trego Molly Ulsh Roscoe Warner & family Todd Wert & daughter Austin Willi Jim Woltman Mackenzie Wray Phillip Zendt George Zimmerman Linda Zimmerman

- *Peace in Ukraine & Russia
- *Victims of Gun Violence
- *Congregation of Centre Lutheran Church

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

- --Jane Marhefka Brookline Retirement Village, 92 Village Drive, Mifflintown, PA 17059
- --Gail Henderson & Carol Simonton Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- --Alice Swartz & Rich Smith Berry's Personal Care, 68 Lexi St., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- --Ruth Cisney & Ray Bramm Honneman House, 58 Honneman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsontown, PA 17094
- --Edith Nipple 1482 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- --Sieber & Ona Stoner William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044
- --Ken Stuck 66 Eighth St., Mifflintown, PA 17059