

THE MESSIAH HERALD



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THE PASTORS PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

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

My intention in the months to come is to share some insights and thoughts regarding scriptures and the study thereof. Over the years at Messiah, I have seen a number of Bible translations and have been blessed to explore a few of them. The scripture readings and Gospel message each Sunday are from the New Revised Standard Version which is used by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Below are several translations of Jeremiah 13, verse 1. Each of these are from Bibles that we have here at Messiah.

- + **American Standard Version:** 'Thus saith Jehovah unto me, Go, and buy thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water.
- + **English Standard Version:** 'Thus says the Lord to me, "Go and buy a linen loincloth and put it around your waist, and do not dip it in water."
- + **New International Version:** 'This is what the Lord said to me: "Go and buy a linen belt and put it around your waist, but do not let it touch water."
- + **New Revised Standard Version:** 'Thus said the Lord to me, "Go and buy yourself a linen loincloth, and put it on your loins, but do not dip it in water."
- + **Good News Bible:** 'The Lord told me to go and buy myself some linen shorts and to put them on; but he told me not to put them in water.
- + **The King James Version:** 'Thus saith the Lord unto me, Go and get thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water.
- + **New Century Version (Youth Bible):** 'This is what the Lord said to me: "Go and buy a linen belt and put it around your waist. Don't let the belt get wet."

One thing of note is the object which Jeremiah is told to buy. The original Hebrew word means "waist-cloth." In our translations we see the words girdle, loincloth, belt, and shorts. In Juniata County English the closest word from these texts is likely "shorts." We would more likely today use the word "underwear" since that is what Jeremiah is told to go out and buy.

You might be asking, "If the translation that I use personally is NOT in this list, should I go out and buy a Bible that is in this list?" **Absolutely NOT!** Truly wonderful is the fact that you have a preferred Bible which you read and study regularly! Reading and studying God's Word guides us always.

May we at Messiah resolve to follow the words and will of Christ our Savior. May we continue to serve others in need during times of grief, sickness, loneliness, and struggles. May we remain steadfast in our faith and in the Love of Jesus as we bring to others consolation, attention, happiness, and the peace that passes worldly understanding. Share the message of hope with others around you.

May the Lord be with you all!

Pastor Sam Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Peace in Ukraine & Russia	Cathy Dysinger	Kevin Kilmer	Betty Ranck
Victims of Gun Violence	Renee Dzikowski	Pam Lawson	Blossom Ranck
Victims of Hurricane Ian	Ettlinger Family	John Lehman	Keith Ranck
The Family of Pam Kennedy	Neil & Pat Fisher	Ray Long	Diane Rowles
The Family of Perry Shellenberger	Janie Fogleman	Michael Lozano	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Steve Freeman & Family	Zaden Mabey	Dave Smith
Donna Barton	Mindy Fryer	Anthony Martin	Vicki Souja
Rodai Batiinda	Bentley Fulkroad	Carlen McClure	Andy Spigelmyer
Gary Bechtold	Terri Gayer	Alice McClure	Barry Strawser
Michele Boniewicz	Deb Geedey	Cecilia Miller	Stacey & Bonnie Swartz
Dan Brackbill	Edie Kay Gill	Elwood Miller	Dorothy Towsey
Don Bratton	Arrin Gilson	Larry Miller	Molly Ulsh
Dan Brown	Deborah Gingrich	Shirley Miller	Doug Wagner
Raymond Cameron	Joyce Hart	Jim Minick	Roscoe Warner
Randy Clark	Sue Henderson	Claire Mummah	Todd Wert
Terry Coder	Lahryn Henry	Ken Mummah	Austin Willi
Jean Compton	Nox Hepburn	Paul Ogden	Eric Wirt
Vincent Cramer	Erin Husler	Lillian Parks	Jim Woltman
Will DeLancy	Brenda Imes	Ron & Linda (Kirchner) Parks	Gary Zeiders
Fred & Dot Dowling	Terry Imes	Linda Partner	Phillip Zendt
Seth Dowling	Annie Ingle	Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine	George Zimmerman
Freda Durio	Morgen Johnson	Dave & Nancy Phelan	Linda Zimmerman
	Andrea Kauffman	Sandy Pines	
	Guy Kerstetter	Mia Raish	

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)

Alice Swartz Rich Smith

HONNEMAN HOUSE

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

Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm

WILLIAM PENN HEALTHCARE AND REHAB CENTER

(163 SUMMIT DRIVE, LEWISTOWN, PA 17044)

Sieber & Ona Stoner

AT HOME

Edith Nipple	Ken Stuck
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PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Pastor Leister at mlcsleister@gmail.com. Also, 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 as well. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at mlcsleister@gmail.com.

GOD CREATES A NEW SAINT

On Sunday, October 9th, God created a new saint through His Sacrament of Holy Baptism, as we welcomed Brown Davis Berger, son of Brandon and Abigail (Kramer) Berger. Congratulations, Brown and parents!!

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

October 30 to November 13

..... Linda Leister, Bethanie Beward & Jenn Hutchinson

November 14 to 27

..... Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward

November 28 to December 25

..... Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith

MANNA MAKERS

November 6 Barb Geedey

November 20.....Jenn Hutchinson

LECTORS

November 6 Haley Mummah

November 13..... Andrea Cameron

November 20..... Cynthia Smith

November 27..... Kate Swailes

ACOLYTES

November 6 Paige Martin & Grace Miller

November 13..... Hannah Ehrisman & Thea Beward

November 20.....Stella Reed & Nick Reed

November 27.....Julia Martin & Brea Beward

COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

November 6

... Julia Martin, Carter Ehrisman, & Thea Beward

November 13

..... Olivia Mummah, Haley Mummah & Brea Beward

November 20

.....Sofia Reed, Gabby Reed, & Hope Miller

November 27

... Paige Martin, Braedon Walton & Grace Miller

FLOWERS

November 6..... Sandy Pines & Dan & Michelle Stoner

November 13..... In Memory of Max Ernest

November 20..... OPEN

November 27..... OPEN

BLANKET SUNDAY UPDATE

An update to our Blanket Sunday, held on Sunday, October 2nd. A total of **211** quilts, sewn by “The Needlers,” and **20** personal care kits were sent to Lutheran World Relief. Also, total money

donated came to \$550.00! Thanks to everyone who collected items for the kits!

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.

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.

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!

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER UPDATE



Dear Friends, here we are careening through the calendar towards Thanksgiving. Our stockpile of Thanksgiving and Christmas foods is growing steadily,

but we are still in need of certain items to be used to pack 350 or more Thanksgiving boxes for local families by our distribution date of Nov 19. We would be so grateful for your help.

In September we assisted 191 families (525 individuals). Many thanks to Trinity United Methodist Church for providing volunteers for September.

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS-ITEMS STILL NEEDED:

Turkeys (around 12 lbs) or turkey breasts; whole chickens, hams (3-5 lbs); boxed brownie or cookie mix, boxed stuffing or turkey gravy; 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

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

November's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will go towards Lutheran Disaster Relief, to help those affected in several states by



Hurricane Ian. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to L.D.R. so they may continue to serve those whose lives have been turned upside down by Ian. 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.

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

NOVEMBER 1 -----LUKE 6:20-31
THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING

NOVEMBER 2 ----- PSALM 50
*THOSE GOD CALLS TO TEACH AND MODEL LIVING
ACCORDING TO GOD'S GOOD LAW*

NOVEMBER 3 -----JOB 19:23-27A
THOSE WITH TOO WEAK OR TOO STRONG A CONSCIENCE

NOVEMBER 4 ----- PSALM 17:1-9
THOSE DENIED JUSTICE

NOVEMBER 5 ----- 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17
THOSE WHO ARE DELIBERATELY MISSED

NOVEMBER 6 -----LUKE 20:27-38
THOSE WHO FEEL TROUBLED TODAY

NOVEMBER 7 ----- 2 PETER 1:16-21
THOSE IN DESPAIR

NOVEMBER 8 ----- 2 JOHN 1-13
THOSE ISOLATED FROM PEOPLE THEY LOVE

NOVEMBER 9 ----- PSALM 123
THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

NOVEMBER 10 ----- MALACHI 4:1-2A
VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE

NOVEMBER 11 ----- PSALM 98
THOSE BEREFT OF GOOD NEWS

NOVEMBER 12 ----- 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13
CONGREGATIONS STRUGGLING TO SERVE

NOVEMBER 13 ----- LUKE 21:5-19
PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WHO FACE PERSECUTION

NOVEMBER 14 ----- EPHESIANS 4:22-5:2
ALL THAT MILITATES AGAINST KINDNESS

NOVEMBER 15 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 10:23-11:1
PEOPLE HURT BY SOMEONE'S THOUGHTLESSNESS

NOVEMBER 16 ----- PSALM 141
CRISIS HOTLINE WORKERS

NOVEMBER 17 ----- JEREMIAH 23:1-6
NURSES, MEDICAL AIDES, AND OTHER CAREGIVERS

NOVEMBER 18 ----- PSALM 46
*ALL WHO RELY ON NEARBY BODIES OF CLEAN WATER
FOR LIFE AND WORK*

NOVEMBER 19 ----- COLOSSIANS 1:11-20
*CHURCH CUSTODIANS, SECRETARIES, ACCOUNTANTS,
AND OTHERS WHO MAY BE OVERLOOKED*

NOVEMBER 20 -----LUKE 23:33-43
*THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF CRIMES AND ARE
SERVING SENTENCES*

NOVEMBER 21 ----- PSALM 24
*MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY MEDICS
AND OTHER SUPPORT PERSONNEL*

NOVEMBER 22 ----- REVELATION 22:8-21
*PEOPLE EXPERIENCING CHRONIC THIRST AND
WHO LACK AVAILABLE CLEAN WATER*

NOVEMBER 23 ----- ISAIAH 60:8-16
PARENTS OF NEWBORNS

NOVEMBER 24 -----JOHN 2:1-11
FOOD-SUPPLY WORKERS

NOVEMBER 25 -----ISAIAH 2:1-5
TRAVEL AGENTS, TOUR GUIDES, AND CHAPERONES

NOVEMBER 26 -----ROMANS 13:11-14
*ELECTRICIANS AND PEOPLE WHO WORK
ON SOLAR AND WIND FARMS*

NOVEMBER 27 ----- MATTHEW 24:36-44
HOUSEKEEPERS, COOKS, AND CLEANERS

NOVEMBER 28 -----ROMANS 6:1-11
THOSE WHO GRIEVE, AND THOSE WHO DIE UNATTENDED

NOVEMBER 29 ----- PSALM 124
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS FROM MILITARY SERVICE

NOVEMBER 30 ----- JOHN 1:35-42
*PEOPLE IN LABOR, MIDWIVES, DOULAS,
DELIVERY NURSES AND DOCTORS*

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 AND OFFERINGS FOR OCTOBER

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sunday, October 2	SS - 14 Worship - 56	\$1,627.00	\$1,395.00	Benevolence -- \$20.00 Building Fund -- \$160.00 Mission of the Month -- \$20.00 Sunday School -- \$7.00 Flowers -- \$25.00
Sunday, October 9	SS - 12 Worship - 69	\$3,453.00	\$3,207.00	Benevolence -- \$23.00 Building Fund -- \$88.00 Mission of the Month -- \$130.00 Sunday School -- \$5.00
Sunday, October 16	SS - 11 Worship - 44	\$1,889.30	\$1,575.00	Benevolence -- \$80.00 Building Fund -- \$110.00 Mission of the Month -- \$120.00 Sunday School -- \$4.30
Sunday, October 23	SS - 8 Worship - 48	\$4,088.00	\$3,435.00	Benevolence -- \$130.00 Building Fund -- \$305.00 Mission of the Month -- \$160.00 Sunday School -- \$8.00 World Hunger -- \$50.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER 15 – Zac Smith
 NOVEMBER 17 – Jacob White & Livia Arentz
 NOVEMBER 29 – Ruth Cisney

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER 7 – Sieber & Ona Stoner

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend congratulations to Hunter Berry and Savannah Wood who were married on Saturday, October 1st at their home on Deerville Road. Best wishes to them as they begin their life together!

THANK YOU

The United Way of Mifflin-Juniata County would like to thank Pastor Leister and Messiah Church members for the generous use of your church for our kick-off breakfast for the 2022 Day of Caring! We very much appreciate the many years of being able to have such a welcoming site for our community volunteers to meet and enjoy a delicious breakfast to start off the Day of Caring. I hope we can continue this relationship for many more years!

--Colette Hartzler, Executive Director
 --Kenda Haas, Community Impact Coordinator



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MESSIAH'S DECEMBER ADVENT SEASON AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS **PLEASE INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN US AS WE PREPARE OURSELVES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COMING OF THE CHRIST CHILD!**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH: First Sunday of Advent, followed by a light luncheon (prepared by the Fellowship Committee). Decoration of the church will be held after the service and luncheon. **ALL HANDS-ON DECK ARE NEEDED!**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH: Second Sunday of Advent. “**Hanging of the Greens**” program will be held during the morning worship service. The topic of this year’s program will be *The Meaning of Advent and its Symbols*.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH: Third Sunday of Advent.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH: Fourth Sunday of Advent. The morning worship service will include the annual **Children’s Christmas Program**.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH: -7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service -7:30 PM – Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service

CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will begin with a **Prelude Service** at 7:00 PM, featuring our in-house musicians, Bob St. Clair and Slone Smith. **The Candlelight/Communion service will begin at 7:30 PM** and will include the singing of Carols and special anthems by both the junior and senior choirs.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5:** **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!** TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED, AS WELL AS CHECK YOUR FIRE/CO₂ DETECTORS!
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6:** **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHETICAL CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP, COMMUNION, JR. CHURCH
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7:** -6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-6:30 PM – LION’S CLUB MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8:** **ELECTION DAY**
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-6:30 PM – LION’S CLUB MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10:** -1:30 PM – WELCA IN YOUTH AREA
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11:** **VETERAN’S DAY HOLIDAY**
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13:** **THANKOFFERING SUNDAY**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHETICAL CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP, COMMUNION, JR. CHURCH
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14:** -6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-6:30 PM – LION’S CLUB MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20:** **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP, COMMUNION, JR. CHURCH
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21:** -6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24:** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27:** **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHETICAL CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP, COMMUNION, JR. CHURCH
-AFTER WORSHIP – VOTER’S ASSEMBLY
-AFTER WORSHIP – LUNCHEON & DECORATING OF THE CHURCH
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28:** -6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY



Women of the ELCA met on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 1:30 P.M. in the Young Adults Sunday School classroom.

Barb Geedey provided devotions on Fall, Halloween, and Columbus Day from Ideals.

The minutes from our previous meeting printed in the October Newsletter were approved.

Our Treasurer was not present therefore we did not have her report.

Old Business: The Thankoffering service for November 13 is completed and our speaker will be Jane Neff, Director of the Shelter Service. We will have a light luncheon following the service with several different soups. We are asking those who will be attending to bring an apple, pumpkin or other fall dish. We are asking for donations of any of the following items for the Shelter Services; 30-gallon black garbage bags, canned meat (tuna, salmon, chicken, etc.), canned tomatoes, sauce, spaghetti sauce, or men's deodorant and disposable razors. The items can be placed in the wash tub located in the back of the church.

Barb will get our Purpose Statement to Judy so she can place it in our Bulletin and Newsletter so that everyone can be aware of what our group supports.

New Business: Barb will be attending the Fall Retreat on Saturday, October 15 at Camp Mt Luther.

The group will be sponsoring 6 Christmas Angel Children again this year. We are waiting for the list and then it will be displayed in the kitchenette area to sign up for clothing and non-clothing items.

We have also decided to try a reverse Advent Calendar this year with the items donated to the Food Pantry. What is needed will be posted on the next page as well as directions.

The group decided to sponsor a child again from Liberia. We received the same one we

have been sponsoring for the last several years. The motion was made by Linda Leister and seconded by Diana Wise. Her picture will be posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

Our next meeting will occur on Thursday, November 10 at 1:30 P.M.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT

The Women of the ELCA will once again be sponsoring six children for the Christmas Angel Project. The sign-up chart for the gifts that are needed is on the bulletin board in the Kitchenette. Gifts are due at the church by **December 4th**, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child's name and number on the tag.

AREA AGENCIES PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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. When the Boy Scouts come to your door in November for their annual food drive—please give generously. 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.



ANNUAL THANKOFFERING SERVICE

The Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service will be held on Sunday, November 13th and the speaker will be Jane Neff, Director of Shelter Services of Mifflin and Juniata Counties. A light lunch will be provided following the service with several different kinds of soup. We are asking those who will be attending to bring an apple, pumpkin, or other fall dish. We are also asking for donations of any of the following items (tuna, salmon, chicken, etc.), canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, or men's deodorant and disposable razors. These items can be placed in the wash tub located in the Adult Sunday School Room.

R E V E R S E ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Messiah Lutheran Church Poinsettia and/or Lutheran Disaster Response Order Form



In keeping with Messiah Lutheran Church tradition, poinsettias may now be purchased for our services this holiday season in honor or memory of loved ones. They will be used to beautify our altar area to help us celebrate the holiday season. We are again including this year another way to honor or to remember loved ones by making a donation in their name to the Lutheran Disaster Response effort. In the wake of this year's many natural disasters and because of those still suffering, we are again adding this worthwhile opportunity for those who may not usually consider purchasing a poinsettia.

Please complete the order form below and attach **a check for either type (payment or donation)**, made payable to **"Messiah Lutheran Church"** and print **Poinsettias or Lutheran Disaster Response** in the memo line. Attach the check to the order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office by **December 16, 2022. PAYMENT OR DONATION MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ORDER!!**

Thank you for helping to beautify our space, and/or supporting Lutheran Disaster Response!

Please note, that if you are making a donation for the disaster response effort, our Treasurer will keep track of all money received for that cause and write one check at the end of the Christmas season from our church to the Lutheran Disaster Response and also enclose a listing of those who were honored or remembered. As in the past, a full listing of either a Poinsettia or a Donation (will not include the amount of the donation) with those persons honored or remembered will be listed in the bulletin for Sunday, December 18th and on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Flowers may be picked up anytime following our Christmas Day Service.

Poinsettia/Lutheran Disaster Response Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

LIST THE DEDICATION AS FOLLOWS:

Please check one: In Honor Of () or In Memory Of ()

I would like to order and/or donate as follows:

6" Poinsettia (4 to 5 blooms) \$8.00 each: # of plants _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____
Donation to Lutheran Disaster Response in the amount of _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



Thanksgiving Day Fun



Cornucopia
Dinner
Family
Feast
Friends

Gather
Gobble
Grateful
Harvest
November

Potatoes
Thankful
Thanksgiving
Tradition
Turkey

