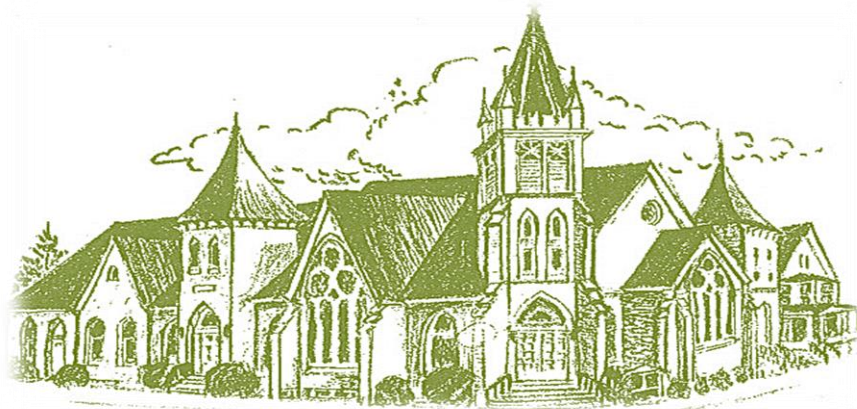


THE MESSIAH HERALD



December 2022

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The Messiah Herald



THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

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

In Matthew 22, Jesus said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' and 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' These are the two greatest commandments. We are to follow these as primary teachings brought to us by Jesus, the same Jesus whose birth we celebrate this month.

In Matthew 24:36-44, the Gospel reading for the First Sunday of Advent, Jesus refers to his second coming. How can we prepare for this instant of the ages which neither angels nor Jesus know the time? While God's grace is given to us unconditionally, we are to be prepared as Jesus directs us. One look at Matthew 22 illuminates a path for us of compassion and love for our neighbor. This is a main theme of the message of the Christmas season. What are some ways in which you as the family of Christ at Messiah can share in this commandment?

One way is to put together in a box a Reverse Advent Calendar. You can find this list in the weekly Sunday bulletins and in this newsletter. You do this by putting in the calendar (the box) an item each day from December 1 through December 24. Christmas Eve and/or on Christmas Day, bring the box of goodies to the church. These gifts will be shared with those in need and will meet a post-Christmas need that will provide several meals. Check this out and fill the church at Christmas with Reverse Advent Calendars.

Another way of loving your neighbor this season is to fill the coin banks for the Shelter Service of Mifflin and Juniata Co. The director, Jane Neff spoke at Messiah at our Thank Offering service in November. She described many of the caring services offered to folks in Juniata, Mifflin, and Huntingdon counties. These benefits go beyond a room and extend to families in their times of need. Our Parish Planning Council has made the Shelter Services the mission of the month for December which means Messiah will match the amount donated up to \$1,000. Fill those coin banks and bring them in anytime in December.

Yet another way of caring for our neighbors is through our own "Project of Faith" fund. This fund grows every time you purchase a Weis or Giant gift card. Five percent of the face value of that gift card remains with Messiah and is used for benevolent projects near and far. These monies have helped victims of fires, helped with medical bills, and even shared through a Lutheran church in Gulfport Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. This year, support will be provided to the Juniata County Food Pantry to help with meals at Christmas and beyond. Keep supporting this project by purchasing gift cards.

Let us at Messiah 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.

May the Lord be with you all!

Pastor Samuel Leister

Please Pray for the Following...

Peace in Ukraine & Russia	Janie Fogleman	Pam Lawson	Betty Ranck
Victims of Gun Violence	Steve Freeman & Family	John Lehman	Blossom Ranck
Victims of Hurricane Ian	Mindy Fryer	Ray Long	Keith Ranck
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Bentley Fulkroad	Michael Lozano	Diane Rowles
Donna Barton	Terri Gayer	Zaden Mabey	Ron & Arlene Shearer
Rodai Batiinda	Deb Geedey	Anthony Martin	Dave Smith
Gary Bechtold	Edie Kay Gill	Carlen McClure	Vicki Souja
Michele Boniewicz	Arrin Gilson	Alice McClure	Andy Spigelmyer
Dan Brackbill	Deborah Gingrich	Cecilia Miller	Barry Strawser
Don Bratton	George Gross	Elwood Miller	Stacey & Bonnie Swartz
Dan Brown	Joyce Hart	Larry Miller	Dorothy Towsey
Raymond Cameron	Sue Henderson	Shirley Miller	Molly Ulsh
Randy Clark	Lahryn Henry	Jim Minick	Doug Wagner
Terry Coder	Pat & Karen Henry	Claire Mummah	Roscoe Warner
Jean Compton	Nox Hepburn	Ken Mummah	Todd Wert
Vincent Cramer	Erin Husler	Paul Ogden	Austin Willi
Fred & Dot Dowling	Brenda Imes	Lillian Parks	Eric Wirt
Seth Dowling	Terry Imes	Ron & Linda (Kirchner) Parks	Jim Woltman
Freda Durio	Annie Ingle	Linda Partner	Gary Zeiders
Cathy Dysinger	Morgen Johnson	Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine	Phillip Zendt
Renee Dzikowski	Andrea Kauffman	Dave & Nancy Phelan	George Zimmerman
Ettlenger Family	Guy Kerstetter	Sandy Pines	Linda Zimmerman
Neil & Pat Fisher	Kevin Kilmer	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
1482 William Penn Hwy.	66 Eighth Street
Mifflintown, PA 17059	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 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.

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.



WELCA met on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 1:30 P.M in the Young Adult Sunday School classroom,

Barb provided devotions from the devotional Time to Rejoice from Women of Faith. She read “Beginning, Middle, End” by Marilyn Meberg.

We reviewed the minutes as printed in the November Newsletter.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$841.33, but \$570.00 of that is from Blanket Sunday.

Cynthia read a letter she received from Carol Nace.

There was no Old Business.

Under New Business Barb reported that everything is in order for Thankoffering Service and Cynthia agreed to purchase the cider for the lunch following the service.

The December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, at 1:30. Everyone is to bring a reading and light snack refreshments.

Barb moved and Cynthia seconded to donate \$100.00 to Lutheran World Relief to help with the cost of shipping for the quilts and personal care kits.

We closed with our Purpose Statement.



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.

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 5th**, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child’s name and number on the tag.

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!

Our Extended Family Continues to Grow!

We take joy in welcoming into the world, Gino Ace Kerlin, son of Kerry and Brianne Kerlin of Florida. Gino is the brother of Lando Kerlin, grandson of Ken and Kay Eyler and great grandson of Alice McClure. He was born on the morning of November 11, weighing in at 7 pounds. Congratulations to the Kerlin family!

Juniata County Food Pantry December Update

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

With your help, by the time we will have distributed over 150 Thanksgiving meals to our Juniata County neighbors in need! In December we're attempting to do it all again-for Christmas!

BASIC NEEDS FOR DECEMBER:

Canned beets, Canned mixed vegetables, Canned pineapples, laundry detergent, and other Cleaning Supplies



HOLIDAY MEAL NEEDS FOR DECEMBER

Turkeys, turkey breasts; hams (3-5 lbs) 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!

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

Nov. 28 to Dec. 25..... Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith
Dec. 26 to Jan. 8, 2023... Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner

MANNA MAKERS

December 4..... Cynthia Smith
December 18..... Diana Wise
December 24..... Jean Berry
December 25..... Tammy Brackbill
January 1..... Barb Geedey

LECTORS

December 4..... Slone Smith

December 11..... Cynthia Smith
December 18..... Diana Wise
December 25..... Marina Holderman
January 1..... Harrison Mummah

ACOLYTES

December 4..... Evan Miller & Slone Smith
December 11..... Zeb Berry & Braedon Walton
December 18..... Carter Ehrisman & Olivia Mummah
December 24..... Haley Mummah & Hope Miller
December 25..... Zeb Berry & Harrison Mummah
January 1..... Sofia Reed & Gabby Reed

COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

Dec. 4.. Harrison Mummah, Braedon Walton & Grace Miller
Dec. 11..... Silas Smith, Hope Miller & Thea Beward
Dec. 18... Haley Mummah, Hannah Ehrisman & Brea Beward
Dec. 24..... Stella, Sofia, & Gabby Reed
Dec. 25..... Julia & Paige Martin, Olivia Mummah
Jan. 1..... Nick & Stella Reed, Evan Miller

FLOWERS

December 4..... Don & Barb Geedey
December 11..... Judy Armstrong
December 18 & 25..... POINSETTIAS

Daily Bible Readings and Prayer Focus

DECEMBER 1 ----- ISAIAH 11:1-10
THOSE STRESSED BY HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS

DECEMBER 2 -----PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19
GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS

DECEMBER 3 ----- ROMANS 15:4-13
MUSICIANS AND DIRECTORS

DECEMBER 4 -----MATTHEW 3:1-12
TENDERS OF FRUIT TREES

DECEMBER 5 -----1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-12
THOSE STRUGGLING WITH SELF-JUDGMENT

DECEMBER 6 -----ISAIAH 41:14-20
LINGUISTS AND LANGUAGE INSTRUCTORS

DECEMBER 7 ----- GENESIS 15:1-18
SURVIVORS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

DECEMBER 8 -----ISAIAH 35:1-10
TRANSPORTATION WORKERS AND OFFICIALS

DECEMBER 9 ----- PSALM 146:5-10
ORGANIZERS AND PLANNERS

DECEMBER 10 ----- JAMES 5:7-10
THOSE FACING STRUGGLES TODAY

DECEMBER 11 ----- MATTHEW 11:2-11
COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONALS

DECEMBER 12 ----- PSALM 42
THOSE ASKING HARD QUESTIONS

DECEMBER 13 ----- JUDE 17-25
THOSE WITH MOBILITY CHALLENGES

DECEMBER 14 ----- ZECHARIAH 8:1-17
CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND MASONS

DECEMBER 15 ----- ISAIAH 7:10-16
FOR THOSE SEEKING GOD

DECEMBER 16 ----- PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19
THOSE WHO FEEL ALONE AND FORGOTTEN

DECEMBER 17 ----- ROMANS 1:1-7
THOSE FOR WHOM CHRISTMAS IS A SAD TIME

DECEMBER 18 ----- MATTHEW 1:18-25
THOSE AWAITING OR STANDING TRIAL

DECEMBER 19----- GENESIS 17:15-22
THOSE WHO LONG FOR A CHILD

DECEMBER 20 ----- GALATIANS 4:21 – 5:1
PRISONERS AND REFUGEES

DECEMBER 21----- ISAIAH 9:2-7
PEACE IN OUR SOCIETY AND IN WARRING LANDS

DECEMBER 22 ----- PSALM 96
THOSE WHO PLAN WORSHIP

DECEMBER 23 -----TITUS 2:11-14
*FARMERS, RANCHERS, MIGRANT LABORERS,
 AND ALL WHO WORK IN THE SOIL*

DECEMBER 24 -----LUKE 2:1-20
FIRST RESPONDERS WHO WORK THIS NIGHT

DECEMBER 25 ----- JOHN 1:1-14
JOY AND CONSOLATION FOR THOSE FAR FROM HOME

DECEMBER 26 ----- MATTHEW 23:34-39
THOSE WHO HAVE HURT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT

DECEMBER 27 -----JOHN 21:20-25
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

DECEMBER 28 -----MATTHEW 2:13-18
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF AND CHILDREN IN WAR-TORN LANDS

DECEMBER 29 -----ISAIAH 52:7-10
THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

DECEMBER 30 -----HEBREWS 1:1-4
HEALING AND UNITY IN MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

DECEMBER 31-----MATTHEW 25:31-46
HEALING FOR SOCIAL DIVISION

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER 4 – Jean Berry

DECEMBER 5 – Silas Smith

DECEMBER 11 – Gene Crissman

DECEMBER 15 -- Jane McNaught Shearer

DECEMBER 25 – *OUR SAVIOR, JESUS*

Barbara S. Geedey

DECEMBER 26 – Emma Arentz

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, 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 Christmas Greens and the Manger*.

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.

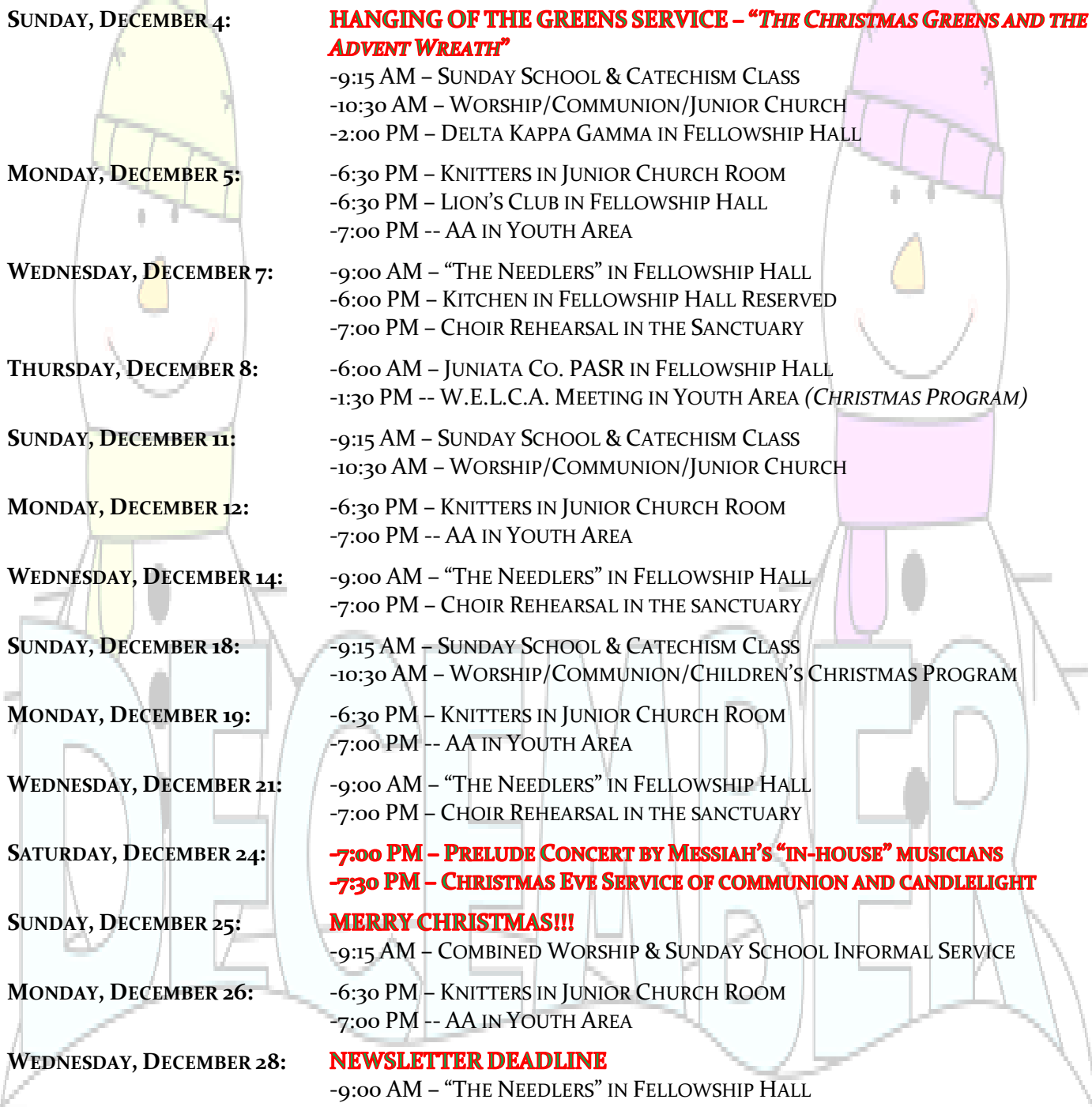
Messiah Attendance & Offerings for November

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
OCTOBER 30	S.S. – 0 WORSHIP – 38	\$1,899.00	\$1,660.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$75.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$85.00 MISSION OF THE MONTH -- \$55.00 FLOWERS -- \$24.00
NOVEMBER 6	S.S. – 0 WORSHIP – 35	\$1,752.00	\$1,476.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$93.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$113.00 MISSION OF THE MONTH -- \$70.00
NOVEMBER 13	S.S. – 12 WORSHIP – 45	\$2,923.00	\$2,589.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$33.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$88.00 MISSION OF THE MONTH -- \$60.00 SUNDAY SCHOOL -- \$12.00 FLOWERS -- \$16.00 USE OF BUILDING -- \$125.00
NOVEMBER 20	S.S. – 0 WORSHIP – 39	\$3,771.00	\$3,105.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$30.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$360.00 MISSION OF THE MONTH -- \$140.00 WORLD HUNGER -- \$100.00 FLOWERS -- \$36.00
NOVEMBER 27	S.S. – 16 WORSHIP – 57	\$2,826.00	\$2,550.00	BENEVOLENCE -- \$36.00 BUILDING FUND -- \$136.00 MISSION OF THE MONTH -- \$32.00 SUNDAY SCHOOL -- \$9.00 FLOWERS -- \$63.00

Mission Of the Month

December's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will go towards Shelter Service, Inc. of Mifflin-Juniata-Huntingdon Counties. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Shelter Service so they may continue to serve those who are in need in our own 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.

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4:** **HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE - "THE CHRISTMAS GREENS AND THE ADVENT WREATH"**
-9:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM - WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
-2:00 PM - DELTA KAPPA GAMMA IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 5:**
-6:30 PM - KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-6:30 PM - LION'S CLUB IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7:**
-9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-6:00 PM - KITCHEN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED
-7:00 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8:**
-6:00 AM - JUNIATA CO. PASR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-1:30 PM -- W.E.L.C.A. MEETING IN YOUTH AREA (*CHRISTMAS PROGRAM*)
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11:**
-9:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM - WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 12:**
-6:30 PM - KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14:**
-9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18:**
-9:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM - WORSHIP/COMMUNION/CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 19:**
-6:30 PM - KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21:**
-9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24:**
-7:00 PM - PRELUDE CONCERT BY MESSIAH'S "IN-HOUSE" MUSICIANS
-7:30 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE OF COMMUNION AND CANDLELIGHT
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25:** **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**
-9:15 AM - COMBINED WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMAL SERVICE
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 26:**
-6:30 PM - KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN YOUTH AREA
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
-9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31:**
-12 NOON TO 5:00 PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023:** **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

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) **\$9.00** each: # of plants _____ x **\$9.00** = \$ _____
Donation to Lutheran Disaster Response in the amount of _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 6th, we observed All Saints' Sunday, a day where we remembered, with thanksgiving, all of the people of God, living and dead, who form the mystical body of Christ. All believers in Christ who have been made holy, (sanctified) by the blood of Christ, are saints. We especially honored those of our congregation who have gone on to the other side of eternal life since last All Saints Sunday. They are: Max Ernest, Margaret Guss, Charles Dale "Pete" Swartz, Barbara Fairman, Cloyd "Butch" Pines, Jr., and Minnie Minick. A white carnation was placed on the cross in the front of the church in memory of each of these people. Family members were invited to come forward after the

service that morning and take a carnation placed in memory of their loved one. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, says the Spirit that they may rest from their labors."

2023 Church Envelopes

The 2023 church offering envelopes are now available to pick up in the church library. Please pick these up before or after Sunday morning services or stop by the church office during business hours to pick yours up!

Also, anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2022 for tax purposes should contact the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

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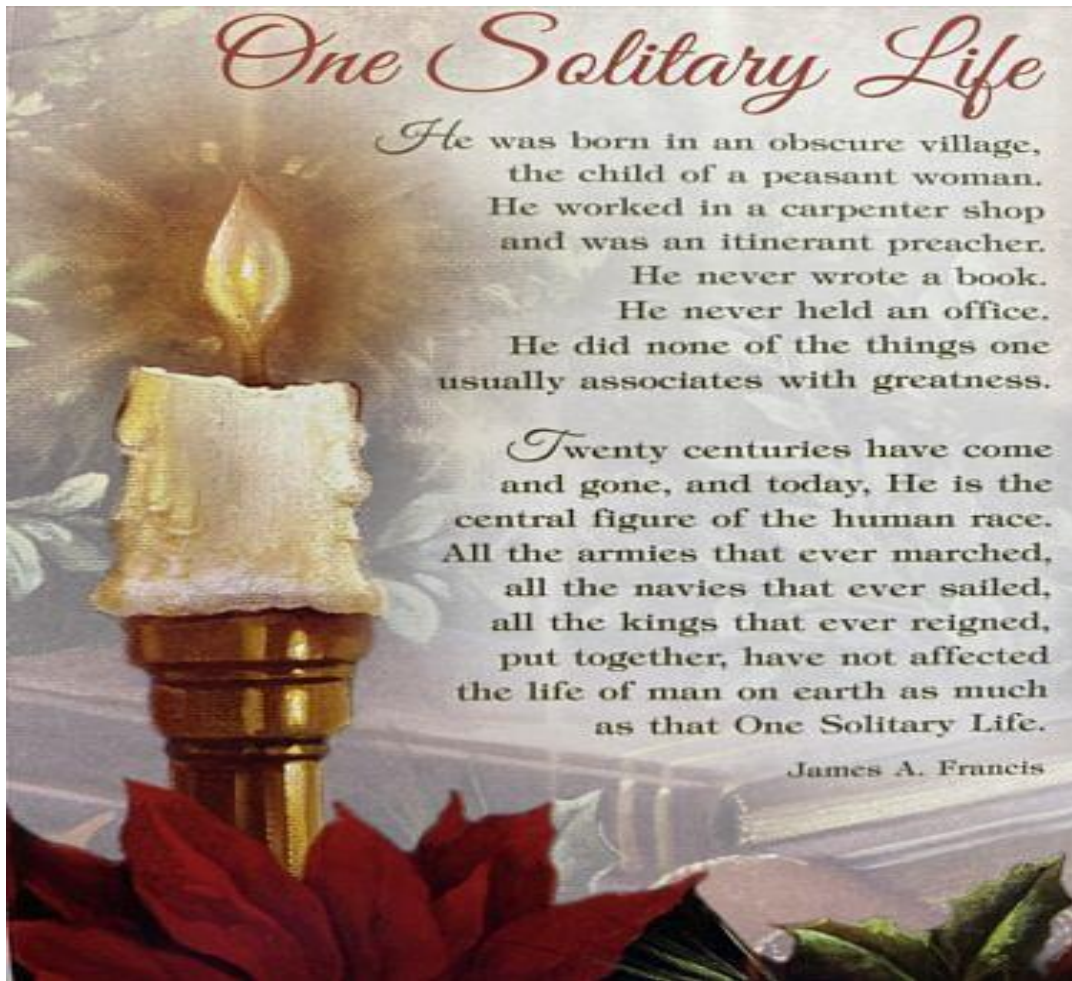
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Thankoffering held on November 13th

Sunday, November 13th was our annual WELCA Thankoffering celebration – A special thanks is extended to the Messiah Women of the ELCA for organizing the worship service and to all who participated. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you as well to Jane Neff, who was our guest speaker on Thankoffering Sunday. Jane was born in Pennsylvania, has been married for 39 years and is the mother of 3 and grandmother of 6. She earned a BA in Psychology and a MA in Education Administration as well as a credential in theology. Jane created and directed an Early Childhood Facility for 20 years and has been the Executive Director of Shelter Service, Inc. since 2016. She and her husband have been serving the Mount Union Community for the past 19 years. Jane is grateful to be invited to share about the mission at Shelter Service, Inc.

All loose offering received plus all the Thankoffering envelopes will go to the churchwide Women of the ELCA for their many projects. Extra envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room. Please make checks payable to “Messiah Women of the ELCA.”

Also, as we make our Thank offerings each year, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s or even earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would act together as “cent” or “mite” societies. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds. When Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thank offerings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. Together, we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with the hope for all that is to come, let us give our Thankoffering.

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Leister, Barb Geedey, Congregation, and Women's Organization - Thank you so much for inviting me to share the Shelter's mission with you during your Thankoffering service. I enjoyed worshipping with you and am blessed by your ministry to God and the Shelter Service. Thank you also for your products donation. Caring citizens like you help us fulfill the scriptures guidance to care for the poor, widowed and orphaned. We appreciate you and your partnership so much. Blessings to you and yours for a wonderful Holiday Season. *JANE NEFF, DIRECTOR, SHELTER SERVICE, INC.*

REVERSE 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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CHRISTMAS BIBLE FACTS

<https://www.learningscriptures.info/bible-facts/christmas-bible-facts.htm>

1. The names of the 'Three Wise Men' are not mentioned in the Bible. They are commonly known as Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar as these names were detailed in an early 6th century Greek manuscript.
2. The three Wise Men of the East, also called the Magi, are featured in the Bible story of the Nativity. The story of the Three Wise Men are detailed in the Bible in Matthew 2, 1-5; 7-15; 19-23.
3. The Three Wise Men presented the infant Jesus with three gifts which were fit for a king.
4. Gold as a symbol of kingship on earth, symbolizing virtue.
5. Myrrh (an embalming oil) was used as an anointing oil and as a symbol of suffering.
6. Frankincense was used as a perfume, symbolizing prayer and the priesthood.
7. Herod was the king of Judaea and sent the three wise men to Bethlehem.
8. Caesar Augustus was the name of the Roman Emperor who sent out a decree that all the world should be taxed.
9. The name of Joseph's city was Nazareth.
10. The other name for the city of David is Bethlehem.
11. The baby Jesus was wrapped in Swaddling clothes. This was a practice in Roman times when clothing and strips of fabric were wrapped about a baby to hold its arms and legs immobile, straightening and strengthening the body.
12. The infants who were slain under the orders of Herod were two years old and under.
13. Joseph and Mary went Egypt to flee from Herod.
14. The Star of Bethlehem was reported by Matthew, but at the same time Chinese astronomers recorded it, too.

Advent Word Search

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Words to Find

Words can be found left to right, up and down, and diagonal

- Advent
- Wreath
- Candles
- Purple
- Hope
- Peace
- Joy
- Love
- Angel
- Mary
- Joseph
- Jesus
- Emmanuel
- Savior
- Gaudete
- Rejoice
- Penance
- Prayer



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**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 2022 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2023 – CYCLE YEAR A**

<u>FROM MONDAY</u>	<u>INCLUDING SUNDAY</u>	<u>ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS</u>	<u>MANNA BREAD BAKERS</u>	<u>PARAMENT COLOR</u>	<u>TYPE OF SUNDAY</u>	<u>SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS</u>
November 21	November 27	Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward		BLUE	ADVENT	B & F in back Be sure all 5 Advent Candles are full as well as the Christ candle by the baptismal font
November 28	December 4	Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith	CYNTHIA SMITH	BLUE	ADVENT	B & F in back— Communion by cup/loaf
December 5	December 11	Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith		BLUE	ADVENT	B & F in back
December 12	December 18	Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith	DIANA WISE	BLUE	ADVENT	B & F in back--Communion by cup/loaf Place Poinsettias
December 19	December 25	Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith	JEAN BERRY (24 TH) TAMMY BRACKBILL (25 TH)	WHITE	CHRISTMAS EVE / 1 ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	B & F in back— Communion by cup/loaf
December 26	January 1, 2023	Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner	BARB GEEDEY	WHITE	2 ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	B & F in back— Communion by cup/loaf
January 2	January 8	Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner	JENN HUTCHINSON	WHITE	BAPTISM OF OUR LORD	B & F in back – Communion by Cup/Loaf
January 9	January 15	Tammy Brackbill & Jenn Hutchinson	CYNTHIA SMITH	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back— Communion by cup/loaf
January 16	January 22	Tammy Brackbill & Jenn Hutchinson		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
January 23	January 29	Tammy Brackbill & Jenn Hutchinson		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back Service of Healing-- Brass Container on Altar
January 30	February 5	Tammy Brackbill & Jenn Hutchinson	DIANA WISE	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back— Communion by cup/loaf
February 6	February 12	Linda Clark & Chris Martin		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
February 13	February 19	Linda Clark & Chris Martin	JEAN BERRY	WHITE	TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD	B & F in back--Communion by cup/loaf After service, wooden cross (downstairs) should be brought up and put behind the altar.
February 20	February 26	Linda Clark & Chris Martin		PURPLE	ASH WEDNESDAY / 1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT	B & F in back Purple drape on Crucifer's cross, gold Altar cross, and Junior Church cross
February 27	March 5	Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward	TAMMY BRACKBILL	PURPLE	2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT	B & F in back— Communion by cup/loaf
March 6	March 12	Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward		PURPLE	3 RD SUNDAY OF LENT	B & F in back No Altar Flowers
March 13	March 19	Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward	BARB GEEDEY	PURPLE	4 TH SUNDAY OF LENT	B & F in back--Communion by cup/loaf Remove Candelabras

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March 20	March 26	Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward		PURPLE	5 th SUNDAY OF LENT	B & F in back
March 27	April 2	Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith	JENN HUTCHINSON	RED	PALM SUNDAY	B & F in back--Communion by cup/loaf Take purple drape off the large wooden cross Presentation of Palms
April 3	April 9	Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith	CYNTHIA SMITH	WHITE	EASTER SUNDAY	B & F in back - Communion by cup/loaf (After service, wooden cross should be removed and taken back downstairs.)
April 10	April 16	Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith	DIANA WISE	WHITE	EASTER SEASON	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
April 17	April 23	Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith		WHITE	EASTER SEASON	B & F in back
April 24	April 30	Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith		WHITE	EASTER SEASON	B & F in back Service of Healing – Brass Container on Altar
May 1	May 7	Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith	JEAN BERRY	WHITE	EASTER SEASON	B & F in back— Communion by cup/loaf
May 8	May 14	Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith		WHITE	EASTER SEASON	B & F in back
May 15	May 21	Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner	TAMMY BRACKBILL	WHITE	EASTER SEASON	B & F in back— Communion by cup/loaf
May 22	May 28	Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner	BARB GEEDEY	RED	DAY OF PENTECOST	B & F in back— Communion by cup/loaf
May 29	June 4	Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner	JENN HUTCHINSON	WHITE	HOLY TRINITY	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
June 5	June 11	Barb Geedeey & Jessie Reed		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
Jun 12	June 18	Barb Geedeey & Jessie Reed	CYNTHIA SMITH	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
June 19	June 25	Barb Geedeey & Jessie Reed		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
June 26	July 2	Barb Geedeey & Jessie Reed	DIANA WISE	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
July 3	July 9	Tammy Brackbill & Jenn Hutchinson		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
July 10	July 16	Tammy Brackbill & Jenn Hutchinson	TAMMY BRACKBILL	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
July 17	July 23	Tammy Brackbill & Jenn Hutchinson		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
July 24	July 30	Tammy Brackbill & Jenn Hutchinson		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back Service of Healing – Brass Container on Altar

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July 31	August 6	Linda Clark & Chris Martin	CYNTHIA SMITH	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
August 7	August 13	Linda Clark & Chris Martin		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
August 14	August 20	Linda Clark & Chris Martin	DIANA WISE	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
August 21	August 27	Linda Clark & Chris Martin		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
August 28	September 3	Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith	JEAN BERRY	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
September 4	September 10	Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
September 11	September 17	Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward	JENN HUTCHINSON	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
September 18	September 24	Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
September 25	October 1	Barb Geede & Jessie Reed	BARB GEEDEY	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
October 2	October 8	Barb Geede & Jessie Reed		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
October 9	October 15	Barb Geede & Jessie Reed	CYNTHIA SMITH	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
October 16	October 22	Barb Geede & Jessie Reed		GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back
October 23	October 29	Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner	BARB GEEDEY	RED	REFORMATION SUNDAY	B & F in back - Communion by cup/loaf Service of Healing--Brass Container on Altar
October 30	November 5	Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner	JENN HUTCHINSON	WHITE	ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
November 6	November 12	Sandy Pines & Michelle Stoner		GREEN	THANKOFFERING (Plain)	B & F in back
November 13	November 19	Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith	TAMMY BRACKBILL	GREEN	PLAIN	B & F in back – Communion by cup/loaf
November 20	November 26	Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith	JEAN BERRY	WHITE	CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	B & F in back - Communion by cup/loaf After service place Creche scene at the front of the Nave in preparation for next Sunday.

LEGEND: * B & F in back means Bread and Flag in back of sanctuary (behind baptismal font) on small table.

- † If you have a conflict on your Sunday, please switch with someone, and **notify Judy at the church office** for inclusion in the bulletin-if possible (717-436-6213).
- † Remember, this is a volunteer group--don't worry about forgetting something--it always works out, because the Lord takes care of that!
- † If you have any problems or questions, please call Slone Smith (cell: 717-953-2528) or Bob St. Clair (cell: 717-348-6036).
- † **SERVICE SCHEDULE:** September through May – 10:30 AM Worship; June through August – 9:15 AM Worship

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) **Candles must** be filled each Sunday. (It happens that some DO burn out if not filled for each service.)
- 2) At the end of the service, you will be given tags designating the recipient of the Altar Flowers by the person in charge of that duty. Also, please include a **bulletin (and newsletter, if available)** with your delivery.
- 3) For **HEALING SERVICES** – Prepare the **wooden containers/vials, with oil** already in them, which can be found on the shelf of the Altar. Then place on top of the Altar near the stand holding the Worship Leader's bulletin.
- 4) Cup communion (with Manna Bread) will be held each 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. If a “Festival Sunday” occurs on any other Sunday, that Sunday will also be cup communion with manna bread **and also full communion**. Full communion is only for “Festival Sundays.”
- 5) **Gluten free wafers** should be handled first and placed in the small container on top of the Altar near the stand holding the Worship Leader's bulletin.

VOLUNTEER ALTAR GUILD MEMBER PHONE NUMBER

Beward, Bethanie.....	717-994-4155	Leister, Linda.....	717-436-8589	Smith, Cynthia.....	717-436-8512
Brackbill, Tammy.....	717-527-2823	Martin, Christina.....	717-629-8183	Smith, Tammy.....	717-856-6739
Clark, Linda.....	717-436-6293	Mummah, Tawny.....	717-363-7406	Stoner, Michelle.....	717-527-4214
Geedey, Barbara S.	717-436-6433	Pines, Sandy.....	717-436-6145	Wise, Diana.....	717-436-6629
Hutchinson, Jenn.....	717-436-5060	Reed, Jessie.....	717-436-5350		

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Berry, Jean.....	717-436-8046	Hutchinson, Jennifer.....	717-436-5060
Brackbill, Tammy.....	717-527-2823	Smith, Cynthia.....	717-436-8512
Geedey, Barbara S.	717-436-6433	Wise, Diana.....	717-436-6629

**The CRECHE SCENE & BLACK IRON ADVENT WREATH NEEDS TO BE PLACED
IN THE FRONT OF THE NAVE JUST BEHIND THE RAILING**

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE ON CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY (always the Sunday immediately prior to Advent.)

Note: Altar Guild: These 2 items are located in the upstairs room where the large banners and Christmas decorations are kept. **Please do not attempt to carry these things down on your own—they are very heavy.** A couple of able-bodied people should be asked to carry them down and set up.

THE WOODEN CROSS NEEDS TO BE PLACED BEHIND THE ALTAR

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SERVICE ON TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY..... IT IS THEN TO BE REMOVED AFTER THE SERVICE ON EASTER SUNDAY.

NOTE: The cross is located in the basement “dungeon.” **Please do not attempt to carry this up on your own—it is very heavy.** A couple of able-bodied people should be asked to carry them down and set up.