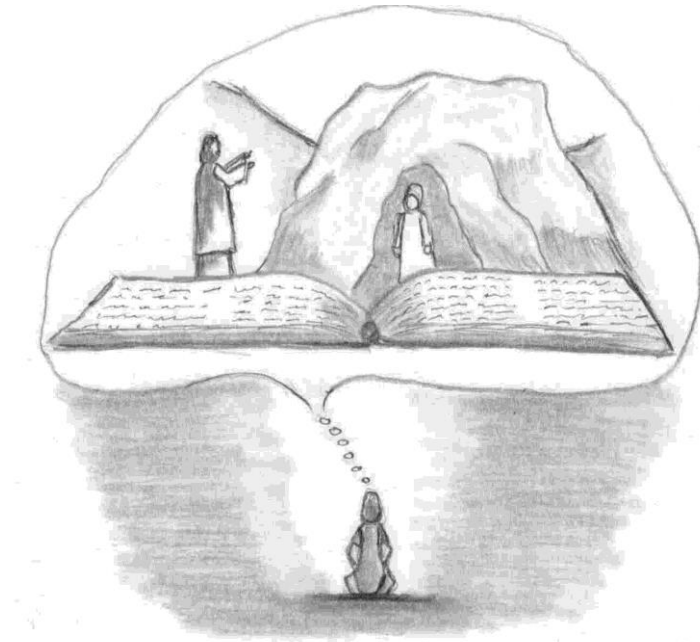


“Growing God’s Kingdom”



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11th, 2022

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 11, 2022 – 10:30 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.]

* LIGHTING AND BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow. You bring water to parched ground and life out of death. Bless us as this light grows, and send sorrow and sighing to flee away. Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand.

C Amen.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of new beginnings,

C we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

P People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C Amen.

GATHERING

* GATHERING HYMN “*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*” #559 Green Hymnal

* GREETING

P Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (spoken)

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us. **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

“**IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**” (vs. 1)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all gracious king.”
The world in solemn still-ness lay to hear the angels sing.

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P Christ, have mercy upon us. **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us. **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (spoken)

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

P Let us pray...

C Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

The prophet describes the return from the Babylonian captivity as a joyous procession to Zion. God's coming reign will bring a renewal of creation in which health and wholeness will be restored. There is no need for fear, for God is coming to save.

FIRST READING.....Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall

blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM.....Psalm 146:5-10 (**responsively**)

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

In anticipation of the Lord's coming, Christians are called upon to cultivate patience rather than discontent.

SECOND READING.....James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient.

Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PLACING THE CRECHE FIGURES

* THE VERSE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 3)
O come, strong branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan’s
tyranny; from depths of hell your people save and give them
vic – t’ry o’er the grave.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

John the Baptist expects the Messiah to bring God's judgment upon the earth (Matt. 3:11-12). From a prison cell, he wonders whether Jesus is the one who will do this. Jesus' response indicates that God's reign is indeed being fulfilled already through healing and restoration.

* GOSPEL.....Matthew 11:2-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord. (sung)

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." ⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

CHILDREN’S SERMON
SERMON

Pastor Leister
Pastor Leister

* HYMN OF THE DAY

“You Servants of God”

#252 Green Hymnal

* APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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, in your mercy,

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

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

(revised wording)

Let all together praise our God before his glorious throne;

For he will open heav’n above to give us his own Son, to give us his own Son.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and you send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

MEAL

* ADVENT DIALOG

P We have come with great expectation to meet the coming Messiah.

C All creation waits with longing for the Son of God.

P As John the Baptist cried in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord.”

C We prepare a place in our hearts and in the world for his coming.

P O come to us, Emmanuel!

C God, be with us and save us from our sins.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets’ hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary’s openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate. Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

C 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 front 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 Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

* BLESSING

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C **Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

* SENDING HYMN

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear"

#54 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Carter Ehrisman & Olivia Mummah

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Haley Mummah, Hannah Ehrisman & Brea Beward

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith (11/28 – 12/25)

NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD BAKER – Diana Wise

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 worshipping 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Diane Hower by family.

JUST A THOUGHT – John Calvin, French Reformer and Father of the Presbyterian Church (1509 – 1564): The world invents its own good works and persuades itself that they are good.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

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 mlcsleister@gmail.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or mlchurchoffice@gmail.com. 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 gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). 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 mlcsleister@gmail.com.

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.

ATTENTION: The Knitters will be meeting on Monday, December 12th, then they will not meet again until Monday, January 9th.

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.

THE NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2023 is now available in the Adult Sunday School Room. If you wish to place flowers on a specific date, please sign-up on the chart.

THE 2023 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available to pick up in the Library. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2022 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you

ALL LOOSE OFFERING AT THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will go to the Matthew 25 Fund to help those in need throughout the year. You can also donate to the fund by writing Matthew 25 Fund on your regular offering envelope and the amount you wish to contribute.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES ARE NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2023 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Pastor Leister or the church office.

UPCOMING ADVENT SEASON & CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

TODAY – Third Sunday of Advent.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th – Fourth Sunday of Advent. **Children’s Christmas Program** during the morning worship service.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th – **Christmas Eve Prelude Concert** at 7:00 p.m. with this year’s music provided by Slone Smith and Bob St. Clair. **Service of Candlelight and Communion** at 7:30 p.m. Junior and Senior Choirs will provide anthems and “Ave Maria” will be sung by Andrea Cameron.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th – Christmas Day **“Informal” service** at 9:15 a.m. Port Royal Lutheran Parish has been invited to attend our service since they will not be having a service that morning.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:

December 4, 2022 Worship Attendance – (in person 64 – online 29 – Sunday School 0)

Total Offering	\$4,663.00	<u>Other Funds</u>	
Other Funds	<u>1,063.00</u>	Building Fund	\$ 231.00
General Fund	\$3,600.00	Benevolence	236.00
		Mission of Month	400.00
		(Shelter Service)	
		Flowers	87.00
		Lutheran Disaster	<u>109.00</u>
		Total	\$1,063.00

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.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

WOMEN OF THE ELCA are sponsoring 6 children for the Christmas Angel Project again this year. The sign-up chart for the clothing and non-clothing items 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.

WE WILL CONTINUE to collect donations of clothing for Packages of Hope for local families as well as children entering foster care as requested by Children’s Services. 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).

WOMEN OF THE ELCA PURPOSE STATEMENT

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

COMMUNITY

HOLIDAY MEAL DONATIONS THAT ARE STILL NEEDED:

TURKEYS (AROUND 12 LBS.) OR TURKEY BREASTS, WHOLE CHICKENS, HAMS (3-5 LBS.), BOXED BROWNIE MIX, OR COOKIE MIX, BOXED STUFFING, AND TURKEY GRAVY. A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL!

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Third Sunday in Advent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal.
-10:30 a.m., Worship, Communion, Jr. Church.
- Monday:** -6:30 p.m., The Knitters in Junior Church Room.
-7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple's Class. Area.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary.
- Saturday:** -1:00-4:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -Fourth Sunday in Advent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School Christmas Program Rehearsal.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children's Christmas Program.

PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik
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Rodai Batiinda
Gary Bechtold
Michele Boniewicz
Dan Brackbill
Don Bratton
Dan Brown
Raymond Cameron
Randy Clark
Terry Coder
Jean Compton
Fred & Dot Dowling
Seth Dowling
Freda Durio
Cathy Dysinger
Renee Dzikowski
The Ettlenger Family
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Jane Fogleman
Steve Freeman & family
Mindy Fryer
Bentley Fulkroad
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Sue Henderson
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Terry Imes
Annie Ingle
Morgan Johnson
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Guy Kerstetter
Kevin Kilmer
Pam Lawson
John Lehman
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

Lillian Parks
Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks
Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Dave & Nancy Phelan
Sandy Pines
Mia Raish
Betty Ranck
Blossom Ranck
Keith Ranck
Diane Rowles
Ron & Arlene Shearer
Barry Strawser
Vicki Suoja
Andy Spigelmyer
Stacey & Bonnie Swartz
Dorothy Towsey
Molly Ulsh
Doug Wagner
Roscoe Warner
Todd Wert
Eric Wirt
Jim Woltman
Phillip Zendt
Gary Zeiders
George Zimmerman
Linda Zimmerman

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

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 weather and wild fire 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 10, 2020**. **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 19th and on Christmas Eve.

Flowers may be picked up anytime following our Christmas Morning 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: \$ _____