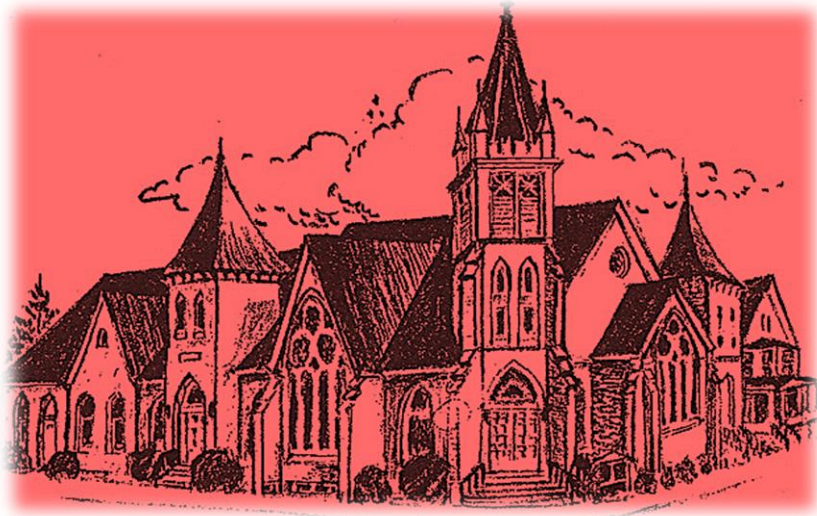


THE MESSIAH HERALD



February 2023

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"Growing God's Love"

The Messiah Herald



THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

“When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak and taught them . . .” Matthew 5:1-2 (NRSV) Jesus taught them.

Read Matthew 5: 1-12

The Gospel of Matthew is a teaching gospel with Jesus serving as the master teacher. His primarily Jewish audience is learning from Jesus what it means to follow him and become his disciple.

The Gospel of Matthew includes five lengthy discussions. Each discussion ends with the words, “when Jesus had finished . . .” (Matthew 7:28, 11:1, 13:53, 19:1, 26:1 NRSV) Biblical scholars make comparisons between these discourses and the five books of the Torah.

The first of the five speeches of Jesus is found in Matthew 5:1 through Matthew 7:28. Since Jesus is teaching from the mountain (Matthew 5:1), it is often called the Sermon on the Mount. Included in this sermon is a series of many tips on how to live life. As you read through the entire sermon, what suggestions do you find in Jesus’ teachings? How would you adapt these ideas to your own life?

The sermon follows the call of four of his disciples Peter, Andrew, James, and John in Matthew 4:18-22 and provides a handbook for discipleship. The homily begins with comforting, peaceful, eloquent language— “Blessed are the poor in spirit ... Blessed are those who mourn ... Blessed are the peacemakers”—words of assurance and promise. Jesus continues, “You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world... Let your light shine before others.” These are a bit more challenging words, but they still sound of comfort and hope. We are commissioned by Jesus to be salt and light. Just as Jesus commissioned His Disciples 2000 years ago, Jesus commissions each of us to be the light of the world and to share this light with others. Let us resolve to spread the light and Good News.

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

Pastor Samuel Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Peace in Ukraine & Russia	Seth Dowling	Annie Ingle	Kari Ann (Reagan) Petrine
Victims of Gun Violence	Freda Durio	Guy Kerstetter	Sandy Pines
The Family of Sieber Stoner	Cathy Dysinger	Pam Lawson	Betty Ranck
The Family of Andrea	Renee Dzikowski	John Lehman	Keith Ranck
Kauffman	Rev. William Esborn	Michael Lozano	Diane Rowles
The Family of Joshua Peck	Ettlinger Family	Zaden Mabey	Harold Shearer
The Family of Dave Phelan	Neil & Pat Fisher	Anthony Martin	Ron & Arlene Shearer
The Family of Joyce Hart	Janie Fogleman	Carlen McClure	Vicki Souja
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Steve Freeman & Family	Alice McClure	Andy Spigelmyer
Jeremy Barnes	Mindy Fryer	Cecilia Miller	Barry Strawser
Donna Barton	Bentley Fulkroad	Elwood Miller	Stacey & Bonnie Swartz
Gary Bechtold	Terri Gayer	Larry Miller	Dorothy Towsey
Michele Boniewicz	Deb Geedey	Shirley Miller	Molly Ulsh
Dan Brackbill	Edie Kay Gill	Brian Mullen	Doug Wagner
Don Bratton	Arrin Gilson	Claire Mummah	Roscoe Warner
Dan Brown	Deborah Gingrich	Ken Mummah	Jim Woltman
Raymond Cameron	Sylva Grimm	Paul Ogden	Gary Zeiders
Randy Clark	Sue Henderson	Lillian Parks	Phillip Zendt
Terry Coder	Nox Hepburn	Ron & Linda (Kirchner) Parks	George Zimmerman
Jean Compton	Erin Husler	Shade Parks	Linda Zimmerman
Fred & Dot Dowling	Terry Imes	Bob & Ramona Parsons	

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)

Ona Stoner

AT HOME

Edith Nipple	Ken Stuck
1482 William Penn Hwy.	66 Eighth Street
Mifflintown, PA 17059	Mifflintown, PA 17059

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!

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.



WELCA met on Thursday, January 12th at 1:30 P.M. in the Young Adult Sunday School classroom.

Barb provided devotions on Acts 16:9-31 regarding divine appointments.

There were no corrections or additions to the December minutes.

Due to the absence of our treasurer, we did not have a report.

Old business:

Barb reported the reverse advent food calendar items were delivered to the food pantry with a total of 358 pounds of food and 8 pounds of non-food items. It was a great project.

The red and green houses from Shelter Services were returned to the Lewistown Shelter last week. We did not count the amount of money collected from these houses.

New business: Barb received a letter from Camp Mount Luther requesting a donation to help with summer camp but there is going to be a major building project coming soon and the group decided to wait until that occurs to help with that.

Barb asked the group to think about this year's projects and how to get an increase in membership, which we will discuss at our February meeting. We feel we need to personally ask individuals to come, which we will start doing. When asked to come to our meetings give it a try. You will not be pressured to do programs or projects. We all work together.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 9th at 1:30 P.M.

We closed with our Purpose Statement.

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.

2023 FLOWER CHART

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

February's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for the DeLauter Youth Center. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to the Youth Center in order for them to continue to serve the youth in our 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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to my church family and friends at Messiah: I would like to thank you for the monetary gift I received at Christmas. It was greatly appreciated. Blessings to all. -Andrea Cameron



Linda and I wish to thank the congregation for the Christmas gift. And thank you also to the many individuals for their Christmas cards and gifts! The greatest gift for us at Messiah is that of all your ministries which touch so many near and far! - Pastor Sam & Linda Leister

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.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY FEBRUARY UPDATE

We are so grateful for the support of our local churches as we strive together to follow the Lord's commandment to "share our bread with the hungry" (Isaiah 58:7). With your help we have reached over 350 families, more than 500 folks in need, with food and other supplies in 2022. Please continue to lift your voices in prayer and your hands in service as we share in this ministry to the Lord's beloved people.

In December 2022, the Food Pantry served 187 families - 471 of your neighbors! We thank River Church for sending volunteers for the month of December. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

BASIC NEEDS FOR FEBRUARY:

Canned beets and Mixed Vegetables, Toilet Paper, over the counter cold and flu medicines, paper towels, dish detergent, laundry detergent, any cleaning items.



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.

February 12.....Diana Wise
February 19..... Ron Yorks
February 26..... Barb Geedey

ACOLYTES

February 5 Nick & Sofia Reed
February 12.....Olivia Mummah & Paige Martin
February 19.....Slone Smith & Thea Beward
February 26..... Gabby & Stella Reed

OFFERING & COMMUNION PRESENTERS

February 5 Stella & Gabby Reed, Paige Martin
February 12..Julia Martin, Harrison & Haley Mummah
February 19.....Hope, Grace, & Evan Miller
February 26.....Nick & Sofia Reed, Olivia Mummah

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

Jan. 9 to Feb. 5.....Tammy Brackbill & Jenn Hutchinson
February 6 to 26.....Linda Clark & Chris Martin

MANNA MAKERS

February 5Diana Wise
February 19.....Jean Berry

LECTORS

February 5 Hannah Ehrisman

FLOWERS

February 5 Pines, Stoner, & Walton Families
February 12.....OPEN
February 19.....Tammy Brackbill
February 26.....OPEN

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

FEBRUARY 1 ----- LUKE 6:17-26
THOSE SUFFERING FROM HUNGER AND THIRST

FEBRUARY 2 ----- LUKE 2:22-40
ELDERS AND INFANTS

FEBRUARY 3 ----- ISAIAH 58:1-9A [9B-12]
PEOPLE LIVING UNDER OPPRESSION

FEBRUARY 4 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12 [13-16]
THOSE FEELING AFRAID

FEBRUARY 5 ----- MATTHEW 5:13-20
PEOPLE WHO STRUGGLE TO RECOGNIZE THEIR GIFTS

FEBRUARY 6 ----- 2 KINGS 22:3-20
THOSE DOING DIFFICULT SELF-REFLECTION

FEBRUARY 7 ----- PSALM 119:105-112
ELCA GLOBAL MISSION

FEBRUARY 8 ----- JOHN 8:12-30
PEOPLE NEW TO READING SCRIPTURE

FEBRUARY 9 ----- DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20
CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT WELL-CARED FOR

FEBRUARY 10 ----- PSALM 119:1-8
LINGUISTS AND TRANSLATORS

FEBRUARY 11 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9
*CHURCH STAFF, CONGREGATIONAL COUNCILS,
 AND MINISTRY TEAMS*

FEBRUARY 12 ----- MATTHEW 5:21-37
THOSE ANTICIPATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

FEBRUARY 13 ----- EXODUS 20:1-21
*PEOPLE WITHOUT LEEWAY TO TAKE TIME
 FOR SUFFICIENT REST*

FEBRUARY 14 ----- PSALM 119:9-16
ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS

FEBRUARY 15 ----- PROVERBS 2:1-15
THOSE WHO MENTOR LEADERS

FEBRUARY 16 ----- EXODUS 24:12-18
FAITHFUL STAFF SERVING AT CHURCH CAMPS

FEBRUARY 17 ----- PSALM 2
MUSICIANS AND WORSHIP LEADERS

FEBRUARY 18 ----- 2 PETER 1:16-21
*HEALING THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO
 HAVE LOST DEAR FRIENDS*

FEBRUARY 19 ----- MATTHEW 17:1-9
PEOPLE WHO CARE FOR OUR PARKS AND FORESTS

FEBRUARY 20 ----- EXODUS 33:7-23
NEW CHURCH MEMBERS

FEBRUARY 21 ----- 1 KINGS 19:9-18
VICTIMS AND KIDNAPPING AND TRAFFICKING

FEBRUARY 22 ----- MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21
FIRST RESPONDERS WHO RISK THEIR LIVES

FEBRUARY 23 ----- GENESIS 2:15-17, 3:1-7
FAITHFUL ROLE MODELS FOR OUR CHILDREN

FEBRUARY 24 ----- PSALM 32
MISSIONARIES SHARING THE GOSPEL

FEBRUARY 25 ----- ROMANS 5:12-19
ALL WHO LONG TO RECEIVE QUALITY HEALTH CARE

FEBRUARY 26 ----- MATTHEW 4:1-11
*BREAD FOR THE WORLD, ELCA WORLD HUNGER,
 AND OTHERS FIGHTING HUNGER*

FEBRUARY 27 ----- HEBREWS 2:10-18
*ADVOCATES SERVING IN LUTHERAN OFFICES
 FOR PUBLIC POLICY*

FEBRUARY 28 ----- GENESIS 4:1-16
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

FEBRUARY 6 – Ray Bramm

FEBRUARY 14 – Christie Holderman

FEBRUARY 20 – Warren “Red” Mummah

FEBRUARY 21 – Jeanette St. Clair

FEBRUARY 23 – Carol Simonton, Tammy
 Brackbill

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FOR JANUARY

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
January 1	S.S. – 0 Worship – 39	\$3,730.00	\$3,530.00	Benevolence -- \$110.00 Building Fund -- \$20.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$20.00 Shelter Services -- \$50.00
January 8	S.S. – 11 Worship – 56	\$2,684.00	\$2,172.00	Benevolence -- \$136.00 Building Fund -- \$166.00 Mission of the Month -- \$160.00 Memorial Fund -- \$50.00
January 15	S.S. – 9 Worship – 42	\$4,031.00	\$3,343.00	Benevolence -- \$33.00 Building Fund -- \$83.00 Sunday School -- \$2.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$10.00 Memorial Fund -- \$450.00 Use of Building -- \$100.00 Mission of the Month (CJEMS) -- \$10.00
January 22	S.S. – 8 Worship – 51	\$3,518.00	\$2,966.00	Benevolence -- \$36.00 Building Fund -- \$366.00 Sunday School -- \$6.00 Flowers -- \$24.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$10.00 Memorial Fund -- \$100.00 Mission of the Month (CJEMS) -- \$10.00
January 29	S.S. – 10 Worship – 49	\$2,290.00	\$1,992.00	Benevolence -- \$113.00 Building Fund -- \$23.00 Sunday School -- \$2.00 Lutheran Disaster -- \$10.00 Mission of the Month (CJEMS) -- \$150.00

SYNOD DELEGATES NEEDED

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

THANK YOU!

Our Christmas Angels 2022 program provided families from all over Juniata County with clothing and gifts for 150 children this year. Once again, we provided Family Blessing Bags full of household consumables for 48 families. In 2020, we helped provide needed gifts to 83 children from 31 families.

In 2021, we helped provide needed gifts to 125 children from 41 families. The need in our county is real and continues to grow. Together with the Salvation Army of Juniata County and Aldersgate Church as sign-up partners, the Lions Club, and over 35 sponsor programs and churches from all across Juniata County, we continue to meet the needs of our neighbors. Each year is different, and your support may look different from year to year. Thank you for your flexibility and commitment. Since the 1980's, this program would not be possible if it weren't for the sponsors! Thank you to the churches and individuals and group sponsors from every part of the county and denomination who so generously give each year....this could not happen without each of you! It is amazing the good we can do TOGETHER. –Sonya Nace

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:**
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-6:00 PM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5:**
-9:15 AM – YOUTH & PARENT MEETING IN ADULT SS ROOM
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
-2:00 PM – “TASTE OF CAMP” AT CAMP MOUNT LUTHER
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6:**
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – ASH WEDNESDAY CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8:**
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-6:00 PM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9:**
-1:30 PM -- W.E.L.C.A. MEETING IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12:**
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13:**
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14:**
VALENTINE’S DAY
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15:**
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-6:00 PM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19:**
TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
CAMP MOUNT LUTHER SUNDAY
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
-AFTER WORSHIP – VOTER’S ASSEMBLY
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20:**
PRESIDENTS’ DAY HOLIDAY
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22:**
ASH WEDNESDAY
-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT MESSIAH
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24:**
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26:**
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
-AFTER WORSHIP – WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27:**
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JR. CHURCH ROOM

PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Port Royal Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held each Saturday morning during Lent at 7:00 a.m. at the Port Royal Community Building on 4th street. There is a charge of \$5.00 per person for breakfast which will go to the Fire Company Auxiliary to cover the cost of the meal.

2023 SPEAKERS

February 25	Richard Burchfield	Faith Bible Church
March 4	Rev. Garrick Paden	Youth Pastor at Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church
March 11	Don Musser	Faith Community Church
March 18	Warren Wagner	Free Spring Church of the Brethren
March 25	Rodney Pry	Free Spring Church of the Brethren
April 1	Rev. Perry Munro	McAlisterville United Methodist Church
April 8	Rev. Ron Shupe	First Baptist Church

2023 LENTEN SERVICES AT MESSIAH

Wednesday, February 22 – 7:00 PM Community Ash Wednesday Service
 Thursday, April 6 – 7:00 AM Maundy Thursday Vesper and Breakfast
 Friday, April 7 – 7:30 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service



UPDATES: SUMMER, CAMPERSONS, GROW IN SNOW

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION ON WEB: Our website now has information on this year's summer camp programs, along with a schedule. Check out the summer camp page at <https://www.campmountluther.org/summer/> to start planning. Brochures have been mailed to campers and will soon be on their way to churches. Online registration for this summer is available too on our website.

March 17-18, 2023: GROW in the Snow: WADE in the Water

All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend this synod youth retreat. This year's theme for GROW in the Snow is baptism. Experience your Creator, play winter games, and find refreshment in the peace of camp in winter. The retreat is from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, but there is an option for youth and leaders to come just for the day on Saturday. The cost is \$73 for the whole program. Each registered group should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented. Cabin assignments will be made based on available

adults and the number of youth attending. A flyer and registration form are on our website. Contact Chad Hershberger at chad@campmountluther.org with questions. A flyer and registration form are available here: <https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023-GITS-Flyer.pdf>

A TASTE OF CAMP: Hungry for camp but can't wait until the summer? Always wanted to try camp but not sure you'll like it? Camp Mount Luther has an event for you! On February 5, 2023, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., you can get a Taste of Camp! Enjoy songs, food, games, a campfire program, information on the 2023 program, and more! Those who attend will get Camel Bucks to spend in the camp store this summer. Campers from synod congregations who attend this event will get Camel Bucks for all their congregation's Summer 2023 campers.

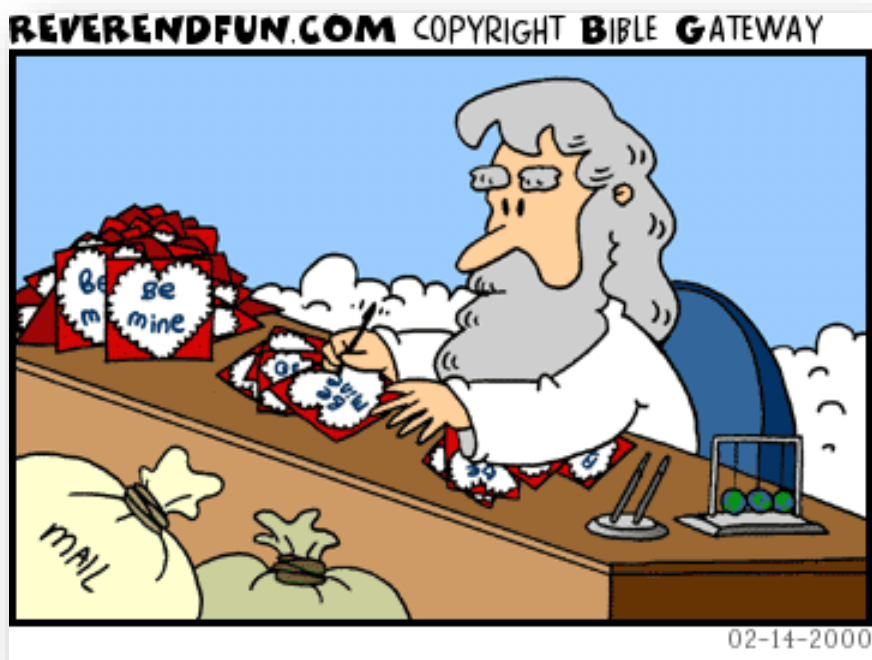
This year's summer camp season will begin on June 18 and run until August 8. There are programs for all ages from preschool to senior high, and for adults and families. Camp Mount Luther is a special place where kids and families come together to grow with God and serve with smiles! Camp provides a safe place for people of all ages to relax and unwind in nature, discover God's love, sing around the campfire, learn more about themselves, and make new friends while at the same time being renewed in mind and spirit.

MOUNT LUTHER SUNDAY: The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council has designated Transfiguration Sunday each year as "Mount Luther Sunday" to help promote outdoor ministries in the synod. Members of USS congregations are encouraged to celebrate outdoor ministries on February 19, 2023. Mount Luther is an extension of our ministry together and we hope all congregations will join in celebrating outdoor ministries by offering financial support, keeping the camp staff in prayer, and by participating in the numerous events and activities this ministry offers. Ideas to celebrate Camp Sunday are here:

<https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2023-Mount-Luther-Sunday-Flyer.pdf>

For a bulletin insert to use that day, click here:

https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/General-Bulletin-Insert-2023_v2.pdf



THANK YOU!

Thanks to all of you for your participation in 2022's "Reverse Advent Calendar" project! There were 358 pounds of food and 8 pounds of non-food items collected for the Juniata County Food Pantry! THANK YOU to all who donated!!



Dear friends at Messiah Lutheran Church...On behalf of Wings of Kindness, I would like to thank you for your generous donation. Your contribution makes it possible for us to continue caring for the kids of the Juniata Valley. Since its inception in 2002, The Wings of Kindness Foundation has been providing financial assistance to children and organizations that assist in meeting the needs of young people in the Juniata River Valley. This is only possible because of thoughtful contributions from people like you. Once again, thank you for your generous support. Sincerely, *Suzanne Pannebaker, Treasurer, Wings of Kindness Foundation*



Thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for your gift(s) to your synod, received by Lutheran Disaster Response. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disaster here in the United States and across the globe. No matter the disaster, no matter the need, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. Jesus was born to reign in us forever. Now you are inviting countless others into His gracious kingdom. Thank You! In Christ, *Amanda White, Director, Congregational Generosity*

PIANO COVERING NEEDED

If anyone would be interested in donating and "hooking up" a sheer black curtain for the back of our "new" piano in the altar area, please

let Worship & Music director Slone Smith know. We are in need of covering some of the marks on the back of this 100+ year old piano, but want to maintain its integrity. THANK YOU!!

YOUTH AND PARENT MEETING

A Youth and Parent Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5th at 9:15 AM during Sunday School time to finalize the trip to WHTM-TV on Saturday, February 18th. We will need a count of those attending to share with Sarah Kramer.

In addition, the following events will need to be discussed and planned:

- Archery with Larry Wise as we did three years ago.
- Mystery dinner
- Movie night - what movie(s), how many, food...
- Game picnic and vesper service at the Olde Baptist Church next to the Leister's house in Licking Creek
- Snack or goodie or food baskets or meals for shut-ins and others

There might be other activities but if we focus on these we can move forward.

We will need help with the implementation of these activities in order that we can divide these up so no one person coordinates all things.

BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Sam will have a Bible Study in the Jr. Church Room on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM beginning January 31st for anyone interested. This ELCA *Daily Discipleship* follows the Gospel lessons from our worship. The first weeks' topic is based on Matthew 5:1-12, *The Beatitudes*.

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



Ash Wednesday
— Lent Begins

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