

THE MESSIAH HERALD



JUNE 2023

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

3 South Third Street, Mifflintown, PA 17059

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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.

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE – 9:15 AM

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The Messiah Herald



PONDERINGS OF THE PASTOR

Dear Messiah Family,

This year we are blessed to have nine confirmands share in the Rite of Confirmation. They were asked to provide a Bible verse which held special meaning. Their choices are: **Zeb Berry - Romans 15:13** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit;* **Thea Beward - Isaiah 43:2** *When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown;* **Hannah Ehrisman - Jeremiah 29:11** *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future;* **Julia Martin - John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life;* **Hope Miller - Psalm 23:4** *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me;* **Olivia Mummah - 2 Timothy 4:7** *I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith;* **Gabby Reed - Isaiah 43:2** *When you go through deep waters, I will be with you,* **John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life, "God's plan is worth the wait" centered on Isaiah 30:18;* **Nick Reed - Deuteronomy 31:6** *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."*; and **Braedon Walton - Romans 15:13** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Take some time and read each selection and when you see these newest full members of Messiah, thank them for these inspirational scriptures.

Another choice made included the hymns for the services. The hymn with the greatest number of requests was "Go Tell It on the Mountain." You hear in these words more than the happiness and joy of the birth of Jesus. You also hear the Great Commission. As Jesus said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end of the age." Just as Jesus was speaking to the disciples on the mountain as described in Matthew 28, Jesus speaks through the words of this hymn as chosen by our latest confirmands. Share the Good News!

Each Tuesday, a number of us join to share a time of Bible study and reflection on the Gospel message from the previous Sunday. The subjects are June 4, "What opportunities did you have this week to teach someone about Jesus?"; for June 11, "How might you extend mercy to someone in the next week?"; for June 18, "How do you partner with Jesus in his mission?"; and for June 26, "When do you need courage from God?"

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 Victims of Gun Violence The Family of Kenneth Mummah The Family of Rick Stuter Steve & Linda Bahorik Jeremy Barnes Ryan Barr Donna Barton Gary Bechtold Michele Boniewicz Dan Brackbill Don Bratton Dan Brown Linda Brouse Terry Coder Fred & Dot Dowling Seth Dowling Freda Durio Cathy Dysinger Renee Dzikowski	The Ettliger Family Neil & Pat Fisher Jane Fogleman Gary Frantz Steve Freeman & family Mindy Fryer Bentley Fulkroad Terri Gayer Deb Geedey Bob & Eddi Kay Gill Arrin Gilson Deborah Gingrich Sylva Grimm Sue Henderson Nox Hepburn Judy Hosler Erin Husler Terry Imes Annie Ingle Curt Kauffman Guy Kerstetter	Jesse Kint Pam Lawson Norma Leach Bobby Lillis Michael Lozano Zaden Mabey Anthony Martin Carlen McClure Alice McClure Cecilia Miller Ellwood Miller Larry Miller Shirley Miller Claire Mummah Paul Ogden Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks Shade Parks Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine Sandy Pines	Betty Ranck Keith Ranck Diane Rowles Kelley Rusenko Ron & Arlene Shearer Dave & Jan Smith Joyce & Todd Spangler Barry Strawser Vicki Suoja Dorothy Towsey Molly Ulsh Doug Wagner Roscoe Warner Florence Williams Jim Woltman Gary Zeiders George Zimmerman Linda Zimmerman
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AND FOR OUR SHUT INS

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE
(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
Jane Marhefka

BERRY'S PERSONAL CARE HOME
(68 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
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(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)
Ruth Cisney Ray Bramm
(Apt. #112) (Apt. #108)

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CENTER
(163 SUMMIT DRIVE, LEWISTOWN, PA 17044)
Ona Stoner

AT HOME
Edith Nipple
1482 William Penn Hwy.
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.

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!

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

May 15 to June 4.....Michelle Stoner & Sandy Pines
 June 5 to July 2 Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed

MANNA MAKERS

June 4Jenn Hutchinson
 June 18 Cynthia Smith

LECTORS

June 4 Hannah Ehrisman

June 11..... Marina Holderman
 June 18..... Barb Geedey
 June 25.....Andrea Cameron

ACOLYTES

June 4Gabby & Stella Reed
 June 11.....Julia Martin & Hope Miller
 June 18..... Zeb Berry & Carter Ehrisman
 June 25.....Brea Beward & Evan Miller

COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

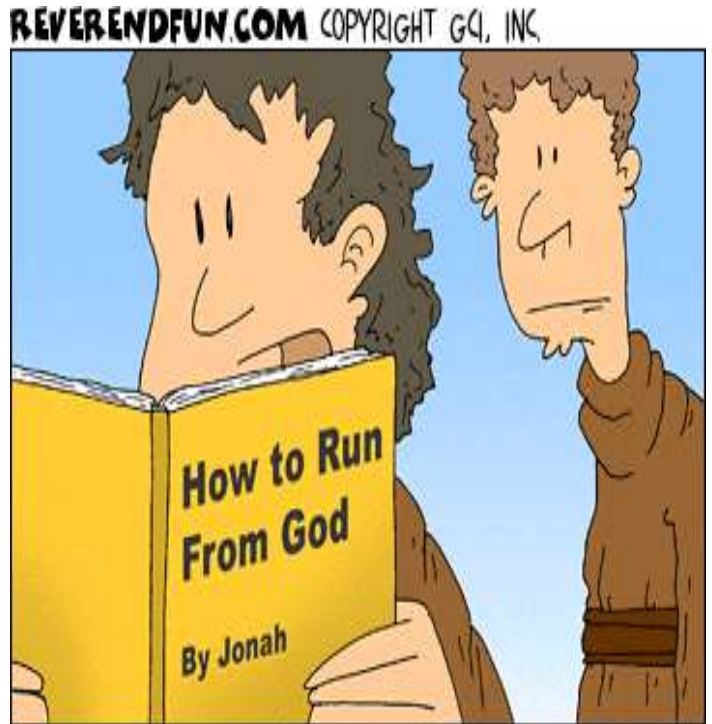
June 4 Sofia & Nick Reed, Olivia Mummah
 June 11 ... Carter Ehrisman, Bria Beward, & Braedon Walton
 June 18Hannah Ehrisman, Silas Smith, & Thea Beward
 June 25... Thea Beward, and Grace & Hope Miller

FLOWERS

June 4 OPEN
 June 11..... OPEN
 June 18..... Don & Barb Geedey
 June 25..... The Beward Family



GOOD THING I FOUND YOU GIDEON ... IT SEEMS SOMEONE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL YOUR BIBLES IN HOTEL ROOMS



Thanks to Richard Germain (See Jonah 1-4) IT JUST SAYS "DON'T"

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY JUNE UPDATE



Thank you and may the Lord bless you in abundance for your faithful support of the Food Pantry! In April, the Food Pantry served 237 families in need – a total of 624 individuals. Many thanks to Locust Run UMC and Keystone Koating for sending volunteers in April.

Summer and vacation time are upon us! However, summer is HARDLY a vacation at the Food Pantry! With children home from school the need for food increases, and typically donations decrease as folks get busy with summer plans. Please don't forget about the Juniata County Food Pantry and your neighbors in need as you go about your summer activities. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE:

ALL non-perishable foods, personal care items, cleaning supplies, paper products

Summer Backpack Lunch Program: Single serve meals, Jell-O cups, and non-chocolate pudding.

Monetary donations are also appreciated.

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

June's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for Juniata County Meals on Wheels. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to M.O.W. to continue assisting in the effort to feed the shut-ins of 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!

A huge THANK YOU is given to Larry and Diana Wise for donating the material and Velcro to cover the backing of the altar piano. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful people to do this for Messiah and our musical program as well!

EMAIL CHANGE

Please change the email address for Bob and Jessie Reed and Family to reedfamily6@gmail.com. Thank you!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

JUNE 1 -----GENESIS 1:1 – 2:4A

THOSE OVERWHELMED BY THE PACE OF LIFE

JUNE 2 -----PSALM 8

THOSE WHO FEEL OR ARE UNSEEN

JUNE 3 -----2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING ENDINGS AND NEW BEGINNINGS

JUNE 4 -----MATTHEW 28:16-20

THOSE WHOSE DOUBT BRINGS DESPAIR

JUNE 5 -----PSALM 29

COURAGE AND STRENGTH TO WORK FOR JUSTICE

JUNE 6 -----1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-13

THOSE WHO FEEL THEY HAVE NO GIFTS

JUNE 7 -----JOHN 14:25-26

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MEMORY LOSS

JUNE 8 -----HOSEA 5:15 – 6:6

THOSE WHO FEEL LOST IN LIFE

JUNE 9 -----PSALM 50:7-15

HORTICULTURISTS AND ARBORISTS

JUNE 10 -----ROMANS 4:13-25

PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH EXCESSIVE AND COMPULSIVE WORKING

JUNE 11 -----MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

PEOPLE WHO ARE EXCLUDED, NEGLECTED, OR REJECTED

JUNE 12 -----ACTS 11:19-30, 13:1-3

TRUST IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

JUNE 13 -----HEBREWS 13:1-16

VICTIMS OF TORTURE

JUNE 14 -----HOSEA 14:1-9

THOSE FACING OVERWHELMING CHALLENGES

JUNE 15 -----EXODUS 19:2-8A

PEOPLE IN A TIME OF DISCERNMENT

JUNE 16 -----PSALM 100

PEOPLE OVERWHELMED BY WORK DEMANDS

JUNE 17 -----ROMANS 5:1-8

FAMILIES LIVING WITH PREGNANCY OR INFANT LOSS

JUNE 18 -----MATTHEW 9:35 – 10:23

CONGREGATIONAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES

JUNE 19 -----JOSHUA 1:1-11

FOR THE DISMANTLING OF SYSTEMS OF RACISM

JUNE 20 -----1 SAMUEL 3:1-9

PEOPLE DISCERNING THEIR CALL IN LIFE

JUNE 21 -----PSALM 105:1-11, 37-45

MUSIC TEACHERS

JUNE 22 -----JEREMIAH 20:7-13

PROPHETS WITHIN THE CHURCH

JUNE 23 -----ROMANS 6:1B-11

PEOPLE LIVING WITH ADDICTION

JUNE 24 -----LUKE 1:57-67 [68-80]

EMERGENCY RESPONSE DISPATCHERS

JUNE 25 -----MATTHEW 10:24-39

THOSE BURDENED BY EXCESS

JUNE 26 -----PSALM 6

THOSE GOING THROUGH A TIME OF TRIAL

JUNE 27 -----JEREMIAH 26:1-12

THOSE STRUGGLING WITH HARD TRUTHS

JUNE 28 -----MATTHEW 10:5-23

HUNGER AND RELIEF PROGRAMS

JUNE 29 -----ACTS 12:1-11

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MINISTRIES

JUNE 30 -----JEREMIAH 28:5-9

THOSE EXPERIENCING DIVORCE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

JUNE 5 –Carolyn Bryner

JUNE 7 – Glenn Compton

JUNE 13 – Zachary & James Wyatt Wise

JUNE 17 – Jane Miller

JUNE 22 – John White

JUNE 26 – Jane Marhefka

JUNE 29 – Pastor Sam Leister

JUNE 30 – Ella Harris

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

JUNE 11 – Steve and Linda Bahorik

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR MAY

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sunday, May 7	S.S. – 6 Worship – 38	\$2,144.00	\$1,874.00	Benevolence -- \$13.00 Building Fund -- \$123.00 Teacher Appreciation -- \$10.00 AED Project -- \$24.00 Youth Group -- \$100.00
Sunday, May 14 <i>Music Sunday</i>	Worship – 67	\$2,366.00	\$1,809.00	Benevolence -- \$53.00 Building Fund -- \$103.00 Central Juniata Pool -- \$10.00 AED Project -- \$95.00 Youth Group -- \$100.00 Summer Camp -- \$100.00 Flowers -- \$46.00 Mem. Fund – Rick Stuter -- \$50.00
Sunday May 21	Worship – 34	\$2,504.62	\$1,660.00	Benevolence -- \$30.00 Building Fund -- \$160.00 AED Project -- \$229.62 Youth Group -- \$100.00 MEMORIAL FUND – Mummah & Stuter -- \$325.00
Sunday, May 28 <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	Worship – 71	\$4,577.00	\$3,415.00	Benevolence -- \$216.00 Building Fund -- \$66.00 Youth Trip -- \$100.00 Flowers -- \$25.00 AED Project -- \$100.00 Mission of the Month -- \$10.00 Memorial Fund -- \$645.00

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church on behalf of the Paul W. DeLauter Youth Center, Inc. for your recent donation. It will go a long way in support of local youth activities in our community. Thank you for sharing in our commitment to our youth. Sincerely, *Brent Miller, Treasurer*



Thank you to Messiah's Christina Martin, Julia Martin, Diana Wise, Larry Wise, Andrea Cameron, Larry Goss, Cynthia Smith, Slone Smith, and Bob St. Clair for the music they all provided for the congregation on Music Sunday and Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14th. It was a special service filled

with inspirational music and we are all thankful for the musical talents all of them bring each and every Sunday!

AEDS COMING TO MESSIAH

Messiah's PPC has purchased two AED's (Automatic Electronic Defibrillators) along with upgraded first aid products for the Fellowship Hall and the main worship area. The estimated cost is approximately \$3,000. We are all given the opportunity to contribute to the purchase of these life-saving devices. There is a chart showing envelopes with numbers on them in the Adult Sunday School Room. The number is the amount of a contribution you can make to help with this purchase. Please take an envelope and return it when you come to church.



There was no WELCA meeting in May. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, June 8th at 1:30 PM in the Youth Area. ALL WOMEN WELCOME!!

HAVEN MINISTRY "WISH LIST"

PAPER SUPPLIES

Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Paper Plates
Napkins
Tissues

CLEANING SUPPLIES

Liquid Hand Soap
Dish Sponges and Scrubbies
Brillo Pads
Rubber Gloves for cleaning
Trash Bags
Dawn Brand Dish Detergent (*Dawn is used for cleaning jobs*)

PERSONAL CARE KIT ITEMS

- **ONE** Lightweight bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27").....*dark color recommended*
- **TWO OR THREE** Bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. (*any brand in original wrapping....NO mini or hotel size bars*)
- **ONE** Adult-size toothbrush (*in original packaging....multi-packs may be used as long as each individual toothbrush is sealed in a business-size envelope.....no plastic bags or wraps*)
- **ONE** sturdy comb (*NO picks or fine-toothed combs*)
- **ONE** metal nail clippers (*attached file optional, remove packaging.*)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!!

Congratulations to the following youth on the completion of their confirmation training and requirements:

- ◆ Zeb Berry, son of Steve and Jean Berry
- ◆ Thea Beward, daughter of Nick and Bethanie Beward
- ◆ Hannah Ehrisman, daughter of Stan and Melissa Ehrisman
- ◆ Julia Martin, daughter of Kyle and Christina Martin
- ◆ Hope Miller, daughter of Clint and Jamie Miller
- ◆ Olivia Mummah, daughter of Ken and Tawny Mummah
- ◆ Gabby Reed, daughter of Robert and Jessie Reed
- ◆ Nicolas Reed, son of Robert and Jessie Reed
- ◆ Braedon Walton, son of William Walton and the late Tammy Pines Walton



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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 1:	-5:30 TO 6:30 PM -- GIRL SCOUTS MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, JUNE 4:	HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY -9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
MONDAY, JUNE 5:	-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
THURSDAY, JUNE 8:	-1:30 PM – WELCA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
SUNDAY, JUNE 11:	-9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
MONDAY, JUNE 12:	-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14:	FLAG DAY -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
SUNDAY, JUNE 18:	FATHER’S DAY -9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
MONDAY, JUNE 19:	-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
SUNDAY, JUNE 25:	-9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
MONDAY, JUNE 26:	-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
FRIDAY, JUNE 30:	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

THANK YOU!

Thanks to our Messiah Family for your prayers, kind words and deeds. We felt appreciated the outpouring of love. –*Kenny, Tawny, Harrison, Haley, and Olivia Mummah*



Thank you to all members of Messiah Lutheran Church who have given altar flowers

and many other kindnesses to us while Ken was ill. We enjoyed your cards, food, and telephone calls. We thank Pastor Sam for his prayers, visits, communions, etc., given to us. We also thank the members of Messiah Lutheran for the wonderful funeral meal provided for the Mummah family. We have excellent cooks and workers at Messiah. We all appreciate what a wonderful church group we have. – *Ruth Mummah and Family*



CELEBRATING

10

YEARS

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10, 2023