

THE MESSIAH HERALD



SEPTEMBER 2023

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (STARTING SEPT. 3RD) – 9:15 AM
WORSHIP AND COMMUNION (STARTING SEPT. 3RD) – 10:30 AM

CHILDREN'S SERMONS AND FACEBOOK LIVE EVERY SUNDAY!

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"Growing God's Love"

The Messiah Herald



THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

Announcements, *announcements*, **announcements!!!!** Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 5 at 9:30 in the library. After that date and time, we will plan to meet each Tuesday at 10:30 as in the past. We will begin a study of the book of Revelation from the Augsburg publishers. If you have not been a part of our studies before, please feel free to join us. Bring your thoughts, ideas, and questions regarding this dynamic book. How many times and in what verses in Revelation does Jesus say, "I am the alpha and the omega?" Revelation is a letter to how many and to which churches? These are but two of the easier questions. What questions do you have as you read and reread Revelation? What message from God do you hear now, before we begin our study? Write it down and be prepared to compare this with the post study message of God. Also, if you haven't yet done so, read the book of Daniel. In the book of Daniel, where did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego have to go and what happened to them there? Where did Daniel have to go and what happened to him there? What were the results of these two events for Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Daniel? What are the similar abilities of Daniel and the eleventh son of Jacob? What message from God do you hear before, during and after reading Daniel? Write them down and be prepared to compare these thoughts with your thoughts during the study of Revelation.

The ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 16 through July 20 of 2024 in New Orleans. Information may be reviewed by checking the following websites: <https://www.elca.church/gathering> and <https://www.elca.church/gathering/faqs> Youth participants must be in eighth to 12th grade at the time of registration (fall 2023). Adult leaders accompanying youth to the Gathering must be at least 21 years old at the time of the Gathering. We have several of our young people who are definitely interested in attending with our nationwide youth. Additionally, we would like to see some adult leaders accompany the youth to this faith formation event. Please consider joining the gathering; more information will be forthcoming shortly as registration begins in September.

Finally, mark your calendars for "God's Work, Our Hands" on September 10 following worship service at Messiah. We will work at knotting the comforters which have been prepared by the many hands of our Needlers as well as friends of Needlers throughout the community. These comforters may find their way via Lutheran World Relief to those in need of warmth and compassion anywhere throughout the world. I have been told there will be food and snacks to fuel your labors, or just plain have fun and enjoy your handy work for God.

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

Pastor Sam Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

The Family of John Towsey	Jane Fogleman Gary Frantz	Michael Lozano Anthony Martin	Ron & Arlene Shearer Dave & Jan Smith
The Family of Gail Henderson	Bentley Fulkroad Terri Gayer	Carlen McClure Alice McClure	Joyce & Todd Spangler Barry Strawser
The Family of Don Littleton	Deb Geedey Bob & Eddi Kay Gill	Cecilia Miller Ellwood Miller	Vicki Suoja Tonya Tabb
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Deborah Gingrich	Larry Miller	Dorothy Towsey
Jeremy Barnes	Sylva Grimm	Shirley Miller	Molly Ulsh
Ryan Barr	Fred Gross	Claire Mummah	Doug Wagner
Donna Barton	Dave Hart Family	Paul Ogden	Roscoe Warner
Gary Bechtold	Nox Hepburn	Ron & Linda (Kerchner) Parks	Florence Williams
Dan Brackbill	Judy Hosler	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine	Jim Woltman
Linda Brouse	Erin Husler	Betty Ranck	Gary Zeiders
Andrea Cameron	Terry Imes	Keith Ranck	Paul Zeiders
Terry Coder	Annie Ingle	Dave Reed	George Zimmerman
Freda Durio	Guy Kerstetter	Diane Rowles	Linda Zimmerman
Cathy Dysinger	Jesse Kint	Kelley Rusenko	
Renee Dzikowski	Pam Lawson		
Neil & Pat Fisher	Bobby Lillis		

AND FOR OUR SHUT INS

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Jane Marhefka

MAGNOLIA PERSONAL CARE CENTER

(68 LEXI STREET, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)

Rich Smith

HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)

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(Apt. #112)

Ray Bramm

(Apt. #108)

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Ona Stoner

AT HOME

Edith Nipple

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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 & 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.

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

Aug. 28 to Sept. 10 Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith
Sept. 11 to 24 Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward
Sept. 25 to Oct. 22 Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed

MANNA MAKERS

September 3 Jean Berry
September 17 Jenn Hutchinson

LECTORS

September 3 Harrison Mummah
September 10 Marina Holderman
September 17 Andrea Cameron
September 24 Barb Geedey

ACOLYTES

September 3 Zeb Berry & Hannah Ehrisman
September 10 ... Braedon Walton & Grace Miller
September 17 Nick & Gabby Reed
September 24 Thea Beward & Hope Miller

COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

September 3
... Braedon Walton, Hope Miller & Thea Beward
September 10
..... Julia & Paige Martin and Silas Smith
September 17
..... Stella & Sofia Reed and Grace Miller
September 24
..... Haley & Olivia Mummah and Brea Beward

FLOWERS

September 3 Judy Armstrong
September 10 Neil and Pat Fisher
September 17 Bob St. Clair
September 24 The Leister Family

MISSION OF THE MONTH

September's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for Lutheran Disaster. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Lutheran Disaster to continue assisting in the effort to serve the needs 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.

STORE GIFT CARDS

Weis and Giant gift cards are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a particularly important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

JUNIATA CO. FAIR VESPERS

DATE: Sunday, September 3, 2023
TIME: 4:30 PM
LOCATION: Kint Pavilion behind the Grandstand
SERMON: Rev. Samuel Leister



MAUI, HAWAII WILDFIRES

Please keep your thoughts and prayers with the people of Maui, Hawaii, as they deal with the absolutely death and destruction of the wildfires which occurred in the beginning of August. As of this writing, nearly 100 people have been confirmed dead and thousands of homes, businesses, and structures have been destroyed. If you would like contribute to assist those fire victims and their families, etc., please go to [HTTPS://COMMUNITY.ELCA.ORG/USWILDFIRES](https://community.elca.org/uswildfires), or simply mark your offering envelope for Hawaii Wildfires and we will be sure that those monies get sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY SEPTEMBER UPDATE

September is National Hunger Action Month



As the sun sets over the summer of 2023, we are reminded that hunger NEVER takes a day off! Please don't forget your neighbors struggling to keep their families fed while everyone else enjoys the beautiful colors that fall brings with it. Thanks to all of you who are bringing in fresh produce from your gardens! What a blessing straight from the Lord is fresh produce to those who rarely taste any but the canned variety, and very little of that.

In June 2023, the Food Pantry served 242 families in need – a total of 642 individuals. In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided over 2,580 lunches for 129 school age children who otherwise would be facing a hungry summer vacation. A special thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month of June.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER:

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!

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Juniata County Library and the Library Board of Trustees, I would like to thank Messiah Lutheran Church for your generous donation. This donation is greatly appreciated and the money will go into our operating budget to be used for book purchases and other services to our residents. Thank you again for recognizing the need to help us serve our patrons and the community. Sincerely,
VINCE GIORDANO, DIRECTOR OF THE JUNIATA COUNTY LIBRARY



THANK YOU to our friends at Messiah

Lutheran Church for your generous support of the 11th annual Summer Backpack Program of the Juniata County Food Pantry where we are currently serving 160 students. Your donation of school supplies was perfectly timed and greatly appreciated. We are very thankful for your thoughtful devotion to our mission and for the concern you show for the less fortunate children of our county. Your compassion and faithfulness blesses our goal to care for "the least of these." (Mt. 25:40) Thank you so much! You are truly PANTRY ANGELS! With sincere gratitude, *PATRICIA BROWN, TREASURER, SUMMER BACKPACK PROGRAM COORDINATOR AND THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

SEPTEMBER 1 ----- PSALM 26:1-8
THOSE TREATED UNFAIRLY OR UNJUSTLY ACCUSED

SEPTEMBER 2 ----- ROMANS 12:9-21
THOSE FOR WHOM LOVE IS DIFFICULT

SEPTEMBER 3 ----- MATTHEW 16:21-28
CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS AND LAY LEADERS

SEPTEMBER 4 ----- PSALM 17
LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

SEPTEMBER 5 ----- REVELATION 3:7-13
PEOPLE SUFFERING IN BODY, MIND, OR SPIRIT

SEPTEMBER 6 ----- JEREMIAH 17:5-18
ALL WHO WRESTLE WITH DOUBT

SEPTEMBER 7 ----- EZEKIEL 33:7-11
THOSE PREPARING FOR HOLY BAPTISM

SEPTEMBER 8 ----- PSALM 119:33-40
TEACHERS, PASTORS, AND DEACONS

SEPTEMBER 9 ----- ROMANS 13:8-14
OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

SEPTEMBER 10 ----- MATTHEW 18:15-20
*THOSE IN CONFLICT, AS WELL AS
PEACEMAKERS AND MEDIATORS*

SEPTEMBER 11 ----- 1 PETER 2:11-17
ENEMIES AND ADVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 12 ----- PSALM 119:65-72
JUDGES, ATTORNEYS, PUBLIC DEFENDERS

SEPTEMBER 13 ----- GENESIS 50:15-21
SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS AND COUNSELORS

SEPTEMBER 14 ----- JOHN 3:3-17
SEWING, QUILTING, AND CRAFTING MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER 15 ----- PSALM 103:[1-7] 8-13
COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MINISTERS

SEPTEMBER 16 ----- ROMANS 14:1-12
PEOPLE SEEKING A DIVERSE FAITH COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 17 ----- MATTHEW 18:21-35
PEOPLE FINDING IT HARD TO FORGIVE

SEPTEMBER 18 ----- PSALM 133
FAITH COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCING CONFLICT

SEPTEMBER 19 ----- ROMANS 14:13 – 15:2
*PEOPLE WHO STRUGGLE TO ACCEPT OTHERS'
DIFFERENCES*

SEPTEMBER 20 ----- JONAH 3:10 – 4:11
THOSE WHO HAVE CLOSED THEIR HEARTS TO LOVE

SEPTEMBER 21 ----- MATTHEW 9:9-13
PEOPLE WHO TREAT IRS WORKERS POORLY

SEPTEMBER 22 ----- PSALM 145:1-8
PEOPLE LIVING WITH CANCER

SEPTEMBER 23 ----- PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30
PEOPLE FEELING DEFEATED BY LIFE

SEPTEMBER 24 ----- MATTHEW 20:1-16
THOSE WHO DOUBT GOD'S GRACE

SEPTEMBER 25 ----- PSALM 106:1-12
THOSE WHO FEEL NO ONE CARES

SEPTEMBER 26 ----- ROMANS 16:17-20
UNITY IN FAITH AND CIVIC COMMUNITIES

SEPTEMBER 27 ----- EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32
ALL IN NEED OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

SEPTEMBER 28 ----- PSALM 25:1-9
PEOPLE WHO ARE AFRAID OF BEING WRONG

SEPTEMBER 29 ----- LUKE 10:17-20
PEOPLE WITH COMPASSION FATIGUE

SEPTEMBER 30 ----- PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13
*THOSE WHO FEAR DIFFERENT
UNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT GOD*

NEW ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE BEING ESTABLISHED

A new Altar Guild schedule is being drawn up for "Year B," which runs from Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 (First Sunday of Advent) through Sunday, November 24th, 2024 (Christ the King Sunday). If you would like to join the Altar Guild or help in the baking of Manna Bread for communion, please let Slone Smith or Bob St. Clair know ASAP. Thanks to all who serve!

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR AUGUST 2023

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sunday, August 6	Worship - 35	\$4,345.00	\$3,390.00	Benevolence -- \$150.00 Building Fund -- \$300.00 Mission of the Month -- \$205.00 Summer Camp -- \$300.00
Sunday, August 13	Worship - 42	\$2,095.00	\$1,380.00	Benevolence -- \$30.00 Building Fund -- \$60.00 Mission of the Month -- \$310.00 AED Project -- \$115.00 Office Supplies -- \$200.00
Sunday, August 20	Worship - 36	\$1,668.00	\$1,508.00	Benevolence -- \$30.00 Building Fund -- \$160.00 Mission of the Month -- \$10.00 AED Project -- \$20.00 Flowers -- \$25.00
Sunday, August 27	Worship - 30	\$2,590.00	\$2,342.00	Benevolence -- \$20.00 Building Fund -- \$60.00 Mission of the Month -- \$20.00 AED Project -- \$50.00 Luth. World Relief -- Maui -- \$50.00 Flowers -- \$48.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

SEPTEMBER 17 – Eliza Arentz
SEPTEMBER 28 – Jonathan White

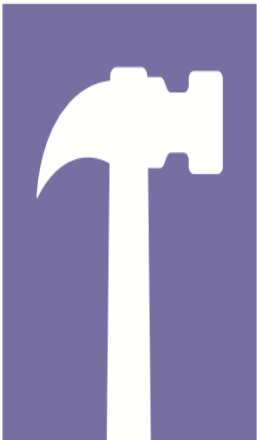
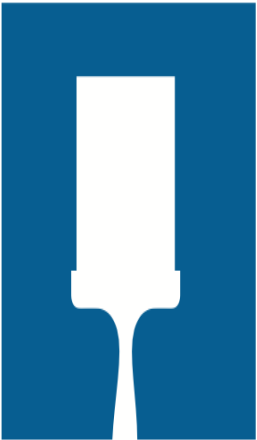
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

SEPTEMBER 4 – Warren & Claire Mummah
SEPTEMBER 13 – Jonathan & Dani White
SEPTEMBER 20 – Brian & Eliza Arentz

**THANK
YOU PSP!**



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



September 10, 2023

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:	-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CATECHETICAL CLASS -10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JR. CHURCH -4:30 PM – JUNIATA COUNTY FAIR VESPER SERVICE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY -6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM -7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:	-9:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:	“GOD’S WORK, OUR HANDS” SUNDAY -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CATECHETICAL CLASS -10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JR. CHURCH
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:	-6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM -7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:	-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14:	-1:30 PM – WELCA IN YOUTH AREA
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:	-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CATECHETICAL CLASS -10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JR. CHURCH -AFTER WORSHIP – VOTER’S ASSEMBLY -6:00 PM – AA DISTRICT MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:	-5:00 TO 9:00 PM – LION’S CLUB MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM -7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:	-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM -6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM – JUNIATA VALLEY QUILTERS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -5:00 TO 9:00 PM – LION’S CLUB MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:	-9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM -- JUNIATA VALLEY QUILTERS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:	-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CATECHETICAL CLASS -10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JR. CHURCH -2:00 To 4:00 PM – DELTA KAPPA GAMMA IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:	-6:30 PM – THE KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM -7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:	-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY

NEW MEMBER CLASS

If you wish to have your child baptized or you wish to become a member of Messiah and attend the New Member Class, please let Pastor Sam or the church office know so a class can be scheduled.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Please let Pastor Sam or the church office know if you would like your child to attend a First Communion Class and a date and time will be arranged with those who are interested.

WELCA met in the young adult Sunday School room on Thursday, August 10th at 1:30 P.M. Barb led the group with devotions from 1 Kings 19:9-18 from Christ in Our Home.

The group approved the minutes of the previous meeting as presented in the church newsletter. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$479.00.

Old Business: Now that the synod office is up and running, Barb will contact Brenda, the synod secretary, to see if Pastor Ann Zimmerman would be available for our Thankoffering service on November 12th.

New Business: Cynthia reported she is able to provide devotions for our September 14th meeting.

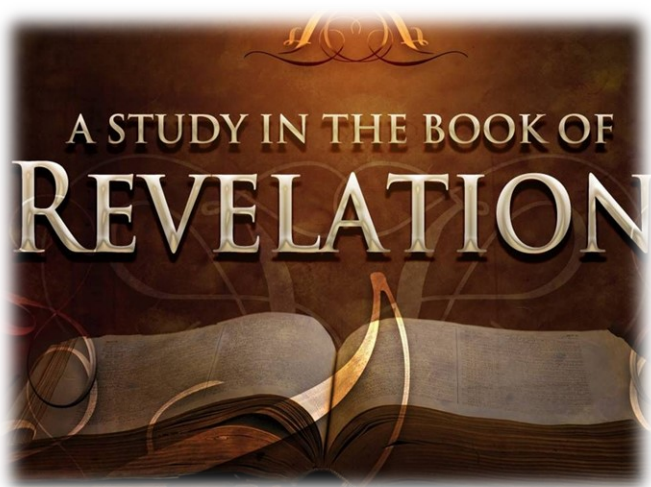
Barb spoke with Judy to remove pencil sharpeners from our list of items needed for the school kits. We will work on the school kits and the personal care kits at our September meeting as the will be going with our quilts in October.

Following the closing of our meeting with our Purpose statement, the group started to go through our Chrismons to determine which ones are in need of repair. We are going to try to get as many fixed as we can before we decorate the church the end of November. We set aside those ornaments that will need some repair and will go through the second box hopefully in September.

Our next meeting will be September 14th at 1:30 P.M.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, September 5th** at **9:30 AM** in the church library. We will begin a study of the book of Revelation from Augsburg publishers. Materials and books will be available by then. **EVERYONE WELCOME!!**



UPPER SUSQUEHANNA SYNOD OFFICE RELOCATED

The Upper Susquehanna Synod office has moved to their new location at **100 MAHONING STREET, MILTON, PA 17847**. The Internet is currently hooked up and working at the new office, so staff are now able to access their email accounts. Phone service is not up and running just yet so please be patient with communications with the Synod office. The mailing address will remain **P.O. BOX 36, LEWISBURG, PA 17837**.



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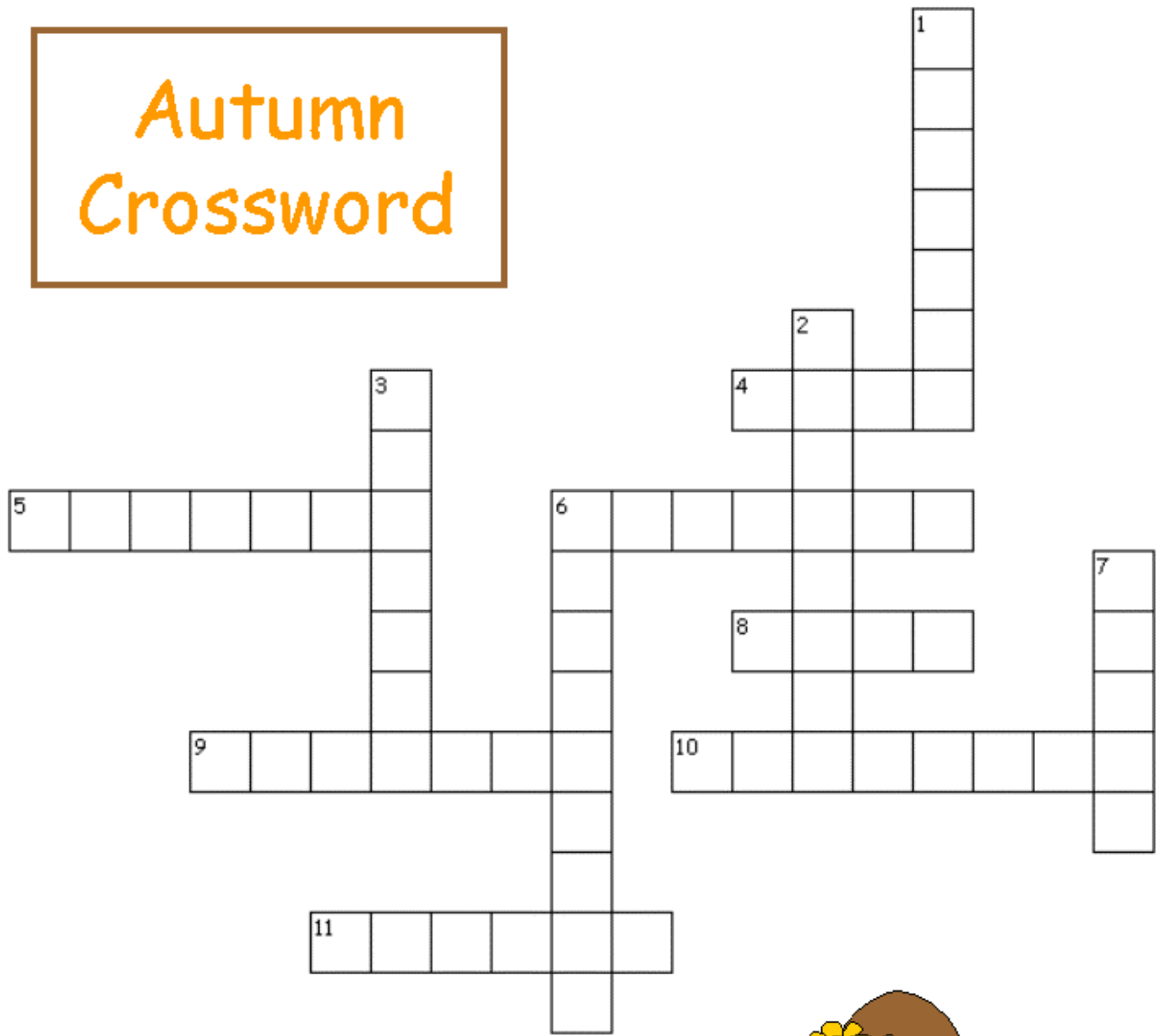
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Autumn Crossword



Across

4. A tasty yellow vegetable with kernels.
5. Another word for gathering crops before winter.
6. Something people wear during autumn.
8. Another word for autumn.
9. Many animals do this in the autumn.
10. The way trees look during autumn.
11. One of the colors leaves turn in autumn.

Down

1. A large orange squash that people carve faces into.
2. A sport that starts in autumn.
3. The middle month of autumn.
6. Used to scare birds away from the corn.
7. A crisp, red fruit.

