

# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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### ***TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:***

*In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cr̄ss, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2023 – 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.]

### \* BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our**

neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING

\* GATHERING HYMN                    *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*                    #543 Green Hymnal

\* GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

\* KYRIE (**C- sung**)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE (“Lord God, Heavenly King” – In Unison)

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,  
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.  
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

\* 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 O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.

Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**WORD**

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

FIRST READING.....Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: ..... Psalm 103: [1-7] 8-13 (*Responsively*)

[<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

**<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**<sup>6</sup>O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.]

**<sup>8</sup>LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;**

<sup>9</sup>you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

**<sup>10</sup>You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

**<sup>12</sup>As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,

**so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.**

*This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

SECOND READING.....Romans 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another,

while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

L: Here ends the reading.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (In Unison)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

**\* GOSPEL.....Matthew 18:21-35**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup>For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Leister

\* APOSTLES' CREED (*In Unison*)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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** Merciful God,

**C** receive 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 (“Create in me”)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

**P** God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

MEAL

\* COMMUNION DIALOGUE (from Isaiah 55)

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord.

**C** **For through these gifts he comes to feed us.**

**P** All you who are thirsty, come to the waters. You who have no money, come, receive bread, and eat.

**C** **Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and eat.**

**P** Let us come to his table with joy,

**C** **for we come as God's invited guests!**

\* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P 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 Through him, with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

**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.**

\* LAMB OF GOD (SUNG)

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

(If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in the front of the chancel).

\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

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 Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen.**



## SENDING

### \* BLESSING

P The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.

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

### \* SENDING HYMN

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

#776 (WOV)

### \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. God is at work in you. C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Andrea Cameron

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Thea Beward & Hope Miller

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

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward (9/11/23 – 9/24/23)

## **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 my father, Robert St. Clair, Sr. by Bob St. Clair

JUST A THOUGHT – Phillip Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts in the Episcopal Church during the early 1890s: Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY WILL CONTINUE on Tuesdays, at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. We will be studying the book of Revelation from Augsburg publishers. Anyone is welcome to attend.

BAPTISMAL/NEW MEMBER CLASSES – 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 – 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.

A NEW ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE is being drawn up for “Year B,” which runs from Sunday, December 3, 2023 (First Sunday of Advent) through Sunday, November 24, 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 as soon as possible. Thanks to all who serve!

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.

A VOTER’S ASSEMBLY will be held today following the worship service. Business: Approval of proposed budget for 2024 and minutes of the boards.

A YOUTH PLANNING MEETING will be held on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at St. Stephen’s to plan and outline details of a work camp in Virginia from June 23-29, 2024 and the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans from July 16-20, 2024. The age requirement is that youth must be **13** by June 23 to attend the work camp and

youth who are now in grades **8 through 12** for the Youth Gathering. Please plan to attend if you are going to **BOTH**, if you are going to one or the other, **AND** if you **might be interested in going but are not sure!!**

PLEASE KEEP YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS with the people of **Maui, Hawaii**, as they deal with the absolutely devastating 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 to 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.

IF YOU HAVE ANY NEWS OR UPCOMING EVENTS, please contact Sheree Goss at 717-436-9613 or email her at [msgoss@gmail.com](mailto:msgoss@gmail.com).

**Official Announcement to the Messiah Lutheran Church Congregation:**

- Sunday, September 10, 2023, marks the first official notice that the Parish Planning Council has approved and recommends for adoption the proposed amendments to the Church’s Constitution and Bylaws as prepared by Tawny Mummah and Larry Wise. The amended version is based on the Upper Susquehanna Synod’s model constitution with some alterations made to accommodate our Messiah Lutheran PPC operating structure. This proposed version has been developed over the past three years in full cooperation with and approval by Bishop Miller of the U.S.S. Copies are available both online and in the Adult Sunday School room. Please direct all questions to either Larry or Tawny.
- On Sunday, October 15, 2023, a congregational meeting will be held with the purpose to adopt the amendments by a majority of those members voting.
- On Sunday, November 26, 2023, at the annual congregational meeting, ratification vote will be conducted. A two-thirds majority of those members voting is required for this final ratification.

Should the new constitution and bylaws be ratified then on Monday, November 27, 2023, it will be submitted to the Synod and a 120-day waiting period will begin. If the Synod raises no concerns with the ratified constitution and bylaws then it will become effective on March 26, 2024.

**WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT:**

**September 3, 2023**    Worship Attendance – 58

Total Offering	\$3,270.00	<u>Other Funds</u>	
Other Funds	<u>300.00</u>	Benevolence	\$ 120.00
General Fund	\$2,970.00	Building Fund	60.00
		Mission of Month	75.00
		AED	20.00
		Flowers	<u>25.00</u>
		Total	\$ 300.00

**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**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS are being collected for Shelter Service, Inc. in Lewistown:

- Laundry Detergent
- Shaving Cream
- Clorox
- Shampoo
- Dryer Sheets
- Deodorant
- Dish Soap
- Body Wash

Please place items in the Adult Sunday School Room in the container provided.

ITEMS BEING COLLECTED FOR SCHOOL KITS (during August and September).

- four (70-80 sheet) spiral notebooks—wide or college-ruled
- 1-30 centimeter/inch ruler
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

## ***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**

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR SEPTEMBER:**

CANNED BEETS, CANNED POTATOES, CANNED PINEAPPLE,  
SHAMPOO, OVER-THE-COUNTER COLD AND PAIN MEDICINES,  
DISHWASHING SOAPS AND LAUNDRY SOAP,  
AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND BACKPACKS WHILE THEY ARE ON SALE

\*WE ALSO GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS AND GIFT CARDS.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK will be held on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at Walker Township Park. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. The event will be 7 laps around the park. Twenty-five percent of pledge money will go to the Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels.

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-Voters' Assembly following worship service.  
-6:00 p.m., AA District Meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Monday:** -5:00 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall.  
-6:30 p.m., The Knitters in Junior Church Room.  
-7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple's Class. Area.
- Tuesday:** -10:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Library area.  
-6:30 p.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:** -9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.  
-5:00 p.m., Lions Club meeting in Fellowship Hall.  
-7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in sanctuary.
- Friday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Saturday:** -9:00 a.m., Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-2:00 p.m., Delta Kappa Gamma in Fellowship Hall.

## **PRAYER LIST**

Steve & Linda Bahorik  
Jeremy Barnes  
Ryan Barr  
Donna Barton  
Gary Bechtold  
Dan Brackbill  
Linda Brouse  
Andrea Cameron  
Terry Coder  
Freda Durio  
Cathy Dysinger  
Renee Dzikowski  
Neil & Pat Fisher  
Jane Fogleman  
Bentley Fulkroad  
Terri Gayer  
Deb Geedey  
Bob & Eddi Kay Gill  
Sheree Goss  
Sylva Grimm  
Fred Gross

Dave Hart & Family  
Nox Hepburn  
Judy Hosler  
Erin Husler  
Terry Imes  
Annie Ingle  
Guy Kerstetter  
Jesse Kint  
Michael Lozano  
Anthony Martin  
Carlen McClure  
Alice McClure  
Cecilia Miller  
Ellwood Miller  
Larry Miller  
Shirley Miller  
Claire Mummah  
Paul Ogden  
Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks  
Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine  
Betty Ranck

Keith Ranck  
Dave Reed  
Diane Rowles  
Kelley Rusenko  
Ron & Arlene Shearer  
Joyce & Todd Spangler  
Barry Strawser  
Vicki Suoja  
Tonya Tabb  
Dorothy Towsey  
Molly Ulsh  
Doug Wagner  
Roscoe Warner  
Florence Williams  
Jim Woltman  
Gary Zeiders  
Paul Zeiders  
George Zimmerman  
Linda Zimmerman

## **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

- Jane Marhefka – Brookline Retirement Village, 92 Village Drive, Mifflintown, PA 17059
- Rich Smith – Magnolia Personal Care Center, 68 Lexi St., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- Ray Bramm – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 108, Thompsontown, PA 17094
- Ruth Cisney – Honaman House, 58 Honaman House Dr., Apt. 112, Thompsontown, PA 17094
- Edith Nipple – 1482 William Penn Hwy., Mifflintown, PA 17059
- Ona Stoner – William Penn Nursing Home, 163 Summit Dr., Lewistown, PA 17044