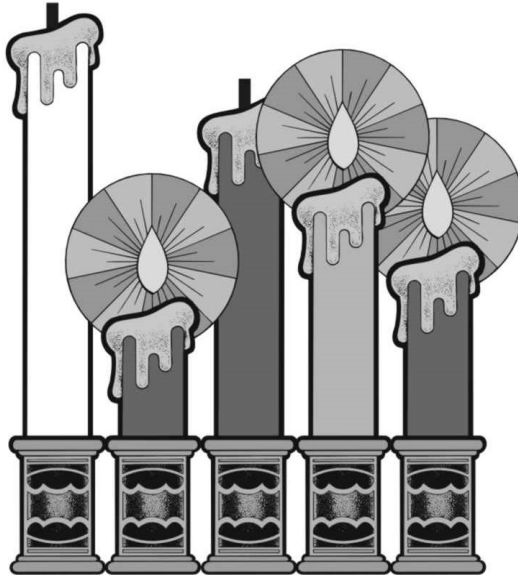


“Growing God’s Kingdom”



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17th, 2023

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TODAY’S INTRODUCTION: *"Rejoice always," begins the reading from 1 Thessalonians. Isaiah and the psalmist make clear that God is turning our mourning into laughter and shouts of joy. "All God's children got a robe," go the words of a spiritual. It is not so much a stately, formal, pressed outfit as it is a set of party clothes, clothes we are happy to wear. We receive that robe in baptism, and in worship we gather for a foretaste of God's party.*

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Altar Guild
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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 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.]

* LIGHTING AND BLESSING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: JOY

P The third candle of Advent symbolizes **JOY**. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the church calls “Gaudete Sunday,” meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and its color is pink, the liturgical color for joy. this Advent, we light the third candle today, Sunday, December 17, 2023

C Amen.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

C Amen.

P God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Everlasting God,

WORD

Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of God, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.

FIRST READING.....Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

¹The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. ⁸For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM.....Psalm 126 (responsively)

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Paul concludes his letter to the Thessalonians by encouraging them to live lives of continual joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. The closing blessing is grounded in the hope of Christ's coming.

SECOND READING.....1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil. ²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

L: Here ends the reading.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PLACING THE CRECHE FIGURES

* THE VERSE “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 3)
Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan’s tyranny;
from depths of hell Your people save and give them vict’ry o’er the grave.

Refrain

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

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.

* GOSPEL.....John 1:6-8, 19-28

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

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

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said,

"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
'Make straight the way of the Lord,'"

as the prophet Isaiah said.²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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 “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” #29 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 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 “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 God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus 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.

* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.

(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 Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever.

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

* SENDING HYMN

“Joy to the World”

#39 Green Hymnal

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Keep awake.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Marina Holderman

NEXT WEEK'S ACOLYTES – Braedon Walton & Hope Miller (morning)

NEXT WEEK'S COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS – Thea Beward, Zeb Berry & Harrison Mummah (morning)

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith (12/11/23 – 1/7/24)

NEXT WEEK'S MANNA BREAD BAKER – Jean Berry (evening)

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.

JUST A THOUGHT – John Newton, Anglican Clergyman (1725 – 1807): I remember two things: that I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior.

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.

DONATIONS OF COOKIES will be needed for refreshments following the Christmas Cantata on December 17th at 2:00 p.m. Cookies may be brought to the church anytime that weekend or on Sunday morning December 17th. Thank you to all who are willing to donate.

THE YOUTH OF BOTH MESSIAH AND ST. STEPHEN’S LUTHERAN CHURCHES will be holding fundraisers in the coming months to support both work trips and the 2024 Youth Gathering in late July in New Orleans. Please see Christina Martin for cards to signify that you want to participate in the fundraisers at the Tyson Hill OIP and/or Harshbarger’s Subs and Malts. Below are the dates and locations of the upcoming fundraisers:

- December 20th** – Tyson Hill OIP
- January 2nd** – Harshbarger’s Subs & Malts
- February 7th** – Tyson Hill OIP
- March 12th** – Harshbarger’s Subs & Malts

Thank you for supporting the youth of our churches!!

DECEMBER’S “MISSION OF THE MONTH” at Messiah will go towards Shelter Services of Mifflin and Juniata Counties. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Shelter Services so they may continue to serve those whose lives have been turned upside down by these disasters. 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.

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.

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. Below is the schedule through January 9, 2024:

December 19, NO BIBLE STUDY
December 26, NO BIBLE STUDY
January 2, NO BIBLE STUDY
January 9, 10:30 a.m.

“THE KNITTERS” WILL NOT BE MEETING for the month of December. They will meet again on Monday January 8, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr. Church Room.

THE NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2024 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 2024 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available to pick up in the Library. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2023 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 2024 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. PPC will approve the 2 delegates at their January meeting.

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.

DECEMBER ADVENT SEASON & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Today: Poinsettias arrive.

Sunday, December 17th: Third Sunday of Advent. Community Christmas Cantata “*Bethlehem’s Child*” at 2:00 p.m. at Messiah.

Sunday, December 24th: Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve. Children’s Christmas Program during 10:30 a.m. worship service. The *Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service* begins at 7:00 p.m. featuring our in-house musicians, Bob St. Clair and Slone Smith. *The Candlelight/Communion Service* will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include the singing of Carols and special anthems

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS ARE AS FOLWS:

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.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS were ratified by the congregation at the Voters Assembly meeting on November 26, 2023. On Monday, November 27, 2023, they were submitted to the Synod and a 120-day waiting period will begin. If the Synod raises no concerns with the ratified constitution and by-laws then it will become effective on March 26, 2024.

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

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

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

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| --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.

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 DECEMBER UPDATE

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!

WITH YOUR HELP, WE DISTRIBUTED OVER 150 THANKSGIVING MEALS
TO OUR JUNIATA COUNTY NEIGHBORS IN NEED!
IN DECEMBER, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN FOR CHRISTMAS!

BASIC NEEDS FOR JANUARY:

CANNED BEETS, CANNED MIXED VEGETABLES, CANNED PINEAPPLE,
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, AND OTHER CLEANING SUPPLIES

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
HOURS: TUESDAY, 9-12 AND 1-5, AND SATURDAY 9-12

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

THE 2023 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA, "Bethlehem's Child" by Victor C. Johnson and Lloyd Larson, will be held on Sunday, December 17th at Messiah at 2:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Third Sunday in Advent.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-2:00 p.m., Christmas Cantata at Messiah.
- Monday:** -7:00 p.m., AA in Disciple's Class. Area.
- Wednesday:** -ALL DAY – Youth Fundraiser at Tyson Hill OIP.
-9:00 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
- Thursday:** -NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- Sunday:** -Fourth Sunday in Advent & Christmas Eve.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
-7:00 p.m., Prelude Concert.
-7:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Communion, and Candlelight.

PRAYER LIST

Steve & Linda Bahorik
Jeremy Barnes
Ryan Barr
Donna Barton
Gary Bechtold
Linda Brouse
Andrea Cameron
Terry Coder
Rob Davis
Fred & Dot Dowling
Seth Dowling
Kim Dumais
Freda Durio
Cathy Dysinger
Renee Dzikowski
Neil & Pat Fisher
Kevin Fetterhoof
Bentley Fulkroad
Terri Gayer
Deb Geedey
Bob & Eddi Kay Gill
Sheree Goss

Sylva Grimm
Fred Gross
Hannah Hart
Nox Hepburn
Judy Hosler
Nancy Howell
Erin Husler
Terry Imes
Annie Ingle
Guy Kerstetter
Jesse Kint
Carlen McClure
Alice McClure
Andi McDanel
Cecilia Miller
Curt Miller
Ellwood Miller
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Claire Mummah
Carole Nace
Donna Parks

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
Mary Jane Williamson
Jim & Heidi Woltman
Gary Zeiders
Paul Zeiders
George Zimmerman
Linda Zimmerman

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS

- Jane Marhefka – Brookline Manor, 2 Manor Blvd., 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



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE POINSETTIAS to decorate the church in honor of Christ's birth. You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after the Worship Service on Christmas Eve.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

In loving memory of faithful servants Ansel and Jean McNaight, our parents, by Jane Shearer and Anne B. McNaight.

In loving memory of Abram and Ruth Shoener and Daniel and Thelma Dreibelbis by the Stephen Dreibelbis family.

In memory of Jean, George and Bill Flint and George, Sr. and Mary Lorraine Hazard by the George Hazard, Jr. family.

In honor of family and friends by George and Marylou Hazard.

In honor of Mark Harvey, many thanks, by Ron and Debbie Meinsler.

In memory of all family members by Ron and Debbie Meinsler.

In memory of our parents, Richard and Daisy Van Gavree and Paul and Dorothy Patterson, by Rich and Cindy Van Gavree.

In memory of my grandparents, John and Hulda St. Clair and Lester and Grace Parsons, by Bob St. Clair.

In loving memory of my father, Robert St. Clair, Sr. by Bob St. Clair.

In loving honor of my mother, Jeanette St. Clair, by Bob St. Clair.

In memory of my grandparents by Kenton Stuck.

In memory of our beloved wife and mother, Kay Stuck, by Ken and Kenton Stuck.

In memory of loved ones by Judy and Herman Armstrong.

In honor of my children, Susan, Carol and Kenneth and their spouses, Reg, John and Tawny, by Ruth Mummah.

In honor of my grandchildren, Harrison, Haley and Olivia, by Ruth Mummah.

In memory of my husband, Kenneth B. Mummah, and parents, Dale H. and Charlotte Henry and Harry and Martha Mummah, by Ruth Mummah.

In loving memory of Barry T. Stratford by Betty and family.

In memory of Butch Pines and Tammy Pines Walton by Sandy Pines and Dan and Michelle Stoner.

In honor of Braedon Walton by Sandy Pines and Dan and Michelle Stoner.

In memory of Dale and Alice Swartz by Thomas and Carol Swartz Wolff.

In memory of Fred and Lillian Houtz and Charles and Hazel Swartz by Thomas and Carol Swartz Wolff.

In memory of Ronald A. Chambers by Deborah Chambers.

In memory of Kenneth E. Geedey by Deborah Chambers.

In memory of Robert E. 'Hap' and Dorothy Smith, Lloyd and Flossie Showers and Clarence and Beulah Leister by Pastor Sam and Linda Leister and family.

In memory of Dorothy and Karen Swab and Rick Fultz by Nick, Bethanie, Thea and Brea Beward.

In memory of Johnny, Donald, Sr., Margaret, Donald, Jr., and Ronnie Beward by Nick, Bethanie, Thea and Brea Beward.

In honor of our Pappy and Mam-Maw Leister and Nammy Beward by Thea and Brea Beward.

In memory of John and Helen Sieber by George and Kay Varner and family.

In memory of Martin and Ruth Varner by George and Kay Varner and family.

In memory of loved ones by Ray and Jane Miller.

In memory of Kim Kerstetter by Sabrina Shipp.

In honor of our family: Stephanie, Lee, Nathaniel, Valerie, Zerán and Shonna, by Dave and Brenda Duncan.

In memory of loved ones by Don and Barb Geedey.

In memory of Al McClure by Kay and Ken Eyer.

In memory of loved ones by Larry Goss.

In honor of my grandchildren by Cynthia Smith.

In memory of my husband, Daniel by Tammy Brackbill.

In honor of my children, Tirzah, Chris and Nick by Tammy Brackbill

In honor and memory of loved ones by Larry and Diana Wise.

In honor of our daughters and their families by Ron and Christie Yorks.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. F. Paul Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit L. Witmer by David and Janet Smith.

The large Poinsettia in the front of the sanctuary was placed in memory of Joyce Yetter by Vernon Gunnion and family.

The large variegated Poinsettia was placed in honor of God's people at Messiah by Pastor Sam and Linda Leister

MEMORIALS FOR LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

In loving memory of faithful servants Jean and Ansel McNaught, our parents, by Jane Shearer and Anne B. McNaught.

In memory of Ronald A. Chambers and Kenneth E. Geedey by Deborah Chambers.

In memory of John and Helen Sieber and Martin and Ruth Varner by George and Kay Varner and family.

In memory of loved ones by Ray and Jane Miller.

In memory of Al McClure by Kay and Ken Eyler.

In memory of my husband, Daniel and in honor of my children, Tirzah, Chris and Nick by Tammy Brackbill.

In memory of Kenneth Geedey and Ron Chambers by Barbara Geedey.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. F. Paul Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit L. Witmer by David and Janet Smith.

In memory of my former students: Sam Brown, Kyle Knepp, Susan Hoffman Colyer, Allison McClure Garver, Tammy Pines Walton, Susan Huss Dare, Ryan Hackett, Randy Thompson, Michael Hockenberry, Jeffrey Marks, Antonio Wells, Bill Swartz, Jed Phelan, Zachary Pellman, Kathy Beaston, Jackie Gilliland Swartwood, Chip Jabs, and Sean Boyer by Cindy Van Gavree.