

# THE MESSIAH HERALD



## JANUARY 2024

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# **"Growing God's Love"**

## The Messiah Herald



### **THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS**

Dear Messiah Family,

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

We celebrate on January 6 the Epiphany or manifestation of Jesus. This concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and peoples. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

On January 7, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Now for a short assignment. Reread Luke 1:11-21 and Daniel 8:15-17. In these two passages we see an angel, a messenger of God appearing to bring great, important news from God. Look to discover the name of this archangel. What is the message brought in each instance and to whom is the message delivered? You will find a second archangel mentioned in Daniel chapters 10 and 12. Who is he and what is his message? Finally, read Revelation chapter 12; what is this archangel doing in Revelation? Feel free to join us for Bible study Tuesday mornings at 10:30 as we will be sharing thoughts and ideas on these very verses. By the way, if you are unable to attend Tuesday morning, please see me to find another day and time when we could gather for the study of God's Word.

With me as Pastor of Messiah, you have now completed 18 months of service to our neighbors near and far in the name of Jesus Christ. Let us continue to search out new ways to serve others in need during these extreme times of grief, sickness, loneliness, and struggles. Remain steadfast in your faith in the Love of Jesus to bring to others consolation, attention, happiness, and the peace that passes worldly understanding. Share the message of hope with others around you. Find ways to carry God's Love to others with our spiritual arms and souls.

May the Lord be with you all!

*Pastor Samuel Leister*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

The Family of Bruce Bradley  
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  
Kathie Eichenberger  
Kevin Fetterhooft  
Neil & Pat Fisher  
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 Mumamah  
Carole Nace  
Donna Parks  
Ron & Linda (Kerchner) Parks  
Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine

Betty Ranck  
Keith Ranck  
Dave Reed  
Diane Rowles  
Kelley Rusenko  
Mandy Saint  
Ron & Arlene Shearer  
Joyce & Todd Spangler  
Barry Strawser  
Vicki Suoja  
Tonya Tabb  
Dorothy Towsey  
Molly Ulsh  
George Varner  
Doug Wagner  
Roscoe Warner  
Mary Jane Williamson  
Jim & Heidi Woltman  
Gary Zeiders  
Paul Zeiders  
George Zimmerman  
Linda Zimmerman

## AND FOR OUR SHUT INS

### BROOKLINE MANOR

(2 MANOR BOULEVARD, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)  
Jane Marhefka

### ARTIS MEMORY CARE

(150 NORTH 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET, LEMOYNE, PA 17043)  
Rich Smith

### HONNEMAN HOUSE

(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)  
Ruth Cisney                      Ray Bramm  
(Apt. #112)                              (Apt. #108)

### WILLIAM PENN HEALTHCARE AND REHAB 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



WELCA's December meeting was cancelled due to illness within the group. The next WELCA meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 7:30 PM. **ALL MESSIAH WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

### **2024 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

The 2024 church offering envelopes are now available to pick up in the church library. Please pick these up before or after Sunday morning services or stop by the church office during business hours to pick yours up!

Also, anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2023 for tax purposes should contact the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

### **2024 FLOWER CHART**

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.

### **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

January's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for the local fire victims in McAlisterville and Mifflintown during the week prior to Christmas. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to funds aiding these community members who lost their belongings in these awful fires. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for being an Angel for the homeless this Christmas Season. Wishing you a beautiful Holiday Season and a New Year of peace and happiness. --*Shelter Services*

Thank you to my family at Messiah for the annual Christmas gift. It was very much appreciated. Also, thank you to the choir for their gift as well. Let's hope 2024 ends on a high note with a scent of mint in the air! --*Bob St. Clair*

"Thank you to members and friends of Messiah for the Christmas gift. It was very much appreciated. Best wishes to all for a healthy and happy New Year!" --*Judy Armstrong*

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

"Thank you to my church family at Messiah for my Christmas gift and also a big thank you to the choir for their generous gift. All was greatly appreciated. Best wishes to all. May you all have a Blessed Happy New Year in 2024" --*Andrea Cameron*

"Thank you, members of Messiah and the Choir, for your very generous gifts this Christmas season. Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!" --*Slone Smith*

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday** – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Thursday** – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Friday** – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

# JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY JANUARY UPDATE

Happy New Year! We are so thankful for all who shared their abundance with the Food Pantry during November and December. With your help we were able to provide over Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for neighbors who would have gone without. As we wind down our joyous celebrations of the holiday season, it's important to remember that for some folks this season has a different name: "The Season of Heat or Eat!" Many families this winter will have to choose whether to heat their homes or buy food and other necessities. Please continue to keep them in mind and in prayer as you pack away Christmas decorations and finish off leftovers.

## BASIC NEEDS FOR JANUARY:

All non-perishable foods; Tissues; Toilet Paper; OTC pain; cold and flu medicines, Vicks, and any household cleaning items. We also gladly accept donations of cash and gift cards to purchase these supplies.



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: [jcfp122017@gmail.com](mailto:jcfp122017@gmail.com)  
WEBSITE: [www.jcfoodpantry.com](http://www.jcfoodpantry.com)

Our vestibule is open 24 hours a day to receive donations. Cash, checks, or gift cards may be deposited in the vestibule's mail slot. \*Non-perishable foods and non-food items may be dropped off at any time in our vestibule. Please deliver perishable foods only when someone is here to receive them. Thank you!

## **STORE GIFT CARDS**

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

## **UPCOMING SERVANTS**

### ALTAR GUILD

Dec. 11 to Jan. 7 ..Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith  
Jan. 8 to Jan. 21..... Chris Martin & Missy Ehrisman  
Jan. 22 to Feb. 11..... Christie Yorks & Sabrina Shipp

### MANNA MAKERS

January 7..... Jenn Hutchinson  
January 21 .....Cynthia Smith

### FLOWERS

January 7 to 28..... OPEN

### LECTORS

January 7 ..... Harrison Mummah  
January 14 ..... Barb Geedey  
January 21 ..... Diana Wise  
January 28..... Cynthia Smith

### ACOLYTES

January 7..... Nick Reed & Hannah Ehrisman  
January 14 ..... Braedon Walton & Grace Miller  
January 21 ..... Gabby & Stella Reed  
January 28..... Thea Beward & Zeb Berry

### OFFERING & COMMUNION PRESENTERS

January 7..... Gabby, Stella, and Sofia Reed  
January 14.... Haley & Olivia Mummah and Brea Beward  
January 21 ..... Nick & Sofia Reed and Grace Miller  
January 28.... Haley & Olivia Mummah and Brea Beward

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS**

JANUARY 1 ----- LUKE 2:15-21  
*THOSE WHO ARE IGNORED OR OVERLOOKED IN THIS WORLD*

JANUARY 2 ----- JAMES 3:13-18  
*STRUGGLING RELATIONSHIPS*

JANUARY 3 ----- ISAIAH 60:1-6  
*PEOPLE CHALLENGED BY DISTRACTIONS*

JANUARY 4 ----- PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14  
*THOSE IN NEED TODAY*

JANUARY 5 ----- EPHESIANS 3:1-12  
*PEOPLE EXCLUDED BY OTHERS*

JANUARY 6 ----- MATTHEW 2:1-12  
*THOSE IN THE MIDST OF DIFFICULT CHANGES*

JANUARY 7 ----- MARK 1:4-11  
*PEOPLE HAVING "ONE OF THOSE DAYS" TODAY*

JANUARY 8 ----- GENESIS 1:1-5  
*PEOPLE STARTING NEW ENDEAVORS*

JANUARY 9 ----- PSALM 29  
*THOSE IN NEED OF DIVINE PEACE*

JANUARY 10 ----- ACTS 19:1-7  
*PEOPLE CONSUMED BY WORRY*

JANUARY 11 ----- 1 SAMUEL 3:1-10 [11-20]  
*SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS*

JANUARY 12 ----- PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18  
*THOSE WHO FEEL UNKNOWN IN THIS WORLD*

JANUARY 13 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20  
*THOSE WITH DESTRUCTIVE THOUGHTS*

JANUARY 14 ----- JOHN 1:43-51  
*PEOPLE MISJUDGED BASED ON THEIR BACKGROUND*

JANUARY 15 ----- 1 SAMUEL 9:27 - 10:8  
*PEOPLE WHO ARE NEARING DEATH*

JANUARY 16 ----- ACTS 5:1-11  
*WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES*

JANUARY 17 ----- JONAH 3:1-5, 10  
*LUTHERAN OUTDOOR MINISTRIES*

JANUARY 18 ----- MATTHEW 16:13-19  
*CONGREGATIONS THAT FEEL DISCOURAGED*

JANUARY 19 ----- PSALM 62:5-12  
*LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE*

JANUARY 20 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31  
*ALL WHO FEEL HURRIED OR DISTRACTED*

JANUARY 21 ----- MARK 1:14-20  
*LAY MINISTRIES AND VOLUNTEERS*

JANUARY 22 ----- GENESIS 12:1-9  
*THOSE IN NEW JOBS OR RETIRING*

JANUARY 23 ----- ACTS 5:33-42  
*JUDGES, ATTORNEYS, AND JURORS*

JANUARY 24 ----- PSALM 46  
*ALL SEEKING SAFE HOUSING OR HEALTH CARE*

JANUARY 25 ----- ACTS 9:1-22  
*ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH PARTNERS*

JANUARY 26 ----- PSALM 111  
*ARTISTS, SCIENTISTS, AND TEACHERS*

JANUARY 27 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13  
*SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS*

JANUARY 28 ----- MARK 1:21-28  
*LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF*

JANUARY 29 ----- DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20  
*BISHOP'S ASSOCIATES AND CALL COMMITTEES*

JANUARY 30 ----- PSALM 35:1-10  
*ALL CONTENDING WITH ADDICTION*

JANUARY 31 ----- JEREMIAH 29:1-14  
*RESIDENTS, STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS AT SENIOR CARE CENTERS*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

JANUARY 1 – Marylou Hazard

JANUARY 5 – Marsha Piper

JANUARY 15 – Brenda Bahorik

JANUARY 17 – Ken Stuck

JANUARY 29 -- Erin Harris

## CHRISTMAS EVE LOOSE OFFERING

All loose offering that was collected at this year's Christmas Eve service will be going 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 DELEGATES NEEDED



Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June of 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.



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# JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024:** **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 2:** -ALL DAY – YOUTH FUNDRAISER AT HARSHBARGER’S SUBS & MALTS
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 7:** **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
-9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH  
-AFTER WORSHIP – UNDECORATING OF THE CHURCH
- MONDAY, JANUARY 8:** -5:00 TO 8:00 PM – LION’S CLUB IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 9:** -10:00 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN THE JR. CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 11:** -7:30 PM -- W.E.L.C.A. MEETING IN YOUTH AREA
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 14:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH  
-AFTER WORSHIP – WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY, JANUARY 15:** **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY**  
-5:00 TO 8:00 PM – LION’S CLUB IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 16:** -10:00 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN THE JR. CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 18:** -7:00 AM TO 12 NOON – JCPASR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL & KITCHEN
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 20:** -9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM – QUILTER’S GUILD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 21:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH  
-AFTER WORSHIP – PPC MEETING IN YOUTH AREA
- MONDAY, JANUARY 22:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 23:** -10:00 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN THE JR. CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 26:** -**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 27:** -9:00 AM – MARINE CORPS LEAGUE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 28:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS  
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION/JUNIOR CHURCH
- MONDAY, JANUARY 29:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM  
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE’S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 30:** -10:00 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN THE JR. CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE SANCTUARY



# JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

January is often celebrated for many things, along with the new year, new beginnings, and fresh starts. But did you know that there are other celebrations in January? Are any of these familiar to you?

- ❖ Cervical Health Awareness Month
- ❖ Glaucoma Awareness Month
- ❖ Mental Wellness Month
- ❖ National Adopt a Rescued Bird Month
- ❖ National Blood Donor Month
- ❖ National Codependency Awareness Month
- ❖ National Eye Care Month
- ❖ National Hobby Month
- ❖ National Stalking Awareness Month
- ❖ Poverty Awareness Month
- ❖ Self-Love Month
- ❖ Walk Your Dog Month



- ↵ JANUARY 2 – Swiss Cheese Day
- ↵ JANUARY 3 – Women Rock Day
- ↵ JANUARY 4 -- World Braille Day
- ↵ JANUARY 4 – National Spaghetti Day
- ↵ JANUARY 5 -- National Bird Day
- ↵ JANUARY 6 – National Bean Day
- ↵ JANUARY 8 – Bubble Bath Day (*no connection to National Bean Day!*)
- ↵ JANUARY 9 -- National Electricity Day
- ↵ JANUARY 9 – National Apricot Day
- ↵ JANUARY 10 – National Save the Eagles Day
- ↵ JANUARY 10 – Houseplant Appreciation Day
- ↵ JANUARY 11 – National Hot Toddy Day

- ↵ JANUARY 14 – Organize Your Home Day
- ↵ JANUARY 15 -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ↵ JANUARY 15 – Strawberry Ice Cream Day
- ↵ JANUARY 15 -- World Religion Day
- ↵ JANUARY 16 – International Hot and Spicy Food Day
- ↵ JANUARY 17 – Hot Buttered Rum Day
- ↵ JANUARY 18 – National Gourmet Coffee Day
- ↵ JANUARY 18 TO 25 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- ↵ JANUARY 19 – National Popcorn Day
- ↵ JANUARY 20 -- National Penguin Day
- ↵ JANUARY 21 -- National Squirrel Appreciation Day
- ↵ JANUARY 21 – National Hugging Day
- ↵ JANUARY 22 – Answer Your Cat's Questions Day
- ↵ JANUARY 23 – National Pie Day
- ↵ JANUARY 25 – National Irish Coffee Day
- ↵ JANUARY 26 – National Peanut Brittle Day
- ↵ JANUARY 27 -- International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- ↵ JANUARY 27 -- National Geographic Day
- ↵ JANUARY 27 -- NASA Day of Remembrance
- ↵ JANUARY 28 -- World Leprosy Day
- ↵ JANUARY 28 – National Daisy Day
- ↵ JANUARY 29 – National Puzzle Day
- ↵ JANUARY 30 – National Croissant Day
- ↵ JANUARY 31 -- International Zebra Day
- ↵ JANUARY 31 – Eat Brussel Sprouts Day

## **NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW FOR MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH WERE RATIFIED BY THE CONGREGATION AT THE VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING ON NOVEMBER 26, 2023. ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 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 TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024.

## **Jesus is Baptized Word Search**

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WASH  
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WILDERNESS**



**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE POINSETTIAS** to decorate the church in honor of Christ's birth.

**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, Zeran 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 Eyler.

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 Eyer.

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.

