

THE MESSIAH HERALD



April 2024

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SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 AM.....WORSHIP / COMMUNION – 10:30 AM

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TUESDAY & THURSDAY – 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

FRIDAY – 12:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

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The Messiah Herald



THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

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

I wish to take this moment to thank Grace Miller our Narrator, Hannah Ehrisman as Jesus, Brea Beward as Peter, Paige Martin as the Pilate, Gabby Reed as the High Priest, Nick Reed as the Centurion, Braedon Walton as Judas, Thea Beward as the Maid, Hope Miller as the Bystander, and the congregation of Messiah as the People for providing their muntries on Palm Sunday March 24 as we experienced the Passion according to Mark during our worship service. You are all a blessing to Messiah and to the witness for Jesus Christ.



With the celebration of Easter this year came the unveiling of our newest banner hanging along the wall. The photo here is but a glimpse, please join us for worship and witness the banner in person. This will adorn the wall through the Sundays of Easter.

On another note, we continue to test new systems of delivering the Sunday morning worship service via the Internet. This change was necessitated since the company, Meta, the parent company of the Facebook program, instituted policies which limit live streaming from small churches such as Messiah. Please be patient as we search for a long-term solution.

Continue to pray for our three confirmands as they complete their faith journey through their studies. They are now choosing hymns for their confirmation day service as well as selecting favorite Bible verses.

And remember to come to Messiah on Saturday evening April 6 between 4 and 7 to feast upon the best spaghetti our youth can boil. The sauce cannot be bettered in all the lands, but the bread can be buttered in so many yummy ways!!! Proceeds of this dinner will benefit the St. Stephen's and Messiah's youth attending the workcamp and youth gathering this summer. While there is no specific cost, donations are accepted, and a basket raffle will be held.

Let us continue to serve others in need during 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.

May the Lord be with you all!

Pastor Samuel Leister

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton | Easter 2024

“So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone for they were afraid.” That’s where the Gospel of Mark originally ended. And it just seems so odd to me. It’s so abrupt. I mean, the women had seen the angel. He’d announced that Jesus was raised from the dead, and then he tells them all this good news and wants them to go on their way. And they just are not going to say a single word.

There are three words in that passage that really stand out for me, especially in the Greek. One is fear — *phobos*. We get phobia from that. The other one is amazement — *ekstasis*. We get ecstasy from that. And the other one has to do with being seized. It actually means “being possessed.” So we take a look at these women, and they’ve had this miraculous appearance by an angel. They’ve heard the good news that Jesus has raised from the dead, and they’re too afraid to do anything about it, and they just are going to be silent. It seems that nothing changed. They came to take care of Jesus’ dead body because on the Sabbath they could not work. But on the first day of the week, they were there. They have this announcement, and then it’s all the same.

Sometimes I think we feel like nothing’s changed. Sometimes I think that the events in our country, in our church, around the world are just so terrifying and so overwhelming that it seems like the resurrection really didn’t make a difference. But these three words really say something about the women, and I think about us and, most especially, about Easter. When they said that they were filled with amazement — this is this ecstasy, *ekstasis* — they were really standing. It means literally standing in a different place. So though they were still in the tomb and they hadn’t reacted yet, nevertheless, everything had changed. And because of the resurrection, we, all of us, are standing in a different place. The whole of creation is standing in a different place. And the word for fear, *phobos*, phobia we get from that. But it’s really a sense of trembling in the presence of God, of awe that they were actually filled with awe — not paralyzed by fear but filled with awe. And I hope this Eastertide and all year round, we have a sense of the presence of God that fills us with awe.

And it also says that they were seized with fear. Well, the word means “possessed.” And yes, we believe that in baptism because of the resurrection, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit and we now are all Spirit-possessed.

When things seem to be staying the same, when things seem to be happening and coming at us so quickly, I think it’s very important to take time to be a little amazed, to be standing in a different place, to have a sense of this awe and trembling before the Lord, and to allow ourselves to be possessed by the Spirit, who will give us power and courage in these times.

My favorite hymn is “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song.” It’s *ELW* 808. And the last verse goes like this: “I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; but courage will come with the sound of his steps by my side. And with all of the family Jesus saved by his love, we’ll sing to his dawn at the end of our journey.”

Be well, dear church. Happy Easter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING.....

The Family of Dorothy Towsey	Terri Gayer	Ron & Linda (Kerchner)Parks
The Family of Edith Nipple	Deb Geedey	Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
The Family of Rich Smith	Bob & Eddi Kay Gill	Betty Ranck
The Family of Dorothy Zeiders	Sheree Goss	Keith Ranck
Steve & Linda Bahorik	Sylva Grimm	Dave Reed
Jeremy Barnes	Fred Gross	Diane Rowles
Ryan Barr	Hannah Hart	Kelley Rusenko
Donna Barton	John (Pat) Henry	Arlene Shearer
Gary Bechtold	Nox Hepburn	Joyce & Todd Spangler
Linda Brouse	Judy Hosler	Donna Stoner
Andrea Cameron	Nancy Howell	Barry Strawser
Terry Coder	Erin Husler	Vicki Suoja
Heather Compton	Terry Imes	Tonya Tabb
Rob Davis	Annie Ingle	Molly Ulsh
Fred & Dot Dowling	Guy Kerstetter	George Varner
Seth Dowling	Jesse Kint	Doug Wagner
Kim Dumais	Carlen McClure	Marsha Wagner
Freda Durio	Alice McClure	Roscoe Warner
Cathy Dysinger	Andi McDanel	Mary Jane Williamson
Renee Dzikowski	Cecilia Miller	Jim & Heidi Woltman
Kathie Eichenberger	Curt Miller	Gary Zeiders
Rev. Jodi Ellis	Larry Miller	Paul Zeiders
Kevin Fetterhoof	Shirley Miller	George Zimmerman
Neil & Pat Fisher	Claire Mummah	Linda Zimmerman
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PRAYERS & CONCERNS

If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Pastor Leister at mlcsleister@gmail.com. Also, if anyone has any needs or concerns, please contact Pastor Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Pastor Leister know as well. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at mlcsleister@gmail.com.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME

A reminder to anyone who would like a daily devotional to jump start their day. There are plenty of devotionals in "Christ in our Home," which can be picked up in the church office or in the Adult Sunday School Room and are FREE!

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

March 25 to April 7 Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith
April 8 to May 5..... Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed

MANNA BREAD MAKERS

April 7Christie Yorks
April 21 Jean Berry

LECTORS

April 7 Slone Smith
April 14 Marina Holderman
April 21 Andrea Cameron
April 29 Barb Geedey

ACOLYTES

April 7 Sofia & Stella Reed
April 14 T.B.A.
April 21 T.B.A.
April 28 T.B.A.

OFFERING/COMMUNION PRESENTERS

April 7 Nick & Gabby Reed and Hannah Ehrisman
April 14 T.B.A.

April 21 T.B.A.
April 28 T.B.A.

FLOWERS

April 7 NONE
April 14 NONE
April 21 Sandy Pines, Braedon Walton, Dan Stoner
April 28 Deb Meinsler

OFFERING COUNTERS

April 7 Ron & Christie Yorks
April 14 Slone Smith & Tammy Brackbill
April 21 Marylou Hazard & Clint Miller
April 28 Don & Barb Geedey

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.

BLOOPERS BY STUDENTS WRITING ABOUT THE BIBLE

- In the first book of the bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so He took the Sabbath off.
- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals came on to in pears.
- God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Montezuma.
- Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birthmark.
- One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.
- Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw.
- Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
- The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert.
- Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten amendments.

MORE BLOOPERS BY STUDENTS TO COME IN MAY'S "MESSIAH HERALD"

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY APRIL UPDATE



In February 2024, the Food Pantry served 238 families – 620 of your neighbors! A big thank you to Matamoras UMC for volunteering on Saturdays in February. Join our family! We are always looking for a few good volunteers!

IF YOU COULD HELP BY DONATING THE ITEMS BELOW, WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL.

BASIC NEEDS FOR APRIL:

All Non-Perishable Foods; Shampoo, Deodorant; Cleaning Supplies: Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, All Purpose Household Cleaners; Paper Towels.

DONATIONS OF CASH/CHECKS 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: jcfp122017@gmail.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!

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MARVIN WAS NOT SURE ABOUT THESE NEW PROPHECY TOWELS

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YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HIM ... HE'S NEW TO THE FAITH AND THIS IS HIS FIRST EASTER

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OFFERING BREAKDOWN
FEBRUARY 4	66	\$4,485.00	Benevolence -- \$30.00 Building Fund -- \$85.00 Local Missions -- \$60.00 Summer/Work Camp -- \$100.00 Memorial Fund -- \$3,200.00
FEBRUARY 11	52	\$2,448.00	Benevolence -- \$100.00 Building Fund -- \$60.00 Local Missions -- \$10.00 Flowers -- \$48.00 Summer/Work Camp -- \$100.00
FEBRUARY 18	42	\$3,810.00	Lenten Offering -- \$478.00 Building Fund -- \$20.00 Flowers -- \$22.00 Local Missions -- \$70.00 Summer/Work Camp -- \$125.00
FEBRUARY 25	42	\$1,745.00	Building Fund -- \$20.00 Lenten Offering -- \$45.00 Local Missions -- \$45.00
MARCH 3	48	\$3,721.00	Benevolence -- \$20.00 Building Fund -- \$285.00 Local Missions -- \$70.00 World Hunger -- \$200.00 Flowers -- \$194.00 Memorial Fund -- \$610.00
MARCH 10	??	\$1,831.00	Building Fund -- \$20.00 Lenten Offering -- \$75.00 Flowers -- \$105.00 Summer/Work Camp -- \$75.00 Local Missions -- \$20.00 Memorial Fund -- \$755.00
MARCH 17	??	\$1,639.00	Benevolence -- \$20.00 Lenten Offering -- \$50.00 Flowers -- \$44.00 Local Missions -- \$20.00 Building Fund -- \$60.00 Memorial Fund -- \$25.00
MARCH 24	67	\$3,663.00	Benevolence -- \$120.00 Flowers -- \$99.00 Local Missions -- \$70.00 Building Fund -- \$60.00 Memorial Fund -- \$2,050.00
MARCH 31	99	\$5,224.00	Benevolence -- \$20.00 Flowers -- \$127.00 Summer/Work Camp -- \$50.00 Local Missions -- \$1,505.00 Building Fund -- \$85.00 Memorial Fund -- \$75.00

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

APRIL 1 ----- LUKE 1:26-38

STUDENTS SAYING YES TO NEW CHALLENGES

APRIL 2 ----- ISAIAH 25:6-9

CATERERS, PARTY HOSTS, PREPARERS OF FEASTS

APRIL 3 ----- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

SEMINARY STAFF

APRIL 4 ----- ACTS 4:32-35

GENEROSITY TOWARD PEOPLE IN NEED

APRIL 5 ----- PSALM 133

FOSTER FAMILIES

APRIL 6 ----- 1 JOHN 1:1 – 2:2

CAMPUS MINISTRY LEADERS

APRIL 7 ----- JOHN 20:19-31

PEOPLE IN PRISON

APRIL 8 ----- DANIEL 3:1-30

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

APRIL 9 ----- 1 JOHN 2:12-17

ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

APRIL 10 ----- MARK 12:18-27

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

APRIL 11 ----- ACTS 3:12-19

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL

APRIL 12 ----- PSALM 4

PEOPLE WITH SLEEP DISORDERS

APRIL 13 ----- 1 JOHN 3:1-7

FAMILIES IN CRISIS

APRIL 14 ----- LUKE 24:36B-48

PEACE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

APRIL 15 ----- PSALM 150

PARK SERVICE EMPLOYEES

APRIL 16 ----- HOSEA 5:15 – 6:6

PEOPLE AFRAID TO LET THEMSELVES BE LOVED

APRIL 17 ----- PROVERBS 9:1-6

TIMES WHEN WE LACK WISDOM

APRIL 18 ----- ACTS 4:5-12

BOLDNESS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL

APRIL 19 ----- PSALM 23

THOSE WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH

APRIL 20 ----- 1 JOHN 3:16-24

ALL WHO SEEK TO ABIDE IN JESUS

APRIL 21 ----- JOHN 10:11-18

THE LOST AND STUBBORN (LIKE ME)

APRIL 22 ----- 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

KIDS GROWING UP IN A SOCIAL MEDIA-OBSESSED WORLD

APRIL 23 ----- PSALM 95

SPIRITUAL SEEKERS

APRIL 24 ----- MICAH 7:8-20

PEOPLE LIVING AMID VIOLENCE

APRIL 25 ----- MARK 1:1-15

URGENCY TO SHARE JESUS

APRIL 26 ----- ACTS 8:26-40

THOSE WHO ARE SEEKING HOPE

APRIL 27 ----- 1 JOHN 4:7-21

THOSE WHO FEEL UNLOVABLE

APRIL 28 ----- JOHN 15:1-8

THOSE WHO CULTIVATE GRAPES

APRIL 29 ----- ISAIAH 5:1-7

THE OPPRESSED AND THE OPPRESSORS

APRIL 30 ----- JAMES 3:17-18

OUR FRACTURED AND POLARIZED WORLD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

APRIL 1 – Zeb Berry

APRIL 3 – Shirley Covert

APRIL 5 – Jan Smith

APRIL 11 – Anne B. McNaight

APRIL 15 – Steve Bahorik

APRIL 20 – Slone Smith

APRIL 24 – Hunter Berry

APRIL 26 – Steve Berry

APRIL 27 – Debbie Meinster

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

APRIL 10 – Dave and Jan Smith

APRIL 20 – Gene and Lois Crissman

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MONDAY, APRIL 1:** -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 DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, APRIL 2:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- FRIDAY, APRIL 5:** -ALL DAY – FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED
- SATURDAY, APRIL 6:** -4:00 TO 7:00 PM – YOUTH SPAGHETTI SUPPER IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, APRIL 7:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION (*GUEST SPEAKER: FORMER BISHOP, REV. BARBARA COLLINS*)
-AFTER WORSHIP – WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING
- MONDAY, APRIL 8:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, APRIL 9:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, APRIL 11:** -1:00 PM – WELCA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- SUNDAY, APRIL 14:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION
- MONDAY, APRIL 15:** -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 DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, APRIL 16:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, APRIL 18:** -7:00 AM TO 12 NOON – JCPARS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
- SUNDAY, APRIL 21:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION
-AFTER WORSHIP – VOTER’S ASSEMBLY
-10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM – FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVED
- MONDAY, APRIL 22:** -6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, APRIL 23:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24:** -9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- SUNDAY, APRIL 28:** -9:15 AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL & CATECHISM CLASS
-10:30 AM – WORSHIP/COMMUNION
- MONDAY, APRIL 29:** -**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
-6:30 PM – KNITTERS IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES’ CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, APRIL 30:** -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM



The Women of the ELCA met on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. in the Young Adult Sunday School classroom. Cynthia Smith presented the devotions on Luke 10, the story of Mary and Martha. This followed with a discussion on their personalities, and which one does each of us portray. Are we more like one or the other or is there a little of both of them in each of us.

Cynthia provided the Treasurer' report with a balance on hand of \$620.23 but there are outstanding checks yet to be returned.

Old business: Barbara has not been able to find information on Communities Connected, which is a local organization that helps the needs of the county when they arise. We will continue to try to gather information on this group. If there is anyone in the congregation who has knowledge of this group, please let Barb or Linda know.

New business: Since we have some items for baby kits, we will try to sort through them at our April meeting and see what needs to be collected to finish them. We will do school kits in the middle of the summer. Tammy Brackbill has offered to make the backpacks.

Barb presented information on our convention which is usually held at the end of July, but due to date conflicts it had been moved to August 10th at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Turbotville. More information will be published in future newsletters.

Our Spring Day of Learning will occur on April 27th at St John's Lutheran in Mifflinville. Anyone interested in attending please contact Barbara Geedey or Linda Leister. The program will be a presentation on the Holy Land. The cost is \$15.00, and lunch is provided.

Cynthia reported that she received a letter from JVB stating that our group will be charged \$6.00/month for our checking account. Cynthia is going to contact Pennian Bank to see if we could receive free checking from them.

Barbara reported that she has obtained our speaker for our Thankoffering Service in November. It will be Abby Yorks and she will be telling us about her mission of collecting new and old shoes. She is an ambassador for Soles4Souls. We have received one of her shoe containers which we will be placing somewhere in the church to begin collecting shoes for when she comes in November. If it's filled before then she will pick them up and we will continue to collect more.

There was no further business for the group to discuss so we closed with our Purpose Statement.

UPDATED NEWS FROM CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Kate Swailes will be serving as our congregation's camperson with Camp Mount Luther again this year. This year's summer camp season at Camp Mount Luther will begin on June 23 and run until August 2. There are programs for all ages from elementary to senior high, and for adults and families. If you're looking for a place where your child can grow in faith and have fun doing it, Camp Mount Luther is that place. If you have any questions about camp, you can contact Kate or the camp office at 570-922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org. The camp brochures are available on the Camp Mount Luther site www.campmountluther.org and the camp brochures will be mailed to campers who attended camp in the past. Submit your camp registration form to Kate along with a \$50 payment payable to Messiah Lutheran Church which will go toward the non-refundable deposit. You could also register online and provide the \$50 payment to Kate. The remaining portion of the cost of camp will be covered by various fundraising events, donations, etc. Kate will submit the registration forms to Mount Luther.

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION ON WEB: Our website now has information on this year's summer camp programs, along with a schedule. Check out the summer camp brochure at <https://www.campmountluther.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-Booklet-1.pdf> to start planning. Brochures have been mailed to campers and will soon be on their way to churches. Online registration for this summer is available too on our website. This year's summer camp season will begin on June 23 and run until August 2. There are programs for all ages from preschool to senior high, and for adults and families. Camp Mount Luther is a special place where kids and families come together to grow with God and serve with smiles! Camp provides a safe place for people of all ages to relax and unwind in nature, discover God's love, sing around the campfire, learn more about themselves, and make new friends while at the same time being renewed in mind and spirit.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the lovely altar flowers. I appreciate the thoughts and prayers as my knee heals from replacement surgery. *Sincerely, LINDA DREIBELBIS*

Dear Friends at Messiah Lutheran Church....we at Shelter Service, Inc. would like to thank you for your recent gift. Your kindness allows the shelter to better provide food, clothing and safe lodging for people in need. Thank you so very much for your generosity and for caring about our community! *Sincerely, JANE NEFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR*

Dear Friends.....we would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and kind words following the passing of Ron's father, Bob and my brother, Richie. Also, thank you for the delicious meal served by the women of the church and all who donated food. A special thank you to Pastor Sam for ministering to Richie in his final days and for doing the services for both Bob and Richie. We are blessed. *RON AND CHRISTIE YORKS*

Thank you to Michelle Stoner for delivering the beautiful altar flowers from Messiah. They were greatly appreciated. *GEORGE AND KAY VARNER*

Thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for the beautiful service and luncheon in honor of Rich's life. *DOUG & MICHELLE SMITH & FAMILY*

Friends of Messiah, on behalf of Cade, Kalea and Huxley, we truly appreciate and thank you for the altar flowers and palms that Pastor Sam delivered to Huxley. God has truly blessed the Clark family with a much-needed joy, just as today, Easter morning, brings joy to all of us. Thank you so much and have a Blessed Easter. *JERRY AND LINDA CLARK*

Thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for your

generous donation for expenses at the Central Juniata Park Pool. It is the support of the community that has kept the pool in operation for many years. Renovation has begun on the wading pool and sand blasting is now complete. We are praying for a great summer of fun at the pool. *SINCERELY ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHIRLEY HOSTLER, TREASURER*

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHIES...

We extend our sympathy to the Family of Rich Smith on his passing on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Transitions Healthcare Allens Cove in Duncannon. Please keep Rich's son, Doug and family, and Rich's brothers and sisters in your thoughts and prayers.

We also extend our sympathies to the family of Dorothy Zeiders, who passed away at Geisinger-Danville on Sunday, March 3, 2024. Please keep Dorothy's family in your thoughts and prayers.

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of Edith Nipple, who passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Brookline Manor. Please keep Edith's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Finally, we extend our sympathies to the family of Dorothy Towsey, who passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at Shem Creek Health Center at South Bay at Mount Pleasant, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Please keep Dorothy's family in your thoughts and prayers.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

April's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will continue to be for Camp Mount Luther. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Camp Mount Luther to continue assisting in their children's ministries and restoration project. 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.

FORMER USS SYNOD BISHOP

TO SPEAK AT MESSIAH

Former Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop, Rev. Barbara Collins, will be speaking to our congregation during the Sunday, April 7th morning worship service. She will be presenting a Temple Talk about "Foundations for the Future," the building project at Camp Mount Luther.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations are extended to Jerry and Linda Clark on the birth of their first great grandson, Huxley Shannon Clark. Huxley was born to Cade and Kalea at 4:23 AM on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Huxley weighs 7 ½ pounds and is 19 ½ inches long. All three are doing exceptionally well. Please pray for Huxley, Cade, and Kalea as they begin a new chapter in their lives!

*2023 TOP 100 ORGANIZATION
(PA Business Central)*

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**IN HOME SERVICES OF CENTRAL PA HOME CARE AGENCY –
SELECTED AS A 2024 TOP HOME HEALTHCARE AGENCY**

In Home Services of Central PA Home Care Agency has once again been selected as A TOP HOME HEALTHCARE AGENCY. The agency received this recognition in 2023, 2022, and 2021 as well. Also, the agency was recently selected as A TOP 100 ORGANIZATION for the second year straight. In addition, the agency was nominated this year for the Governor's Achievement Award and has a current CLIENT SATISFACTION SCORE of 99%.

Kenton Stuck, NHA, Founder and CEO, stated "I am very proud of the Team that makes up our agency. We strive to provide the best in home care services. Our team shares in my passion for helping our area Senior Citizens."

The agency serves senior citizens in their homes in Juniata, Mifflin, and Centre counties. The agency provides non-skilled services such as assistance with activities of daily living; help getting up in the morning / going to bed at night; and assistance with housekeeping, meals, laundry / changing sheets, errands, and appointments. Stuck stated, "Our goal is to help our senior citizens age in place in their homes. We take our mission statement seriously which is: A company of caring, conscientious, dependable, dedicated team members (Caregivers), whose goal is to make life easier for our clients by providing outstanding In Home Services – with a sincere commitment to customer service."

Services can be provided on a consistent basis or on a temporary basis. The agency can provide up to 24/7 care if needed and/or desired.

In Home Services of Central PA is based in Lewistown and can be reached by calling 717-363-4913 or 814-321-2145. (www.InHomeServicesofCentralPA.com)

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GAVE LILIES TO HELP US CELEBRATE OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION ON EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31st.

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 George and Evelyn Shirk and Gerald and Evelyn (Nootie) Davis by family.

In memory of loved ones by Don and Barb Geedey.

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

In memory of our parents: James, Florence and Larry by Ron and Debbie Meinsler.

In honor of Mother Sandy by Debbie and Ron Meinsler.

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

In honor of Ona Stoner and Sandy Pines and in memory of Sieber Stoner and Butch Pines by Dan and Michelle Stoner.

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 loved ones by Herman and Judy 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 memory of our parents, John and Helen Sieber and Martin and Ruth Varner, by George and Kay Varner.

In memory of Charles and Mary Knisely by Warren and Claire Mummah.

In memory of Harry and Martha Mummah by Warren and Claire Mummah.

In memory of Richard Van Gavree by Cindy and Phillip Van Gavree and Susan Bahr and family.

In memory of loved ones by Ray and Jane Miller.

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

In memory of loved ones by Cynthia Smith.

In memory of loved ones by Larry Goss.

In loving honor of Warren and Claire Mummah and Sylva Grimm and in memory of Donald Grimm by Mary and Glenn Grimm 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 'Peg,' Donald Jr., and Ronnie Beward by Nick, Bethanie, Thea and Brea Beward.

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

In honor of the families of our children and grandchildren: Holdermans, Kints and Beward, by Sam and Linda Leister.

In memory of Hap and Dottie Smith, Clarence and Beulah Leister, and Lloyd and Flossie Showers by Sam and Linda Leister.

In honor of Messiah's congregation by Sam and Linda Leister.



For over 60 years, Camp Mount Luther, nestled in the mountains of beautiful Central Pennsylvania, has been providing ministry to youth, families, and adults from the congregations and communities of Central Pennsylvania and beyond. Owned and operated by the Upper Susquehanna Synod, more than 100 congregations and hundreds of people benefit from the ministry opportunities each year.

Youth ministry is Camp Mount Luther’s specialty, serving hundreds of children in summer camp, day camp sites in local communities, and weekend retreats and workshops.

A week of camp at Camp Mount Luther builds confidence in kids. Their experience provides them with a sense of independence and inner strength that cannot be replicated

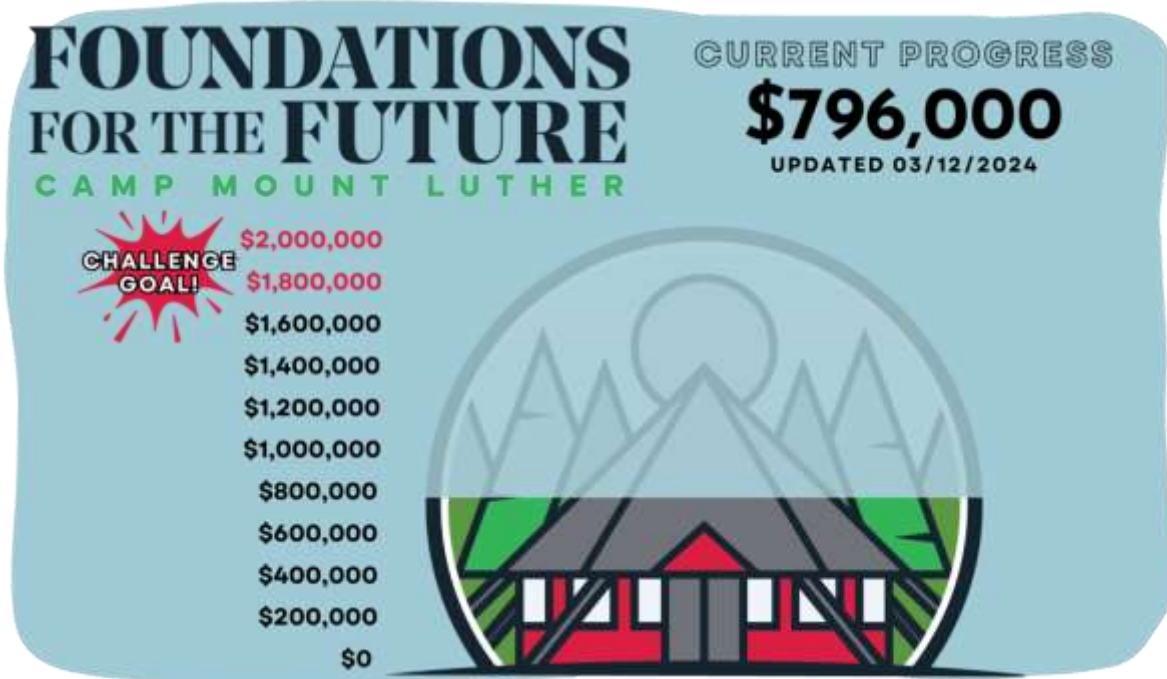
in many other endeavors.

Kids make new, Christian friends when they attend a week of camp at Camp Mount Luther. Children who are shy meet new friends in an environment where they experience acceptance and encouragement.

Camp Mount Luther is providing church leaders for the future. Over the past 60 years, many of the Camp Mount Luther summer staff has moved on to church-related careers or fields of study.

Dr. Rollie Martinson, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, as part of a Lilly Foundation study, discovered the increasing importance of summer bible camp in passing on the faith to the next generation. In fact, camp rates second to mothers as “faith factor.”

The goal of the **“Foundations for the Future”** Capital Campaign is \$1.6 to \$2.0 million. Our goal at Messiah Lutheran Church is **\$7,500**. For more information as to what this capital campaign will cover, please visit us at <https://www.campmountluther.org/capital-campaign/>.



March 25, 2024

Dear Friends and Members of Messiah Lutheran Church,

One of the finest Lutheran organizations in Central Pennsylvania is Camp Mount Luther. For more than 60 years, this wonderful camp and retreat facility has provided us a “place apart” for renewal and spiritual growth.

Congregations look to Camp Mount Luther as a resource in providing a valuable ministry to our youth and families.

Because of the need for Camp Mount Luther to upgrade and modernize its facilities, the congregations of the Upper Susquehanna Synod, including our congregation at Messiah, will conduct a Capital Campaign to help raise \$1.6 to 2.0 million.

The goal of the **“Foundations for the Future”** at Messiah Lutheran Church is **\$7,500**. For more information as to what this capital campaign will cover, please visit the camp’s website at <https://www.campmountluther.org/capital-campaign/> .

During the next five weeks, you will learn more about this important effort. We pray that your commitment to ministry will encourage you to become involved and excited about the **“Foundations for the Future”** Capital Campaign.

Yours in Christ,

Kate Swailes
CML Campaign Liaison

Rev. Samuel J. Leister
Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church

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*I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
Psalm 146:2*



DATE: **Music Sunday, May 5th**

TIME: **10:30 AM** during worship

LOCATION:

**Messiah Lutheran Church
Mifflintown, PA**

EASTER CRYPTOGRAM

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

17 13 16 24
16 24
17 13 6
11 22 23 1 16 24 6
17 13 10 17

13 6
13 10 17 13
11 22 23 1 16 24 6 26
2 24
6 9 6 15

6 17 6 22 15 10 19
19 16 25 6

Directions:

This puzzle is called a Cryptogram. I've always loved doing them! At the top there is a KEY that lists all the letters from A thru Z with a box below. Each of the letters has a corresponding number.

The bottom part contains a secret phrase. Each of the blanks has a number underneath it. Fill in the letters that correspond to the numbers below the blanks to solve the phrase.



Emergency Preparedness Class for Kids

No matter how hard we try to prevent them,
EMERGENCIES HAPPEN!

Sign up for this **FREE** class to make sure your kids are prepared and know how to help! Open to kids ages 8—16.

May 4, 2024, 9:30am - 2pm
Port Royal Community Building
212 N. 4th St., Port Royal

Lunch is
provided

- ★ Talk with a 911 dispatcher and learn what questions they ask, and how they help child callers (*Juniata County 911 Center*)
- ★ Learn basic CPR and First Aid skills (*Geisinger Lewistown Hospital*)
- ★ Explore common tools used on the ambulance and watch fire safety demonstrations (*Port Royal EMS & Friendship Fire Company #1*)
- ★ Learn to recognize and handle dangerous situations/people (*A Warrior Woman Self-Defense*)
- ★ And more!



Pre-registration is preferred. Text or call Heather with Helping Hands @ [717-953-6212](tel:717-953-6212)



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