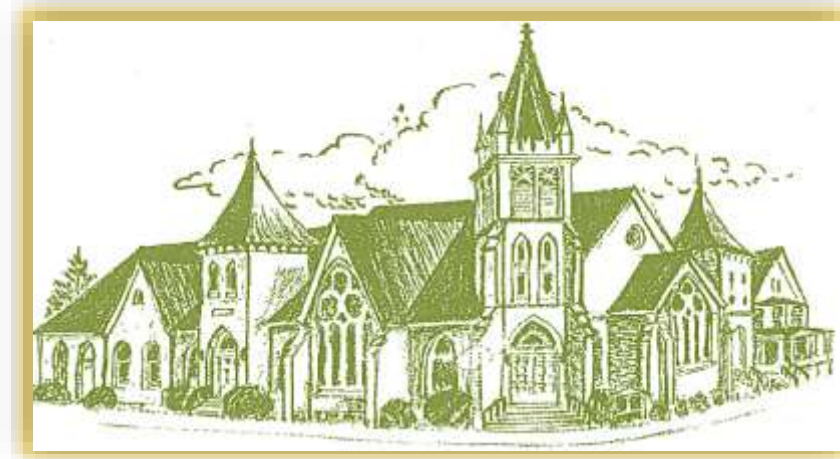


THE MESSIAH HERALD



JUNE 2024

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES – 9:15 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and 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



PONDERINGS OF THE PASTOR

Dear Messiah Family,

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

Many of us make New Year's resolutions. Some resolutions are kept but most eventually fall by the wayside and are forgotten. Let us resolve to follow a path this summer of reconnecting with others as we move forward from the times of isolation and reduced personal contact with others in our congregation and community. In this newsletter and in the weekly Sunday bulletins you will find lists of shut-ins and those in need of prayers. The act of lifting up in prayers others and their needs is a wonderful way to put into practice our faith in Christ through the Holy Spirit. Pray often.

From the Augsburg Confession: "Articles of Faith and Doctrine: Concerning God: In the first place, it is with one accord taught and held, following the decree of the Council of Nicea, that there is one divine essence which is named God and truly is God. But there are three persons in the same one essence, equally powerful, equally eternal: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All three are one divine essence, eternal, undivided, unending, of immeasurable power, wisdom, and goodness, the creator and preserver of all visible and invisible things. What is understood by the word "person" is not a part nor a quality in another but that which exists by itself, as the Fathers once used the word concerning this issue."

One of the major concepts of our beliefs is contained in the sentence, "All three are one divine essence, eternal, undivided, unending, of immeasurable power, wisdom, and goodness, the creator and preserver of all visible and invisible things." As is stated in the first verse of the first chapter of John, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Thus the Trinity is one and inseparable; always was, is, and always will be, immortal!

Watch for more on the Trinity in future letters.

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

Pastor Samuel Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Pastor Rick Adams & Family
The Family of Kathie Eichenberger
Steve & Linda Bahorik
Jeremy Barnes
Ryan Barr
Donna Barton
Gary Bechtold
Tony Beward
Bill Book
Linda Brouse
Andrea Cameron
Evitt Campbell
Terry Coder
Kenton Cohenour
Heather Compton
Rob Davis
Fred & Dot Dowling
Seth Dowling
Kim Dumais
Freda Durio
Cathy Dysinger
Renee Dzikowski
Rev. Jodi Ellis
Kevin Fetterhoof
Neil & Pat Fisher
Bentley Fulkroad
Terri Gayer

Deb Geedey
Bob & Eddi Kay Gill
Sheree Goss
Sylva Grimm
Fred Gross
Hannah Hart
Bill & Jan Heck
John (Pat) Henry
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
Larry Miller
Shirley Miller
Claire Mummah
Abby Myers & Cody Lauver
Donna Parks

Ron & Linda (Kerchner) Parks
Kari Ann (Reagen) Petrine
Betty Ranck
Keith Ranck
Dave Reed
Diane Rowles
Kelley Rusenko
Arlene Shearer
Joyce & Todd Spangler
Donna Stoner
Barry Strawser
Vicki Suoja
Tonya Tabb
Molly Ulsh
George Varner
Doug Wagner
Marsha Wagner
Roscoe Warner
Mary Jane Williamson
Hannah Wirt
Jim & Heidi Woltman
Gary Zeiders
Paul Zeiders
Mike Zendt
George Zimmerman
Linda Zimmerman

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(58 HONNEMAN HOUSE DR, THOMPSONTOWN, PA 17094)

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(Apt. #112)

Ray Bramm

(Apt. #108)

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Ona Stoner

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!

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

May 20 to June 2 Michelle Stoner & Sandy Pines
June 3 to June 16 Diana Wise & Cynthia Smith
June 17 to June 30 Tawny Mummah & Tammy Smith

MANNA MAKERS

June 2 Jenn Hutchinson
June 16 Cynthia Smith
June 30 Barb Geedey

LECTORS

June 2 Hannah Ehrisman
June 9 Marina Holderman
June 16 Andrea Cameron
June 23 Barb Geedey
June 30 Diana Wise

ACOLYTES

June 2 Olivia Mummah & Hope Miller
June 9 Sofia & Stella Reed
June 16 Brea & Thea Beward
June 23 Hannah & Carter Ehrisman
June 30 Haley Mummah & Braedon Walton

COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

June 2 Thea & Brea Beward and Paige Martin
June 9 Nick & Gabby Reed and Zeb Berry
June 16 Olivia Mummah, Julia Martin and Silas Smith
June 23 .. Grace Miller, Julia Martin, and Braedon Walton
June 30 Nick, Sofia, and Stella Reed

OFFERING COUNTERS

June 2 Slone Smith & Ron Yorks

June 9 Marylou Hazard & Clint Miller
June 16 Cynthia Smith & Tammy Brackbill
June 23 Jean Berry & Don Geedey
June 30 Larry Goss & Ron Yorks

FLOWERS

June 2 Bob St. Clair
June 9 to 30 OPEN

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME!

A reminder that beginning on **Sunday, June 2nd** and going through **Sunday, August 25th**, our worship service will begin at **9:15 AM** each Sunday for the summer season!

MAY 5TH MUSIC SUNDAY

We want to thank our guest soloist for Music Sunday, May 5th, Jeremy Goodling. Jeremy has been a soloist in the local Christian scene for over 30 years. As a soloist, he specializes in southern gospel music, but also like to include a few contemporary songs. He also plays various instruments! We thank Jeremy for his music on May 5th and thank him for sharing his ministry with us!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our friends at Messiah Lutheran Church for your generous and continuing support of the Summer Backpack Program of the Juniata County Food Pantry. Having your kind assistance during our 12th year is a blessing! We appreciate your concern for our young friends in need throughout the summer months. We are so grateful for your donations of fruit and mac 'n cheese! Please accept my personal and heartfelt gratitude for your aid in providing for another year of service. With sincere gratitude, *PATRICIA BROWN, TREASURER AND BACKPACK PROGRAM COORDINATOR*

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY JUNE UPDATE



Thank you and may the Lord bless you in abundance for your faithful support of the Food Pantry! In April, the Food Pantry served 237 families in need – a total of 624 individuals. Many thanks to Locust Run UMC and Keystone Coating for sending volunteers in April.

Summer and vacation time are upon us! However, summer is HARDLY a vacation at the Food Pantry! With children home from school the need for food increases, and typically donations decrease as folks get busy with summer plans. Please don't forget about the Juniata County Food Pantry and your neighbors in need as you go about your summer activities. If you could help by donating the items below, we would be very grateful.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE:

ALL non-perishable foods, personal care items, cleaning supplies, paper products

Summer Backpack Lunch Program: Single serve meals, Jell-O cups, and non-chocolate pudding.

Monetary donations are also appreciated.

PO Box 44, 114 N. Main St, Mifflintown, PA 17059

Phone: 717-436-9718

Hours: Tue 9-12 and 1-5, and Sat 9-12

*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE **JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY.**

(CONTACT PERSON: GLENDA FULTZ). Email: jcfp122017@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.jfoodpantry.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!

FOOD PANTRY MONTH!

JUNE IS MESSIAH'S MONTH TO VOLUNTEER AT THE FOOD PANTRY – Volunteers will be needed every Saturday in June (1, 8, 15, 22 & 29) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon to stock shelves, fill grocery orders and count donations. A sign-up sheet is posted in the kitchenette. Please write your name and phone number next to the date and time you want to volunteer. **We can use up to 4 volunteers each Saturday** including teenagers who would be willing to help. **Please arrive by 8:30 a.m. for training and updates. Parking is at the rear of the building in the staff/volunteer lot.** If you cannot come

during your scheduled time, please call Glenda Fultz at the Food Pantry at 717-436-9718 at least a day ahead of time.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

June's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for Juniata County Meals on Wheels. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to M.O.W. to continue assisting in the effort to feed the shut-ins 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.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

JUNE 1 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-12

THOSE PREPARING TO TRAVEL THIS SUMMER

JUNE 2 ----- MARK 2:23 – 3:6

THOSE FACING HOMELESSNESS AND FOOD INSECURITY

JUNE 3 ----- ROMANS 9:19-29

PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

JUNE 4 ----- EXODUS 16:27-36

SCRAPBOOKERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

JUNE 5 ----- JOHN 5:1-18

LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

AUGUSTA VICTORIA HOSPITAL, JERUSALEM

JUNE 6 ----- GENESIS 3:8-15

THOSE WHO NEED TO OFFER AND RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

JUNE 7 ----- PSALM 130

NIGHT-SHIFT WORKERS

JUNE 8 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13 – 5:1

SINGERS AND SONGWRITERS

JUNE 9 ----- MARK 3:20-35

THOSE LONGING TO FEEL AT HOME IN A WORSHIP COMMUNITY

JUNE 10 ----- 1 SAMUEL 16:14-23

YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION

JUNE 11 ----- MATTHEW 10:7-16

THOSE NAVIGATING CHALLENGES IN COMMUNITY

JUNE 12 ----- PSALM 74

FARMERS

JUNE 13 ----- EZEKIEL 17:22-24

THE GIFT OF STATE AND NATIONAL PARKS

JUNE 14 ----- PSALM 92:1-4, 12-15

SUMMER SPORTS LEAGUES AND COACHES

JUNE 15 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-17

ARTISTS, MAKERS, AND CRAFTERS

JUNE 16 ----- MARK 4:26-34

MINISTRIES DEDICATED TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

JUNE 17 ----- GALATIANS 6:11-18

MENTORS

JUNE 18 ----- REVELATION 21:22 – 22:5

ALL WHO SERVE OTHERS THROUGH HEALTH CARE

JUNE 19 ----- JEREMIAH 22:1-9

THOSE WHO ARE UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED

JUNE 20 ----- JOB 38:1-11

COUNSELORS

JUNE 21 ----- PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32

FIRST RESPONDERS

JUNE 22 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 6:1-13

VISITATION MINISTRY TEAMS

JUNE 23 ----- MARK 4:35-41

WORKERS IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

JUNE 24 ----- LUKE 1:57-80

PROVIDERS OF EARLY-CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

JUNE 25 ----- PSALM 65

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES

JUNE 26 ----- LAMENTATIONS 3:22-33

PEOPLE SPENDING TIME IN WAITING ROOMS TODAY

JUNE 27 ----- PSALM 30

ARTISTS WHO INSPIRE OUR FAITH

JUNE 28 ----- 2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15

THE MINISTRIES OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

JUNE 29 ----- JOHN 21:15-19

ALL WHO QUESTION THEIR GIFTS FOR MINISTRY

JUNE 30 ----- MARK 5:21-43

DOCTORS AND MEDICAL WORKERS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

JUNE 5 –Carolyn Bryner

JUNE 7 – Glenn Compton

JUNE 13 – Zachary & James Wyatt Wise

JUNE 17 – Jane Miller

JUNE 22 – John White

JUNE 26 – Jane Marhefka

JUNE 29 – Pastor Sam Leister

JUNE 30 – Ella Harris

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

JUNE 11 – Steve and Linda Bahorik

Women of the ELCA

WELCA met on Thursday, May 9th at 1:00. Barb Geedey provided devotions from Christ in Our Home and this date was also Ascension Day. After the devotions the group discussed how Ascension Day was once celebrated by a church service at Messiah.

There was no Treasurer's report nor minutes to review as the group didn't meet in April.

Old Business: Barbara reminded the group of the convention to be held on August 10th this year at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Turbotville. More information regarding the convention will appear in the June newsletter. We will do the school kits in July and August.

We are collecting food items for the backpack program at the food pantry. Those items are already listed in the bulletin and newsletter.

We checked what items we need for the baby kits. We already have some of the items and are going to make items with material the Needlers group already has. Other items needed are white tee shirts sizes 6-24 months, No onesies. Hobby Lobby has these. Pajamas, sleepers, or tops and pants that could be used as pajamas but no feet in any of these items. Sizes are the same as the shirts. We also need hand towels sizes 15x18, 15x25 or 15x30 preferably darker colors.

Our June meeting will be held at 1:00 on Thursday, June 13th. Our meeting closed with our Purpose Statement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDS!!

Congratulations to the following youth on the completion of their confirmation training and requirements: **Brea Beward**, daughter of Nick and Bethanie Beward; **Paige Karen Martin**, daughter of Kyle and Christina Martin; and **Grace Miller**, daughter of Clint and Jamie Miller. They made their affirmation of their baptism at our worship service on Sunday, May 12th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!!

Congratulations (or should we say "ConGRADulations"?) to our graduating seniors from Messiah: **Haley and Harrison Mummah**, daughter and son of Ken and Tawny Mummah, and **Slone Smith**, son of Zac Smith and Tammy Smith. These outstanding seniors were recognized at our worship service on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th.

*School's Out But Life Lessons
Will Continue!*

SAVE THE DATE!

All women of Messiah are invited to attend the 36th annual Convention of the Women of the ELCA, Upper Susquehanna Synod, on **Saturday, August 10, 2024** at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Turbotville, PA. This year's convention theme is "Don't Go it Alone...Follow Jeus." We will be electing a Treasurer and Secretary as well as two board members. Rev. Mindy Bartholomew will lead the worship service and Bible Study and Josie Miller will be leading the second workshop with chair yoga. A freewill offering will be received during the worship service on Saturday morning. It will be used to support the on-going ministries of the Women of the ELCA. This year, our Mission Ingathering will support Lutheran Immigration Services and our In-Kind Offering will be collecting non-perishable food items for Agape Ministries in Bloomsburg. Please contact Barb Geedey for a registration form for this event!

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JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SUNDAY, JUNE 2:** **FIRST SUMMER SERVICE AT 9:15 AM**
-9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
-AFTER WORSHIP – BOARD OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN LIBRARY
- MONDAY, JUNE 3:**
-6:30 PM – PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE'S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, JUNE 4:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5:**
-9:00 AM – "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- THURSDAY, JUNE 6:**
-1:00 PM – WELCA IN DISCIPLE'S CLASS AREA
- SUNDAY, JUNE 9:**
-9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, JUNE 10:**
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE'S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, JUNE 11:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12:**
-9:00 AM – "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- FRIDAY, JUNE 14:** **FLAG DAY**
- SUNDAY, JUNE 16:** **FATHER'S DAY**
-9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, JUNE 17:**
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE'S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, JUNE 18:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19:** **JUNETEENTH**
-9:00 AM – "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- SUNDAY, JUNE 23:**
-9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
- MONDAY, JUNE 24:**
-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLE'S CLASS AREA
- TUESDAY, JUNE 25:**
-10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26:**
-9:00 AM – "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
-7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
- FRIDAY, JUNE 28:** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- SUNDAY, JUNE 30:**
-9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION / SERVICE OF HEALING



UPCOMING OFFERING COUNTERS

SUNDAY

COLLECTION COUNTERS

JUNE 2, 2024	Slone Smith & Ron Yorks
JUNE 9, 2024	Marylou Hazard & Clint Miller
JUNE 16, 2024	Cynthia Smith & Tammy Brackbill
JUNE 23, 2024	Jean Berry & Don Geedey
JUNE 30, 2024	Larry Goss & Ron Yorks
JULY 7, 2024.....	Clint Miller & Mary Grimm
JULY 14, 2024.....	Cynthia Smith & Slone Smith
JULY 21, 2024	Ron & Christie Yorks
JULY 28, 2024	Don & Barb Geedey
AUGUST 4, 2024.....	Marylou Hazard & Jean Berry
AUGUST 11, 2024.....	Larry Goss & Slone Smith
AUGUST 18, 2024.....	Tammy Brackbill & Nick Beward
AUGUST 25, 2024.....	Clint Miller & Mary Grimm
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024	Don & Barb Geedey
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024	Ron & Christie Yorks
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024	Marylou Hazard & Jean Berry
SEPTEMBER 22, 2024	Cynthia Smith & Larry Goss
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024	Tammy Brackbill & Nick Beward
OCTOBER 6, 2024.....	Clint Miller & Mary Grimm
OCTOBER 13, 2024.....	Don & Barb Geedey
OCTOBER 20, 2024.....	Ron & Christie Yorks
OCTOBER 27, 2024.....	Marylou Hazard & Jean Berry
NOVEMBER 3, 2024.....	Tammy Brackbill & Nick Beward
NOVEMBER 10, 2024.....	Cynthia Smith & Larry Goss
NOVEMBER 17, 2024.....	Clint Miller & Mary Grimm
NOVEMBER 24, 2024.....	Don & Barb Geedey
DECEMBER 1, 2024.....	Ron & Christie Yorks
DECEMBER 8, 2024.....	Marylou Hazard & Jean Berry
DECEMBER 15, 2024.....	Cynthia Smith & Larry Goss
DECEMBER 22, 2024.....	Tammy Brackbill & Nick Beward
DECEMBER 24, 2024 (CHR. EVE).....	Slone Smith & Clint Miller
DECEMBER 29, 2024	Slone Smith & Mary Grimm

Our treasurer, Jen Hutchinson, will be at church most Sundays. However, if not, she will contact you and provide instructions with what needs to be done (or have directions typed up for you to follow).

If you cannot serve on an assigned Sunday, please contact another person on the list and arrange a switch with that person. Then, please let Jen Hutchinson know as well as the other person you are to count with on that Sunday.



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

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