

THE MESSIAH HERALD



AUGUST 2024

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

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SUMMER WORSHIP & COMMUNION -- 9:15 AM

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"Growing God's Love"

The Messiah Herald



THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

Announcements, *announcements*, **announcements!!!!** Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 10 at 10:30 in the library. We will begin a study of the life and times of David. David's 40-year reign took place from about 1010 to 970 BC. There are archaeological inscriptions pointing to the historicity of King David's reign. These include: Inscription from an Old Aramaic stela in Tell Dan (dated about 840 BC), an inscription on the stela of Mesha King of Moab, and an inscription at Karnak by Pharaoh Shoshenq I recording a victory over Rehoboam and Jeroboam.

Now, who were the Philistines and how do they play in the life and times of David? Who was speaking and to whom was this person speaking in the following verse? "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied." (1 Samuel 17:45) In preparation for this study of David, begin reading 1 Samuel 15. Also, please let me know of your intention to attend in order to secure appropriate materials.

This summer has been a very busy time for youth from Messiah! We had three of our members traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering that was held July 16 through July 20 in New Orleans. Messiah also sent six youths to work in the June heat in southern Virginia at Dinwiddie. They brightened the lives of local folks by painting and repairing their homes. Thank you to Kathy Whitesel, Arlen Saner and others from St. Stephen's who planned and accompanied the kids! To Camp Mt. Luther we sent five youth in June and July for a week's worth of fun and faith formation. Thank you to Kate Swailes for servicing as Messiah's camping liaison! In the home from in the Sunday worship services, we are blessed to have all our youth serving as acolytes (a first-time candle lighter), offering ushers, communion assistants and a number of lectors reading God's Word. Thank you, parents, and bless you as you grow the faith of your children! Along this path, we share blessings and thank you to our three seniors as they continue their journey past the years of high school and on into the future. Please return often and maintain your roots at Messiah as God's people!

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

Pastor Sam Leister

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING...

The Family of Jan Heck
The Family of Eddi Kay Gill
Joedy Arnold
Linda Bahorik
Jeremy Barnes
Ryan Barr
Donna Barton
Gary Bechtold
Tony Beward
Bill Book
Linda Brouse
Jim Burdge
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
Sheree Goss
Fred Gross
Hannah Hart
Bill Heck
John (Pat) Henry
Nox Hepburn
Judy Hoster
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
Jean Noerr
Donna Parks
Ron & Linda (Kerchner) Parks

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

AND FOR OUR SHUT INS

BROOKLINE RETIREMENT VILLAGE
(92 VILLAGE DRIVE, MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059)
Jane Marhefka

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

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

LECTORS

August 4 Grace Miller
August 11 Barb Geedey
August 18 Beward Family
August 25 Tawny Mummah

ACOLYTES

August 4 Ella Harris and Thea Beward
August 11 Olivia Mummah and Hope Miller
August 18 Julia & Paige Martin
August 25 Stella & Sofia Reed

COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

August 4
Julia Martin, Olivia Mummah, and Silas Smith
August 11
Nick, Stella, & Sofia Reed
August 18
Hannah Ehrisman, Ella Harris, and Evan Miller
August 25
Nick & Gabby Reed, and Thea Beward

FLOWERS

August 4 Leigh Ann Reed
August 11 OPEN
August 18 .. Dan & Michelle Stoner and Braedon Walton
August 25 OPEN

ALTAR GUILD

July 29 to August 25 Chris Martin & Melissa Ehrisman
Aug. 26 to Sept. 15 Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward

MANNA MAKERS

August 4 Cynthia Smith
August 18 Diana Wise

OFFERING COUNTERS

August 4 Marylou Hazard and Jean Berry
August 11 Larry Goss and Slone Smith
August 18 Tammy Brackbill and Nick Beward
August 25 Clint Miller and Mary Grimm

MISSION OF THE MONTH

August's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for Wings of Kindness. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to Wings of Kindness to continue assisting in the effort to serve the needs of our community. In addition to your generosity, the PPC allocated funds to match congregational donations up to \$1,000.00. This is just one way in which we can continue to extend our mission in Christ's love beyond the walls of our church building.

STORE GIFT CARDS

Weis and Giant gift cards are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a particularly 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.

THANK YOU!

We are deeply grateful to members of Messiah for your many expressions of kindness and sympathy in the passing of our loved one, Stephen Bahorik. Thank you, *LINDA BAHORIK AND FAMILY*

Thank you to my church family at Messiah for the altar flowers. They were so pretty, colorful, and much appreciated. Blessings to all. *ANDREA CAMERON*

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY AUGUST UPDATE



As the summer heats up, we are reminded that hunger does NOT take a vacation! Please don't forget your neighbors struggling to keep their families fed while everyone else enjoys summer vacation. Thanks to all of you who are bringing in fresh produce from your gardens! What a blessing straight from the Lord is fresh produce to those who rarely taste any but the canned variety, and very little of that.

In June 2024, the Food Pantry served 274 families in need – a total of 720 individuals. In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided over 2,500 lunches for 125 school age children who otherwise would be facing a hungry summer vacation. A special thank you to Messiah Lutheran Church for providing volunteers for the month of June.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FOR AUGUST

Any type dry pasta, canned carrots, dish soap, any cleaning supplies and laundry detergent, shampoo/conditioner, school supplies, ESP 1" binders, filler notebook paper, pencil boxes, pens.

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.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!



CHOIR REHEARSALS CONTINUE FOR THE FALL

Messiah's choir needs you! Our choir sings **most** every week for the weekly Sunday morning service from September through May. There are no auditions for our choir and the only requirements to be involved are a love for singing, energy, and an aspiration to unite our voices as one community in faith and song.

Our choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM, so if you are in junior high school or beyond, male or female, and you can "make a joyful noise," you are certainly welcome to join us! Our first rehearsal for the fall will be **Wednesday evening, August 28th at 7:00 PM** in the church sanctuary!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

AUGUST 1----- EXODUS 16:2-4, 9-15

PEOPLE LIVING WITH HUNGER

AUGUST 2----- PSALM 78:23-29

THOSE WHO ARE CAUGHT IN DESPAIR

AUGUST 3----- EPHESIANS 4:1-16

JUDGES AND ATTORNEYS

AUGUST 4----- JOHN 6:24-35

HOLY COMMUNION MINISTERS

AUGUST 5----- NUMBERS 11:16-23, 31-32

CLERGY AND LAY CHURCH LEADERS

AUGUST 6----- PSALM 107:1-3, 33-43

VICTIMS OF BULLYING

AUGUST 7----- MARK 8:1-10

THE MINISTRY OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

AUGUST 8----- 1 KINGS 19:4-8

PARK RANGERS AND STAFF

AUGUST 9----- PSALM 34:1-8

CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY

AUGUST 10----- EPHESIANS 4:25-5:2

PEOPLE BEGINNING THEIR LIFE IN CHRIST

AUGUST 11----- JOHN 6:35, 41-51

BAKERS OF BREAD AND OTHER GOOD THINGS

AUGUST 12----- PSALM 81

THOSE WHO ARE WEARY

AUGUST 13----- RUTH 2:1-23

GLOBAL REFUGEE (FORMERLY LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE)

AUGUST 14----- JEREMIAH 31:1-6

THOSE WITH TERMINAL DISEASES AND THEIR LOVED ONES

AUGUST 15----- LUKE 1:46-55

WOMEN IN VULNERABLE SITUATIONS

AUGUST 16----- PSALM 34:9-14

THOSE WHO LIVE IN FEAR

AUGUST 17----- EPHESIANS 5:15-20

THOSE WHO FEEL OVERWHELMED

AUGUST 18----- JOHN 6:51-58

THOSE WHO FEEL ALONE

AUGUST 19----- ACTS 6:1-7

BALANCE BETWEEN ACTIVITY AND REST, SERVICE AND PRAYER

AUGUST 20----- GENESIS 45:1-15

DIFFICULT FAMILY DYNAMICS

AUGUST 21----- MARK 8:14-21

ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

AUGUST 22----- JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18

CHILDREN AND THEIR IMAGINATION

AUGUST 23----- PSALM 34:15-22

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

AUGUST 24----- JOHN 1:43-51

CHURCHES DOING SMALL-TOWN MINISTRY

AUGUST 25----- JOHN 6:56-69

THOSE WHO LONG TO BE SURPRISED BY GOD

AUGUST 26----- NEHEMIAH 9:1-15

PRISON AND HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

AUGUST 27----- PSALM 119:97-104

SWIMMING INSTRUCTORS AND COACHES

AUGUST 28----- JOHN 15:16-25

SAFETY AT STATE AND REGIONAL FAIRS AND FESTIVALS

AUGUST 29----- DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

TEACHERS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, PARENTS, AND GUARDIANS

AUGUST 30----- PSALM 15

POETS AND WRITERS OF STORIES

AUGUST 31----- JAMES 1:17-27

DANCE INSTRUCTORS

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR JULY 2024

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sunday, July 7	Worship – 24	\$3,485.00	\$2,610.00	Benevolence -- \$80.00 Building Fund -- \$20.00 Mission of the Month -- \$60.00 Memorial Fund -- \$675.00 Camp Mt. Luther -- \$40.00
Sunday, July 14	Worship – 47	\$3,078.00	\$2,903.00	Building Fund -- \$70.00 Mission of the Month -- \$10.00 Memorial Fund -- \$30.00 Flowers -- \$25.00 Camp Mt. Luther -- \$40.00
Sunday, July 21	Worship – 40	\$1,823.00	\$1,593.00	Benevolence -- \$20.00 Building Fund -- \$60.00 Mission of the Month -- \$10.00 Memorial Fund -- \$100.00 Flowers -- \$25.00 Camp Mt. Luther -- \$10.00 Blanket Sunday -- \$5.00
Sunday, July 28	Worship – 37	\$1,438.00	\$1,354.00	Building Fund -- \$20.00 Mission of the Month -- \$30.00 Flowers -- \$24.00 Camp Mt. Luther -- \$10.00

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE FORTHCOMING!

This past June, the Board of Worship & Music sent out a survey to all congregants asking their opinion on what your selection would be for choosing a possible new worship service time. Sixty-two members replied to our survey (**thank you!!**) and the results were as follows:

- 38 members – 61% -- 10:00 AM service year-round
- 16 members – 26% -- 10:30 AM service year-round
- 7 members – 11% -- 9:15 AM summer services/10:30 AM services rest of year
- 1 member – 2% -- 9:30 AM service year-round

The majority have spoken and we will be going with 10 AM services year-round. The Board of Worship & Music meets on Sunday, August 11th and will be discussing and voting on when to begin our new service time. It will be (likely) either Sunday, September 1st or Sunday, January 5th. As soon as a decision is made, all members will be contacted and it will be put into the bulletin as well.....as well as on our website.

Thank you all for your response to our survey and for your continued support and prayers of the ministry of Messiah.



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

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(PA Business Central)

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& 2021 TOP HOME
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AGENCY



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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4:	-9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
MONDAY, AUGUST 5:	-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6:	-7:00 PM – PASTOR SAM LEISTER SPEAKING AT THE ISLAND GROVE CAMP MEETING IN MEXICO
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -1:30 PM – LION’S CLUB DIRECTORS MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8:	-1:00 PM – WELCA IN YOUTH AREA
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11:	-9:15 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION -AFTER WORSHIP – WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING -6:00 PM – PPC MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 12:	-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15:	-7:00 AM – JUNIATA CO. PA ASSOC. OF RETIREES IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 18:	-9:15 AM -- WORSHIP & COMMUNION
MONDAY, AUGUST 19:	-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -5:00 PM – LION’S CLUB ZONE MEETING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25:	-9:15 AM – WORSHIP & COMMUNION
MONDAY, AUGUST 26:	-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28:	-9:00 AM – “THE NEEDLERS” IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -7:00 PM – CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29:	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



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.



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.



WELCA did not meet again in July. The next meeting will be on August 8th at 1:00 PM.

We continue to collect personal care items which are listed in the bulletin every week.

School kit items (collected until mid-September):

- ✓ Four 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks, wide or college-ruled
- ✓ 1 30-centimeter/inch ruler
- ✓ 1 pencil sharpener, 1 pair of blunt scissors
- ✓ 5 black or blue ballpoint pens
- ✓ 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ✓ One 2½ -inch eraser.

Again, our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 9 at 1:00 PM.**

I28TH ANNUAL ISLAND GROVE CAMPMEETING

**AUGUST 4th THROUGH AUGUST 9th, 2024
EVENING SERVICES – 7:30 p.m. DAILY**

Sunday, 8/4	Hymn Sing with Bunkertown Men's Chorus
Monday, 8/5	Message by Brittany & Darin Rex
Tuesday, 8/6	Message by Pastor Samuel Leister
Wednesday 8/7	Message by Lydia Brown
Thursday, 8/8	Message by Stephanie Rupert
Friday, 8/9	Message by Randy Traxler

SPECIAL MUSIC NIGHTLY BROUGHT TO US BY LOCAL TALENTAS WELL AS SOME OF OUR COTTAGE HOLDERS!

FIND US ONLINE AT:

www.facebook.com/islandgrovecampmeeting

FOR INQUIRIES PLEASE EMAIL:

islandgrovecampground@gmail.com

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our friends at Messiah Lutheran Church for your generous donations of food to the Juniata County Food Pantry. Your gift greatly blesses the lives of your neighbors in need by providing them with not only the necessary nourishment for their bodies, but also the hope and encouragement to nourish their spirits. --
YOUR FRIENDS AT THE JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY.

JUNIATA CO. FAIR VESPERS

DATE: Sunday, September 1, 2024
TIME: 4:30 PM
LOCATION: Kint Pavilion behind the Grandstand
SERMON: Pastor Karen Ward from Trinity Lutheran in McAlisterville

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- AUGUST 5** – Ray Miller
- AUGUST 6** – Andrea Cameron
- AUGUST 8** – Kim White
- AUGUST 9** – Kyle Martin
- AUGUST 11** – Linda Leister
- AUGUST 13** – Todd Grimm
- AUGUST 18** – Glenn Grimm
- AUGUST 21** – Reece Grimm
- AUGUST 23** – Bethanie Beward
- AUGUST 27** – James Sheehan
- AUGUST 28** – Dennis Crissman
- AUGUST 31** – George Hazard, Jr.

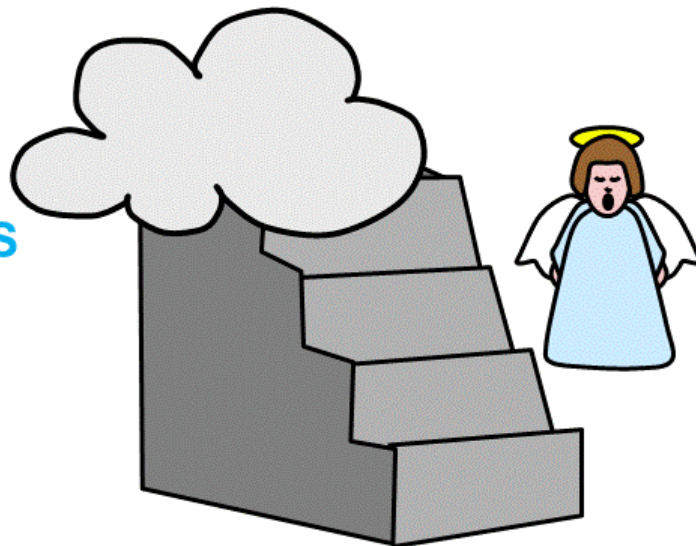
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

- AUGUST 12** – Larry & Shirley Covert
- AUGUST 18** – Matt & Shelley Gross
- AUGUST 28** – Pastor Sam & Linda Leister

Jacob's Ladder Word Search

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O O H V K H L O I R H L E R U
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S Q U H W Y L C P T I A Z S H
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