



SEPTEMBER 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.

WORSHIP & COMMUNION (STARTING SEPT. 1ST) - 10:00 AM CHILDREN'S SERMONS AND FACEBOOK LIVE EVERY SUNDAY!

<u>USS-ARK NEWSLETTER</u> <u>THE LUTHERAN MAGAZINE</u>

"Growing God's Love"

≝ Messiah Herald



THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Messiah Family,

Announcements, announcements, announcements!!!! Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 10 at 9:30 in the library. After that date and time, we plan to meet each Tuesday at 10:30 as in the past. We will begin a study of the life and actions of David from the Old Testament.

Some early key verses from 1 Samuel are: "Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." (1 Samuel 17:36-37); "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); and "All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands." (1 Samuel 17:47). What do these verses tell about the God of Abraham? In what ways does this evolve and blend into the message of Good News brought to life through Jesus Christ?

If you have not been a part of our studies before, please feel free to join us. Bring your thoughts, ideas, and questions regarding this dynamic individual and how he shaped the narrative brought to us through the scriptures of the Bible?

Finally, mark your calendars for "God's Work, Our Hands" on September 8 following worship service at Messiah. We will work at knotting the comforters which have been prepared by the many hands of our Needlers as well as friends of Needlers throughout the community. These comforters may find their way via Lutheran World Relief to those in need of warmth and compassion anywhere throughout the world. Additionally, some attention and use of our hands are needed for the "re-bowing" of the wreathes which will adorn the doors of Messiah at Christmas. I have been told there will be food and snacks to fuel your labors, or just plain have fun and enjoy your handy work for God.

MISSION, SOUTH DAKOTA has been chosen as the GROUP WORKCAMP 2025 location! This Native American experience will be June 15 - 21, 2025. Since there are many things to see in the area, Mt Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug, to name a few, you will be leaving on a jet plane for Rapid City SD, around June 11th. **Participants must be at least 14 yrs. old to be eligible for this adventure.** Please consider joining next year's workcamp as registration begins on September 22.

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 Jean Noerr
Joedy Arnold
Linda Bahorik
Jeremy Barnes
Ryan Barr
Donna Barton
Tony Beward
Bill Book
Linda Brouse
Jim Burdge
Andrea Cameron

Evitt Campbell
Terry Coder
Kenton Cohenour
Heather Compton
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

Terri Gayer
Deb Geedey
Sheree Goss
Fred Gross
Hannah Hart
Bill Heck
John (Pat) Henry

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

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

Kristi Wagner & Family

Heather Walton Roscoe Warner

Mary Jane Williamson

Hannah Wirt

Jim & Heidi Woltman

Gary Zeiders Paul Zeiders

George Zimmerman Jean 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

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!

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

During our October 6th morning worship service, which is also Blanket Sunday and World Communion Sunday, Bishop Craig Miller will be at Messiah and will be speaking and sharing about his experiences in the Holy Land. Be sure to mark this special date on your calendars now and plan to attend worship that morning!

SERVICE TIME CHANGE!!

On Sunday, August 11th, the Board of Worship & Music <u>UNANIMOUSLY</u> voted to agree with the survey to have <u>10:00 AM Sunday services year-round</u>. We will begin this when we go back to our "normal" service schedule on <u>SUNDAY</u>, <u>SEPTEMBER 1st</u>. From September 1st onward, all Sunday morning services will begin at 10:00 AM and will continue throughout the entire year, including summers.

UPCOMING SERVANTS

ALTAR GUILD

Aug. 26 to Sept. 15..... Linda Leister & Bethanie Beward Sept. 16 to Oct. 6...... Christie Yorks & Sabrina Shipp

MANNA MAKERS

September 1	Jean Berry
September 15	Tammy Brackbill
September 29	Barb Geedey

LECTORS

September 1	Paige Martin
September 8	Diana Wise
September 15	Cynthia Smith
September 22	Bob St. Clair
September 29	Kate Swailes

ACOLYTES

September 1	Brea Beward & Ella Harris
September 8	Hope & Evan Miller
September 15 C	Carter Ehrisman & Nick Reed
September 22 Oli	via Mummah & Brea Beward
September 29 Brad	edon Walton & Thea Beward

COMMUNION/OFFERING PRESENTERS

September 1

.. Paige Martin, Silas Smith, and Braedon Walton

September 8

....... Grace Miller, Ella Harris, and Brea Beward

September 15

...... Gabby, Stella, and Sofia Reed

September 22

.. Hannah Ehrisman, Thea Beward, and Braedon Walton **September 29**

...... Silas Smith, Zeb Berry, Brea Beward

FLOWERS

September 1	Judy Armstrong
September 8 Pines,	Stoner, & Walton Families
September 15	Bob St. Clair
September 22	Neil & Pat Fisher
September 29	Dan & Michelle Stoner

OFFERING COUNTERS

September 1	Don & Barb Geedey
September 8	Ron & Christie Yorks
September 15	Marylou Hazard & Jean Berry
September 22	Cynthia Smith & Larry Goss
September 29	. Tammy Brackbill & Nick Beward

MISSION OF THE MONTH

September's "Mission of the Month" at Messiah will be for Central Juniata EMS. The monies will be sent from Messiah directly to CJEMS 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.

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

JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY SEPTEMBER UPDATE

September is National Hunger Action Month



As the sun sets over the summer of 2024, we are reminded that hunger NEVER takes a day off! Please don't forget your neighbors struggling to keep their families fed while everyone else enjoys the beautiful colors that fall brings with it. 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 240+ families in need – a total of 640+ individuals. In addition, our Summer Backpack Program provided over 2,580 lunches for 120+ 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 SEPTEMBER:

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 <u>JUNIATA COUNTY FOOD PANTRY</u>.

(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!

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday will be September 8th following the morning worship service. We will be knotting quilts and working on our Christmas wreaths, so please plan on staying to help!

JUNIATA COUNTY CLEARINGHOUSE ANNUAL MEETING

The Juniata County Clearinghouse Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Cedar Grove Brethren in Christ Church. We will share stories and stats from the past 12 months. Please plan to attend and learn about how this ministry works in our community.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER FOCUS

SEPTEMBER 1 MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 RACIAL JUSTICE	SEPTEMBER 19JEREMIAH 11:18-20 PRESENT-DAY CHURCH REFORMERS
SEPTEMBER 2 1 TIMOTHY 4:6-16 FITNESS COACHES; YOGA INSTRUCTORS	SEPTEMBER 20PSALM 54 PEOPLE FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE
SEPTEMBER 3 DEUTERONOMY 4:15-20 That we may use AI to good ends	SEPTEMBER 21 MATTHEW 9:9-13 TAX ACCOUNTANTS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
SEPTEMBER 4 PSALM 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48 THE ELCA WORLD HUNGER MINISTRY	SEPTEMBER 22 MARK 9:30-37 RETREAT PLANNERS AND LEADERS
SEPTEMBER 5 ISAIAH 35:4-7A THOSE UNDERGOING CANCER TREATMENT	SEPTEMBER 23 JAMES 4:8-17 Novelists and other writers
SEPTEMBER 6PSALM 146 Musicians in our congregation	SEPTEMBER 24PSALM 139:1-18 THOSE LIVING WITH ADDICTION
SEPTEMBER 7 JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17 SECURE HOUSING FOR ALL	SEPTEMBER 25JOHN 8:21-38 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEACHERS AND STUDENTS
SEPTEMBER 8MARK 7:24-37 ELCA DISABILITY MINISTRIES	SEPTEMBER 26 NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 THE WORK OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
SEPTEMBER 9HEBREWS 11:29 – 12:2 THOSE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL BURDENS	SEPTEMBER 27 PSALM 19:7-14 LUTHERAN PEACE FELLOWSHIP
SEPTEMBER 10 ISAIAH 38:10-20 THOSE RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS	SEPTEMBER 28JAMES 5:13-20 MARRIAGE COUNSELORS AND THEIR CLIENTS
SEPTEMBER 11 MATTHEW 17:14-21 THOSE RETURNING TO WORK AFTER PARENTAL LEAVE	SEPTEMBER 29 MARK 9:38-50 ECUMENICAL EFFORTS
SEPTEMBER 12ISAIAH 50:4-9A PARENTS OF BABIES AND TODDLERS	SEPTEMBER 30 LUKE 10:17-20 THEOLOGIANS AND BIBLICAL SCHOLARS
SEPTEMBER 13PSALM 116:1-9 <i>CARE OF CREATION</i>	
SEPTEMBER 14 JOHN 3:13-17 <i>PEACE IN OUR WORLD</i>	New Altar Guild Schedule Being Established
SEPTEMBER 15	A new Altar Guild schedule is being drawn up for "Year C," which runs from Sunday, December 1st, 2024 (First Sunday of Advent) through Sunday, November 23rd, 2024 (Christ the King Sunday). If you would like to join the Altar Guild or help in the baking of Manna Bread for communion, please let Slone Smith or Bob St.

SEPTEMBER 18 ----- PSALM 119:169-176 *LEADERS IN THE JEWISH FAITH*

Clair know ASAP. Thanks to all who serve!

MESSIAH ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS FOR AUGUST 2024

DATE	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING	GENERAL FUND OFFERING	OTHER FUNDS OFFERING
Sunday, August 4	Worship – 48	6,558.00	\$6,388.00	Benevolence \$80.00 Building Fund \$20.00 Mission of the Month \$10.00 Camp Mount Luther \$3,480.00 Memorial Fund \$150.00
Sunday, August 11	Worship – 38	\$2,321.00	\$2,101.00	Building Fund \$220.00 Mission of the Month \$110.00 World Hunger \$100.00 Camp Mount Luther \$100.00
Sunday, August 18	Worship – 42	\$2,818.00	\$2,673.00	Building Fund \$145.00 Mission of the Month \$10.00 Camp Mount Luther \$10.00
Sunday, August 25	Worship – 39	\$1,143.00	\$1,123.00	Building Fund \$20.00 Mission of the Month \$20.00 Camp Mount Luther \$10.00 Summer Camp \$100.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

SEPTEMBER 17 – Eliza Arentz **SEPTEMBER 28** – Jonathan White



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

SEPTEMBER 4 – Warren & Claire Mummah SEPTEMBER 13 – Jonathan & Dani White SEPTEMBER 20 – Brian & Eliza Arentz



2025 GROUP WORKCAMP

Mission, South Dakota has been chosen as the Group Workcamp 2025 location! This Native American experience will be June 15-21, 2025. However, since there are many things to see in the area (Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug) to name a few, we will be leaving on a jet plane for Rapid City, South Dakota around June 12th. Participants must be at least 14 years old to be eligible for this adventure. If you are interested, please send **Kathy Whitesel** a text or call her at **(717)-363-6144**. A meeting for parents and participants will be held on **Sunday, September 22nd at 6:00 PM at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church** for paying the \$100 non-refundable deposit and to brainstorm fund-raising events. Please note that workcampers will be most likely flying to Rapid City, so we will need someone willing to tow the trailer with our supplies to South Dakota and then back home. Who wants to spend a week exploring the badlands?

THANK YOU, FIRST RESPONDERS!!

A **HUGE** thank you is extended to all of the first responders in our community, county, and region for spending hours on the night of Thursday, August 29th and on Friday, August 30th rescuing people and animals from raging flash flood waters, blocking roadways which were washed away, pumping basements of those where water had entered their homes, and providing protection and assistance in other areas where they were called. These people deserve our praise and thanks for the tireless work they do, no matter what time the call comes. They are there to protect all of us, even with most of them having full-time jobs on top of their volunteer work. Again, **THANK YOU** First Responders!!!



God's work. Our hands.



September 8, 2024

"God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday <u>2023</u>









SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: -10:00 AM – WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

-4:30 PM – JUNIATA COUNTY FAIR VESPER SERVICE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: -9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

-7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS" SUNDAY

-10:00 AM - Worship and Communion

Monday, September 9: -6:30 PM - The Knitters in Junior Church Room

-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA

Tuesday, September 10: -10:30 AM - Bible Study in Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: -9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

-7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thursday, September 12: -1:00 PM - WELCA IN YOUTH AREA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: -10:00 AM – WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

-AFTER WORSHIP - BOARD OF WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN LIBRARY

Monday, September 16: -6:30 PM – The Knitters in Junior Church Room

-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17: -10:30 AM - BIBLE STUDY IN LIBRARY

-6:30 PM to 8:30 PM – Juniata Valley Quilters in Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: -7:00 AM TO 12 NOON - LION'S CLUB UNITED WAY BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

-9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

-7:00 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: -10:00 AM – WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

-AFTER WORSHIP - VOTER'S ASSEMBLY (SHARING OF BOARD REPORTS)

-6:00 PM -- 2025 MISSION TRIP TO SD MEETING AT ST. STEPHEN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday, September 23: -6:30 PM – The Knitters in Junior Church Room

-7:00 PM – JUNIATA COUNTY CLEARINGHOUSE ANNUAL MEETING AT CEDAR GROVE

BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: -10:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY IN LIBRARY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: -9:00 AM - "THE NEEDLERS" IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

-7:00 PM - CHOIR REHEARSAL IN SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: -10:00 AM – WORSHIP AND COMMUNION/SERVICE OF HEALING

Monday, September 30: -6:30 PM – The Knitters in Junior Church Room

-7:00 PM -- AA IN DISCIPLES CLASS AREA

Women ELCA

WELCA met on Thursday, August 8 at 1:00 in the Young Adult Sunday School classroom. Cynthia Smith read an article she found entitled, "Are You the Stitch or Scissors?" And Barbara read from Breakfast with God.

Due to not meeting in June and July we had no minutes to review.

Cynthia reported a balance in the treasury of \$381.33.

No old business to report.

New business: Because we haven't met for the past 2 months everything about the convention this coming Saturday is new information to the members. The In-Kind offering is for non-perishable food items to be delivered to Agape of Bloomsburg.

The Special Mission Ingathering will be sent to Luther Immigration and Refugee Services. The group voted to give \$150.00 to this program. Barb will pick up the check at the church. Cynthia reported that the backpacks cost \$260.00 which she charged to her account. The group voted to reimburse her the full amount.

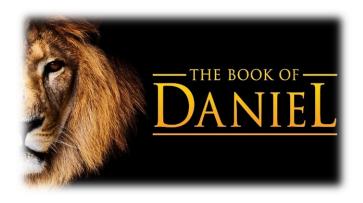
Barb reported that Blanket Sunday is October 6, and the kits and quilts can be delivered to Faith Lutheran in Lewisburg on October 19 between 9-12, but the container will be there from October 18-22. The business meeting closed with the WELCA purpose statement.

Following the business meeting the group gathered the school kit items and put together all the complete kits that we could. We will collect the rest of the items and finish them in September. We have some things to gather for the baby kits so the group will work on collecting what we still need for them and finish them in September as well.

Our next meeting will be September 12th at 1:00 P.M.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Bible Study will resume on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 10th at 10:30 AM</u> in the church library. We will begin a study of the book of Daniel. Materials and books will be available by then. **EVERYONE WELCOME!!**





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.



Also, 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.

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Please have all information to be placed in the newsletter to <u>Bob St. Clair</u> at <u>stclairb@embarqmail.com</u> or the <u>church office</u> at <u>mlcmifflintown@gmail.com</u> by the deadlines listed in the monthly calendar in each newsletter. Thank you!

WHERE TO LOOK IN THE BIBLE WHEN YOU.....

Need rest and peace	Matthew 11:28-30
Worry	Matthew 6:19-34
Are lonely or fearful	Psalm 23
Need peace of mind	John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-8
Are disappointed by people	Psalm 27
Grow bitter or critical	1 Corinthians 13
Have sinned	Psalm 51, 1 John 1
Are discouraged	Psalm 34
Feel God seems far away	Psalm 139
Think the world seems bigger than God	Psalm 90
Are sick	Psalm 41
Feel sorrowful	John 14, Psalm 46
Are in danger	Psalm 91
Want courage	Joshua 1:1-9
Need assurance	Romans 8
Forget your blessings	Psalm 103
Are looking for joy	Colossians 3
Leave home to travel	Psalm 121
Think of investments	Mark 10:17-31
Need guidelines for living	Matthew 5-7, Romans 12
Need rules of conduct	Exodus 20:1-17
Need to know God's will for your life	Proverbs 3:1-6

Word Search for Jesus Taught About Prayer

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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AMEN BREAD DEBTS EARTH FORGIVE GLORY HEAVEN HONOR KINGDOM

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PRIVATE
TEMPTATION

2024 TOP 100 ORGANIZATION (PA Business Central)

IN HOME SERVICES Of Central PA

HOME CARE AGENCY

Now Has Staff Available To Help Senior Citizens In Their Homes.

IN CENTRE, JUNIATA & MIFFLIN COUNTIES



2024 Community Christmas Cantata

AN OPEN INVITATION TO SING ...

After receiving encouragement and expressed interest from local community members regarding the possibility of once again organizing & directing a Community Christmas Cantata, I am pleased to share that we are now officially moving forward with planned weekly rehearsals and a scheduled public performance on Sunday, Dec. 15th, 2024 (2:00 PM at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church / 8489 Licking Creek Rd, Mifflintown PA 17059). At this point, initial interest has created a solid core group of 35-40 volunteer singers and I would welcome additional voices. Please feel free to share this message with others.

This year's chosen Community Christmas Cantata is A NEW AND GLORIOUS MORN! (Celebrating The Light and Life of Christmas) by Lloyd Larson – Lorenz Corp. (2023 copyright). While the public performance will be free of an admission charge, a freewill offering will be collected to benefit our local Juniata County Food Pantry.

All weekly rehearsals will be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church with the first two practice sessions scheduled for Monday, Oct. 21st and Tuesday, Oct. 29th (beginning at 7:00 PM). At the first rehearsal, I will check with participating choir members to determine how we might best schedule the additional weekly rehearsals to at least partially avoid conflicts with other scheduled events and I foresee going with varying weekday evenings to allow for more participants . . . rather than choosing just one specific evening of the week that might prevent interested singers from participating with the cantata choir. I trust that participants will find the practices to be both fun and structured in a way that helps build confidence in singing their chosen vocal part.

If you are interested in adding your voice, please cut off and return the bottom section of this letter ASAP so I can then have plenty of time to place an order for cantata books. I'm looking forward to once again directing a cantata choir and I hope to provide a worthwhile and enjoyable time for all involved singers (regardless of age). Please join us!!!!!

Respectfully,

Kevin Cunningham, Retired JHS Band & Chorus Director

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I/we want to sing wi	ith the 2024 Cantata Choir!!! (Fam	ily members are welcome)
Name(s):	Phone	e#:
Address:		Voice Part(s)
e-mail address:		Soprano Alto
	MORN! (Celebrating The Light & Life of Christmas) ach individual cantata book expense)	Tenor Bass
I/we would like to or	der cantata book(s). *NOTE: Payment	will be collected at rehearsals.