



Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 23

8:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Worship w/communion
9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, April 24

6:00 pm Sit Happens
6:15 pm Lifelong Faith Formation
7:00 pm Property Committee

Tuesday, April 25

6:30 pm Girl Scouts
7:00 pm WELCA Meeting

Wednesday, April 26

6:00 pm UPMC event with a talk
with Dr. Nesbitt and Staff

Thursday, April 27

1:00 pm Backpacks packing
7:30 pm NA

Friday, April 28

Saturday, April 29



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Getting it Right at the End

A TALK WITH DR. NESBITT AND STAFF

Date: April 26, 2023

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
324 S. Howard St.
South Williamsport**

Alexander Nesbitt, MD, Medical Director, Family Hospice, Part of UPMC Home Healthcare of Central Pennsylvania and the hospice team will discuss hospice care options including The Gatehouse inpatient unit in Williamsport. The team will provide guidance on various end of life questions and opportunities that are available to volunteer with the hospice team.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. For more information, call 570-326-8952.

UPMC
LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

April 23, 2023

Service Assistants	9:30
Ushers	Charles Luppert, Rhonda Koch, Larry & Donna Britton, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon
Lay Assistant	Pam Eveleth
Communion Assistant	Candy Watkins
Altar Guild	Rita Strickler, Betty Fenstermacher
Greeters/Communion Presenters	Mary Schultz, Kathy Stiber
Acolyte	Ray Demarest
Cantor	Bob Schweppenheiser
Flower Delivery	Arch Watkins

Sunday, April 16, 2023 Attendance:73; Offering: **\$3346.38** Capital Campaign: **\$20.00**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harold C. Kropp by his wife, Martha and family.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edna and Robert Schooley's anniversary of their wedding, from their children, Tom, Jack and Nancy.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of William and Jean Reasner's 58th wedding Anniversary by John and Brett Reasner, Rhonda Hopkins and Raven Colley.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lee Waltz.

Bible Readings

Sunday, April 23	<i>Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35</i>
Monday, April 24	<i>Psalm 134; Genesis 18:1-14; 1 Peter 1:23-25</i>
Tuesday, April 25	<i>Psalm 134; Proverbs 8:32 – 9:6; 1 Peter 2:1-3</i>
Wednesday, April 26	<i>Psalm 134; Exodus 24:1-11; John 21:1-14</i>
Thursday, April 27	<i>Psalm 23; Exodus 2:15b-25; 1 Peter 2:9-12</i>
Friday, April 28	<i>Psalm 23; Exodus 2:16-22, 4:18-20; 1 Peter 2:13-17</i>
Saturday, April 29	<i>Psalm 23; Ezekiel 34:1-16; Luke 15:1-7</i>



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Reminder: Articles for the Messenger are due in the office by Monday at Noon



Please notify the church office if a family member is in the hospital. Or if you are the one in the hospital, let the hospital chaplain know to notify your church. The chaplain's office does not always contact us. 570-326-9171



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **The Easter Day Surprise** - Can you imagine what it was like for Jesus' followers to endure the events of Good Friday only to discover three days later that His tomb was empty? That He walked among them again? This picture book for children ages 5-9 retells the surprising events of that first Easter Day in lively poetry and beautiful illustrations. This book helps readers understand the wonderful things that took place in the garden. This book is in the Easter section of our library.

Adult - **No Wonder They Call Him the Savior; Six Hours One Friday; And the Angels Were Silent** - This one volume has 3 books written by Max Lucado. Travel back in time two thousand years and see how the cross changed the very fabric of reality for all eternity. Walk with Christ toward the cross and decide for yourself who he is. This hardbound book is in the Easter section of our library.



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The annual Bishop Open's Golf Classic is set for May 8, 2023, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club in Shamokin Dam. The tournament benefits Camp Mount Luther and the camp's annual fund. Information and registration form are on the here:

https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/01_Golf_Tournament_Flyer-2023.pdf

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Where have all the Lutheran World Relief School Kits gone?

Information on where last year's school kits have gone is unavailable as of yet because the kits can sometimes take long as 9 months to ship. However, following is a list of where our donations of school kits have made an impact in the past: March 2017 – El Salvador and Jordan; June 2018 – El Salvador; February 2020 – Honduras; & June 2020 – Georgia

Thank you to all who have contributed! God's Work. Our Hands.

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Shepherd of the Streets is in need of the following **adult hygiene items**: combs, shampoo, conditioner, large bars of soap, and deodorant. **Children's and infants' hygiene items needed include**: children's toothbrushes, combs, hair ties, baby shampoo, baby lotion, baby soap, and baby powder. Donated items may be placed in the gray bin in the elevator alcove or brought to the church office during normal business hours. Thank you for your support of this vital ministry to our community!





Attention former choir members, we are trying to get the choir room organized and all the music put away. You may return the anthems or books to the collection boxes that will be placed by the choir room door and one in the Narthex for the next couple of weeks. Thank you!

Spring Clean Up: Saturday, May 6th, 9:00 am – Noon: Rain or Shine!



Volunteers needed for **outdoor** projects. Bring wheelbarrows, pitchforks, shovels, brooms, blowers, weed whackers, gloves, rags, buckets, etc. Please sign up to help on the sheet labeled “Spring Clean-up” in the Narthex. **Hope to see you there!**



Tickets for the MOTHER'S DAY DINNER on May 9 are now available in the Narthex and at the church office. Ticket prices are as follows: adults (age 13 and up) - \$12.00; children (ages 6-12) - \$6.00; children (ages 5 and under) – free. The evening will be a perfect way to not only honor your mother (in person or in memory) but also to bring other family members and friends to share in the dinner and program.



"A Musical Evening" is in store for everyone coming to the meeting of **Messiah's Women of the ELCA** on **Tuesday, April 25th, at 7:00 p.m.** in Shaheen Hall. Candy Watkins and Carol Waltz have planned songs, a sing-along and some "surprises" for the evening. Ruth Doran will lead Devotions; Brenda Cromley and Meg Harbaugh are Hostesses. Pam Eveleth is going to take a group picture. Everyone is welcome!

Food Pantry: *Items most needed this week* are canned peas, canned fruit, and egg noodles (for tuna noodle casserole). ***We are completely out of canned peas and egg noodles. Please note: NO applesauce, spaghetti or other shapes of pasta at this time, please - We currently have an overabundance of these.***



What comfort it is to know, when in time of need, someone is praying for us. That is what our prayer chain does. Call the church office if you would like to be a part of the prayer chain. 570-326-9171





Carol Armstrong would like to let everyone know she says hello and misses everyone at Messiah.

The Mountie Backpack Program is teaming up with Texas Road House. April 27, 2023 from 3 pm – 9:30 pm you may Dine-In or To-Go. **10% of your food order** will be donated to the program. You must have this flyer with you at time of purchase. You may cut this out of your Messenger, pick one up at church on Sunday morning or you may pick one up at the office. Thank you for your support.

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