



Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 3

9:30 am Worship w/Communion

Monday, September 4



OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 pm Girl Scouts

7:00 pm Congregation Council

Wednesday, September 6

Thursday, September 7

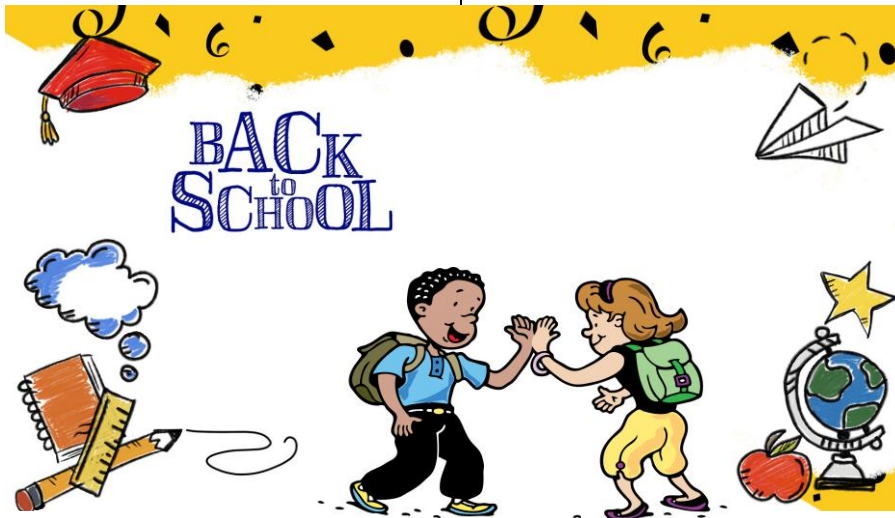
7:30 pm NA

Friday, September 8

Saturday, September 9

5:00 pm Pack-A-Sack Event

Pizza Party



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GIFT CARD BINGO

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

DUBOISTOWN FIREHALL

2661 Euclid Avenue | Duboistown, Pa 17702



DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM | GAMES START AT 12:30 PM

PRE-SALE \$20 | \$25 AT THE DOOR

GAMES | PRIZES | FOOD

For more information, Contact Mary Schultz at 570-772-8021

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES TO BENEFIT

MESSIAH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Messiah Preschool will be hosting a Gift Card Bingo to benefit the MLP Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund helps provide tuition for families in need of assistance.

To make this event a success we are asking the congregation for your support.

Tickets will be available, before and after each service in the Narthex on these dates:

Sunday, September 17th and 24th

Other ways you can help:

- Donate a gift card of your choice for our Gift Card Bingo
- Make a themed basket to donate for our Chinese Auction
- Make baked goods to sell during the event

We will have examples of items for you to see on display.

Deadline for gift cards and themed baskets is October 15th.

Baked good items are due Friday, November 3 by **NOON** in the church office.

PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

September 3, 2023

Service Assistants	9:30
Ushers	Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner
Lay Assistant	Georgette Copp
Communion Assistant	Fred Harbaugh
Acolyte	Alyx Taylor
Alter Guild	Vicki Bair, Doris Butt
Greeters/Communion Presenters	
Cantor	Dave Bausinger
Flower Delivery	Marilyn Winter

Sunday, August 27, 2023, Attendance: 85; Offering: \$3,556.10; Capital Campaign: \$60

The Altar Flowers are given to the Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Roland Weaver on the anniversary of his 85th birthday, September 8th, with love from his wife, Jean and family.

The Basket of Flowers is given the Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Lawrence and Alice Gee's wedding anniversary, with love by Debbie and Carl.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of Gail and Rod O'Brien's 67th wedding anniversary, on Sunday September 1st, 2023

Bible Readings

Sunday September 3 *Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28*
Monday September 4 *Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:2-26; Revelation 3:1-6*
Tuesday September 5 *Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15; Revelation 3:7-13*
Wednesday September 6 *Psalm 17; Jeremiah 17:5-8; Matthew 12:22-32*
Thursday September 7 *Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:1-14; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21*
Friday September 8 *Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:15-27; Romans 10:15b-21*
Saturday September 9 *Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 33:1-6; Matthew 23:29-36*

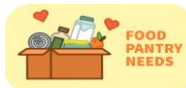


Presiding over our worship this Sunday, September 3rd, will be Ray Huff, ALWL

Next Sunday, September 10th will be Janet Stroble, ALWL.

Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day)

During work hours' office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.



Food Pantry is in need of **cereal**, canned fruit, **spaghetti sauce**, **peanut butter**, **jelly**, instant mashed potatoes, tuna fish, canned chicken and pudding.

Messiah Church Office is Closed:

Friday, September 1st and Monday, September 4th for the Holiday.

Have a Safe & Happy Labor Day!



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Where is our library? It's above our Shaheen Hall in the Education Wing. As you go in the alley door, instead of going downstairs, go one floor up and the door to our library is at the top of that one flight of stairs. (there is also an elevator that stops on that floor as well). Name of the room where the library sits is Jensen Lounge.

Using our library is easy. 1) select a book or video, 2) take the card out of the sleeve on the last page of the book or on the back of the video, 3) write your name on the card and place it in the small plastic box on the table in the library, 4) pick up a card with the due date in the lid of the small plastic box and place it in the sleeve of the book/video, 5) enjoy the book/video, 6) return the book/video by the due date, placing it in the large plastic box on the table. **DO NOT PUT IT BACK ON THE SHELVES.** 7) choose another book/video and begin the process all over again.



UNITED CHURCHES of
LYCOMING COUNTY

The United Churches of Lycoming County Supply Co-op have awarded the 2023-2024 Heating Oil bid to R.W.

Dittmar Plumbing-Heating & Oil Company, 1381 Muncy

Exchange Road, Muncy, PA 17756. Church Members who use **heating oil** in their homes can take advantage of a \$.15 per gallon discount if paid within 10 days. An additional \$.05 discount can be taken if payment is made the day of delivery. The discount is taken from the current wagon price. There is a \$3.00 fuel charge on all deliveries and the minimum delivery is 125 gallons. Other restrictions apply. If you are interested in participating in this program, please call the church office to be placed on the list that will be forwarded to Dittmar. The deadline is September 12, 2023. If you have questions concerning the program, call Craig Kropp at 570-279-2839.

The 55th Annual St. Boniface Church Carnival

Will be held on September 7, 8 and 9th on church Grounds

**Outdoor Grounds Open 6 p.m. Thursday & Friday,
5 p.m. Saturday**

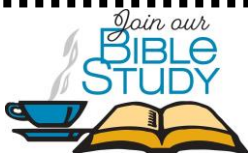
**Inside Gym: 4-7 p.m. Nightly Sit-Down Dinners
& 4-8 p.m. White Elephant Sale**

Raffle on Final Night at 10 p.m.



Preschool Mums Fundraiser!

Messiah Lutheran Preschool is again joining with our local greenhouse, The Potting Bench, for a Mums Fundraiser! This is our **FOURTH** year working together, and the mums have been beautiful! You can purchase your tickets for the \$10 mums after church this Sunday, September 3rd and next Sunday, September 10th in the Narthex. Tickets will also be available in the church office or by contacting Linda Miller at (570)326-5405. You will be able to take your tickets to the Potting Bench at 324 Matthews Blvd. in S. Williamsport, starting the Tuesday after Labor Day and choose your very own 9-inch potted mum(s). *Deadline to redeem tickets is September 30!* **THANK YOU, For Your Support!**



As our Summer Bible Study ends, the next Bible Study begins.

The last Summer Bible Study is Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm. Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 pm, Carl Gee will once again oversee our Bible Study. A variety of scriptures will be read with discussion. *Hope to see you there!*

The Mountie Backpack Program is ready for the new school year. Volunteers are needed to help pack the bags beginning **Thursday, September 14 at 1:00 p.m. in Shaheen Hall.** *Many hands lighten the load!*



Mountie
Backpack Program

Mark your calendars and help get this vital program off to a great start. Also, volunteers are needed to deliver the food bags to the South Side schools on Fridays, prior to 11:00 AM. If you are able and willing to help deliver the bags, please contact Mary Schultz 570-772-8021 or Connie McLaughlin 570-326-3618. The Mountie

Backpack Program continues to succeed because of your help as we all help ease the hunger than many children are experiencing.



NOMINATIONS

Messiah's Nominating Committee will be meeting next week. The committee's responsibility is to provide the name(s) of any member who would be interested in serving on Messiah's Congregation Council for a three-year term beginning January 2024. Please contact Sandy Ream at 724-880-0520 if you would like to submit your name or if you have questions about what is involved in serving the church in this capacity. To submit a name from the congregation at large, permission

from that member must be obtained before submission to the Nominating Committee.

Members of the Nominating Committee are: Sandy Ream, chairperson; Sandy Jansson, Georgette Copp, Georgie Ulrich and Jean Weaver.



The community's annual **Crop Walk** is scheduled for Sunday, October 8, 2023. If you are interested in participating, please call Tammey at the United Churches of Lycoming County at 570-322-1110. Crop walk materials can be found at www.crophungerwalk.org/williamsportpa

Dresses and Britches for Africa



Please help the needy children of Africa by sewing dresses and/or britches. Shirts, pillowcases and trim are available in the church office & in the Narthex on and under the table displayed, also included are the instructions. For questions contact AnnMarie Hohman or the church office.
Thank you.



On **Tuesday, September 19th**, Messiah's Women of the ELCA have invited Valerie Fessler, Director of Development and Community Engagement for the **American Rescue Workers**, to our monthly meeting. Did you know that this organization has been helping folks in the area for 99 years? We will hear about the **American Rescue Workers DONATION BOXES ... SIXTY** of these "blue bins" spread throughout much of the County ... available for donations of gently-used clothing and shoes. Valerie is expected to highlight the need for continuing donations to help the homeless and those in crisis circumstances. Did you know that the **American Rescue Workers** operate three **HOMELESS SHELTERS**, with 70 shelter beds available for men, women and children in need? The needy are also given vouchers to obtain items—as needed—from the ten **THRIFT STORES** operated by this organization. Messiah's Women of the ELCA will learn about the many items available for sale in these stores. Come and hear how you can help them.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Save the date: Saturday, September 9, 5:00p.m.

Pack-a-Sack ~ Grades 3 thru Adult

(Younger children may help with the assistance of an adult.)

Now the real fun begins. Please join us at a Pizza Supper followed by a work session to fill the LWR Backpacks with school supplies.

We need you!

Please sign up in the narthex so that we know how much help is available and how much pizza to order. We have a lot of packs to fill – *hope to see you there!*



On last week's Messenger cover I stated I would put in the following weeks our committees and what their purpose was. For more information, you may also read our Messiah Lutheran Constitution on: the powers of the Congregation, our affiliation to the ELCA, property of ownership, membership, rostered ministers, congregation council, officers, committees and more. If you wish to have a copy contact the office and one will be printed or emailed to you. *Pam Eveleth, Church Secretary*

Mutual Ministry Committee/Executive Committee

A Mutual Ministry Committee (in the absence of a Mutual Ministry committee, their duties shall be fulfilled by the executive committee) shall be appointed jointly by the president and the pastor. Term of office shall be two years, three members to be appointed each successive year, no more than one of which may be a member of the Congregation Council. No member may serve more than two full terms or one full term and on unexpired term consecutively.

Mutual Ministry Committee evaluates the overall health of the congregation. It is currently composed of the members of the Council Executive Committee. Our attendance has been up a bit and pretty consistent, people have joined and or transferred from another congregation, and monetary giving has increased.

For our church to remain a vital part of the community we must continue to grow, not just in numbers or monetary contribution, but also by member involvement. Messiah is not the Pastor's church, it is not my church, and it is not council's church. It is **OUR** church. All Messiah members make up the church, and all of us must work to keep it moving forward.

Staff Support Committee

The Staff Support Committee serves as a conferring, consulting group for the pastor and salaried employees of the congregation. The committee informs the congregation council regarding concerns affecting the relationship between the pastor, salaried employees, and congregation members. The committee studies the staffing needs of the church and works to fill staff positions. The committee prepares job descriptions for salaried employees and conducts annual reviews of their work. Issues and concerns of the congregation regarding staff are discussed with the pastor and the salaried employees. Concerns of church staff members are also heard and addressed. Recommendations for compensation and benefits are given to the congregation council annually.

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee encourages the giving of time and resources to the church through preparation of time and talent materials. This committee encourages participation of the membership in the congregation's life and ministries and the collating of responses from the membership for our ministries. We periodically remind the congregation of the need to maintain regular and faithful attendance in worship, as well as faithful giving of our material and spiritual resources in the ministries of the congregation. This committee shall be responsible for the annual Stewardship Drive and other congregational efforts which lead to informed and grateful giving.

As you read the statement above, please realize that the Stewardship is not about money alone. Unfortunately, we do focus a lot on the financial commitments from members because we need it to spread the Gospel of our Lord throughout the world. We need to pay salaries, operating expenses, utility bills, etc. to continue with our mission locally. None of us can change the past, but we can look forward to a bright and promising future here at Messiah with the help and faithfulness of our members.

Preschool Committee

The Preschool Committee, governed by a constitution approved by the Congregation Council, shall seek to provide for the holistic development of preschool children, especially for their religious, educational, social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth, within a climate of love and understanding.

It shall be the responsibility of the Preschool Committee to conduct the Preschool in accordance with this constitution, and specifically to: hire and fire teachers and aides, establish the number of classes to be held from year to year and the hours when they will meet, prepare and adopt a budget and authorize the expenditure of funds, set tuition rates, determine the size of classes, accept or reject registration applications, create scholarships for students, adopt and amend by-laws and policies which are in accord with this constitution, amend this constitution, excepting only that such amendments will not have authority unless and until they are approved by the Congregation Council. With the Preschool Coordinator, the committee will coordinate and conduct evaluations of the Preschool staff.