



## Calendar of Events

### **Sunday, September 24**

9:30 am Worship w/Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
5:00 pm Sit Happens (Advanced Class)

### **Monday, September 25**

6:30 pm Sit Happens  
6:30 pm Missional Outreach  
7:00 pm Property Committee

### **Tuesday, September 26**

### **Wednesday, September 27**

7:00 pm Bible Study  
7:00 pm Finance Committee

### **Thursday, September 28**

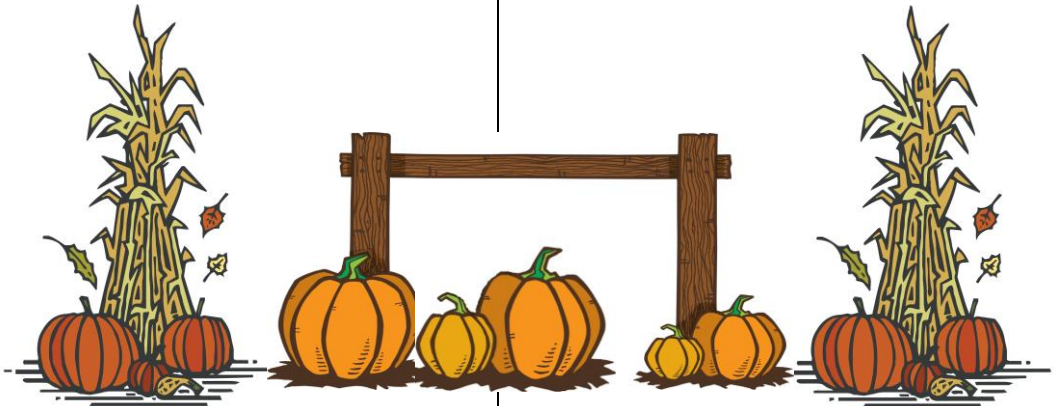
1:00 pm Mountie Back Pack packing  
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 pm NA

### **Friday, September 29**

5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

### **Saturday, September 30**

11:00 am Shaffer/Cupp Wedding  
2:00 pm Decorate the Sanctuary



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## HARVEST HOME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

***Non-perishable Food Offerings:*** Worshippers will be invited to bring forward their gifts of canned goods, boxes of pasta, or monetary offerings for the hungry during the singing of the Hymn of Praise.

***Donations of fresh produce*** (pumpkins, potatoes, apples, squash, etc.), may be brought to the church on **Saturday, September 30, from Noon – 2:00 pm. Cornstalks and gourds to use in decorating are very much needed.**



***Decorating for Harvest Home*** will take place on **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.** Volunteers are always needed. Call the church office at 570-326-9171 if you can help.

***Where does the food go?*** All perishable gifts of food received will be shared with local organizations who provide meals to the needy and the canned goods will stock our own food pantry and help to supply the Christmas baskets.

***Monetary gifts in lieu of in-kind gifts*** may be placed in plain envelopes marked “Harvest Home.” Checks should be made payable to “Messiah Lutheran Church” and be sure to include your envelope number if you would like your offering recorded.

## BLANKET SUNDAY



**Donated blankets and quilts** will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Please place clean blankets or quilts in the ***appropriately marked*** bin located in the Narthex ***no later than October 1. Place monetary gifts in an envelope marked “Blankets” and make checks payable to “Messiah Lutheran Church.”*** These monetary gifts also will be received during the singing of the Hymn of Praise.

**ONE NOTE**, LWR does not want fleece blankets, BECAUSE people wash them in streams, and the lint pollutes the streams. Thank you for your help,



September 24, 2023

Service Assistants	9:30
Ushers	Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner
Lay Assistant	Georgette Copp
Communion Assistant	Candy Watkins
Acolyte	Weston Sherman
Altar Guild	Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower
Greeters/Communion Presenters	Paul and Georgie Ulrich
Cantor	Candy Watkins
Flower Delivery	Charles Luppert

**Sunday, September 10, 2023, Attendance: 71; Offering: \$3,683.; Capital Campaign: \$10**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Bernard and Juanita Collins, by their daughter Sandy Ream and family.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy and Gordon Ritter, by their daughter Deborah Leonard and family.

### Bible Readings

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 24</b>	<i>Jonah 3:10-4:11; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 25</b>	<i>Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 27:1-29; Romans 16:1-16</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 26</b>	<i>Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 28:10-17; Romans 16:17-20</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 27</b>	<i>Psalm 106:1-12; Isaiah 41:1-13; Matthew 18:1-5</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 28</b>	<i>Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 12:17-28; James 4:11-16</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 29</b>	<i>Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:5-18; Acts 13:32-41</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 30</b>	<i>Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:19-24; Mark 11:27-33</i>



**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.



### **Council Notes**

We were recently deeded the property from Connie DeWald's estate. Per the special meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>, we are presently moving items to the church for use. We will then sell any remaining items prior to selling the townhouse. Please advise anyone on the congregation council of any interest in buying the property.



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



## The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



### Children - Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters - an African Tale -

Mufaro was a happy man. Everyone agreed that his two daughters were very beautiful. Nyasha was kind and considerate as well as beautiful, but everyone--except Mufaro--knew that Manyara was selfish, bad tempered and spoiled. When the king decided to take a wife and invite the most worthy and beautiful daughters in the land to appear before him, Mufaro declared proudly that only the king could choose between Nyasha and Manyara. Manyara, of course, didn't agree, and set out to make certain that she would be chosen. Find out what happens by checking the children's section of our library to take out this book.

Adult - **PRAYERS** - This spiral bound book has a variety of prayers and corresponding scripture verses about a variety of topics. This is a great book for a devotional. Read the scripture, meditate on that verse, read the prayer that is offered, meditate on that prayer, then pray on your own from the heart. This book is in the Poems, Prayers, Devotional and Meditations section of our library.

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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!



### **Clothing for Daniel's Closet is accepted year-round at Messiah.**

As you clean out your drawers and closets to make room for new clothes, please consider donating gently used clothing to enrich the lives of others. Clothing and accessories may be placed in the blue bin in the alcove near the Chapel (*inside the church*) whenever the church or the office is open.

Especially needed this time of year: winter coats and boots.

***Please avoid over-stuffing bags so that our volunteers are able to handle them.***

**Daniel's Closet** is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church (Washington Blvd, Williamsport) which offers a free clothing giveaway on the fourth Saturday of each month. ***All are invited to "shop" the closet, regardless of need. Please take only what you can use.***

**This month's Closet will be held on Saturday, September 23, 8:30-11:00 a.m.**



Thank you to my Messiah Family,



Since February, I have had health problems. I am finally recovering from what started as bronchitis, infection, pulmonary issues and ended with a triple bypass. I couldn't have made it through all this if it wasn't for my family and friends, all the prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers and cards. This has gotten me through all these months.

Sincerely, Meg Harbaugh



To anyone who would like to sing in the choir, rehearsals will begin this Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM in the music room. Please come and join us. Don't worry about missing a Thursday night. You can still come at 8:45 on Sunday morning and join us in songs of praise and thanksgiving.



**Wedding Banns:** Diane L. Cupp and Craig V. Shaffer have announced their intention to be married on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Your prayers are encouraged.



Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm for Bible Study and Fellowship. *All are welcome!*



**Saturday, November 4,** The Messiah Preschool will be hosting a Gift Card Bingo at the Duboistown Fire Hall to benefit the MLP Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund helps provide tuition for families in need of assistance. Doors will open at 11:30 am, games start at 12:30 pm. To make this event a success we are asking the congregation for your support.

**Tickets will be available** before and after service in the Narthex on these dates: Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 1, tickets are \$20 pre-sale and \$25 at the door.

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

Deadline for gift cards and themed baskets is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

**PLEASE DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE**







Mark your calendar for "**TRIVIA NIGHT**" on **Saturday, October 7 (6 p.m.)** in Shaheen Hall, with George Jansson as Quizmaster. Gather your six-member team and be prepared for wide-ranging topics. Please bring food to share. Pizza and beverages will be provided. **Benefit - Messiah's Backpack Project.**

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### ***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 Ann Marie Hohman, 570-244-1226 and leave a message.

*Thank you.*



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### **Two Workshop Opportunities** sponsored by United Churches and Thrivent

Wednesday, October 4, 10-11 am: This workshop is intended for Thrivent members, but anyone is invited. Learn about Thrivent benefits which are available which would greatly enhance the mission of United Churches, Messiah Church, or another community organization you are passionate about. This will be a brain storming session intended to arm you with easy but very profitable ways to use your member benefits to help others. No charge.

Thursday, October 5, 10-11am: "A Lifetime Gift", open to everyone, walking you through a living document that reflects a checklist, important documents, final wishes, and personal instructions. It's a gift for you and your loved ones in the event of major health changes or end of life situations. Each participant will walk away with tools and resources to help their family celebrate their life and understand what steps can be taken now, to avoid stress later. There is a \$10.00 registration fee which will be donated back to United Churches.

Refreshments will be served both days. Please RSVP by October 2 to [brianna.randazzo@thrivent.com](mailto:brianna.randazzo@thrivent.com), or 813-443-5088, or United Churches at [dlite4hymucl@gmail.com](mailto:dlite4hymucl@gmail.com). Questions, contact Pam Hansen at [pam.hanses@thrivent.com](mailto:pam.hanses@thrivent.com), or the 813 phone number.

Please Note: Both of these events are at United Churches of Lycoming County, 202 E 3rd St, Williamsport, PA 17701

