



Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 10

9:30 am Worship w/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour

Monday, September 11

Tuesday, September 12

6:30 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Fellowship Committee
7:30 pm Worship and Music
Committee

Wednesday, September 13

7:00 pm Summer Bible Study

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

Saturday, September 16



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September 10th, at 9:30 am Kick-off for this year's SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS–Sunday School

All children from 4 years old through 6th grade are welcome. Start time is 9:30 and will end when the church service finishes. The kick-off will be in **SHAHEEN HALL** but following weeks will be held on the top floor of the Christian Ed. Bldg. Younger children are also welcome but we ask that they have an adult or teen accompany them.



Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Needed



Would you be willing to spend a Sunday every couple of months teaching or helping with our Sunday Celebrations–Sunday School. Jesus said, “Let the children come to me”. He wants His children to learn about Him and He expects us as a congregation joined together by His word to do our best to teach them. Please prayerfully consider this very important role in helping to form a solid Christian base for our children according to His will. Please contact Kathryn Pratt at 570-244-6964 with any questions or to volunteer. *Thank you in advance!*



September 10, 2023

Service Assistants	9:30
Ushers	Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner
Lay Assistant	Pam Eveleth
Communion Assistant	Sherry Holtzman
Acolyte	Jonathan Hess
Alter Guild	Rita Strickler, Betty Fenstemacher
Greeters/Communion Presenters	Dennis and Sue Shoemaker
Cantor	Candy Watkins
Flower Delivery	Jody Fullmer

Sunday, September 3, 2023, Attendance: 71; Offering: \$6621.00; Capital Campaign: \$10.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sam Hessert's 82nd birthday, by his wife Carol and family.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of Sam Hessert, for his 82nd heavenly birthday on September 13, by his daughter Pam.

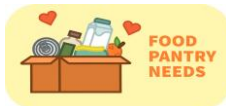
Bible Readings

Sunday	September 10	<i>Ezekiel 33:7-11; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20</i>
Monday	September 11	<i>Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17</i>
Tuesday	September 12	<i>Psalm 119:65-72; Deuteronomy 17:2-13; Romans 13:1-7</i>
Wednesday	September 13	<i>Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28; Matthew 21:18-22</i>
Thursday	September 14	<i>Psalm 103:1-13; Genesis 37:12-36; 1 John 3:11-16</i>
Friday	September 15	<i>Psalm 103:1-13; Genesis 41:53-42:17; Acts 7:9-16</i>
Saturday	September 16	<i>Psalm 103:1-13; Genesis 45:1-20; Matthew 6:7-15</i>



Presiding over our worship this Sunday, September 10th, will be Janet Stroble, ALWL Next Sunday, September 17th will be Pastor Ron Montgomery.

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.



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - Noah, Build Your Boat-Old Testament Stories and Pictures by Kids - Here is the sweeping Old Testament drama in twenty stories and images by kids. Read each one-page story with colorful pictures. Book is in the children's section of the library.

Adult - Flying by the Seat of My Pants - Wherever flight attendant Marsha Marks goes, funny things happen, and she tells them all in this hilarious and insightful chronicle of her career as a naive flight attendant and a struggling author. From missed flights to missing uniforms, miracle babies to indecipherable southern accents. This book is a laugh-out-loud reminder of what is important and what keeps us steady through the turbulence of life. Found in the Adult Fiction section of our library.



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.

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.*



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



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!

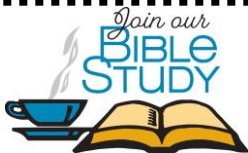


The **\$10 tickets** for the mums will be available this Sunday, September 10th, in the church office or by contacting Sandy Ream at 724-880-0520, Rhonda Koch at 570-337-1717 or Linda Miller at 570-326-5405.

You will be able to take your tickets to the Potting Bench at 324

Matthews Blvd. in S. Williamsport 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. Bagging is on



Mountie
Backpack Program

Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in Shaheen Hall beginning September 21st.

Needed again are two volunteers to deliver the food bags on Fridays to Central Elementary School. Please contact Dianne Larson, 570-220-3702; Connie McLaughlin, 570-326-3618, or Mary Schultz, 570-772-8021.

Many hands lighten the load



One hundred years ago the **American Rescue Workers** used to give a "live Christmas chicken" to families in need. Now those in need are provided with clothing, food

vouchers, shelter ... whatever is needed. Messiah's Women of the ELCA will hear about the needs when Valerie Fessler, Director of Development and Community engagement, speaks at their meeting on **Tuesday, September 19th**, at 7:00 pm in Shaheen Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Messiah's Women of the ELCA will host a **COFFEE HOUR** in Shaheen Hall following this morning's Service. Program Booklets for 2023-24 will be distributed



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.**





NOMINATIONS

Messiah's Nominating Committee The committee is responsible 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.

"Everyone can be great because everyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree... You only need a heart full of grace...a soul generated by love." —**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE (Christian Education and Youth Ministry combined) The Life Long Faith Committee (LLFC) plans and administers youth events and programs encouraging Christian growth, fellowship and service. This committee oversees all civic youth organizations sponsored by this congregation. This committee also oversees the administration and promotion of the Sunday School and educational activities of all organizations within the Congregation. We encourage the use of teaching and worship materials published or approved by the ELCA, and seek to introduce the church's periodicals and books of family devotion into the homes of the congregation. One of the goals of this committee shall be to bring to the congregation's attention the call to the ministry of the Gospel and to other fulltime church vocations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, of which the treasurer and assistant treasurer shall be members. The committee prepares a draft budget for the succeeding year, including this congregation's indicated share in support of the wider ministry being carried on in its behalf by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the synod, and shall submit such draft budget to the congregation council for its action and later presentation to a Congregation Annual Meeting. The committee shall exercise oversight of all financial affairs of the congregation to make sure that they are being conducted efficiently, giving particular attention to the prompt payment of all obligations and to the regular forwarding of benevolence monies to the synodical treasurer. They shall, subject to the approval of the congregation council, be responsible for the congregation's investments and its total insurance programs. It shall make available all books of the congregation and its organizations for an annual audit.

