



Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

9:30 am Lessons and Carols Worship

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 pm Worship and Music
Committee



Wednesday, January 3

Thursday, January 4

10:00 am Knitters for Neighbors

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

Friday, January 5

Saturday, January 6

10:00 am – 11:00 am Albert Kelley

Viewing

11:00 am Albert Kelley Funeral

Holiday Schedule

CLOSED – New Year's Day, January 1, 2024

8:30 am – 3:30 pm – Tuesday, January 2 – Thursday, January 4

8:30 am – 12:00 pm – Friday, January 5

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Service Assistants	9:30 am
Ushers	Chuck Luppert, Larry & Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon
Lay Assistant	Carol Waltz
Communion Assistant	Pam Eveleth
Acolyte	Brennen Hess
Altar Guild	Marie Welter, April Gardner
Greeters/ Presenters	Yvonne Kaiser, Rhonda Koch
Flower Delivery	Arch Watkins
Readers	Candy Watkins, Susan Bryan, Pam Eveleth

Sunday, December

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones who died this year.

Bible Reading

Sunday, December 31 – Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Monday, January 1 – Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21

Tuesday, January 2 – Psalm 148; Proverbs 1:1-7; James 3:13-18

Wednesday, January 3 – Psalm 110; Proverbs 1:20-33; James 4:1-10

Thursday, January 4 – Psalm 110; Proverbs 3:1-12; James 4:11-17

Friday, January 5 – Psalm 110; Proverbs 22:1-9; Luke 6:27-31

Saturday, January 6 – Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12



Pastoral Care Number: Please call (570) 326-9171. (Available 24 hours a day) During work hours the office staff will assist you. After hours, please press "3" for a Pastoral Emergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.



Food Pantry Needs: canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, cream of mushroom soup, egg noodles, cereal/pop-tarts, pudding, beef stew, chili, spaghetti, instant mashed potatoes, popcorn and microwavable meals.

All donations to be recorded in the 2023 Calendar Year, must be received in the office by **December 29th**. Any donations received after **December 29th** will be recorded in the new year, 2024. Thank you.

Pledge cards and Time & Talent forms will be accepted through January 1st



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Youth - **Forget Me Not** - It's a year of change for 17-year-old Cass and her stepsister, Tabitha. While Cass misses college-bound Logan, Tabitha is relieved that her boyfriend Micah is gone. Things are changing at home too. Mom is pregnant and the girls have extra responsibilities. Then Sam comes to the island. He's brash, funny and one of the girls really likes him. Who will it be? Will it be Cass, who misses Logan but needs a friend? Or will it be Tabitha, who continues to struggle with the way Micah is treating her? Both girls face hard decisions and family struggles as they look to God to lead them. But just when they think they have things figured out, one more crisis tests their faith. This book is in the Youth Fiction section.

Adult - **The Day Christ was Born** - Nothing is known of the birth of Christ beyond the New Testament. It is a great and joyful story, the happiest event since the dawn of history. It needs no gilding. Still, there is a natural curiosity in the heart of the journalist to know more. The author would like to fill in the blank spaces of any great event. This one happened 2000 years ago. The town and the terrain of Bethlehem have not changed. The road down the Jordan Valley from Nazareth is a little smoother now, but it twists beside the same bank of the same river. Read about this very important event in our lives. Book is in the Christmas section of our library.

Daniel's Closet



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

Daniel's Closet is currently in need of children's clothing. The boys' table is especially thin at this time and is in dire need of donations. Donations may be placed in the large blue bin inside the church in the alcove near the Chapel. The next Closet will be held on January 27. *Thank you for your support!*

Undeck the Halls



Sunday, December 31st volunteers are needed to undecorate the church. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



Become Part of Our Church Family

Pastor LeCrone will be offering a New Members Class sometime in January. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the church office.

