



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 14

9:30 am Worship/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
6:00 pm South District 12 Meeting

Monday, January 15

6:00 pm Sit Happens
6:30 pm Executive Committee

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 pm WELCA

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

Thursday, January 18

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing
7:00 pm Choir
7:30 pm NA

Friday, January 19

Saturday, January 20



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CURRENT LEADERSHIP AT MESSIAH



The following persons were elected as officers of the council:

President Jody Fullmer

Vice President Sylvia McCarty

Secretary Jimmy Gardner

Assistant Secretary Lauren Russell

Treasurer Gary Hutchinson

Assistant Treasurer Craig Kropp

Serving on the body of the council are: Anita Bair, Cindy Bennett, AnnMarie Hohman, Rhonda Koch and Carol Winter.



Messiah Staff

Organist: Jared Gist

Administrative Secretary: Pam Eveleth

Financial Secretary: Jean Kelley

Sexton: Chris Haefner

Pastoral Care: Pastor LeCrone Available 24/7

Call the church office during office hours and after hours press 3 and that will go directly to the Pastor

Office phone number 570-326-9171

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 3:30, Friday 8:30 am – Noon

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Service Assistants

Ushers: Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon, Mike Gardner

Lay Assistant: Carol Waltz; **Communion Assistant:** Debbie Day

Acolyte: Karrah Bair; **Altar Guild:** Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser

Greeters/ Presenters: Carol Waltz, Barbara Waltz

Cantor: Candace Watkins; **Flower Delivery:** Susan Bryan

Sunday, January 7, 2024, Attendance: 19; Offering: \$2,556.00; Cap. Campaign: \$10.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Georg and Helen Stroup on their wedding anniversary, January 19th, with love from their children, Georgie, Kathy, Larry, David and their families.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in honor of our mother Ethel Emenheiser's 96th birthday by Susan and John Bryan.

Bible Reading

Sunday, January 14 – 1 Samuel 3:1-20; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Monday, January 15 - Psalm 86; 1 Samuel 9: 27-10:8; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

Tuesday, January 16 - Psalm 86; 1 Samuel 15:10-31; Acts 5:1-11

Wednesday, January 17 - Psalm 86; Genesis 16:1-14; Luke 18:15-17

Thursday, January 18 - Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 19:1-15; Revelation 18:11-20

Friday, January 19 - Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:7-13; 2 Peter 3:1-7

Saturday, January 20 - Psalm 62:5-12; Jeremiah 20:14-18; Luke 10:13-16

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



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.



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.

Bible Study and Fellowship begins next Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 pm. The Topic will start out with Angels. *All are Welcome, please join us.*

Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out Sunday, January 21st. Please let the office know if you are not available next Sunday. If anyone is homebound, can't get to church and would like to receive Communion please notify the church office at 570-326-9171.



The Library Corner – Highlighted Books



Children - **Little visits with God-devotions for families** -

Written especially for children ages 7-10, this book nurtures faith and sows seeds that enrich lives for years to come. With this best-selling collection, you can encourage your child to learn about God and develop love and trust in Him. This book includes a Bible verse/life related devotion/questions to help children get involved/suggested Scripture readings/a prayer relating to the day's theme. The book and the entire series can be checked out of our library from the Children/Toddler section of our library.

Adult - **Prayer - Moments with God** - This book is a small but powerful book of prayer. It has a wide variety of topics such as Spending Time with God; Power of Prayer; teach and Guide us, Lord; Praying for others; expressing gratitude and praise; a plea for help; seeking God's Grace and Mercy and a Closer Walk with God. This book has a nice variety of Bible passages that correspond with the topic and thought-provoking prayers. This book is in the Poems, Prayers, Devotional and Meditations 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!*

CONTACT information



If you have recently moved, changed your phone number or updated/changed your email address, **PLEASE notify the church office with your new information.** When snail mail is returned to us we pay a small postage due fee. If we do not have a current phone or email, we have no way to contact you with important information. *Thank you.*



Young Adult Fellowship January 31, 2024 @ 8:15 pm – 9:15 pm Online

If you consider yourself a young adult, you are invited to join us in a time of conversation, study, and prayer every last Wednesday of the month. Contact jim@campmountluther.org for more information!





Our heartfelt thanks to our church family for all the prayers, words of kindness, cards, and flowers. Your continued support means so much to us. May God bestow his blessings on all of you.

Jeanette & Don Green

Knitters for Neighbors Report for 2023:

- 217 pair of mittens to Head Start;
- 40 baby hats to UPMC's newborn nursery;
- 15 hats to our Seafarer's Christmas at Sea program;
- 7 cat mats to the SPCA;
- a total of 63 chemo hats to UPMC and Geisinger/Lewisburg Cancer Centers;
- 10 hats plus 5 knitted bears to the Susquehanna EMS transport service;
- 82 dish cloths to the Divine Hospital gift shop



We invite all knitters and crocheters to join us the 1st Thursday of each month from January through May in the Jensen Lounge at 10:00 a.m., at which time we turn in what we've made since our prior meeting. If you can't attend our meetings but would like to contribute items, we welcome that kind of participation in our mission. Please join us!

Women of the ELCA

Looking ahead with WELCA:

There is a wonderful schedule of programs for the WELCA group this year.

January 16th at 7:00 pm Janet Stroble, an Authorized Lay Worship Leader, will lead the group in a Bible Study.

February 10th "Trivia Night" with the beneficiary being Messiah's Preschool Scholarship fund.

February 13th at 7:00 pm will be their "Mardi Gras Appetizer and Games Night".

Let's support our women of the church and join us in fellowship, bring a friend.
All are welcomed!





Can't make it to church? Join us live on Facebook!

Worship services will be broadcast on Facebook Live each Sunday beginning at 9:30 a.m. To watch the service live, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MessiahSouth>.

If you are unable to join us live, videos will be made available to be viewed later.

To link to the video archive and for additional worship resources, visit Messiah's web site at <https://messiahsouth.org/worship-resources/>.

A copy of the worship bulletin will be posted to both the web site and the Facebook page each week so that you can follow along.

Did you know? Messiah's Facebook page is a public page, so even if you do not have a Facebook account, you are still able to view content on our page



Messiah Messenger Newsletter notes:

Did you know that the Messiah Messenger is available in different formats?

- ✓ The current and the past copies of the Messenger are available on Messiah's webpage: www.MessiahSouth.org. If you misplaced your issue or missed an issue you can check it out online.
- ✓ Or you can have the Messenger delivered by email every week to your inbox. This saves on postage and the email version comes in color. This feature is especially nice when pictures of events or of the church are shared.
- ✓ Finally we also publish large print issues. Sometimes the print and pictures are just too small for some of you.

If you are interested in receiving your Messenger by email or if you would like to receive a large print issue, please contact the office. *Thank you.*

Our food pantry helped approx. 12-13 families a month in 2023.



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

