



Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 12

9:30 am Worship/Communion

Church Music Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

Monday, May 13

6:30 pm Fellowship Committee

Tuesday, May 14

Wednesday, May 15

7:00 pm Bible Study and Fellowship

7:00 pm SLL District 12

Presidents Meeting

Thursday, May 16

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

7:30 pm NA

Friday, May 17

Saturday, May 18



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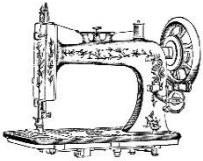
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A lot has been happening at Messiah....

Mother's Day Dinner -The women's dinner was very well attended this year. We had approximately 80 women, children and even some men, join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Thank you to Dave Bausinger and his crew who did an excellent job on the roast turkey dinner and Katie Bausinger who made 3 different cakes for us to enjoy. The Montoursville High School "*Ville Harmonic Ensemble*", directed by Kirstin Gist and accompanied by Jared Gist were a delight and did a great job. Lastly, let's not forget the sing-a-long at the end of the program that Carol Waltz lead with accompaniment on the piano. Thanks to all the people involved in this wonderful evening.

Spring Clean-up - Thank you to all who came out for the spring clean-up. We had about 12 volunteers come out with their shovels, rakes and smiling faces. Didn't matter if it rained or the sun was shining, God's helping hands were definitely present. About 10 skids of mulch were spread throughout the gardens, trees and bushes were trimmed and even some weeding. The church looks amazing and it's all because we have a crew that works well together.



WE ARE "SEW" HAPPY! Our sewing group got together for two days last week to create backpacks for the **Lutheran World Relief School Kits**. We don't have an exact count at this time, but we estimate that well over 200 bags were sewn in addition to the ones that are being sewn at home by our other volunteers. We are well on our way, but we can still use a few more.

If you like to sew at home, fabric pieces can still be picked up at the church during the week or in the narthex on Sundays. **BONUS** – all of the hems have been sewn, so it will be easier than ever for our home sewers to zip right through the casings and the side seams. Bible School is just around the corner and our children are eager to do their part stringing the bags. Let's see how many we can have ready for them! **Call Sally Congdon at 570-547-6193 or Kathy Wither at 570-651-2802 for more information.**

The painters are hard at work, sanding and then painting the exterior of the church.

You'll be happy to know that it will be nice and cool during worship this summer. The air conditioning work is now complete.

Pictures taken by Pam Eveleth, Carola Storrs and Craig Kropp are in the insert of the Messenger. Please enjoy!

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Service Assistants	9:30 am
Ushers	Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Mike Gardner, Bill Reasner, Sally Congdon
Lay Assistant	Susan Bryan
Communion Assistant	Georgette Copp
Acolyte	Alyx Taylor
Altar Guild	Marie Welter, April Gardner
Greeters/Presenters	Carol and Marilyn Winter
Cantor	Janet Stroble
Flower Delivery	Charles Luppert


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Sunday, April 28: Attendance: 100; Offering: \$8,165.38; Cap. Campaign: \$10.00

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Armstrong, by his wife, Carol.
The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Percy Batey and Gladys Reigel Batey, by the Stiener, McCracken and Packard families.
The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in honor of all of our church musicians and worship leaders.



We are in need of: egg noodles, canned potatoes, pop tarts, rice, mac and cheese, pudding, canned vegetables and jello. We do not need canned beans at this time. **Please bring in only the items we need and can use.** Thank you!

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


Join us for Bible study and fellowship on
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.
All are Welcome!

Eucharistic Ministers will be sent out next Sunday, May 19th. Please let the office know if you are not available to take communion. If anyone is homebound, can't get to church and would like to receive Communion please notify the church office at 570-326-9171.

Geraniums for Pentecost Sunday are now available to order at a cost of \$4 each. Order forms are available in the church office or from an usher on Sunday mornings. Deadline to order is Wednesday, May 15. You may take your flowers home with you after the service on May 19 or you may donate them to the church. **Any flowers not picked up after the service will be planted on the church grounds.**

Bible Readings

Sunday, May 12: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Monday, May 13: Psalm 115; Exodus 28:29-38; Philippians 1:3-11

Tuesday, May 14: Psalm 115; Numbers 8:5-22; Titus 1:1-9

Wednesday, May 15: Psalm 115; Ezra 9:5-15; John 16:16-24

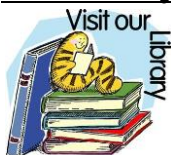
Thursday, May 16: Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 2:4b-7; 1 Corinthians 15:4b-49

Friday, May 17: Psalm 33:12-22; Job 37:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Saturday, May 18: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 15:6-11; John 7:37-39



The Library Corner



Visit our **Children/Family - Mr. Henry's Wild and Wacky Bible Stories - All about Self-esteem** - Have you ever felt sorry for yourself? Or maybe felt that you couldn't do anything right? Well, the Bible tells us that you are the apple of God's eye! And as Mr. Henry says, that means you are God's pride and joy! You have value just because you exist and no one can ever take that away! This DVD is in the Religious DVD section in the library.

Adult – **A Gentle Thunder – hearing God through the storm** – Max Lucado – How far do you want God to go in getting your attention? Don't answer too quickly. Give it some thought. What if God moved you to another land? (as he did Abraham) What if he called you out of retirement? (remember Moses) How about the voice of an angel or the bowel of a fish? (Gideon and Jonah) How about a promotion like Daniel's or a demotion like Samson's? God does what it takes to get our attention. It's the message of the Bible. If you need a reminder of God's love and assurance of His strength and example of His kindness, you'll really enjoy this book. Book in the Max Lucado section.



Save the Date! We will be holding VBS this year from **June 17th through June 21st**. Adult and Teen volunteers are needed so please contact me if you are able to help out. We are very appreciative of the time and effort you provide. More details to follow!!!

GRADES 4 - 12: As we usually do, the 4th-6th grade VBS kids will be stringing Lutheran World Relief back packs and we could use your hands!! Grades 7-12, who aren't helping with VBS, are also invited to join us any time you are able.

Thanks, Kathryn Pratt



Seeking Names of Graduates: Please call the church office with the name/address of anyone in your family who is graduating from High School and Undergrad or Grad School this spring. Your Messiah family would like to recognize your accomplishment. *Thank you!*

Mother's Day Dinner

photos by Pam Eveleth



"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE



**GATHERED
IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I AMONG THEM."**

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV

Sewing Group

photos by Pam Eveleth
and Carola Storrs



Spring Clean-Up

photos by Craig Kropp

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they have the heart.”
Elizabeth Andrew