



## Calendar of Events

**Sunday, October 6**

**Harvest Home and Blanket Sunday**

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

**Monday, October 7**

5:30 pm Sit Happens

6:00 pm Fellowship Committee

**Tuesday, October 8**

**Wednesday, October 9**

6:30 pm Bible Study

**Thursday, October 10**

1:00 pm Back Pack Packing

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm NA

**Friday, October 11**

**Saturday, October 12**



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A part of the  
**Seasoned Helpers Ministry**

## Helping Hands to fill a need.....



### God's Helping Hands

Serving Family, Friends, and Neighbors

During Times of Change or Unexpected Need

**This committee reaches out to those who are elderly, home-bound,  
in nursing homes or those who just need a friendly visit.**

~ Provide Wellness Checks ~ Hospital/Home Visitor ~ Provide a Meal ~  
~ Run Errands ~ Provide Transportation (to Church and or to Appointments)

For more information please contact the Church Office at 570-326-9171



**The Missional Outreach Committee** is looking for volunteers to help with "Hearts that Care", a part of the Seasoned Helpers Ministry. This committee will do wellness checks, home/hospital visits, provide transportation if needed. If you are interested in this mission please sign up on the sign-up sheet provided in the Narthex. For more information call the church office.

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Service Assistants	
USHERS	Carl Gee, Jody Fullmer, Arch Watkins, Dave and Rita Strickler, Jimmy Gardner
LAY ASSISTANT	Anita Bair
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Mandy Feinberg
ACOLYTE	Weston Sherman
ALTAR GUILD	Jody Fullmer, Jean Bower
GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTER	Sherri Holtzman, Doris Butt
CANTOR	Janet Stroble
FLOWER DELIVERY	Marilyn Winter

**Sunday, September 29:** Attendance: **82**; Offering: **\$3,151.56**; Capital Campaign: **\$10.00**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Howard and B.Z. Goodbrod, Raymond and Hazel Rosenbaum with love by Don and Mary Ellen Rosenbaum.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Hammaker on the anniversary of her birthday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Albert Kelley on the anniversary of his birthday with love from his family.

**The mums that grace the Howard Street entrance of the church and brighten the front of the office building are given to the glory of God and planted ...**

*In honor of everyone at Messiah by Susan Christ*

*In memory of Frank and Bessie Congdon from the Congdon family*

*In memory of Bob and Dot Fetterman from the Congdon family*

*In memory of my father, Sam Hessert, by Pam Eveleth*

*In memory of Carl Fenstermacher by Betty Fenstermacher*

*In memory of my husband, Sam Hessert, by Carol Hessert*

*In honor of Messiah Lutheran Church by Helen Hoy*

*In memory of Susan Hutchinson by Gary Hutchinson*

*In memory of David Hutchinson by Gary Hutchinson*

*In memory of Bill Miller by Linda Miller*

*In memory of Mary Lilley by Kathy Wither*

*In memory of Jamie Wither by Kathy Wither*

*Time donated to plant the mums given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all the good people who are the Messiah family by Kathy Wither*

**Thank you to all who purchased and donated mums to be planted!**

*Flowers are the music of the ground from earth's lips spoken without sound. ~ Edwin Curran*



Articles for the **Messenger and Bulletin** are due in the office by Monday at noon

## Bible Readings

**Sunday, October 6:** *Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16*

**Monday, October 7:** *Psalms 112; Deuteronomy 22:13-30; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9*

**Tuesday, October 8:** *Psalms 112; Deuteronomy 24:1-5; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16*

**Wednesday, October 9:** *Psalms 112; Jeremiah 3:6-14; Matthew 5:27-36*

**Thursday, October 10:** *Psalms 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Hebrews 3:7-19*

**Friday, October 11:** *Psalms 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; Hebrews 4:1-11*

**Saturday, October 12:** *Psalms 90:12-17; Amos 3:13-4:5; Matthew 15:1-9*



**Presiding over our worship this Sunday, October 6,** will be Pastor Ron Montgomery. Next Sunday, October 13, will be Janet Stroble, ALWL.

**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 PastoralEmergency to be connected directly to the Pastor.

## The Library Corner



Youth – **When Lightning Struck! The Story of Martin Luther** – In this fast-paced, action-packed novel of Martin Luther's life, you will be introduced to a fascinating time when princes ruled Europe and knights roamed the countryside. You'll learn about a time when powerful forces lined up against each other and believing the wrong thing could get you killed. The author conveys both the drama and the meaning of the Reformation for readers like no other. Book is in the Youth Section of our library.

Adult – **O Lord, Teach Me to Pray – A Catechetical Prayer Book for Personal Use** – It is one thing to know the contents of the catechism. It is quite another to ask God for guidance and wisdom through its teachings. This gives a wonderful more in-depth understanding of the catechism. This is a small book with great information. It's in our Adult Topical Issues section.

**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.** Needed again are two volunteers to deliver the food bags on Fridays to all three schools in the SWASD. Please contact Dianne Larson, 570-220-3702; Connie McLaughlin, 570-326-3618, or Mary Schultz, 570-772-8021. *Many hands lighten the load*

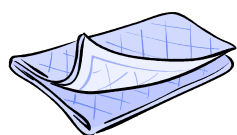


**Food Pantry: Items most needed this week** are peanut butter, jelly, tuna, mixed fruit or any canned fruit, cream of mushroom soup, tomato soup, baked beans, egg noodles, misc. pasta, canned and boxed potatoes, coffee, hot chocolate, pudding packs, saltine or Ritz crackers, fruit drinks, hot chocolate, tea, and jello.



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

**Harvest Home and Blanket Sunday** is this Sunday, October 6, 2024, 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. **Decorating for Harvest Home** will take place on Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 am. Donations of fresh produce (pumpkins, potatoes, apples, squash, etc.), cornstalks and gourds to use in decorating are very much needed. **These perishable items** may be dropped off at the church office any time Thursday-Friday, October 3-4, or by 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 5. **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".**



**Blanket Sunday: Donated blankets and quilts** will be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Please place clean blankets or quilts in the **gray** bin located in the elevator entrance **no later than October 5**. **Monetary gifts may be placed in an envelope on which you mark "Blankets."** **Checks should be made 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, *Carol Winter*



**Tickets for the Preschool "Gift Card Bingo" on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am** are now available before and after worship on Sundays in the Narthex, in the church office or by contacting Mary Schultz at 570-772-8021. We are still taking donations of gift cards, themed baskets and baked goods for the event. The deadline is October 18<sup>th</sup> for the gift cards and themed baskets. Baked goods are due Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> by noon in the church office or bring to Independent Fire Company on the day of the event.



## P R E S C H O O L



### **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 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.*





## WELCA News and Upcoming Events:

Messiah's Women of the ELCA will meet in Shaheen Hall on **Tuesday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m.** **The Rev. C. Angelique Labadie Cihanawyz**, executive director of Sojourner Truth Ministries will be the guest speaker.



Messiah's Women of the ELCA will pack "**Cookie Boxes**" in November for college students and military personnel. **PLEASE GIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES** to the Church Office **by November 10.** We will also pack "**Cookie Tins**" for Messiah's home-bound members and ask that the congregation help to provide "sweet treats" (and some "non-sugar") to be brought to the Church Kitchen **on or before November 19<sup>th</sup>** and marked "for **WELCA**".

**Mark your Calendars:** November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm is "Trivia Night".



**Church Women United -World Community Day Celebration**, Saturday, November 2, 10:00 a.m. at Pennsdale Trinity United Methodist Church, 658 Village Road, Muncy.

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### MISSION TO SEAFARERS



Did you realize that **90% of everything we wear, use, and consume**, come to us by merchant ships, operated by 1.5 million seafarers? On ships for 9 to 10 months at a time, the seafarers face many hardships: storms, piracy, abandonment, and loss of contact with their families. Often the only contact they have beyond the ship, the Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support.

Join in the Chaplains' mission of showing Christ's love.

Remember Matthew 25: 35, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Help fill gift satchels that the Chaplains deliver to the seafarers in the weeks before Christmas. Each satchel should contain the following:

**1 sweatshirt, unhooded or hooded (preferred) - size M, L or XL**

**3 pair of socks, thermal or white gym**

**1 casual pullover T shirt - size M, L or XL**

**1 heavy knit winter cap**

**1 can of nuts or large bar of chocolate**

**Christmas card**

### NO ADDITIONS AND NO SUBSTITUTIONS

Items need to be at the church by **October 30.** *Thank you.*

