



Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 15

9:30 am Worship/Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am **Congregation Dinner**
6:00 am SW Little League

Monday, December 16

6:30 pm Executive Committee

Tuesday, December 17

11:00 am WELCA Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 18

Thursday, December 19

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing
6:30 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm NA

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

9:00 am – Noon White Gifts and
Christmas baskets pick-up.



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Messiah's Annual Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Immediately following worship



Christmas Dinner

On the Menu:

Ham, Gravy, Mashed potatoes

Green beans, Corn

Fellowship committee will provide all the food, plus cookies for dessert and refreshments.

Along with the meal there will be entertainment by the women's choir and a musical game or two.

Dates to remember:

- Decemeber 15th -
 - Annual Christmas dinner - immediately following worship
 - Christmas Basket monetary donations are due
 - White Gifts are due (make sure they are wrapped in white paper and the tag is attached)
- December 21st – 9:00am – noon, White Gift and Christmas baskets pick – up in Bald Eagle Alley entrance
- December 22nd – Decorating the Church immediately after Worship
Poinsettias will be placed out at this time also
- December 24th –
 - 7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Family Service with communion
Music will begin a half hour before worship
 - 11:00pm – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with communion
Music will begin a half hour before worship



December 15, 2024

Service Assistants

USHERS: Charles Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **LAY ASSISTANT:** Georgette Copp; **COMM. ASSIST.:** Janet Stroble
ACOLYTE: KarraH Bair; **ALTAR GUILD:** Jody Fullmer, Jeannie Bower
GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS: Mike and Dianne Larson
CANTOR: Carol Waltz; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Susan Bryan

Sunday, December 8: Attendance: **100**; Offering: **\$5,973.38**; Capital Campaign: **\$20.00**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dennis Ream by his wife Sandy, Dennis Jr., Kelley and their families.

The Basket of Flowers is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Carl E. Fenstermacher on the anniversary of his birthday, December 14th, by his daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Thad.

Bible Readings

Sunday, December 15: *Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18*

Monday, December 16: *Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:1-19; Hebrews 13:7-17*

Tuesday, December 17: *Isaiah 11:1-9; Numbers 16:20-35; Acts 28:23-31*

Wednesday, December 18: *Isaiah 11:1-9; Micah 4:8-13; Luke 7:31-35*

Thursday, December 19: *Psalm 80:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 10:10-18*

Friday, December 20: *Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 42:10-18; Hebrews 10:32-39*

Saturday, December 21: *Psalm 80:1-7; Isaiah 66:7-11; Luke 13:31-35*



Presiding over our worship this Sunday, December 15, will be Pastor Amme.

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.

Please contact the church office if you or a family member are in the hospital or are ill. Pastor Jeff LeCrone is available for visits or phone calls (*see contact information above.*) The office will also contact our prayer chain leaders so that your fellow church members may pray to help you be restored to wellness. *Prayer is a powerful healer!*



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



Soloists, instrumentalists or groups of people interested in playing an instrument or singing on Christmas Eve please contact Jared Gist at 570-447-7335. Thank you!

Pledge cards and Time & Talent forms will be accepted through December 29th.

The Library Corner



Children – **Christmas Night Fair and Bright** – Our heavenly Father sent us Christ to save us from the power of sin, death and the devil. This is the Good News and the only reason we celebrate Christmas. Without it we have only empty trimmings. Read His story and make the season come alive for the youngsters in your life. Found in the Christmas section of our library.

Adult – **Christmas Conversations with the Mother of Jesus – Unto Us is Born** – Here are 37 reflections(short) for the days of December and early January. In the form of imaginative dialogues with the Virgin Mary, Herbert Brokering explores fresh, inspiring truths about the birth of God’s Son and the timeless wonder of Christmas. A beautiful book for personal reflection. Found in the Christmas section.

White Gifts and Christmas Basket monetary donations are due this Sunday, December 15th. Please be sure to have your gifts wrapped in white paper and monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate or brought to the office. Please write “white gifts” or “Christmas baskets” in the memo on your checks. December 21st will be the pick-up day from 9-noon.



How you can help –you may contribute any of the following items: green beans, cream of mushroom soup, corn, canned pumpkin, canned sweet potatoes, turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, flour (5 lbs.), sugar (5lbs.) and turkey broth. Place your contributions in the blue container located in the Narthex by Friday, December 15.

White Gifts Wrapping – Help Needed! After we do the shopping for the wish items on the tags that were left on the tree, those gifts will need to be wrapped. *Anyone who is able to help with the wrapping is invited to join us on **Wednesday, December 18, at 9:30 a.m. in Shaheen Hall.*** There will be about 35-40 gifts needing wrapping. We always have a good time chatting, too ... hope to see you there!

Reminder: All gifts for which tags were taken are due in the Chapel by **December 15.**

Food Pantry – Most Needed Items this week: Jelly or marshmallow fluff; **canned** beans (NO DRY BEANS) - *garbanzo beans, black beans, white beans, pinto beans, kidney beans,* etc. – (NOT baked beans; we have enough of those); canned chicken (both large cans and small cans); hot cocoa (boxes or single packets).



*To my Messiah family and friends,
I would like to thank you for all the prayers and cards
that you have sent me. They are greatly appreciated.
Love, Gail O'Brien*



Sunday, December 22 immediately following worship we will be decorating the church. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Many hands make quick work. Please share your time and talents.



December 17 at 11:00 am WELCA will be having their Christmas Party at Ruth Doran's home, 77 Linvic Drive, Muncy. Please bring a dish to share and 2-3 white gifts. Soup, barbecue, beverages and table service will be provided.

The congregation council members will be installed Sunday, December 29, during worship. The members of council for 2025 are: Newly elected to council are Alfred "Al" Cole, Joanie Jackson and Ronald "Ron" Yeagle. Re-elected member is Anita Bair. Current members are Anita Bair, Cindy Bennett, Jimmy Gardner, Ann Marie Hohman, Rhonda Koch, Jody Fullmer, Craig Kropp.



"Christmas at the Organ" will be presented by the Williamsport Chapter, American Guild of Organists, Sunday, December 29 at 3:00 pm, here at Messiah.



Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the Advent KIM such a success. We had 27 youth and children participate. Without your help, opportunities like KIM would not be possible. Thank you all again. Kathryn Pratt



2024 CONGREGATION ELECTION RESULTS

Elected 2025 Congregation Council

Anita Bair
Alfred "Al" Cole
Joanie Jackson
Ronald "Ron" Yeagle

Elected 2025 Nominating Committee

Cindy Bennett
Gary Hutchinson
Lauren Russell
Carol Winter



All donations to be recorded in the 2024 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.

If you give to the church through **Simply Giving/Vanco/Automatic deduction**, after your December donation, you will need to update your pledge. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE This is for those members who are changing their amount of tithes or who would like to give to the church in this way. If you are keeping your pledge as is there is no need to contact us.

