



## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, December 22

9:30 am Worship/Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Decorating of the Church

### Monday, December 23

6:30 pm Property Committee

### Tuesday, December 24

6:30 pm Worship/Communion  
with Candle Lighting  
10:30 pm Worship/Communion  
with Candle Lighting

### Wednesday, December 25

### Thursday, December 26

**OFFICE CLOSED**

7:30 pm NA

### Friday, December 27

**OFFICE CLOSED**

### Saturday, December 28



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### *Christmas Schedule*

**December 22, 2024**

9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

10:30 a.m. - Decorating the church

**December 24, 2024**

7:00 p.m. – Worship with Communion and Candle Lighting

11:00 p.m. – Worship with Communion and Candle Lighting

Combined Choirs, Celebration Ringers,  
Soloists & Instrumentalists

*Musical preludes will begin approximately  
30 minutes before the start of service.*

**December 29, 2024**

9:30 a.m. – “Lessons and Carols” Worship Service

**December 22, 2024**

**Service Assistants**

**USHERS:** Charles Luppert, Larry and Donna Britton, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty, Larry Solomon; **LAY ASSISTANT:** Anita Bair; **COMM. ASSIST.:** Candy watkins  
**ACOLYTE:** Brennen Hess; **ALTAR GUILD:** Sue Shoemaker, Yvonne Kaiser  
**GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Howard and Jean Wilt  
**CANTOR:** David Bausinger; **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Arch Watkins

**Sunday, December 15:** Attendance: **132**; Offering: **\$6,205.38**; Capital Campaign: **\$40.00**

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Michelle Boyles birthday by her daughters Madilyn, Maisy and her family.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving and living memory of Susie, David, Annamary and George Hutchinson, by the Hutchinson and Nancarrow Families.

**December 24, 2024 - 7:00 pm**

**Service Assistants**

**USHERS:** Jody Fullmer, Carl Gee, Donna and Larry Britton, Diana Rooker;  
**LAY ASSISTANT:** David Bausinger; **COMM. ASSIST.:** Fred Harbaugh  
**ACOLYTE:** Doriann Morris; **ALTAR GUILD:** Alice Morrison  
**GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Jody Fullmer and Carl Gee  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Cindy Bennett

**December 24, 2024 – 11:00 pm**

**Service Assistants**

**USHERS:** Mike Larson, Al Cole,  
**LAY ASSISTANT:** Susan Bryan; **COMM. ASSIST.:** Mary Schultz  
**ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER:** Dylan Sherman  
**TORCHBEARERS:** Weston Sherman, Jordan Morris  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Alice Morrison  
**GREETERS/COMMUNION PRESENTERS:** Mike and Dianne Larson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Cindy Bennett

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Baby Jesus.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Peter L. Sinibaldi, Sr. and Lillian Sinibaldi, by their children and their families.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Karen Hockman Thomas by Linda Smith and Laurie, Matthew and Michael.

## Bible Readings

**Sunday, December 22:** *Micah 5:2-5a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55*

**Monday, December 23:** *Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 4:6-8; 2 Peter 1:16-21*

**Tuesday, December 24:** *Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20*

**Wednesday, December 25:** *Isaiah 62:6-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20*

**Thursday, December 26:** *Psalm 148; 2 Chronicles 24:17-24; Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60*

**Friday, December 27:** *Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24*

**Saturday, December 28:** *Psalm 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7*



**Presiding over our worship this Sunday, December 22 and on December 24** 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!*



***Pledge cards and Time & Talent forms will be accepted through December 29<sup>th</sup>.***

## The Library Corner



Children – **Fear Not, Joseph!** – Scripture offers little about the man who married Mary and reared Jesus, but Joseph was key to God's promise to send a Savior. This book is an attempt to "fill in the blanks" of what the experience may have resembled for Joseph and his wife. Found in the Christmas section.

Adult – **Making Room for Christmas – Preparing a Place for the Christ Child** – These brief readings join Mary and Joseph in their search for lodging at a different home each day: a house of memories, a house of silence, a nursing home, army barracks, an intensive care unit, an airport. In dramatic dialogues between the Holy Family and persons whose homes they approach, the author also asks readers: "Is there room here—in your home, in your heart---for Jesus to be born?" A beautiful book found in the Christmas section.



To Our Messiah church family,  
Thank you for the prayers and cards for Don and our family. Also thank you to the preschool for the Christmas craft and card.

With much love, Shirley and Don Fullmer



Thank you to our Messiah family for always making us feel like part of the congregation even though our health problems make us unable to be there. From the beautiful flowers, cards and continued prayers. We wish everyone a happy holiday as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

George and Holly McKay

**Thanks for all who came to the Christmas dinner** on Sunday after worship. Dave Bausinger made our delicious ham dinner with all the fixings and his helpers did a great job with the clean up after dinner. We started with the women's choir singing. After our meal we all enjoyed playing games.

**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, Sylvia McCarty, Mary Schultz, Jimmy Gardner, Ann Marie Hohman, Rhonda Koch, Jody Fullmer and Craig Kropp.



**PLEASE NOTE:** No Messenger will be printed/sent on Wednesday, January 1. *Please have any announcements for December 25 through January 5 to the office by Monday December 23. Thank you.*

**OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS**

**CLOSED** – Christmas Day – **thru** - New Year's Day, January 1, 2025

**Normal office hours** will resume – Thursday, January 2

9:00 am-3:00 pm





**Sunday, December 22** immediately following worship we will be decorating the church. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

**Sunday, January 5** immediately following worship we will be undecorating the church.

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

**Volunteers needed.** We need 6 readers for the Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 29. If you would be interested in reading one of the lessons, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. *Thank you.*



**Food Pantry Needs:** With the holidays quickly approaching and the year nearing an end, money is especially tight for the families who rely on us for food. We are completely out of the following items: Jelly or marshmallow fluff; hot cocoa (a special treat on these frosty mornings!); and dessert mixes such as brownie or cake mixes. Also needed: canned chicken; peanut butter; canned diced tomatoes; and canned beans - *garbanzo beans, black beans, white beans, pinto beans, kidney beans*, etc. - (NOT baked beans; we have enough of those).

***Thank you to all who have donated in recent weeks ... you've been a blessing!***

**"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.

**All donations** to be recorded in the 2024 Calendar Year, must be received in the office by **December 29<sup>th</sup>**. Any donations received after **December 29<sup>th</sup>** will be recorded in the new year, 2025. 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.

