



## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, January 19

9:30 am Worship/Communion

9:30 am Sunday School

### Monday, January 20

6:00 pm Sit Happens

### Tuesday, January 21

### Wednesday, January 22

6:30 pm Bible Study

### Thursday, January 23

1:00 pm Backpacks Packing

7:00 pm Choir

7:30 pm NA

### Friday, January 24

### Saturday, January 25



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**CHURCH COUNCIL**



**CURRENT LEADERSHIP AT MESSIAH**

**The following persons were elected as officers of the council:**

- President ..... Jody Fullmer
- Vice President ..... Mary Schultz
- Secretary ..... Jimmy Gardner
- Assistant Secretary ..... Anita Bair
- Treasurer ..... Craig Kropp
- Assistant Treasurer ..... Joanie Jackson

**Serving on the body of the council are:** Al Cole, AnnMarie Hohman, Rhonda Koch, Sylvia McCarty and Ron Yeagle.

**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 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am – Noon**

January 19, 2025	Service Assistants
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Al Cole, Sally Congdon, Kim Brofee
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Georgette Copp
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Mary Schultz
<b>Acolyte/Crucifer</b>	Jordan Morris
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jody Fullmer, Jeannie Bower
<b>Greeters/Presenters</b>	Jean Weaver, Paul Weaver
<b>Cantor</b>	Bob Schweppenheiser
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Charles Luppert



**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.

**January 12, 2025: Attendance: 83; Offering: \$3,182.38; Capital Campaign: \$10.00**

**IN BLESSED MEMORY**

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

**Bible Readings**

- Sunday, January 19:** *Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11*
- Monday, January 20:** *Psalm 145; Isaiah 54:1-8; Romans 12:9-21*
- Tuesday, January 21:** *Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-17*
- Wednesday, January 22:** *Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1; Luke 5:33-39*
- Thursday, January 23:** *Psalm 19; Isaiah 61:1-7; Romans 7:1-6*
- Friday, January 24:** *Psalm 19; Nehemiah 2:1-10; Romans 12:1-8*
- Saturday, January 25:** *Psalm 19; Nehemiah 5:1-13; Luke 2:39-52*

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

**Food Pantry Needs this week:** Canned fruit – peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple, mandarin oranges, applesauce.

**Eucharistic Ministers** will be sent out this Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please let the office know if you are not available. If anyone is homebound, can't get to church and would like to receive Communion please notify the church office at 570-326-9171.

**Wanted: Cookie Tins!** Wondering what to do with those tins that were gifted to you for Christmas now that all the cookies have been devoured? Re-gift them! Cookie tins may be placed in the Food Pantry bin in the elevator alcove over the next few weeks. We will use them to package the home-made cookies we send out with the food baskets next Christmas.



## **The Library Corner – Highlighted Books**



Children - **Maybe God is like that too** - When a young boy wonders where to find God in his city, his grandma reminds him that he just needs to know where to look. It turns out God's spirit is at work all around him. Found in the Children's section.

Adult - **The Applause of Heaven** - Certain things about God are easy to imagine. I can picture him creating the world and suspending the stars. I can fathom a God who knows me, who made me, and I can even fathom a God who hears me. But a God who is in love with me? A God who is crazy for me? A God who cheers for me? That's hard to imagine. But that's the message of the Bible. And that is the message of this book from Max Lucado in the Max Lucado section.

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**Bible Study and Fellowship** will begin on Wednesday, January 15. *All are Welcome!*



Mountie  
Backpack Program

**The Mountie Backpack Program continues into the Spring Semester to make sure no child goes hungry.** We are in need of volunteers to take a turn to deliver the food bags on each Friday by 11 a.m. to Central Elementary School. We are now scheduling for January through May, 2025. To schedule a Friday please contact Connie McLaughlin, 570-326-3618, or Mary Schultz, 570-772-8021. We pack the food bags in Shaheen Hall on Thursday afternoons (starting between 12:30-1:00 p.m.) if you would like to come join us.

*Thank you in advance.*



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**Daniel's Closet at Redeemer – Saturday, January 25, 8:30-11 a.m.**

Daniel's Closet is a ministry of Redeemer Lutheran Church on Washington Boulevard to provide free clothing to anyone who has a need, regardless of income. ***All are welcome to come and "shop" the closet*** ... all they ask is that you take only what you need personally or can share with a friend.

**Donations are accepted** at Messiah in the blue bin in the alcove by the Chapel. **Daniel's Closet is especially in need this month of ...**

- **coats** for everyone ... *all sizes!*
- **men's clothing** in all sizes but *especially small and medium*
- We are in **desperate need** of **children's clothing ... for boys, girls, and babies.**
- People are always looking for **shoes.**
- We need **hats and gloves for the blessing hedges**, *especially hats for men and boys as well as gloves for everyone.*

You may also drop off donations at Redeemer on Thursday, January 23, from 4-6 p.m.

**Looking for a way to serve while making friends with fellow Christians in our community?**

Help is always needed to sort the clothing. Sorting will take place at Redeemer on January 23 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. **and** every Wednesday morning from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

***Our friends at Redeemer thank you for your support. 😊***

