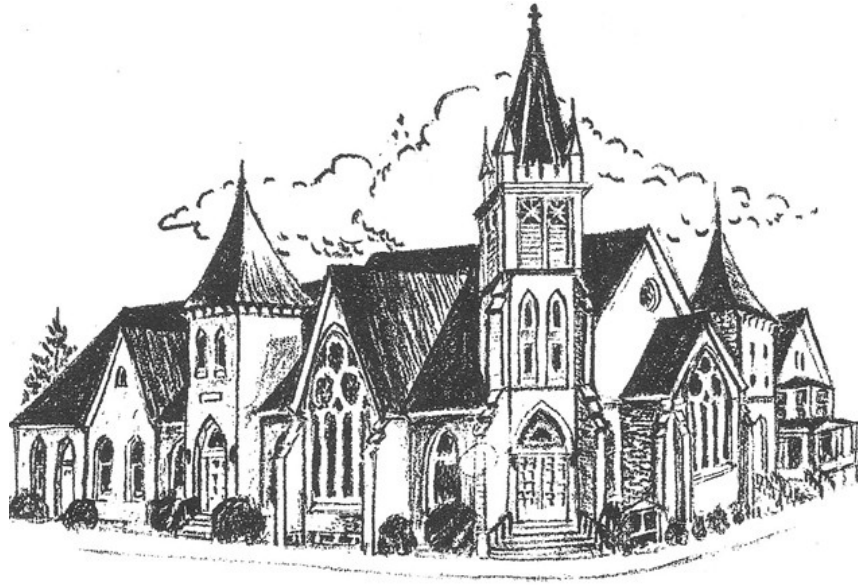


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**MARCH, 2013**

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# The Messiah Herald



**March 2013**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thinking of our Lenten journey I remembered this coverletter from two years ago and thought it worthy of repeating as we all make our way through life.

As we travel our Lenten journey together and are in the midst of considering our calling as baptized Christians and our purpose in life we must allow scripture and the Word of God to address and define our lives. We are confronting the question, “What is it that God has created you for and called you to be?” “What is God’s purpose for your life?”

If we listen to the world it is easy to find numerous definitions of who we are and what our purpose is in life. Defining ourselves by the modern American vision of success our purpose is to be successful in business, to gain economic independence, to have an ability to execute responsibilities and manage work for ourselves and others, and to avoid hearing those words at the end of every episode of *The Apprentice*, “You’re fired.”

Or we might define our purpose in terms of family and our family relationships; being a good spouse, a good parent, a good child, etc. Defining who we are and our purpose by our internal visions of what is right and good in each of those roles. In doing that fulfilling our purpose successfully can still be confused and distorted by measuring our success by our children’s success or our parents success or whoever. And worse, our failure by our inability to protect absolutely all our loved ones from disease, tragedy, or struggle. And in placing our purpose and measure of success and failure in these things we again become contorted and distorted from God’s vision and purpose for our lives and we struggle with pride and/or fear, sin and/or suffering.

Turning to scripture, to the Word of God in Jesus Christ revealed in the Bible we can find God’s vision for human life, for my life, for your life. Doing that we find ourselves empowered to confidently pursue all of our relationships in proper balance. Family becomes a responsibility and a gift from God but it is not the purpose of life in itself. Work becomes a gift from God but it is not an end in itself and does not define us.

Turning to the Word of God we find ourselves defined by lives called to be lived in unity with Christ. Lives filled with his grace and purpose handed on to us. “John 17:19 *For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.* 20 *My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,* 21 *that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* 22 *I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one:* 23 *I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*” Our purpose is to live in unity with Christ and to fulfill God’s love in the world.

Living in unity with Christ has a lot of implications for daily living; living in and among our family, living professionally in our workplace, living in the world but not of it. Allowing the Bible and the living Word of God in Jesus Christ to define our lives and our purpose restores relationships and labor to their proper places, gifts from God to be used and shared but things that cannot completely or ultimately define us. Rather we with God’s grace and through God’s Word define them.

As we move forward this Lent let us hear God’s Word and may it define us and give us purpose so that we can live with confidence, courage, and conviction as Christians.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Bill*

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## DAILY HOME BIBLE READINGS

March	1: Psalm 63:1-8
March	2: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
March	3: Luke 13:1-9
March	4: Jeremiah 11:1-7
March	5: Joshua 4:1-13
March	6: Joshua 4:14-24
March	7: Joshua 5:9-12
March	8: Psalm 32
March	9: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
March	10: Luke 15:1-32
March	11: Revelation 19:1-8
March	12: Philippians 2:19-24
March	13: Philippians 2:25—3:1
March	14: Isaiah 43:16-21
March	15: Psalm 126
March	16: Philippians 3:4b-14
March	17: John 12:1-8
March	18: Luke 18:31-34
March	19: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
March	20: Hebrews 2:1-9
March	21: Isaiah 50:4-9a
March	22: Psalm 31:19-16
March	23: Philippians 2:5-11
March	24: Luke 22:14—23:56
March	25: Luke 1:26-38
March	26: Hebrews 9:11-15
March	27: Hebrews 12:1-3
March	28: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
March	29: John 18:1—19:42
March	30: Matthew 27:57-66
March	31: Luke 24:1-12



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests will be placed in the weekly bulletin for one month.

If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for more than one month, please call the church office.

**DIAL-A-PRAYER (436-2100) IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS DAILY!**

## MARCH SCHEDULES

### LECTORS

3: Andrea Cameron  
10: Bob St. Clair  
17: Barb S. Geedey  
24: Diana Wise  
31: Cynthia Smith

### ALTAR GUILD

Feb. 25—Mar. 3 Linda Clark  
Mar. 4—Mar. 10 Christie Holderman  
Mar. 11—Mar. 17 Barbara S. Geedey  
Mar. 18—Mar. 31 Diana Wise  
(cup communion – Clint & Jamie Miller)

### ALTAR FLOWERS

3: NO FLOWERS - LENT  
10: NO FLOWERS - LENT  
17: NO FLOWERS - LENT  
24: In memory of Angie Stayer & Chris Nanna  
31: OPEN



We are challenged to make 25 more quilts this year for the Mission Quilt Campaign. LWR hopes to collect 500,000 mission quilts by December 2013. Dark colors are preferred because they don't show the dirt! Lutherans can answer God's call to love and serve all those in need by making more QUILTS.

Personal Care Kits are our project for the beginning of 2013. Needed for the project are the following items:

- dark colored bath towels approximately (52 x 27)
- adult toothbrushes (can be large packages of more than 1)
- sturdy combs with wide teeth

Please donate as many items as you are able. You can share God's grace and love by providing simple comfort.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area.

**REMINDER:** Women of the ELCA continuously collect new bath-size bars of soap (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Sunday School Room.

## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED**

Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June, 2013 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

## **LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLES**

Lutheran Study Bibles by Augsburg Fortress are available in the church office for anyone who would like one.

Cost is \$24.00 each.

## **THRIVENT FINANCIAL**

The Juniata County Chapter of Thrivent Financial is looking forward to another exciting and busy year. Please keep our activities and co-sponsored events on your calendars so you can help support our community.

Our chapter has co-sponsored many fundraisers throughout the years with our "Care Abounds in Communities Program" and we have assisted numerous groups with financial help as well as physical assistance.

The following chapter members are on the current 2013 leadership board.

- President – Esther Bratton (436-8856)
- Vice President – Robert Spade
- Records Director – Cathy Leach
- Financial Director – Sandy Westover
- Director of Congregational Advocates – Sam Leister
- Events Director – Deb Cramer
- Financial Representative – Peter Krum (814-364-9539)

If you have any questions about Thrivent, you can go online at [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) and check out the many benefits of being a Thrivent member.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mifflintown beginning at 6:00 p.m.

## **MEALS-ON-WHEELS**

Volunteer drivers and cooks are needed and people to help assemble meals.

If you have some spare time and can help, please call Dottie Heck at 436-6002 or 717-348-1950 (cell).

Individuals, church groups, or Sunday School classes who would like to make a contribution to the Meals-On-Wheels program, your continued support would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be sent to:

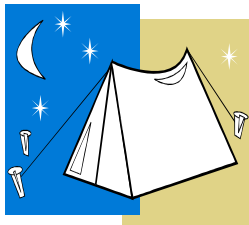
Juniata Meals-On-Wheels  
P.O. Box 251  
Mifflintown, PA 17059



## **EASTER LILIES**

Easter Lilies to decorate the church on Easter Sunday, may be placed in memory or in honor of someone or to the Glory of God.

Cost will be \$10.00 for a plant with 4 to 6 blooms. You may call the church office at 436-6213 to place your order.



## **CAMPING BROCHURES**

The 2013 camping brochures and registration forms for Camp Mt. Luther are available in the church office or online at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org) (please note that if you register online, you still need to get a health form signed by a doctor).

Any young people planning to attend one of the church camps this summer are asked to get their registrations in before April 1<sup>st</sup> for the early discount.



## **2013 LENTEN FISH DINNERS**

Lenten Fish Dinners (all-you-can-eat) will be held every Friday beginning February 8<sup>th</sup> until March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude's Catholic Church, Mifflintown.

Cost will be \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids 6—12 years old, and kids 5 and under FREE. Sponsored by St. Jude's Knights of Columbus.

## **ALTAR GUILD**

The new Altar Guild schedule for July, 2013 through June, 2014 will be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

We are currently in need of more people to serve on Altar Guild, as a few of our long-serving members have asked to have their names removed from the list. If you would like to serve, please either call the church office or contact Bob St. Clair.

All Altar Guild members will be sent a copy of the annual schedule in June. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve!

## **PREVENTION HEALTH SCREENINGS**

Start out 2013 on the road to good health! – As seen on NBC's "The Biggest Loser" there is a way to tell how "old" your arteries are and if you are at risk for a stroke or heart disease.

The Prevention Health Screenings group has the ability to tell you this by offering a quick, painless, non-invasive health test. On Saturday, March 2, 2013

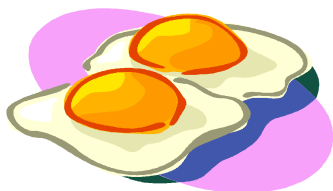
beginning at 9:00 a.m. you and community members are invited to participate in the available health screenings at Messiah Lutheran Church. Along with heart disease screening, there will be 7 other tests you can choose from. The costs vary depending on how many screenings you have done.

You must have an appointment and appointments are first-come-first-served—so register early. Call 1-800-257-3516 or go to [www.preventionhealth.org](http://www.preventionhealth.org) for more information.



**2013 PORT ROYAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKERS**  
7:00 A.M. – PORT ROYAL COMMUNITY BUILDING

- March 2 Rev. Arthur Mott, Nimonds Independent Church
- March 9 Rev. Gary Krabill, Living Water Church
- March 16 Rev. Casey Hostler, Heaven Bound Church
- March 23 Ast. Pastor Phil Persing, First Baptist Church
- March 30 Rev. Ken Kitzmiller, Port Royal United Methodist Church



**2013 MIFFLINTOWN MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST SPEAKERS**  
7:00 A.M. – JP Pancake House

- March 2 Harold Oberholtzer
- March 9 James Wooster
- March 16 Edd Carlson
- March 23 Brent Stoner
- March 30 Charlie Stump



**2013 WOMEN'S LENTEN TEAS**

The Women's Community Lenten Teas will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 13, 2013. This year's study will be from the book "Give Up Something BAD for Lent!" by author, James Moore who challenges us to give up something we are better off not doing. He invites us to seek God's help to focus on eliminating one habit or attitude that is destructive.

Fellowship time is 9:30 a.m. followed by the program at 10:00 a.m. Locations are listed below:

- March 6, Westminster Presbyterian Church
- March 13, Trinity Methodist Church
- March 20, Aldersgate Methodist Church



**2013 TWIN-BORO MINISTERIUM LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Lent 4** (7:00 p.m.)  
March 6<sup>th</sup> - St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. Preacher, Pastor William Esborn. Theme: By Faith: Moses.

**Lent 5** (7:00 p.m.)  
March 13<sup>th</sup> - Trinity United Methodist Church. Preacher, Pastor Chris Mathiason. Theme: By Faith: The Israelites.

**Lent 6** (7:00 p.m.)

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Preacher, Pastor Gay Irwin. Theme: By Faith: Jesus Our Perfector.

**Maundy Thursday** (7:00 p.m.)

March 28<sup>th</sup> - St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. Preacher, Pastor Martha Carlson. Theme: Maundy Thursday.

**Good Friday** (12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.)

March 29<sup>th</sup> - Westminster United Presbyterian Church. Seven Last Words.

**Welcome and Opening**, 12:00 p.m. Pastor Martha Carlson.

**Father Forgive them**, 12:05 – 12:30 p.m. Pastor Gay Irwin.

**My God, My God**, 12:30 – 12:55 p.m. Pastor Chris Mathiason.

**Today you will be**, 12:55 – 1:20 p.m. Pastor James Wooster.

**Mother, Behold thy Son**, 1:20 – 1:45 p.m. Pastor Anna Ritter.

**I thirst**, 1:45 – 2:10 p.m. Pastor William Esborn.

**It is finished**, 2:10 – 2:35 p.m. Pastor Edd Carlson.

**Into thy hands**, 2:35 – 3:00 p.m. Pastor Martha Carlson.

**Closing and Sending**, 3:00 p.m. Pastor Martha Carlson.

**Easter Sunrise** (6:30 a.m.)

March 31<sup>st</sup> - Messiah Lutheran Church. Preacher, Pastor Gay Irwin.

## **BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT**



The eighth annual Bishop's Open Golf Tournament is set for Monday, May 13, 2013 at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club (rain or shine), Routes 11 & 15, Hummel's Wharf, PA.

Camp Mount Luther holds this event to have fun and raise funds to better our youth in a faith-based camping program. The event features:

- A Four Person Scramble with Three Flights.
- Prizes for flights, hole in one winners, closest to pin, longest drive, straightest drive, team that has most fun, and Bishop's Cup.
- A free putting contest, mulligans, and forward tees.
- A celebration for the camp's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

The camp's golf tournament committee is currently looking for hole sponsors, door prize sponsors, silent auction items, and golfers. If you can help, please contact the camp office at 570-922-1587. Registration forms are available on the camp's website at [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org) and then go to [newsitems/2013 Golf Classic.pdf](#).

## Juniata County Food Pantry March Update

In January 2013, the Food Pantry served 326 families in need – a total of 972 individuals. Many thanks to our faithful churches who supported us with donations of food, supplies and money in January.

The Lord has been answering prayers at the Food Pantry! In 2012 our mortgage was paid off. Just recently all the components to build a walk-in freezer and cooler have been donated to the Food Pantry. Now we can take advantage of large perishable donations like meat and produce that we weren't able to store before. This will save us a great deal in purchase costs as well as providing healthier food choices for our customers in need. In order to install the freezer and cooler, we will have to do some remodeling and construction. Sometime in the near future we are also facing major upgrades in our electrical system and replacement of our elderly heating/cooling unit. We are continuing our Capital Campaign to help cover these costs as well as continued maintenance on our building. If you would like to contribute to the future of the Food Pantry by supporting our Capital Campaign, please see the donation form below.

**\*REMEMBER, OUR VESTIBULE (LOCATED ON THE RAMP SIDE OF THE BUILDING )  
IS OPEN TO RECEIVE DONATIONS ANY HOUR, ANY DAY!  
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**HOURS: MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY, 2:00 – 6:00 PM AND SATURDAY, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.  
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**\*PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE JUNIATACOUNTY FOOD PANTRY, P.O. BOX 44, 114 N. MAIN ST.,  
MIFFLINTOWN, PA 17059. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 436-9718 (CONTACT PERSON: KATHY QUEITZSCH).  
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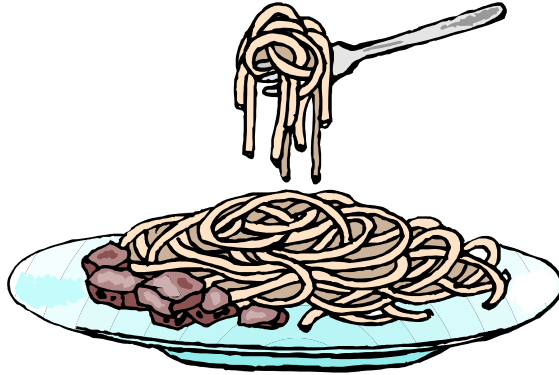
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### Who we serve

We provide services to people of all ages in the Centre, Mifflin and Juniata County Area.

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