

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 27, 2011 – 10:30 a.m.

\*Please Stand as **YOU** Are Able

### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER TODAY

Marian G., Reba S., Sue C., Flo B., Ethel B., Virginia F., Cathryn R., Goldie K., Jean M., Cassie S., Ruth C., Ray B., Anna Mary Z., Paul W., Bob C., Linda R., Connor L., George and Mary Lorraine H., Laurie F., Mason B., Beth S., Denny K., Robert W., Mark K., Michelle S., Kaye C., Stephanie M., Jesse K., Matt H., and Jim Y. and family.

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP  
MEDITATION AND PRAYER  
PRELUDE

*[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
INTRODUCTION

*Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.*

### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who shapes the whole creation, who comes with might and mercy, who fills the hungry with good things.*

**C Amen**

*P Let us approach the throne of grace with repentant hearts.*

*Silence is kept for reflection*

*P Faithful God,*

**C we confess that we have been unfaithful to you. Like dry leaves and withered**

**grass, our lives are blown about by our sins and the powers of evil around us. Restore us, O God; let the light of your face shine on us, and we shall be saved. Amen**

*P God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I bring you this good news: You are free from all that imprisons you; your sins are forgiven; God heals your broken hearts. Live in peace and harmony as you wait for the day of God.*

**C Amen**

**\* BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.*

**C Amen**

**GATHERING**

**\* ENTRANCE HYMN** "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" p. 15 in bulletin

**\* GREETING**

*P Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the promised gifts of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

**C And also with you.**

**\* KYRIE**

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.* **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*P Christ, have mercy upon us.* **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.* **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

"It Came upon the Midnight Clear" (vs. 1)

It came up – on the mid – night clear, that glo – rious song of old,  
from an – gels bend – ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all gra – cious king."  
The world in sol – emn still-ness lay to hear the an – gels sing.

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.* **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*P Christ, have mercy upon us.* **C Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*P Lord, have mercy upon us.* **C Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**\* SALUTATION AND RESPONSE (sung)**

*P The Lord be with you*

**C And al-so with you.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (spoken in unison)

*P Let us pray...*

**C Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**WORD**

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40-55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-9

The First Lesson is from the 64<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

THE LESSON READS:

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence — <sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

*L – Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)*

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

**<sup>2</sup>In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh, stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore | us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**<sup>4</sup>O LORD | God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the | bread of tears; you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made us the derision | of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O | God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**17Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand, the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn a- | way from you; give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

**19Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R**

**All – Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The Second Lesson is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

THE LESSON READS:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

**Cong: Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

PLACING THE CRECHE FIGURES

\* THE VERSE “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vs. 1)

O come, O come, Em – man – u – el, and ran – som cap – tive Is – ra – el,  
that mourns in lone – ly ex – ile here un – til the Son of God ap – pear.

Refrain

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em – man – u – el shall come to you, O Is – ra – el.

*In today's reading, Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

\* GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

*P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C Glo - ry to you, O Lord. (sung)**

THE GOSPEL READS:

<sup>24</sup>But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

*P The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)**

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

p. 16 in bulletin

\* APOSTLES' CREED (all)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*P Walking in the light of the coming Savior, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await God's justice.*

*A brief silence.*

*P Like a potter working clay, shape and mold our church leaders into vessels fit to serve your people and the world according to your purpose. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Awaken us to the majesty and beauty of your creation—sun, moon, stars, and all living things—and teach us to be good stewards of these gifts. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Stir up your might and bring justice to all lands (especially). Where there is war, bring peace; where there is ethnic strife, bring reconciliation; where there is hunger, provide food; and where there is oppression, bring freedom. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Give ear and hear the cries of all in need: those who mourn, those without hope, those who live in fear, those who are sick (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], and Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, Linda Rhine, Connor Lauver, George Sr. and Mary Lorraine Hazard and family, Laurie Funk, Mason Beward, Beth Smith, Denny King, Robert Watkins, Mark Krobath, Michelle Stoner, Kaye Clark, Stephanie Minnick, Jesse Kint, Matt Hutchinson, and Jim Yetter and family). We remember all those who have died and suffered from the effects of AIDS and pray that you bring an end to the suffering and a cure for the disease. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Guide us as a shepherd throughout this Advent season; turn us away from the temptations of consumerism and lead us to see and respond to the needs of those in our community. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*P Sustain us by your grace, just as you sustained the saints who called on your name and whose lives gave witness to you. Hear us, O God.*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

\* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

*P The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**C And also with you.**

Congregational sharing: **"Peace be with you."**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*[Please pass the Friendship Pad down your pew for all to sign and then back to the center aisle so everyone has the opportunity to read the names. We request that our guests also give us their home address. Thank you].*

ANTHEM

Choir

\* SUNG OFFERTORY "Let All Together Praise Our God" (revised wording)

**Let all to – geth – er praise our God Be – fore his glo – rious throne;**

**For he will o – pen heav'n a – bove To give us his own Son, To give us his own Son.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

*P God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

## MEAL

### \* ADVENT DIALOG

*P We have come with great expectation to meet the coming Messiah.*

**C All creation waits with longing for the Son of God.**

*P As John the Baptist cried in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord."*

**C We prepare a place in our hearts and in the world for his coming.**

*P O come to us, Emmanuel!*

**C God, be with us and save us from our sins.**

### \* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*P Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

**C Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### \* THE LORD'S PRAYER ['trespasses'] (all)

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P Come to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper.*

DISTRIBUTION

*["INTINCTION" – dip your wafer in the wine. Come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. All who wish to stand at the chancel rail after partaking for a time of silent meditation are invited to do so].*

\* COMMUNION BLESSING

*P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C Amen**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*P Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**C Amen**

**SENDING**

\* BLESSING

*P God most high, God with us, God poured out on us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*

**C A-men, A-men, A-men (sung)**

\* CLOSING HYMN

"The King Shall Come"

p. 17 in bulletin

\* DISMISSAL

*P Go in peace. Remember the poor.*

**C Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Andrea Cameron

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Linda Clark

**WELCOME**

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the blue portfolios placed on top of the sound control system. In addition, headsets are available in the narthex for our sound enhancement system for the hearing impaired.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME to worship at Messiah. We invite you to register your visit not only in the Friendship Pads, but also in the guest book provided in the narthex. If you are seeking a church home, please speak to the pastor. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Thank you for worshiping with us. We invite you to return. Visitors are invited to commune with us if they are baptized and, if with us in our faith, they trust Jesus' promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ.



WE INVITE EVERYONE (members and visitors) worshipping with us today to sign the Friendship Pads during the Organ Offertory. If you are a visitor, please be sure to include your address when signing. Please also place a check mark in the box (beside your name) if you are communing today and have not as yet given us a record of your participation in the sacrament during this quarter. (A new quarter begins in January, April, July, and October). The pads are found on the aisle seat of each pew in the nave, and in each section of the Adult Sunday School Room.

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.

THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN IS THURSDAY NOON.

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

ALTAR FLOWERS are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of Joyce and Mickey Yetter by Jim Yetter and family.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Jim Yetter and family on the death of his brother, John Yetter, Jr., who died on November 20, 2011 in Mechanicsburg. Please keep Jim and family in your prayers.

JUST A THOUGHT – Thomas a' Kempis (1380 – 1471), Priest, Monk, and Writer: "Each part of the scripture is to be read with the same spirit wherewith it was written."

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

CHURCH ORGANIST for weekly services, beginning immediately, at Messiah Lutheran Church, 3 South Third Street, Mifflintown, PA. Allen Digital Electric Organ and Kurzweil Electronic Keyboard. Candidates should contact Ed Beaver at [ebeaver41@yahoo.com](mailto:ebeaver41@yahoo.com) or at 436-9382 for information, including salary. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at [www.mlcmifflintown.org](http://www.mlcmifflintown.org).

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June, 2012 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. If you are interested in serving, please contact the pastor or the church office.

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year, now through December, for the "can tree" in the Adult Sunday School Room to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able. Cans will be delivered to Bethesda Mission later in December.

THE 2012 FLOWER CHART will be in the Adult Sunday School Room by the end of December. If you wish to place altar flowers in the church on a specific date, please sign-up on the chart. Flower dates are on a first-come-first-served basis.

THE CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE in your packet, plus the loose plate offering at the Christmas Eve Service goes to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help needy people and situations throughout the year. Please be as generous as you can.

THE 2012 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available in the Adult Sunday School Room for you to pick-up later in December. Anyone who would like a statement of their contributions for 2011 for tax purposes may call the church office and your statement will be mailed to you.

AGAIN THIS YEAR, the congregation is collecting a monetary Christmas gift for the pastor. If you wish to contribute, you may do so during Advent or Christmas Eve by putting your gift in the special box in the Adult Sunday School Room, or in the offering plate (designated "Pastor's Christmas Gift"), or to the church office any weekday. (Please make checks payable to the pastor).

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, November 20, 2011: \$20.00. This brings the total received to \$63,302.00 of the total \$85,890.00 needed for the project.

POINSETTIAS to decorate the church for Christmas may be placed in honor or in memory of someone, or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$8.00 for a 6-1/2" plant with 3 to 4 blooms. You may order by calling the church office at 436-6213.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**November 27**, Light lunch after worship service in Fellowship Hall prepared by the Fellowship Committee. Those attending are asked to bring 1-2 doz. Cookies. Decorating of the church following lunch.

**December 3**, Fellowship Hall reserved (afternoon & evening) for Civil War re-enactors fashion show.

**December 4**, Hanging of the Greens Service at 10:30 a.m.

**December 6**, "The Needlers" Christmas Luncheon.

**December 7**, Showers Class Christmas Banquet at Turbett Grange Hall at 6 p.m. Bring item for Juniata County Food Pantry.

**December 8**, WELCA Christmas Festival at 7 p.m. in the Youth Area.

**December 18**, Children's Sunday School Christmas Program at 9:15 a.m. Fellowship Committee will provide cookies and beverage.

**December 18**, Christmas Cantata at 2 p.m. at Juniata High School.

**December 24**, 7 p.m., Family/Youth Service; 9:30 p.m., Prelude Concert with Louis Lynch; 10 p.m. Candlelight/ Communion Service.

**January 7**, Undecorating the church (morning)

## **WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

MESSIAH 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.

Christmas Angel Project – Messiah Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring 2 families this year for the Christmas Angel Project. A poster with the information is on the bulletin board in the kitchenette. Gifts are to be wrapped, labeled with the children's name and family number, and returned to the Sunday School Room by December 4, 2011.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, December 8, 2011 for their "Christmas Festival" at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area. Everyone is asked to bring a reading to share and a "goodie" for the refreshment table.

## **COMMUNITY**

COMMUNITY CHORUS REHEARSALS will be held on the following dates from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Juniata High School music room. *(Even if you cannot attend all of the rehearsals, please don't hesitate to join the Group).*

Monday, December 5  
Tuesday, December 13

This year's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Cantata performance "Dawn of Redeeming Grace" will be held **Sunday, December 18, 2011** at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Juniata High School.

THE JUNIATA COUNTY BRANCH OF THE SALVATION ARMY needs bell ringers for the holiday season. Individuals, Sunday School classes, or youth groups who are willing to help may call Sylvia Kepner at 527-2386.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be holding the following local blood drives:

Thursday, December 1, 2011 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm St. John's United Methodist Church McAlisterville, PA	Wednesday, January 11, 2012 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm Port Royal Community Building Port Royal, PA
Friday, December 30, 2011 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm Fayette Area Lions Den McAlisterville, PA	Saturday, January 14, 2012 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Tuscarora Elementary School Port Royal, PA

The need for blood never diminishes because blood is a perishable medicine. Individuals who are in general good health, are age 17 or older and weigh at least 110 pounds are eligible to donate every 56 days. Individuals should bring their Red Cross donor cards, photo ID or two other forms of identification to the donor site. To schedule an appointment call 1-800 Red Cross.

## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -First Sunday of Advent.  
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.  
-11:30 a.m., Lunch in Fellowship Hall followed by church decorating.
- Monday:** -8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.  
-7 p.m., Community chorus rehearsal at Juniata High School.
- Wednesday:** -7 p.m., Choir rehearsal
- Thursday:** -1 p.m., Dulcimer rehearsal in Fellowship Hall.  
-7 p.m., Thrivent meeting in Library.
- Friday:** -7 p.m., Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday:** -3 p.m., Civil War re-enactors fashion show in Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday:** -9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.  
-10:30 a.m., Hanging of the Greens Service.