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REFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE OF THE WORD FOR HEALING October 30, 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., Conner L., George and Mary Lorraine H., Laurie F., Christy H., Mason B., Beth S., Denny K., Dorothy P., Thea B., Robert W., Sis S., Mark K., and the family of Oscar S.

PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP
MEDITATION AND PRAYER
PRELUDE

[A Time for Meditation and Prayer]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTRODUCTION

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives our sin, heals every illness, saves us from death, enfolds us with tender care, and crowns us with steadfast love.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P God of abundant mercy,

C we confess that we are more ready to be forgiven than to forgive others. We hold too closely your gifts to us. We trample your vineyard, our good earth. Have mercy, O God; turn us again to you and toward others; and grant that we may live for you and die in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

P God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of + Christ Jesus, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. The Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another.

C Amen

GATHERING

* ENTRANCE HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" p. 17 in bulletin

* GREETING

P Grace and peace from our God and Father, hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

* KYRIE (sung)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer-cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men

* HYMN OF PRAISE (sung)

1--4 – Cantor

C - All

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu – ia, al-le-lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia.

1 Wor – thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo – ple of God.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our god. Al-le-lu – ia, al-le-lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia.

2 Pow – er, rich – es, wis – dom, and strength, and hon – or, bless – ing, and glo – ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu – ia, al-le-lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia.

3 Sing with all the peo – ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre – a – tion: Bless – ing, hon – or, glo – ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for – ev – er. A – men.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu – ia, al-le-lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia.

4 For the Lamb who was slain has be – gun his reign. Al – le – lu – ia.

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu – ia, al-le-lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia.

* 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 Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The First Lesson is from the 31st chapter of Jeremiah.

THE LESSON READS:

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

Ps. – Intoned by Cantor

R – Sung by congregation

A might – y for-tress is our God, a sword and shield vic – to – rious;

God is our ref- luge and strength, a very present l help in trouble.

2Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;

³though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

4There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God, the holy habitation of | the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.

6The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

8Come now, regard the works | of the LORD, what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.

10"Be still, then, and know that | I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us; the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and the other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Romans.

THE LESSON READS:

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

- * THE VERSE (sung)
**Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.
Al-le-lu—ia. Al-le-lu—ia.**

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

- * GOSPEL: John 8:31-36
P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.
C Glo - ry to you, O Lord. (sung)

THE GOSPEL READS:

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ. (sung)

SERMON

Pastor Esborn

- * HYMN OF THE DAY "Blessed Assurance" p. 18 in bulletin
- * NICENE CREED (all)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P In grateful response to God's endless bounty of grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

P Wisdom of God, inspire your church to continue in your word. Where it is in error, purify it. Where it is true, sustain it. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All of creation is a gift, O God, worthy of our wonder and deserving of our care. Inspire in us the desire to care for this gift, so that future generations might also revel in the beauty of this world. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God, you are in the midst of our cities and towns, our nations and our communities. Let your justice reign in all these places, so that through them we might catch a glimpse of the coming City of God. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give strength and hope to those who are in bondage to oppression, poverty, or illness. Through your healing touch, free those who are sick (especially all of our shut-ins [both at home and in nursing homes], Paul Woltman, Bob Cameron, Linda Rhine, Connor Lauver, George Sr. and Mary Lorraine Hazard and family, Laurie Funk, Christy Hall, Mason Beward, Beth Smith, Cassie Smith, Denny King, Dorothy Patterson, Thea Beward, Robert Watkins, Sis Stetler, Mark Krobath and the family of Oscar Supplee). Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Pour out your Holy Spirit on this congregation. Renew its faith and mission that, following in the faithful footsteps of our ancestors, we might continue to bear witness to the one who frees us from sin and death for the promise of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Through your Son you have freed us from sin and death, giving us the hope and promise of eternal life. Comfort with this promise all who mourn (especially the Supplee family), and at the last draw us to your holy city. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, holy God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen

THE RITE OF HEALING

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

P Those who wish to receive the laying on of hands as a commitment to God's power to heal may come forward to the altar rail. This may include those in need of physical, emotional, or mental healing. It may include those in need of reconciliation in their relationship to God or neighbor. It may include those who wish to commit their ministry of healing into the hands of God: as a doctor, nurse or health care worker.

(Then for each individual the following is said with the laying on of hands):

I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know the healing power of his love.

C Amen

P (Name), I anoint you with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (for all)

P The almighty Lord a stronger tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and whom they obey—be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord God, constant source of all healing, we give you thanks for all your gifts of strength and life, and above all we thank you for the gift of your Son, through whom we have health and salvation. As we wait for that day when there will be no more pain, help us by your Holy Spirit to be assured of your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our 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

* SUNG OFFERTORY ('vineyards') (sung)

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

* OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C Amen

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (sung responsively)

P The Lord be with you.

C And al – so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

* PREFACE

P It is indeed right and sal-u-tary. . .we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho – ly, ho – ly, ho – ly Lord, God of pow’r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo – ry. Ho – san – na. Ho – san-na. Ho – san – na in the high – est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san – na in the high – est.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as

we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

(sung) **Through him, with him, in him, in the u – ni-ty of the Ho – ly Spir – it, all hon – or and glo – ry is yours, al – might-y Fa – ther, now and for-ev – er. A – men**

* 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, you that are blessed by God. Come to the banquet.

* LAMB OF GOD

C Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

["AT THE CHANCEL RAIL" – come forward by the aisle on your right; take a communion cup from the table by the front pew. Stand around the chancel rail to partake and return by the aisle to the left of your seat].

* COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C Amen

* POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re – joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is – es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le – lu – ia. Al-le-lu – ia.

* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God our shepherd, you have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

* BLESSING

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, + guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

* CLOSING HYMN

“Built on a Rock”

p. 19 in bulletin

* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The Lord is near.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

NEXT WEEK'S LECTOR – Diana Wise

NEXT WEEK'S ALTAR GUILD – Diana Wise (Clint & Jamie Miller – Cup Communion)

WELCOME

IF YOU WISH TO USE OR FOLLOW THE LITURGY MUSIC as we proceed through the service today, please use the yellow 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) worshiping 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 honor of our children and grandchildren by Warren and Claire Mummah.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Oscar Supplee, who died on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at his home. Please keep his wife Vera and _____ and their families in your prayers.

JUST A THOUGHT – Thomas Merton (1915 – 1968), Trappist Monk: "Mistakes are part of life, and not the least important part."

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 or at 436-9382 for information, including salary. Additional information about the church and congregation can be found at www.mlcmifflintown.org.

RECEIVED IN STAINED GLASS FUND on Sunday, October 23, 2011: \$400.00. This brings the total received to \$63,262.00 of the total \$85,890.00 needed for the project.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING – The next Property Committee meeting will be **Monday, November 14, 2011** at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. We will not be meeting in October unless there is an emergency. In the meantime all business will be conducted via email and phone.

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.

LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF TEAM – Don Geedey, Jan Groninger, Doc Johnston, Ann and Ed Beaver will be working with LDR and a team from St. Stephens in Tennessee from October 30 to November 6. Please keep these volunteers in your prayers.

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.

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.

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.

MESSIAH WOMEN OF THE ELCA will meet on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Area with Linda Leister as devotional leader.

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.

THANKOFFERING SERVICE – The speaker for the Messiah Women of the ELCA Thankoffering Service on November 13, 2011 will be Elizabeth Yencho, Director for Evangelical Mission/Assistant to the Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. A special offering envelope will be included in your November newsletters throughout the church (additional envelopes are available on the table in the Adult Sunday School Room). Offerings help Women of the ELCA with their various projects and service to those in need. Please make checks payable to "Messiah Women of the ELCA."

COMMUNITY

RELAY FOR LIFE (George's Gee Bees) fund raising event will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Messiah's Fellowship Hall. Various vendors will be offering items for sale.

THE TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES INTERNATIONAL GIFTS FESTIVAL will be held at Cedar Grove Brethren In Christ Church on Friday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Invest in the world. Shop fair trade. Discover unique home décor, musical instruments and jewelry at the festival. Your participation in this sale will help skilled artisans in 32 countries receive a fair price for their products. Featured items include hand loomed textiles, pottery, jewelry, baskets, toys and a variety of nativities and Christmas decorations. Ten Thousand Villages is a non-profit fair trade organization based in Akron, PA. For more information contact Deb Richmond at 717-348-6364 or debrichmond@nmax.net.

FREE TUTORING FOR ADULTS is available at the Juniata County Learning Center (next to the Family Dollar). If you or someone you know needs help to improve reading, math, and language skills or English as a second language, please call 436-2517 ext. 115 or stop by! Are you interested in becoming a volunteer tutor? Tutoring times are arranged by appointment. If you would like more information about receiving free tutoring services or becoming a volunteer tutor, please call the number provided.

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, October 31
Monday, November 7
Tuesday, November 15
Tuesday, November 22
Monday, December 5
Tuesday, December 13

This year's 15th 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.

WOULD YOU DRIVE A MILE TO SAVE A LIFE – The American Cancer Society's **Road to Recovery** program gives life-saving rides to patients. Volunteer to help by driving someone from your community to their treatment. There are no special skills needed, simply time to spare. The next **Road to Recovery** training for Mifflin and Juniata Counties will be held on November 9th at 2 p.m. at the American Cancer Society office in Lewistown. To sign up, or learn more information, please contact your American Cancer Society office at 814-234-1023.

NURSE'S NOTES – **Is it a Toothache?**

Subtle clues that your pet is having dental pain:

- She becomes 'shy.' If she ducks when someone pets her head or neck, she's likely feeling sensitive.
- She picks kibble out of her bowl and drops it on the floor (the pet equivalent of pushing food around, and a sign that eating hurts).
- Her gums are more red than pink – inflamed tissue means an infection is lurking.
- She suddenly ignores her chew toys – no fun with a gum/tooth ache.
- She makes herself scarce – this is especially true of cats, who get quieter when they're not feeling well.
- Her breath smells bad – healthy pets should have sweet breath with no overwhelming odor.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

- Today:** -Reformation Sunday.
-Food Pantry Sunday.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Service of Healing/Communion/Jr. Church.
-11:30 a.m., Worship & Music Committee meeting after service.
- Monday:** -7 p.m., Bible Study.
-8 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:** -9 a.m., "The Needlers" in Fellowship Hall.
-November 1 & 2, Pastor Esborn at Continuing Education event in Altoona.
- Wednesday:** -9 a.m.—2 p.m., Family Resource Program in Fellowship Hall.
-7 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
- Thursday:** -November 3—12, Pastor Esborn on vacation.
-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:** -1—3 p.m., Relay For Life fundraising event in Fellowship Hall.
-Set time back 1 hour before bed.
- Sunday:** -ALL SAINTS SUNDAY.
-9:15 a.m., Sunday School/Catechetical Class.
-10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion.
-1—5 p.m., Fellowship Hall reserved.