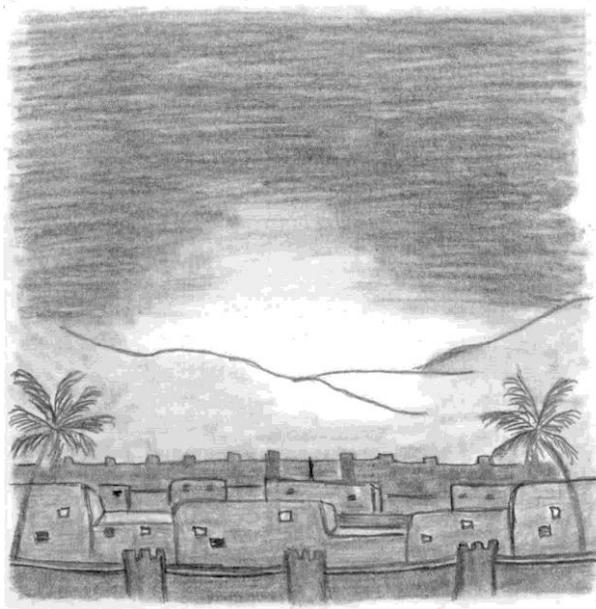


# *“Growing God’s Kingdom”*



## *The Second Sunday of Advent*

### *Hanging of the Greens*

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## **MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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#### ***TODAY’S INTRODUCTION:***

*At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases, we turn toward the light of Christ’s coming. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord’s table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.*

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT HANGING OF THE GREENS – “The Christmas Greens” December 8, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

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

### PREPARATION

CHIMES: CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

R. W. Thygerson

[Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.]

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

**C Amen.**

P Let us come before the living God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

**C we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, + Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## GATHERING

\* GATHERING HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” #30 Green Hymnal

\* 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.**

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray...

**C Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## *Hangings of the Greens*

### LITANY OF THE GREENS *(read responsively)*

Vicar Leister

P How can we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the King?

**C With branches of cedar, the tree of royalty.**

P How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the eternal Christ?

**C With garlands of wreaths of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

P How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, our savior?

**C With arrangements of holly and ivy, symbolizing His passion, death, and resurrection.**

P How shall we prepare this house for the coming of Jesus, the Son of God?

**C By hearing again the words of the prophets who foretold the saving work of God.**

P For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

**C All Glory to God in the highest!**

### THE MEANING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Read by Ron Yorks & Cindy Van Gavree

#### Jeremiah 23: 5-6

<sup>5</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

#### Isaiah 60:2-3

<sup>2</sup>See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

#### PLACING THE CRECHE FIGURES

HYMN

“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

#34 Green Hymnal (vss. 1 & 5)

## THE MEANING OF THE WREATHS AND GARLAND

Read by Kim White

### Isaiah 9:2

<sup>2</sup>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

### Isaiah 9:6-7

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

#60 Green Hymnal

## THE MEANING OF THE HOLLY AND IVY

Read by The Reed Family

### Isaiah 53:3a, 4a, 5-6

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; Surely He has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases. But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; Upon Him was the punishment that made us whole. And by His bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

## THE MEANING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREES

Read by The Reed Family

### John 1:1-5, 9-14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

<sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. <sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

HYMN

“O Christmas Greens”

**(1)** O Christmas greens, O Christmas greens,  
how faithful are your branches!  
O Christmas greens, O Christmas greens,  
how faithful are your branches.  
So green when summer breezes blow;  
still green amid the winter snow.  
O Christmas greens, O Christmas greens,  
how faithful are your branches.

**(2)** O Christmas greens, O Christmas greens,  
O leaves of green, unchanging,  
O Christmas greens, O Christmas greens,  
O leaves of green, unchanging.  
Since evergreen you stand, we know  
God doth eternal life bestow.  
O Christmas greens, O Christmas greens,  
O leaves of green, unchanging.

## THE MEANING OF THE POINSETTIA

Read by Tammy Smith

### Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup>and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup>“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” <sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup>On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

HYMN

“The First Noel”

#56 Green Hymnal (vss. 1 & 2)

### BLESSING OF THE MANGER

Vicar Leister

**P** God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made known your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent Your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**C Amen.**

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lo, How a Rose Is Growing”

#58 Green Hymnal

\* APOSTLES’ CREED (In Unison)

**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 (Prayers read by Worship Leader)

**P** Lord in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

\* SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY:

"The Holly and The Ivy"

R. Anderson

[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].

\* SUNG OFFERTORY

"Let All Together Praise Our God"

(revised wording)

**Let all together praise our God Before his glorious throne;**

**For he will open heav'n above To give us his own Son, To give us his own Son.**

\* OFFERING PRAYER

P Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

**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:

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

P 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.**

P 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.**

P 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 (In Unison)**

**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 now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

“Meditation on Divinium Mysterium”

J. Southbridge

[“**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].

[**Gluten Free?** If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel].

\* **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 God of abundance,

we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING**

\* **BLESSING**

P May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.

May God, who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.

May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.  
The blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**C Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)**

- \* SENDING HYMN                                    “The First Noel”                                    #56 Green Hymnal (vss. 3 & 4)
- \* DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you!

**C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

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NEXT WEEK’S LECTOR – Randy Clark

NEXT WEEK’S ALTAR GUILD – Barb Geedey & Jessie Reed (11/25 to 12/29/19)

NEXT WEEK’S ACOLYTES – Zeb Berry & Harrison Mummah

NEXT WEEK’S CRUCIFER – Slone Smith

NEXT WEEK’S OFFERING USHERS – Julia Martin, Braedon Walton, Paige Martin, & Grace Miller

NEXT WEEK’S CRECHE FIGURES & FAMILY – Beward Family (Mary & Joseph)

### **PRAYER LIST**

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Carole Baker            | Pastor Charlie Hershberger | Dave Phelan              |
| Fran Baker              | Matt Hutchinson            | Butch & Sandy Pines      |
| Jane Ann Baney          | Curt & Judy Houtz          | Betty Ranck              |
| Donna Barton            | Denny King                 | Peggy Reynolds           |
| Lindsey Barton          | Kevin Kint                 | Mary Sanders             |
| Bob Bell                | Carol Lyter                | Mackenzie Shearer        |
| Joyce Bradley           | Carlen McClure             | Tim Smith                |
| Andrea & Bob Cameron    | Pastor Nancy McClure       | Mike Sparks              |
| Pam Campbell            | Charlie, Amanda &          | Bob & Jeanette St. Clair |
| Don Clark               | Isabelle Meinsler          | Sieber & Ona Stoner      |
| Terry Coder             | Messiah’s Teem             | Kay Stuck                |
| Leann Crimmel           | Tami Metz                  | Dorothy Towsey           |
| Will DeLancy            | John Miller                | Rich Walters             |
| Fred Dowling            | Larry Miller               | Sandy Wert               |
| Max & Mary Ernest       | Shirley Miller             | Tim Weston               |
| Family of Deanna Fawver | Jim Minick                 | Dottie Wilson            |
| Jerald Foltz            | Minnie Minick              | Jim Woltman              |
| Ed Fraker               | Edith Nipple               | Mackenzie Wray           |
| Joan Fulkroad           | Austin Parker              | Dorothy Zeiders          |
| Edie Kay Gill           | Noel Peachey               | Linda Zimmerman          |
| Josh Hohol              |                            |                          |

### **PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS**

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|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Ray Bramm      | Mona Lawson    | Kitty Walters |
| Ruth Cisney    | Jane Marhefka  | Jim Yetter    |
| Gail Henderson | Carol Simonton |               |

## **WELCOME TO ALL!**

WITH CHRIST'S LOVE AND GOD'S GRACE, we welcome all who worship at Messiah today. If you are a VISITOR or GUEST, we invite you to record 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 or indicate such in the Friendship Pads being sure to include your contact information. Our fellowship in Jesus Christ is open and extended to all persons who confess His Lordship over all life. Young children are also encouraged to join us in our worship experience! We are so thankful that you joined us for worship today!

VISITORS AND GUESTS ARE INVITED TO COMMUNE WITH US TODAY. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and who recognize the Sacrament as the promise of the presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord. Baptized children are also welcome to receive the elements at the Lord's Table at Messiah with the guidance and consent of their parents or guardians. **Persons who may not wish to receive the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are still welcome to come to the table to receive a blessing. To do so, please fold your hands and bow your head when you approach the pastor.**

GLUTEN FREE? If you desire, you may take a gluten free wafer located on the oak pedestal on the step in front of the chancel.

FOR YOUR COMFORT, restrooms are located in the hallway through the double doors of the Adult Sunday School Room and to the left.

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.

JUST A THOUGHT – Samuel Johnson, English Author (1709 – 1784): The three persons in the Godhead are three in one sense and one is another. We cannot tell how – and that is the mystery.

## **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

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

PRAYER REQUESTS will be placed in the Sunday bulletin for **one month**. If you wish to have someone included in the prayer list for an additional month, please contact the church office at 436-6213 or [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com). If you have anyone who is a “last minute” addition after the bulletin has been printed on Fridays, please fill out an orange prayer card in the pew and lay it on the stand where the gluten free wafers are placed PRIOR to the morning worship service.

PRAYER CHAIN – If you wish to be included on the email recipient list for the Messiah Prayer Chain, please send an email to Vicar Leister at [mlchurchvicar@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchvicar@gmail.com).

PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE for any change in addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, or for any requests for building usage. There are a lot of activities and some coordination is needed so events are not “overbooked” in any specific areas of the church (this also applies to church groups who meet in the church). Please contact the office at 436-6213 or email [mlchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchoffice@gmail.com) for any changes or requests.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY NEEDS OR CONCERNS, please contact Vicar Sam Leister. If you or someone you know is ill or hospitalized, please let Vicar Leister know. He can be reached at 717-436-8589 (home), or 717-348-1020 (cell), or email at [mlchurchvicar@gmail.com](mailto:mlchurchvicar@gmail.com).

CAN TREE – Donations of gallon-size canned food is again being collected this year through the end of December to benefit Bethesda Mission. Everyone is encouraged to donate as many cans as you are able.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – Mark your calendar now for Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the walking bridge for the Mifflintown Christmas Tree Lighting. The response was very good with 25+ people contacting Linda for this event. But, we need more folks to join us. Anyone who enjoys making “a joyful noise” is welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors along. Words for the Carols and Christmas songs will be provided. More information will be forthcoming as we draw closer to this event.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED – Two members of Messiah are needed to attend the annual Synod Assembly in June 2020 at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. Synod delegates should also plan on attending the Juniata Valley Conference Assembly (date to be announced). If you are interested in serving, please contact Vicar Leister or the church office.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who signed-up for November snacks for Sunday mornings. The December sign-up sheet is now available. Monetary contributions would also be appreciated to purchase plates, napkins, etc.

THE ANNUAL CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> during the worship service. Refreshments will follow after the program. If anyone would like to donate cookies, (any kind) would be very much appreciated.

WEIS AND GIANT GIFT CARDS are available to purchase from the Disciples Class. This is a very important outreach ministry that helps neighbors in need in our own community. We thank each and every one for continued support of this very worthwhile project.

#### ADVENT SEASON AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

December 8: Today, “Hanging of the Greens.” Topic of this year’s program “Christmas Greens & Advent Wreath.”

December 15: Third Sunday of Advent.

December 22: Fourth Sunday of Advent. Annual Children’s Christmas Program.

December 24: 7:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Music Prelude Service

7:30 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service featuring Justin Aurand, pianist, Christina Martin performing “O Holy Night” & Andrea Cameron performing “Ave Maria.”

#### UPCOMING PPC AND VOTER’S ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES:

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly to approve 2019 audit.

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly.

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., PPC meeting.

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> (after worship) – Voter’s Assembly for PPC Election approval.

COPIES OF OCTOBER 13, 2019 PPC MINUTES, October 20, 2019 Voter’s Assembly, October 27, 2019 Voter’s Assembly, and October 27, 2019 PPC Minutes are available in the Adult Sunday School Room.

HELP AVAILABLE – If you or someone you know needs help with home repairs or yard work, there are volunteers in our community who may be able to help. For more information, contact Michael “Doc” Johnston at 436-9209.

WEEKLY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are as follows:

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.      Friday – 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Other Funds</u>	
Worship Service – 64		Benevolence	\$ 107.00
Sunday School – 26		Building Fund	\$ 100.00
		Sunday School	\$ 40.00
Total Offering	\$2,269.20	Disaster Relief	\$ 27.20
Other Funds	<u>\$ 363.20</u>	Flowers	\$ 39.00
General Fund	\$1,906.00	Sunday’s Soldiers	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
		Total	\$ 363.20

MESSIAH’S DOORS will be unlocked at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings for Sunday School and Worship.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA**

NEW BATH-SIZE BARS OF SOAP (4 oz. to 5 oz., preferably Ivory or unscented Dove) is continuously collected as an on-going project for Lutheran World Relief. Please place soap in the basket on the blue table in the Adult Sunday School Room.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROJECT – We are sponsoring 6 children this year. The sign-up chart for the gifts that are needed is on the bulletin board in the Kitchenette. Gifts are due at the church **TODAY**, wrapped or bagged with a name tag that includes the child’s name and number on the tag.

MESSIAH WELCA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a reading, snack, cookies, etc., and a decoration if they desire. Barb will provide the beverage and paper products.

**COMMUNITY**

**HOLIDAY MEAL NEEDS FOR DECEMBER**

TURKEY BREASTS, HAMS (3 TO 5 LBS.) OR A \$20 DONATION WILL PURCHASE ONE COMPLETE MEAL! (With your help, 274 Thanksgiving meals were distributed to our Juniata County neighbors in need!)

**FOOD PANTRY BASIC NEEDS FOR DECEMBER**

ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOODS (ESPECIALLY CREAM CORN), DISH DETERGENT, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, AND OTHER CLEANING SUPPLIES.

## **THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH**

- Today:**            **-Hanging of the Greens Service.**  
                          -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
                          -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Jr. Church.
- Monday:**           -6:30 p.m., Knitting Class in Jr. Church Room.  
                          -8:00 p.m., AA meeting in Fellowship Hall.
- Tuesday:**           -9:00 a.m., “The Needlers” in Fellowship Hall.  
                          -12:00 Noon, “The Needlers” Christmas Luncheon in Fellowship Hall.
- Wednesday:**       -6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Breakfast for Retired School Employees in Fellowship Hall.  
                          -6:30 p.m., 4-H Beef & Breeders Club in Youth Area.  
                          -7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Rearick Room.
- Thursday:**         -7:00 p.m., WELCA Christmas Program in Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday:**         -6:00 p.m., Christmas Caroling at Mifflintown Tree-Lighting Ceremony.
- Sunday:**           **-3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent.**  
                          -9:15 a.m., Sunday School.  
                          -10:30 a.m., Worship/Communion/Children’s Sermon/Jr. Church.