

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

New Members	2
Ministry Plan Report	4
Birthdays & Anniversaries	5
Christmas Cookies for shut-ins	6
Annual Congregation meeting	6
Thank you Notes	7
Council Meeting Highlights	7
November Schedules	8
December Schedules	9

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Volunteer Opportunities (Page 2)
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Page 3)
- Our Saints (Page 3)
- Tree of Giving (Page 4)
- Congregation Council members (Page 5)
- Announcements (Page 10)
- Christmas Worship (Page 10)
- Quilt Documentation (Page 11)

## Pastor's Page

This is an odd time to be writing a Newsletter article for the final issue covering 2019.

Thanksgiving is still more than a month away; Christmas, more than two months. As I write, I'm looking out the window at many trees that still have leaves—in many cases GREEN leaves. It doesn't exactly look like Fall, though the red maple outside the office is working hard to prove otherwise.

Soon enough, though, we'll feel the bite of cold weather, and then we'll be sure. Time always does march on.

That last sentence reminds me that the Bible contains many teachings about "time" as it applies to human beings, and a little bit about "time" as it applies to God—or, rather, does NOT apply.

To God, "a day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day."

We've all experienced "time" as dragging, and "time" as flying by. But none of us knows "time" as God does, a thing with no binding power or con-

straint.

We have "deadlines." We have "a mortal span of years." God does not!

No "due date" binds Him. No "waiting period" gnaws at Him. One of the many titles for The Almighty is "The God of History." This title means that God reigns over the tides of events. He is Sovereign and Supreme, deciding the "where" and "when" of His decisive Acts.

God decided when to create the universe, shape the earth, breathe life into humankind. God chose the right time to befriend a human being, Abram, and walk in relationship together.

God scheduled the Exodus. God bestowed the Law from Mt. Sinai. God brought His people to the Promised Land; called judges, appointed kings, anointed prophets, and chose the days when their time of warning ceased and the time of consequences began.

God foreknew, planned, and brought forth Jesus, The Messiah. St. Paul wrote: "At the right time

Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5). Jesus Himself, God-in-the-Flesh, said, of the End Time, "only the Father knows."

So we make a distinction: there is "time" as we measure it and live with it in this world—and there is "God's Time."

It is a fact that we all have the same amount of time—for each of us, a day and week have the same number of hours.

How we **use** our time, though, varies a great deal, and this is important, for the time we have in this life is God-given, and comes with Divine visions and expectations for each of us.

Faithful Christians regularly take stock of themselves and how they are answering the call of Christ to live for Him and for one another. A significant aspect of this self-examination involves the question: *To what have I been devoting "my time?" What consumes my time, and to what purpose?* And: *Is God pleased with this?* Let us make the most of "our time" for God. +

# Membership Changes

Please **amend your directory** to reflect she who joined the Church Triumphant last month:



**Carol Artz**  
1942-2019

*If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.*

## New members

### **Shirlee Nelson**

Hill Farn Estates  
Room E-206  
200 Kauffman Road  
Annville, PA 17003

### **Clyde & Gail Peters**

1026 English Drive  
Lebanon, PA 17042  
717-277-7681 (house)  
843-816-4476 (cell)  
Clyde's email: [cpserv@verizon.net](mailto:cpserv@verizon.net)  
Gail's email: [gap1026@verizon.net](mailto:gap1026@verizon.net)

### **Jane Simone**

640 Progress Avenue  
Lebanon, PA 17042  
717-926-1508  
Email: [jsl\\_640@yahoo.com](mailto:jsl_640@yahoo.com)

Please remove **Janet Pazsik** from your directory. She has transferred her membership.



# Change Your Clocks!



Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 3** at 2 AM. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. See you in church.

# Weekly Worship Schedule

## **SUNDAYS:**

9 AM The Holy Communion  
10:30 AM Living in Faith Education Hour  
(Bible Reading Covenant on the 4th Sunday of the month)

## **WEDNESDAYS:**

(as noted in the calendar and bulletin)  
10 AM Anointing and Holy Communion

# Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to spend some time doing volunteer work here at Messiah you are more than welcome! We could use help in the following:

- Altar Guild (a monthly commitment)
- Ushers
- Working in the flowerbeds on church grounds
- Cutting out pictures for more copies of the pictorial directory



Please call Robin at the office if you are interested. Thank you!

# Upcoming Events

**IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY**  
**Thursday, November 14**

**Thursday, December 12**  
**7 PM**



**Annual Congregation Meeting and meal**  
**Saturday, November 16**  
Meeting will commence  
**at 2 PM**

**FOLLOWED BY**  
the soup, salad, bread & dessert covered dish meal.

The church office will be  
**CLOSED**  
**on November 28 and 29.**



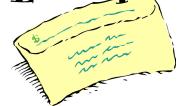
**AND**

**December 25 and 26.**



# 2020 Offering Envelopes

## Offering Envelopes



The 2020 offering envelopes are scheduled to arrive in time for our annual congregation meeting on November 16. Please take yours home with you at your earliest convenience. If you live close to a shut-in, please consider helping us out by delivering their envelopes too. Please note that the envelopes will be arranged in **ALPHABETICAL** order. Thank you.

## It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Andy and Erin Trovinger on the birth of

### Emily Jane Trovinger.



Emily was born on September 6, 2019. She weighed in at 7 lbs. even and was 20" long. May God richly bless this new family!

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**Wednesday, November 27**  
**7:30 PM**



A chorale liturgy of Holy Communion for Thanksgiving

*Come and give thanks to God for all His blessings.*

### Messiah Lutheran Church

1800 Oak Street  
Lebanon, PA 17042-5852  
Office Phone 717-272-2922

#### E-mail

Pastor Kendall: [messiahpastor@epix.net](mailto:messiahpastor@epix.net)  
Robin Harris (office): [messiahluthleb@epix.net](mailto:messiahluthleb@epix.net)

Web Site: <http://www.messiahluthleb.org>  
NALC Web Site: <http://www.thenalc.org>  
AMR Web Site: <http://www.atlantic-nalc.org>

## FYI—IMPORTANT



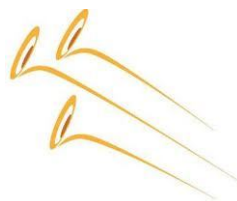
The membership roll will be reviewed in the first quarter of 2020. If someone has **not been present for a liturgy** in the last five (5) years and has not had a **communion of record** or **contribution of record** in those 5 years then they will be removed from the membership roll.

Active (voting) membership is defined by our Constitution as making **four Communion of record** (completing the Communion record card when you receive Holy Communion) and **one contribution of record** to Messiah (use your envelopes when making your offering) in the current calendar year.



## Our Saints

On Sunday, November 3 we remember our members who joined the Church Triumphant since the last All Saints' Sunday:



Marjorie Beard  
Ethel Matthew  
Fred Van Winkle  
Nancy Van Winkle  
Carol Van Raay  
Howard "Skip" Stickler  
Carol Artz

*If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.*



# Tree of Giving



Look for our **TREE OF GIVING** in the narthex during the month of November. This year we are collecting gifts for the **Agape House**.

Once again we are collecting bath items such as diapers (for infants up to size 3), animal wash cloths or animal puffy scrubs and bath toys small enough to fit in a stocking. Bath items for the mothers include puffy scrubs, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss and deodorant.

Please take an ornament from the tree, pur-

chase your gift/gifts and return to the church unwrapped.

The Social Ministry Committee has applied for a grant from Thrivent to help defray the costs of larger items for the Agape House such as sheets, towels, cleaning supplies, and blankets.

The Tree will be in the narthex **through Saturday, November 30**.

The Social Ministry Committee looks forward to the congregation's generous response to the annual **TREE OF GIVING** and offers an advance "thank you!" to those who participate this year to help their neighbors.



## Ministry Plan Report for August & September

*(Ministry Plan need per week: \$3,346.31)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
8/4	\$2,919.00	39 + / 15 Gideons
8/11	\$2,635.00	49 + / 16 LiF
8/18	\$3,255.00	42 + / 18 Covenant
*8/25	\$1,048.00	41 + / 15 Covenant
9/1	\$3,786.00	43 + / 17 LiF
9/8	\$2,838.00	44 + / ICII picnic
9/15	\$1,631.00	35 + / 12 LiF
9/22	\$2,287.42	46 + 18 Covenant
9/29	\$2,159.04	46 + 16 Covenant

\* denotes A Cappella Sunday  
 "+" denotes Worship  
 "LiF" denotes Living in Faith



### STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

## Annual Altar Guild Meeting



You are invited to attend the annual Altar Guild meeting on **Saturday, November 2 at 9 AM** in the Conference Room. All members of the

Altar Guild should attend, and any members of the congregation who would like to join or know more about the Altar Guild are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Janet Gassert at 717-272-3757.

## November Birthdays

- 2 Lee Stickler
- 4 Richard Wert
- 7 Hailey Hartman
- 8 Georgeanna Hanover
- 9 Lorraine Long
- 12 Erick McGuire
- 15 Karley Roof
- 17 Dennis Brossman
- Pr. J. Philip Kline
- 20 Karen Hatt
- 24 Kathleen Runkel
- 25 Debra Stickler
- 26 Sandra Smith
- 27 Leontine Vavrous
- 30 Steven Anspach



## December Birthdays

- 1 Jacob Anspach
- Nolan Anspach
- 5 Holly McGuire
- Walter Shirey
- 7 Eileen Lutz
- 8 Andrew Hartman
- 9 Barbara Adams
- Susan Galbraith
- 10 Clyde Peters
- 12 Nancy Potteiger
- 18 Alyson Hartman
- 22 Debra Miller
- 24 Donald Munford
- 25 Mikayla Bowman
- 26 Beckett Lutz
- 31 Mary Ellen Dietrich
- Gary Dohner



## November Anniversaries

- 9 Joseph & Mary Hartman
- 16 Robert & Carol Frantz
- 18 Larry & Evelyn Shaak
- 20 Raymond & Carol Anspach
- Harry & Karen Hatt
- 25 Dennis & Wendy Brossman



## 2019 Contributions



**ALL** year-end contributions **must be received by the last Sunday of the month (December 29)** to count for 2019. All contributions received after that date will be recorded for 2020.



## 2019 Congregation Council

**Karen Fox**, *President and  
Worship & Music Chair*

**Harry Hatt**, *Vice-President, Personnel  
and Property Chair*

**Gayle Hoffman**, *Secretary and  
Volunteer Resources Chair*

**Nancie Whelan**, *Assistant Treasurer and  
Christian Education Chair*

**Ernestine Batdorf**, *Assistant Finance Secretary  
and Publicity Chair*

**Rita Savant**, *Finance Secretary and  
Social Ministry Chair*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

**Karen Hatt**, *Fellowship Chair*  
**Kathaleen Lilley**, *Treasurer and  
Finance Chair*

## Christmas Cookies Needed!



The Fellowship Committee is seeking bakers from the congregation to make Christmas cookies for our fellow members. These cookies will be distributed during the Advent season.

The cookies will be packed into containers on **Friday, November 29 at 9 AM**. Volunteers are needed to accomplish this tasty task.

If you would like to help bake and/or pack the cookie containers please sign up on the sheet that is posted on the Information Board

Thanks in advance for your help! If you have any questions please contact Karen Hatt.



We are asking for volunteers to **bake different kinds of cookies** so we can have a bigger selection of cookies to hand out. We will NOT be baking at the church. Please bring your cookies to the church **by Sunday, November 17**. We ask that your cookies be already bagged— 3-4 large cookies per bag or 5-6 smaller cookies per bag.

## Congregation Meeting Meal



On **Saturday, November 16** the Fellowship Committee is hosting a **soup, salad and bread covered dish meal** after the annual Congregation Meeting. A sign up sheet is posted on the Information Board on which

you may sign up to bring a soup, salad, bread, dessert or drink.

So come on out and enjoy some good food and fellowship with your church family after we conclude our business. Please contact Karen Hatt if you have any questions.

See you there!



## Annual Congregation Meeting



**Reminder:** The **annual congregation meeting** will be held on **Saturday, November 16 at 2 PM**. The day will conclude with a soup, salad, bread & dessert covered dish meal (see above).

At this meeting we will be electing new Congregation Council members for 2020, going over the proposed Ministry Plan for 2020, and discussing other church business.

Active (voting) membership is defined by our Constitution as making **four Communion**

**of record** (completing the Communion record card when you receive Holy Communion) and **one contribution of record** to Messiah (use your envelopes when making your offering) in the current calendar year.



# Thank You Notes



*Thank you notes were received from Lutheran World Relief, the Rescue Mission, and the Atlantic Mission Region of the NALC. They are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.*

Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies for the Mission church. We collected a box FULL of items—thank you!

Karen Hatt  
Fellowship chair



Dear Messiah congregation,

Thank you so much for sending us picnic foods for our first week home! We felt so grateful to have so much delicious food and to not worry about meals. We look forward to when you meet Emily!

Love,  
Andy, Erin & Emily Trovinger



Dear family and friends at Messiah,

Thank you for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement during my illness, diagnosis, surgery and recovery. I will be recovering for some time yet, but I am slowly resuming my life. Thank you Deb Lutz, Karen Hatt and Robin Harris, for the visits, meals and desserts. Thank you Pastor Kendall, for the visits, bringing Holy Communion and Anointing to me when I could not come to church.

I am so fortunate to have a caring church family who looks out for one another in whatever way they can. Prayer is THE most important thing you can do when someone is ill for whatever reason. Thank you for your prayers. See you in church.

Soli Deo Gloria!!  
Karen Fox

# Congregation Council Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. There was no meeting in September.

- Reports for August and September motioned and accepted
- Fellowship events discussed: October 12 trip to Boalsburg, sign-up for cookie distribution, Congregation Meeting meal in November
- Acceptance of proposed 2020 Ministry Plan to be presented at Congregational Meeting
- Property reports for new electrical repairs, parking lot paving, pavilion demolition, and installation of flagpole.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gayle Hoffman  
Congregation Council Secretary

# Wintry Weather...



In the event of wintry weather or power outages on Sunday mornings, please listen to WLBR radio for information on worship schedules. If there is a power failure on a Sunday morning, worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The emergency generator provides enough light in that area. Also, in the event of adverse weather/road conditions, the office will open as soon as conditions allow us to travel safely. On a Wednesday morning, if the Cornwall-Lebanon or Lebanon City school districts have a 2 hour delay or are closed, the Wednesday morning worship service is cancelled.



# A Note of Encouragement

Just a note to say thank you for all you do! We are praying for you!

Your friends at Trinity Lutheran Church  
Joppa, MD

# November 2019 Schedules

## Assisting Minister

- 3 Nancie Whelan
- 10 Michael Bowman
- 17 Daniel LaRue
- 24 Kathaleen Lilley
- 27 (7:30 PM) Deborah Lutz



## Lector

- 3 Carey Kendall
- 10 Michael Bowman
- 17 Daniel LaRue
- 24 Kathaleen Lilley
- 27 (7:30 PM) Deborah Lutz



## Greeters

- 3 Eugene Martin
- 10 Clyde & Gail Peters
- 17 Ray & Vivian Mayopoulos
- 24 Nicholas & Barbara Adams
- 27 (7:30 PM) **NEEDED**



## Finance Steward

Karen Fox



**Head Usher**  
Eugene Martin



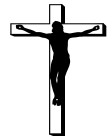
## Altar Guild

- Rita Savant, chair
- Suzette Buffamoyer
- Carol Frantz
- Gayle Hoffman



## Crucifer

- 3 Kathaleen Lilley
- 10 Gayle Hoffman
- 17 Ernestine Batdorf
- 24 Rita Savant
- 27 (7:30 PM) Daniel LaRue



## Acolyte

- 3 Nancie Whelan
- 10 Michael Bowman
- 17 Deborah Lutz
- 24 Ernestine Batdorf
- 27 (7:30 PM) Harry Hatt



## WELCOME TIME Sponsors

(Welcome Time is held the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM.)

## November 3

The Surmacz Family





# December 2019 Schedules

## Assisting Minister

- 1 Sandra Smith
- 8 Karen Fox
- 15 Charlotte Varone
- 22 Eugene Martin
- 24 (4 PM) Ernestine Batdorf
- (7:30 PM) Nancie Whelan
- 29 Michael Bowman



## Lector

- 1 Mary Garrett
- 8 Karen Fox
- 15 Charlotte Varone
- 22 Eugene Martin
- 24 (4 PM) Ernestine Batdorf
- (7:30 PM) Nancie Whelan
- 29 Michael Bowman



## Greeters

- 1 Marion Bowman
- 8 Rita Savant
- 15 Nicholas & Barbara Adams
- 22 Karen Zivic
- 24 (4 PM) **NEEDED**
- (7:30 PM) Robert & Debra Bowman
- 29 **NEEDED**



## Finance Steward

Dorothy Martin



## Head Ushers

Raymond and Carol Anspach



## Altar Guild

- Janet Gassert, chair
- Carol Anspach
- Raymond Anspach
- Tom Gassert



## Crucifer

- 1 Andrew Hartman
- 8 Eugene Martin
- 15 Michael Bowman
- 22 Kathaleen Lilley
- 24 (4 PM) Gayle Hoffman
- (7:30 PM) Robert Bowman
- 29 Sandra Smith



## Acolyte

- 1 Nancie Whelan
- 8 Ernestine Batdorf
- 15 Deborah Lutz
- 22 Harry Hatt
- 24 (4 PM) Ernestine Batdorf
- (7:30 PM) Harry Hatt
- Michael Bowman
- 29 Michael Bowman



## WELCOME TIME Sponsors

(Welcome Time is held the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM.)

## December 1

The Bowman Family



## Staff Christmas Gifts



Christmas is coming, and our custom has been to request donations towards Pastor Kendall's Christmas gift. As we did last year, we are also asking that you donate towards gifts for our other staff members (Robin, Karen, Erin and Alyssa). As you know, there has been a deficit in congregation giving for the past several years, and we are not able to budget an appropriate amount for our employees. Please help us to give each of our employees a generous Christmas gift. Please give your contribution to any Council member or officer (see list on page 5).

Karen Fox  
 Congregation Council President

## Christmas Worship

**The Nativity of Our Lord**  
 Tuesday, December 24  
 4 PM and 7:30 PM

A liturgy of Holy Communion, carols and candle lighting



## For Your Information

### FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS

November 3

December 1



All donations will be given to the Rescue Mission.

If you purchased a pictorial directory make sure you pick up a **picture expansion pack** at the congregation meeting on November 16. Your **2020 offering envelopes** will also be available for you to pick up.



### CLOTHING DRIVE

On **Tuesday, November 5** we will sponsor a clothing drive for all sizes and all types of weather. The cold weather clothes will stay in our area and the warm weather clothes will be shipped to Haiti. Please clean out your closets and bring in your gently used clothes! Someone will be very grateful.



### OPEN MONTH TO SPONSOR COMMUNION GIFTS:

**July** is now open for Communion gift sponsorship. Cost is \$30 for the month. If you are interested please contact Robin in the office.

Please sign up today to be a **Greeter!** The sheets for 2020 list are posted and ready for you to sign up to serve next year.



The **Welcome Time** sponsor sheet for 2020 is posted on the Information Center in the narthex.



Volunteers are needed to set up the **luminaries on Christmas Eve** before the 4 PM service and to remove them after the 7:30 PM service. If you can help please contact any member of the Congregation Council (see page 5).



# Quilt Documentation Underway

September 2019

Dear Church Member,

Since its origin in 1813, Lebanon County has had a rich quilting heritage. Many families have oral histories associated with vintage quilts they own that were made by their ancestors. The Lebanon Quilters Guild is undertaking a Quilt Documentation Project to capture and preserve these oral histories of Lebanon County quilts and their makers before they are lost forever. This documentation project will include only those quilts made in Lebanon County prior to 1970 OR any quilt made prior to 1970 that a Lebanon County resident currently owns, regardless of where the quilt was made. This includes family quilts, as well as those acquired as a gift or purchased. We hope to:

1. document in detail all types of vintage quilts, quilt tops, or comforters made in the county before 1970 or any pre-1970 quilt currently owned by a county resident regardless where made.
2. document quiltmakers and their backgrounds.
3. compile a database of quilts as a record for Lebanon County residents and quilt historians.

The resulting information will be maintained by the Guild and shared with the Lebanon County Historical Society for their archives. A long-term goal is to have the data included in The Quilt Index project at Michigan State University ([quiltindex.org](http://quiltindex.org)), an open access digital repository of thousands of images, stories and information about quilts and their makers. We also hope to produce a book about Lebanon County's quilt history based on the quilts documented.

We encourage you to come and bring your quilts, whether Great-Grandma's "best" quilt, a well-used and worn utility quilt, or that favorite old comforter you picked up at auction. We will photograph, measure, and describe the fabrics, patterns, quilting style, etc. Any known history of the quilt and its maker will be recorded on a Quilt History form. The event is free and owner information will be kept confidential and will not be part of the public record. We regret no monetary appraisals will be given on documentation days.

Please visit our website: [www.lebanonquiltersguild.com](http://www.lebanonquiltersguild.com) or call Susan Vachino at 717-866-9124 for more information. The website will always have the latest news regarding upcoming documentation days and locations, as well as a Quilt History form you may print out and fill in beforehand to save time on documentation day.

Upcoming Documentation Days (with more to be scheduled):

Saturday, October 19, 2019: Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church from 9am-3pm  
600 Shepherd St, Jonestown, PA 17038

Saturday, November 23, 2019: Palm Lutheran Church from 9am-3pm  
11 W Cherry St, Palmyra, PA 17078

Saturday, April 25, 2020: Church of the Good Shepherd from 9am-3pm  
1500 Quentin Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042

Saturday, June 6, 2020: Friedens Lutheran Church from 9am-3pm  
301 W Washington Ave, Myerstown PA 17067

We hope to see you there!  
Lebanon Quilters Guild