



**Operations Christmas Child
Packing and blessing in
November & the Parish Advent
dinner on December 3!**



MERRY
Christmas

Active Military



Jason Weigle	Karen (Sechler) LoMedico	Tony LoMedico
Jered Henry	Jason Weigle	Zachary Boyer
Gabe Bluebaugh	Katy Drake	Kurt May
All military families that wait at home and pray for good news		

Prayer List

The Families of:
 +Jack Mosholder+
 +Peg Spangler+
 +Margaret Klink+
 +Tom Spangler+
 +Meghan Younkin+
 +Dave Lemmon+
 +Warren Wiltrout+
 +John Stevanus+
 +Daniel Maize+
 +Bob Morocco+
 +Joyce Morocco+

Tess Drake
 Greg Rock
 Kyle "Ikie" Sterner
 Pat Woods
 Bonnie Baughman
 Brian Walker
 Cody Fisher
 Buck DeWitt
 Bill Marteeny
 Bob Miller
 Bill Stephens
 Lynn Enos

***If you have a person that you would like us to add to the prayers list for next month, please call the Parish Office at 814-926-2215 or by email. Thank you!*

Madeline Rubin
 Dennis Diaz
 Mark Mishler
 Wendy Cable
 Kelly Kage
 Ted Hagans
 Pat Rose
 Mary Lou Stutzman



EMERGENCY CONTACT!

If you or a member of your family has need of pastoral care, please contact our Vicar, Josh Spangler:

Phone: 814-279-5152

Email: josh_spangler@yahoo.com

Keeping in Touch

Let us not forget about our members in nursing homes. It would be very pleasing for them to have a card or visit. Most of all remember them in your prayers.

At The Patriot

Margorie Schlosnagle—Room 340

Mary Lou Stutzman—Room 222

Buck DeWitt—Room 102

495 W Patriot Street

Somerset, PA 15501

At Countryside Personal Care Home

Faye Miller

Garnet Shaulis

1841 Stoystown Road

Friedens, PA 15541



At Meadowview Nursing Center

Betty Weigle

1408 Hay Street, APT E

Berlin, PA 15530

Council Meeting



Church Council

The next scheduled Laurel Mountain Lutheran Joint Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 9th** at Messiah at 6:30pm followed by Messiah & Mt. Calvary's congregational council meetings. We will be voting on Council Officers for 2024 that evening, so please try to attend if you are able.

Attention Altar Guilds:

Bishop Paula Schmitt has given her approval for our parish to have communion on any Sunday that Josh Spangler leads worship. Please note those days on the schedule so that Communion can be ready on the days when Josh Spangler is leading worship!



*All are welcome
 in this place.*

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December Birthdays

12/1 Garnet Shaulis
 12/2 Jim Crowley
 Randy Bluebaugh
 12/3 Cyndi Conley
 12/4 Jennie Hoffman
 Ashley O'Brien
 Julia Waltermire
 12/5 Cody Fisher
 Lisa Mosholder
 Sophia Ross
 12/6 Melody Hemminger
 Megan Rouch
 Hanna Sredy
 12/8 Ethan Illar
 12/9 Lindsey Swearman
 Jay Weimer
 12/11 Janet Miller
 Rosalie O'Brien
 12/12 Karen Barron
 Amanda Engleka Ford
 Brayden Hay
 12/14 Dotty Fisher
 Ken Fisher, Jr.
 12/15 Ben Barkman
 Brock Fisher
 Mark Hemminger
 Doug Shaulis
 12/16 Josiah Fisher
 Michael Whipkey
 12/17 Joscelin Revello
 12/19 Eric Barron
 12/20 Robert Beckner
 Chris Menser
 Corey Whipkey
 12/21 Sarah Barron
 Joshua Broucher
 Jay Fisher
 Karen Smith
 12/22 William Barron

Xander Howsare
 12/23 Jacob Nichols
 Debra Shaffer
 Valerie Walker
 12/24 Chad Murray
 12/25 Lynn Miller
 12/26 Raymond Murray
 12/28 Kynslee May
 12/29 Kasey DeVine
 Paula Marteeny
 Ralph Sredy
 12/30 Michael Barron
 Patty Gross
 12/31 Louise Dumbauld
 Laura Hay

January Birthdays

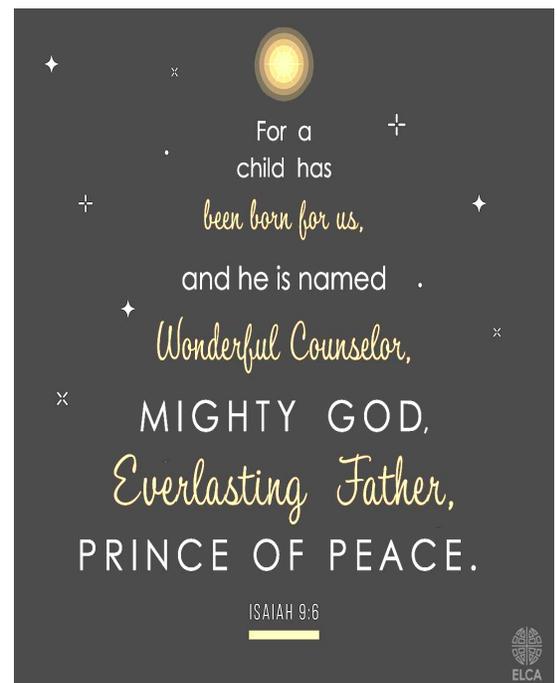
1/1 Wendy Hemminger
 1/2 Peggy Enos
 1/3 Rhonda Beckner
 1/4 Brian Spangler
 1/4 Matt Beckner
 1/7 Gage Younkin
 1/8 Stephen Walker
 Cheryl Phillips
 1/10 Debora Rose
 Tracy Gibson
 Carol Miller
 1/11 Eric Palenik
 1/12 Skyler Wood
 1/14 Erica Marteeny
 Blake Sutton
 1/15 David Murray
 1/16 Keith Barron
 Heidi Nawrocki
 1/17 Angela Barron
 1/18 Travis Barron
 1/19 James Stout
 Lois Maurer
 1/20 Drew Miller
 Ann Brooks
 Barbara Miller
 John Weigle
 1/21 Kimberlee St. Clair
 Sis Murray
 Tyler Shumaker

1/22 Melissa Kreger
 1/23 Melanie Walker
 Robert Berkey
 Nicole Hemminger
 1/24 Barbara Barron
 Carly Suter
 Chris Barclay
 Sara Chrise Baker
 Andy Walker
 1/25 Kurt May
 1/25 William E. Rose
 Beth Barron
 Joseph Barron
 1/26 Shiry Barto
 Parker Sue Harrold
 1/27 Mark Barron
 Leah Bluebaugh
 Miles Lane
 1/29 Gary Walters
 1/1 Barrie & Karen Barron

Anniversaries

1/2 Tom & Linda Christner
 1/13 Joe & Sue Abbott
 1/16 Duane & Jennifer Townsend

***If you have names to add or remove from the newsletter birthdays & anniversaries lists, please call the office.**





Thank you to all in the Parish who donated items, money and/or time to support Operation Christmas Child this year! With your help, we were able to pack **223 boxes** to be delivered to children in need! We will be tracking some of our boxes to their destinations again this year. Last year, our boxes made it to Columbia, Liberia & South Africa. Thank you for sharing your blessings so that others may be blessed.

*May you be filled with
the wonder of **Mary**,
the obedience of **Joseph**,
the joy of **the angels**,
the eagerness of **the shepherds**,
the determination of **the magi**,
and the peace of **the Christ child**.
Amen.*

GOD OF THE AGES,

AS WE CROSS THE THRESHOLD TO A NEW YEAR

YOU ASK, "WHAT SHOULD I GIVE YOU?"

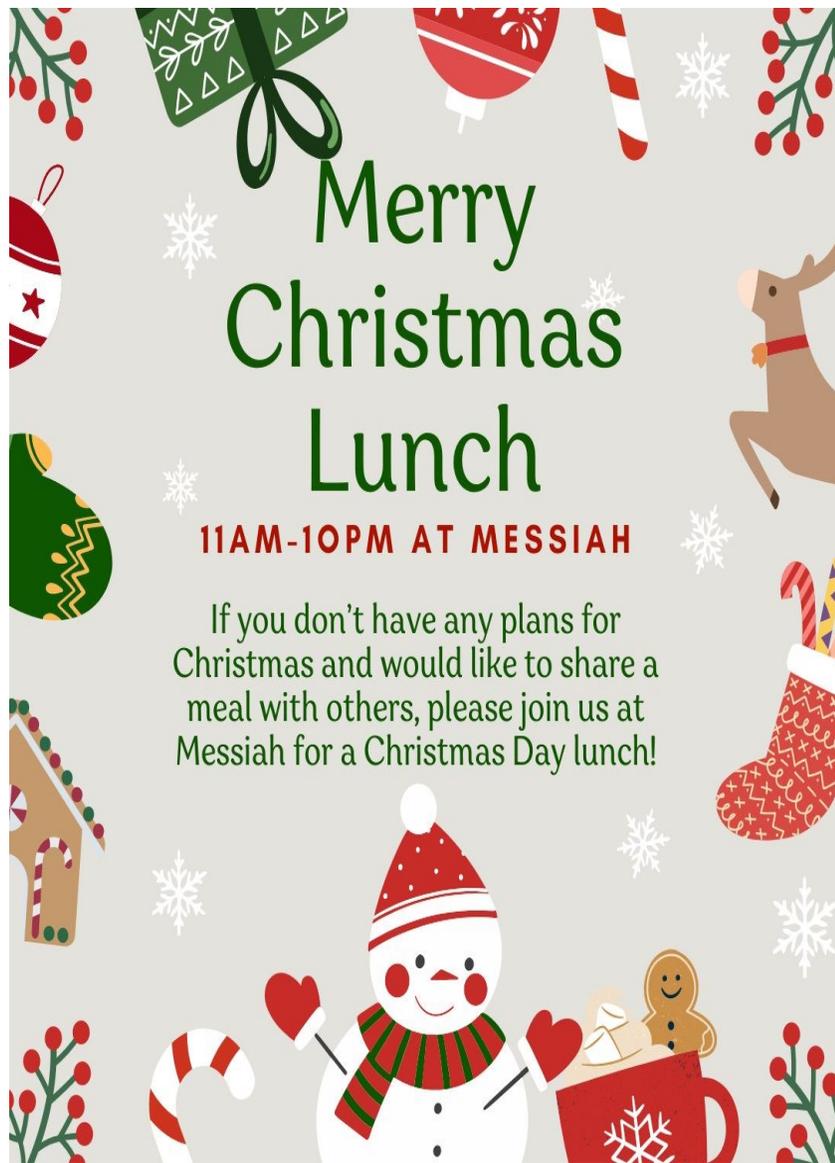
GRATEFUL HEARTS? HUMBLE SPIRITS? ANTICIPATION?

FILL US WITH EAGLE-EYED WISDOM

SO THAT THE COMING YEAR IS RICH

WITH GLIMPSES OF YOUR PRESENCE.

Bread for the Day, p. 406



Merry Christmas Lunch

11AM-10PM AT MESSIAH

If you don't have any plans for Christmas and would like to share a meal with others, please join us at Messiah for a Christmas Day lunch!

Food Bag Project

In years past, we have capped off the holiday season with our annual Food Bag Project. This year, we are changing things a bit! Instead of handing out Food Bags at Christmas, we will be doing it closer to Valentine's Day!

If you would like to submit the names of anyone you think may benefit from this ministry, please pick up a bulletin insert at any of the three buildings and place the information in the offering plate or call the office at 814-926-2215 and leave a message. Be sure that you are available to pick up the bags for any of the names you submit so that you can deliver them, tentatively on the morning of **Saturday, February 10!**

If you would like to make a donation to support the Food Bag Project, please make a check out to Messiah Lutheran Church and indicate in the Memo that the donation is for the Food Bags and place it in the offering plate.



Christmas Eve Worship Services



3pm: Mt. Calvary, 3093 Glades Pike, Somerset

7pm: Messiah, 144 Jubilee Street, New Centerville

****There will be no morning worship services on 12/24/2023!****

NEW YEAR'S EVE
worship
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 31, 2024
8:30AM: ST. PAUL
10:30AM: SAMUELS
see you there!

JANUARY 2024
SCHEDULE

January 7
Mt. Calvary - 8:30am
Messiah - 10:30am

January 14
St. Paul - 8:30am
Samuels - 10:30am

January 21
Mt. Calvary - 8:30am
Messiah - 10:30am

January 28
St. Paul - 8:30am
Samuels - 10:30am

December 2023



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3 8:30am Mt. Calvary 10:30am Messiah	4	5 6-8pm Knotting/ Quilting @ Messiah	6 4:30pm-5:30pm Lazarus Gate Food Pantry @ Messiah	7	8	9
10 8:30am St. Paul 10:30am Samuels	11	12 6-8pm Knotting/ Quilting @ Messiah	13	14	15 9:30am-11am Turkeyfoot Food Pantry	16 4:30-7 Drive-Thru Live Nativity @ Chippewa Farms
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24 No morning worship! 3:00PM Mt. Calvary 7:00PM Messiah	25 Christmas Day 11AM-1PM Christmas Lunch @ Messiah	26	27	28	29	30
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Laurel Mountain Lutherans

~ Messiah ~ Mt. Calvary ~ Samuels ~ St. Paul

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

Romans 12:4-8