



The Bulletin Board

Messiah Lutheran Church – 1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
 December 3, 2017 – The First Sunday of Advent



Sunday, December 3, 2017 – Sunday, December 10, 2017

<u>Sun.</u>	First Sunday of Advent
	8:00 Traditional Communion Service
	9:30 Contemporary Communion Service (Baptism – Savvy Mangum)
	9:30 Children/Adult SS
	9:45 Cantata Practice (Fritz Hall)
	11:00 Traditional Communion Service (Baptism – Nora Wissinger)
	4:00 Cub Scout Den 3 (Fritz Hall)
	6:00 Reynoldsburg Soccer (FH)
<u>Mon.</u>	6:00 Bells of Glory
	6:30 Bear Den 4 Pack 277 (Room 113)
	7:00 Altar Guild (Fritz Hall)
	7:00 Joyringers
<u>Tues.</u>	1:30 Staff Mtg.
	6:00 Pack 277 Den 7 (Fritz Hall)
	6:15 Quilters (FH)
	6:30 Men's Chapel Chorale (Erni's house)
	6:30 Tiger Pack 277 Lions (Room 113)
	6:30 Tiger Den 1 Pack 277 (Room 109)
	7:00 Property Mtg (Conference Room)
<u>Wed.</u>	9:30 Senior Saints (Fritz Hall)
	11:30 Pastor's Study (Nursery)
	5:30 Fellowship Meal (FH)
	6:00 VIP Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:30 Children's Ministry (Begins in Sanctuary)
	6:30 Adult Education (Fritz Hall)
	6:30 FaithWalk (Room 109)
	6:30 Confirmation Class (1180 Waggoner Road)
	6:30 Whole Again Group (Teacher's Lounge)
	6:30 New Member Class (Room 113)
	7:30 Advent Worship Service
<u>Thurs.</u>	Ronald McDonald/First English Serves
	6:30a Men's Breakfast (Scrambler Marie's)
	6:30 Dart Ball (Welcome Center)
	6:30 Chancel Choir (Fritz Hall)
	6:30 Brownie Troop (Room 110)
<u>Fri.</u>	7:00 Boy Scout Troop 98 (Sleepover)
	6:00 Tiger Den # 5 (Fritz Hall)
<u>Sat.</u>	9:00 Cookie Drop off and Prep (FH)
	9:00 Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
	2:00 Christmas Festival Choir (Sanctuary)
	3:00 Confirmation Youth to Marmon Farm
<u>Sun.</u>	Second Sunday in Advent
	8:00 Traditional Communion Service
	9:30 Contemporary Communion Service
	9:30 Children/Adult SS
	11:00 Traditional Communion Service

Darrell Sickles, Mary Hodge, Cindy Baptiste, Sue McLeod, Beverly Healy, Debbie Drumm, Marilyn Potter, Julie Searls, Barbara Nelson, Elaine Malzahn and family

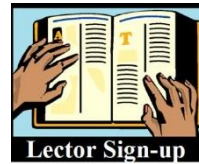
Pray for those in the military... MM Paul Newell (Navy)
 Madison Epperly, Corporal (Marines)

FaithWalk - Our series of topics continue on **December 6th** at 6:30. This group gathers each week around a different subject with scripture. What are you struggling with? How do you see God working in your life? Come and share. Week 5 is Anxiety.

Advent Class: A New Creation - For the two Wednesdays in Advent, December 6 and 13, our Adult Education at 6:30 will be led by Pastor Joe Wolfe. Pastor Wolfe has done some research and taken trips out west, contemplating God's hope for us as we engage with His creation. Pastor Wolfe's presentations will lift up the beauty and majesty of God's creation, concerns for the future of God's creation, and what a good, Christian response could be to love God's creation. This seems like a great message for Advent. Even as we hope for a new creation in the return of Jesus, we are charged with loving abundantly the creation God has given us. Come, listen, be inspired by the good work God has done and the good work God hopes from us in response.



Poinsettias – We are taking orders for poinsettias through December 10. The cost this year is \$12.00. Please consider purchasing one or two poinsettias in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Envelopes are in the pews. Please write legibly how you would like your poinsettia(s) dedicated. Thank you.



Lector sign-ups will take place this morning and December 10. Amy Canan has graciously volunteered to do this for her mother, Marilyn Potter, who has been doing a magnificent job of getting volunteers lined up for the last several years. Thank you, Amy.

Confirmation/Middle School - Marmon

Farm Christmas Hay Ride - Saturday December 9 we will be going to Marmon Farm for a Hayride, fun activities and a Christmas story. We are leaving the church at 3 pm and expect to be back at 9 pm. Cost is \$8 per person for the Hayride. Bring some extra money for food, snacks. Tickets are limited so sign up at signupgenius - or with Jim Diehm - jim.diehm@gmail.com.



This morning your name tag may be in a new location. We send a hearty welcome to those who are joining us! ...and we'll get to know each other faster by wearing our name tags! Thanks to all of you who are wearing them now! For all new members, on Dec. 3 you will have your name tag spot marked for you! Thank you for wearing your name tag!



Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and are presented by Alicia Keiber in loving memory of her dad. Al and Carol Keiber would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 9, and from Ed Todd in memory of Peg Pfautsch on her birthday.



Please keep in your prayers... Kimberly Beery, Meg Reidler, Harlan Soppe, Christine Ickes, David Shaffer, Linda Olson, Pat Ramsey, Harold Koehler, Susan Franklin, Lauren Blake, Holly Hessler,

Thank you for not bringing any food and drink except water into the sanctuary.



E-Waste Recycling for Autism
Sunday, January 14, 2018
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
At Messiah Lutheran Church

Accepted items for donations: Most all electronic devices, computers and servers, laptops and PDA's, Wires and cables, cell phones, gaming systems, LCD and CRT Monitors, household electronics, Printers, scanners, copiers, stereos, VCR's and DVD players. **No items containing freon. CRT monitors \$20 each, TV's \$3.00 per inch.** Questions? Please call the church office. Thank you.



SURPRISE US! We are grateful to those of you who have signed up and will be bringing your homemade Christmas cookies in to Fellowship Hall on Friday afternoon or Saturday

morning. **WE WOULD ALSO BE DELIGHTED IF ADDITIONAL FOLKS WOULD JUST SHOW UP WITH THEIR COOKIES** - Name attached so we will know who to thank! We still need lots more cookies so help us out if you can - Can't quite make the 10-11 doz.? Bring us what you can get made. Prefer to make fudge or buckeyes? That works too. **SHOPPERS-** Our boxes of delicious cookies make great gifts for teachers, neighbors, gift exchanges, and for your own family and guests.. **You may purchase them in the Welcome Center next Sunday, Dec. 10 from 9:00 am until noon - depending on how long they last. Medium boxes are \$12 and large boxes are \$20.** Get yours on the way into worship.



This won't cost a thing except maybe a look in a closet or kitchen drawer!

Joseph's Coat has a big shortage in the housewares department for dishes, silverware, pots and pans, in good condition, new wash cloths, and hand towels and queen and king size bedding. In children's we need all seasonable clothing, sizes 5 through teens. Sturdy shoes for the whole family, especially men's 9 and 9 1/2 are very much needed. (No sandals, flip flops, or boots please in any size.)

We seriously do NOT have room for knick-knacks, and other miscellaneous items. We are having such large numbers of clients that we don't have floor space for non-essential items. We appreciate your help on all of this!



Join us this Advent - On December 6th, our Wednesday night Advent worship begins. Join us for beautiful music, candlelight and prayer at 7:30pm. This year we've also put together a daily devotional to move us through the season (see insert in today's bulletin).



This morning we celebrate two baptisms. Savvy Halena Mangum is being baptized at 9:30. She is the daughter of Alaina White. Nora Lynne Wissinger is being baptized at 11. She is the daughter of Dustin and Jennifer Wissinger.

Our annual congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, December 10 at 12:15pm. You are invited and encouraged to attend. Items on the meeting agenda will include: 2017 financial review, 2018 budget approval, Election of new council members, and an opportunity to ask questions to church leaders.

CHURCH COUNCIL BIOS

Julie Hartman - I have lived in Reynoldsburg with my husband, Mark, since we were married in 1987. We have a daughter, Sarah, who is a freshman at Wittenberg University. While Sarah attended Messiah Preschool and Reynoldsburg City schools, I was highly active as a parent volunteer. I continue to be active in a community group that supports students and teachers' efforts in the Reynoldsburg City School District. I am retired after 31 years as a school psychologist in Muskingum County, where I specialized in working with preschool-aged children and children with autism. My family has attended Messiah for about 17 years, along with Mark's parents, Pastor George and Mary Hartman. Some of the church activities I have been involved in through the years are volunteering at VBS, teaching Sunday School, making Christmas pageant costumes, preparing a video for the 2006 building campaign, serving on the call committee for Pastor Thadd, helping with Confirmation classes, attending and assisting with Adult Sunday School, helping at the Produce Market, serving on a recent committee to develop our church's vision plan, and ushering at the 8:00 service. More recently, I have been volunteering at the Heart Food Pantry, which is where Pastor Karl first discussed the possibility of my serving on church council. I am especially interested in Messiah's preschool and education programs, but am willing to serve in other areas as well. I am both excited and humbled to be considered for church council!

Richard Mederer - I joined Messiah March of 2014. I volunteer at Joseph's Coat every Thursday night, and work on the counting team weekly on Monday mornings. I have 4 children, all married and 10 grandchildren. I retired from GE Aircraft Engines in 2008. In 2010 moved to Blacklick, Ohio from Cincinnati. After my wife of 47 years passed due to cancer and I joined Messiah, I started going to Messiah's Whole Again Group for my grief support. This is when I met my current wife, Julie Brimhall, now Julie Mederer. I now have another son and daughter in law. All our children live in the Columbus area. God is teaching me servanthood through my Kairos prison ministry of almost three years. I love the fellowship and friendships that I have shared here and have been very encouraged by all the outreach programs that are being supported. I also feel extremely blessed having two spiritual pastors that show and teach us to be better-loving Christians. This is why I want to run for council and pray I have the talents to contribute to this wonderful church family.

Staci Stought - I am seeking a position as Council member. My family and I (Wes, husband, and 4 boys, ages 14, 12, 10 and 5) joined Messiah in 2012, and attend the 9:30 service. I feel Messiah provides wonderful opportunities of fellowship and opportunities of outreach programs for the community. I feel blessed and proud to call Messiah my family's place of worship, education and fellowship. My family and I are active members of the church, and my service includes serving two years as a Sunday School teacher, assisting with the overnight stays of the homeless with the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and volunteering at the Heart Food Pantry. I also coordinate the scheduling of the PowerPoint for the 9:30 service. If selected as a member of Council, I feel I would bring patience, fairness and dedication to the mission of Messiah. Thank you for any consideration!

The children of Messiah Present.... A Night in Bethlehem on December 10th at the 9:30 am service. Join us as we share our message of Christmas with you.

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