

The Bulletin Board

Messiah Lutheran Church – 1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
 December 24, 2017 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve



Sunday, December 24, 2017 – Sunday, December 31, 2017

<u>Sun.</u>	10:00a	Traditional Communion Service (Last Sunday of Advent)
		Christmas Eve
	1:00	Music of Christmas
	1:30	Candlelight & Carols
	4:30	Family Christmas Eve Service
	7:00	Music of Christmas
	7:30	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
	10:30	Music of Christmas
	11:00	Traditional Christmas Eve Service
<u>Mon.</u>	11:00	Christmas Day
<u>Tues.</u>	6:20	Daisy Troop 5993 (Room 110)
	6:30	Men's Chapel Chorale (Erni's house)
<u>Thurs.</u>		Faith on 8th
<u>Fri.</u>		LSS Food Pantry
<u>Sat.</u>	11:00	Healy Christmas Party
<u>Sun.</u>	8:00	Traditional Communion Service
	9:30	Contemporary Communion Service
	11:00	Traditional Communion Service



please take your poinsettia with you.

Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias. The Sanctuary looks beautiful. Check out all of the men and women these flowers were given in memory of or in honor of in the handout found in your bulletin. After the 11:00 Worship tonight,



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, Darrell Sickles, Mary Hodge, Sue McLeod, Beverly Healy, Julie Searls, Lance Kirklin, Mary Thompson, The Family of Cindy Baptiste, Julie Brimhall

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

Christmas Offering - Every year we encourage our members to make a generous Christmas offering to support our life together and the ministries we are called to serve. An extra gift on top of faithful giving throughout the year is a great way to give thanks to God for the blessings of 2017. If you can give such a gift, wonderful. If you can't, feel good about what you have been able to do to support our life together and trust God's presence with us as we enter 2018.

**Join us for Worship services
 to begin the New Year
 December 31, 2017
 8:00 9:30 and 11:00am**

We have something planned for you to make promises to God and yourself for the New Year. Start 2018 refreshed and joyfully in the Lord.

Messiah Night Wednesdays in 2018

Chef Marty is taking a Christmas break to prepare a great menu of warm winter food for us on Wednesday nights at 5:30. There will be no Messiah Night on December 27. Our next gathering will be **January 3**. Don't eat alone or make dinner for your family. Everyone is welcome to come eat with us at our large buffet. We always have two salads, a huge fresh fruit bowl, desserts, special kid's meal and of course, Chef's great entrée's and fresh vegetables. And best of all, plenty of good conversation with your neighbors. Afterwards, the activities for the entire family abound. Here is what the schedule looks like.

5:30-6:30 Messiah Night Buffet
6:00-6:30 Children's Choir
6:30-7:30 (See opportunities listed below)

Pastor's Class- *Our Desire and Delight*. Pastor Karl will be leading a discussion on the joy found in being Christ like in the world. Come and grow with us.

Faith Walk-Pastor Liz leads a weekly group that discusses scripture, shares experiences and ends in meaningful prayer around a weekly topic, like anxiety, joy, anger, love.

Whole Again-This is a weekly support group that encourages and lifts each other up as they navigate the difficult waters of grief. All people in whatever stage of grief they find themselves.

Children's Ministry-Children's Minister Betsy Barkalow and great volunteers lead children through children's songs, bible stories, then crafts and games. All children from 3 to 5th grade will find age-appropriate activities.

Middle School Ministry-Youth Leader Jim Diehm and committed volunteers gather 6th – 8th graders weekly for games, scripture, snacks and discussion.

High School Youth - Youth group meets again in the New Year on January 14th at 5:30pm. Games, bible study and fun! Led by Pastor Liz and other amazing volunteers.

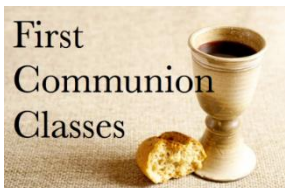
Nursery-A staffed nursery, with qualified leaders, is available Wednesday for newborns - 4 year olds from 6:30-7:30.



The Church Office will be closed Monday, December 25 through Monday, January 1. If you need into the church or have an emergency, please call Pastor Liz at 773-241-4840.

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

First Communion Classes



A wonderful tradition at Messiah is to have our children take communion for the first time with us gathering around them and their family to encourage and support. We commune baptized

children for the first time in the fourth grade, but older children are welcome, too. They attend three lessons where they learn about the ritual and the mystery of Christ's presence within it. Our pastors will lead these classes on Sunday mornings at 9:30 beginning on January 14. First Communion will be a celebration in worship on Sunday, February 4 at 9:30. Please RSVP to our children's minister Betsy Barkalow at Betsy.Barkalow.CM@gmail.com if your child will attend.



Thank you so much to all the generous people of Messiah Lutheran Church. Your donations of household goods, clothing, shoes, boots and coats has made a huge difference in the lives of those that we serve at Joseph's Coat. To see the joy on their faces at receiving a warm blanket or a kid's coat is the reason we serve and why you give. May you enjoy a fruitful and blessed 2018!



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 at 614-866-4386.



Come Sing With Us!

In the midst of a cold winter, we have a warm building to come in and sing praises to God! Join us in the new year in one of our many options.

Chancel Choir –Thursdays, 6:30-8:00. This choir leads worship throughout the year, blending their voices for anthems and hymns. Call Director, Kay Morrissey for questions 614-580-4791.

Bell Choir - Mondays, **Children-6-7, Adults-7-8.** This choir brings a huge and unique gift throughout worship of beautiful music played on hand bells. Contact Director, Linda Ickes for questions at 614-314-9523.

Children's Choir - Wednesdays, 6-6:30. This choir shares their voices in song with an enthusiasm that will melt your heart. Contact Director, Lori Hitsman for questions at l_hitsman@hotmail.com.

Men's Choir-Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30. Monthly this choir leads our entire worship service sharing a special offering and introducing us to new hymns. Contact Director Erni Orso for questions at erniorso@wowway.com.

Senior Saints- (not meeting in January) Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am. Most of these singers are over 60, but their gift is great as ever and the laughter from this group is always wonderful to hear. Join them in February.



Come Serve with Us!

Sharing Christ's love doesn't stop for the holidays...

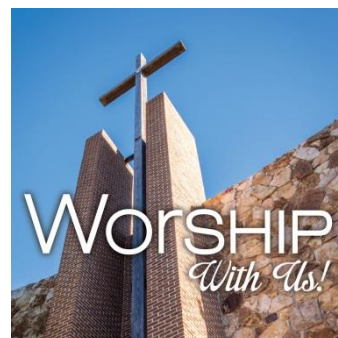
Faith on 8th - We are serving a healthy and great meal at the homeless shelter, **Faith on 8th - 5:30-7:30, Thursday, December 28th.** You can join our leaders, Dave and Sally Long in the afternoon on Thursday as they prepare the meal, or meet them at the shelter after work to serve. Faith on 8th is near Ohio Dominican University. Call Dave Long 614-855-4724 if you would like to serve or to get more information.

LSS Food Pantry - Volunteers from Messiah will be gathering at **LSS Food Pantry on Friday, December 29** from **10-3**, to welcome neighbors of the Champion Rd. neighborhood in the south side of Columbus and help them shop for five days' worth of food. It is a meaningful day for all. To serve or hear more call Tom Braden at 614-397-3644.

Throughout January we will be serving a healthy meal to hundreds of people in need in Columbus at **First English Lutheran Church** on Main Street in Columbus, **Ronald McDonald House** at Children's Hospital, **The Y Family Shelter** off of 5th Ave, and **Hope Lutheran Church** in the Driving Park Neighborhood. Plus weekly, many of Messiah people lead and serve at **Joseph's Coat and Furniture** and **HEART Food Pantry**. Call the church office for more details and contact information for any of these.



One of the most meaningful worship services of the year is on **Sunday, January 7** at all three worship services. All will be invited to the baptismal font to be splashed with the water of forgiveness, reminded of God's promise to them and forgiven and blessed to begin the New Year. Those not baptized will be encouraged, too. Our **Men's Chapel Chorale** will lead the service with special music. Start your New Year cleansed in Christ.



We invite you to worship with us any Sunday morning at 8:00 and 11:00 for Traditional Worship and at 9:30 for Contemporary.

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