

The Bulletin Board

Messiah Lutheran Church – 1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
 December 31, 2017 – The First Sunday After Christmas



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

Sunday, December 31, 2017 – Sunday, January 7, 2018

<u>Sun.</u>	8:00	Traditional Communion Service
	9:30	Contemporary Communion Service
	11:00	Traditional Communion Service
<u>Mon.</u>		New Year's Day (Office Closed)
<u>Tues.</u>	1:30	Staff Mtg.
	6:30	Men's Chapel Chorale (Erni's house)
	6:30	Tiger Den1 Pack 277 (Room 109)
	6:30	Pack 277 Lion Den 11 (Room 113)
<u>Wed.</u>	11:30	Pastor's Study (Nursery)
	5:30	Fellowship Meal
	6:00	VIP Choir (Sanctuary)
	6:30	Children's Ministry (Sanctuary)
	6:30	Confirmation (1180 Waggoner)
	6:30	Adult Education (Fritz Hall)
	6:30	Whole Again Group (Teacher's Lounge)
<u>Thurs.</u>		Ronald McDonald House Serve
	6:30a	Men's Breakfast (Scrambler Marie's)
	6:30	Dart Ball (@ Rome)
	6:30	Brownie Troop (Room 110)
	6:30	Chancel Choir
<u>Sat.</u>	9:30	Praise Band Practice
	11:00	Janks' Birthday Party
<u>Sun.</u>	8:00	Traditional Communion Service
	9:30	Contemporary Communion Service
	11:00	Traditional Communion Service
	4:00	Cub Scout Den 3 (Fritz Hall)
	6:00	Reynoldsburg Soccer (FH)

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. The first class is January 3.

Faith Walk-Pastor Liz leads a weekly group that discusses scripture, shares experiences and ends in meaningful prayer. The next class starts **January 10**.

Week 1: Self-Compassion, **Week 2:** Resistance, **Week 3:** Discernment, **Week 4:** Ministry, **Week 5:** Courage.

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.

This morning's altar flowers are given to the glory of God.



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

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

Messiah Night Wednesdays in 2018

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. The typical schedule is:



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.

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. See the insert in today's bulletin.

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



Electronic Recycling Event to benefit non-profit organizations

On Sunday, January 14th from 9:00am – 1:00pm, Community Computer Alliance will be holding an electronics recycling drive here at Messiah.

Anyone wishing to donate computer equipment can drop items off at the Messiah Lutheran Church parking lot during this event. Volunteers will be on hand to unload the donated items. There is no fee for turning in equipment and all electronic data and personal information from computers is professionally erased by a secured 3 pass scrub of the hard drives.

Acceptable items for donation include: Most anything with a cord including household appliances, computers, laptops, I-pads, I-Pods and PDAs, cell phones, gaming systems, home stereos, VCR's & DVD players, wires and cables, LCD monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, scanners, copiers, ink and toner cartridges and computer parts and accessories. A fee is charged for CRT monitors and Televisions. The recycling benefits Autism Awareness.

Paper Shredding will also be available this year.

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.

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 Choral** will lead the service with special music. Start your New Year cleansed in Christ.



Mark your calendars: The Reynoldsburg Community Association will hold their annual **All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner** on **Saturday, February 17, 2018** from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Messiah

Lutheran Church 1200 S. Waggoner Road. Reynoldsburg, Ohio. 43068. Great Food, Live Entertainment, Fun and Fellowship will be provided.

The Spaghetti Dinner is a major fundraising event for the Reynoldsburg Community Association with monies raised from the event going towards the Fourth of July Parade, Community Halloween Party, Christmas on the Towne and other free community events that benefit the citizens of our community.

Tickets can be purchased presale by contacting Chuck Cochran at 580-7218 or at the door on the evening of the event. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults \$5.00 and Children 3-12 and Free for Children under the age of 3.



You may never know the impact your donation has on a family: You may never see the donated shoes worn by the four-year-old as she dances around her room. You may never know the impact of your time spent picking up donated beds, a kitchen table with chairs and household goods for the family of four moving from homelessness to an apartment. You may not realize the importance of the money you donated; allowing us to open our doors the evening a Gahanna family lost everything to fire 12 hours earlier.

2017 was a record year. Since January 1, over 1400 new families have signed up for membership and received clothing, furniture, household goods, and/or personal care items...In October, the number of families receiving furniture exceeded last year's record. We surpassed last year's total family visits in early November.

We appreciate your support and welcome it for 2018 as together we serve more and more people. Thank you.

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