

The Bulletin Board

Messiah Lutheran Church – 1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
 December 10, 2017 – The Second Sunday of Advent



Sunday, December 10, 2017 – Sunday, December 17, 2017

<u>Sun.</u>	Second Sunday of Advent/New Member Sunday/Cookie Sale
	8:00 Traditional Communion Service
	9:30 Contemporary Communion Service
	9:30 Children/Adult SS
	9:45 Cantata Practice (Fritz Hall)
	11:00 Traditional Communion Service
<u>Mon.</u>	6:00 Bells of Glory (Fritz Hall)
	7:00 Joyringers (Fritz Hall)
	7:00 Preschool Christmas Program
<u>Tues.</u>	12:00 Rebekah Circle Luncheon
	1:30 Staff Mtg.
	6:30 Men's Chapel Chorale (Erni's house)
	7:00 Preschool Christmas Program
<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)
	7:30 Advent Worship Service
<u>Thurs.</u>	6:30a Men's Breakfast (Scrambler Marie's)
	6:30 Dart Ball (@ Trinity)
	6:30 Chancel Choir (Fritz Hall)
<u>Sat.</u>	2:00 Cantata Practice (Sanctuary)
	9:00 Praise Band Practice (Sanctuary)
<u>Sun.</u>	8:00 Traditional Communion Service
	9:30 Contemporary Communion Service
	9:30 Children/Adult SS
	11:00 Traditional Communion Service

Boots and Shoes in the Pews – Let's help Joseph's Coat and Santa bring new or barely worn shoes and boots, tied together. Scarves, gloves and socks welcome, too. Whole Again will collect from under your pews and from containers in the Welcome Center this morning.

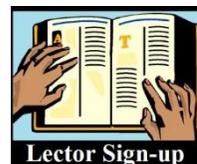
FaithWalk - Our series of topics continue on December 6th at 6:30. This group gathers each week around a different subject with scripture. What are you struggling with? How do you see God working in your life? Come and share. Week 5 is Joy.

Advent Class: A New Creation - 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.



Poinsettia Sign-Up

Poinsettias – This is the last day to purchase poinsettias. 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-up

Lector sign-ups – Amy Canan has been busy the last two weeks getting Lector volunteers. She has done a great job. She has the 11 service completely filled. She has 6 spots available for both the 8:00 service and the 9:30 service. If you are able to help fill in these spots we would certainly appreciate it. Please stop by and see volunteer today. Thank you Amy, and thank you to all who have already volunteered.



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.



Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and are presented by Bob and Sara Crist in honor of their daughter Michelle's birthday and from Alisa Limbers in honor of her mom, Jean Limbers' 84th birthday.

Be looking for the 2018 altar guild calendar. It will be on the bulletin board across from the church office this Sunday. Choose your dates.



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, Cindy Baptiste, Sue McLeod, Beverly Healy, Debbie Drumm, Marilyn Potter, Julie Searls, Barbara Nelson, Elaine Malzahn and family, Lance Kirklin, Maxine Getreu, Mary Thompson

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

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



Please share the insert in today's bulletin about our Christmas Eve Services with a family member, neighbor or friend. Be sure to invite someone to attend one of our four services: 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 and 11:00.



Christmas Cookies Today!

The homemade cookies you buy today make great gifts or a delicious treat for the family. A medium box is \$12 and a large \$20. Sales start at 9:00 and we

expect to sell out. Anyone missing cookies today may purchase some at 5:00 pm next Saturday evening or Sunday morning at St. Pius, our partners. All proceeds from both sales and one at Parkview Presbyterian go to our combined ministry at Joseph's Coat to provide the essentials for families experiencing difficult times.



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 - Wednesday nights through December 20. 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.



Plan to attend the Congregational Meeting at 12:15pm this afternoon. We will be voting for our budget for 2018 and open council seats. The candidates for the council seats are Julie Hartman, Richard Mederer and Staci Stought. Bios of these members are listed below.

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!



SENIOR LUNCHEON - Our next luncheon is December 19 at noon. Please bring appetizers to share. We will have a special guest speaker. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater for our prettiest sweater contest. Please let Bob and Peg Rabe know if you plan to attend (614-751-0335).

Congratulations to Anne Jones on the birth of her baby boy. Kayden Cole Kelly-Jones was born December 3, 2017. He weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches in length.



Please take time to welcome our new members to the Messiah Family today. See the insert in the bulletin to learn more about them.

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