

THIS WEEK ~January 22-29, 2012

<u>Today:</u>	Third Sunday after Epiphany		
	8:15 am	Traditional Service ~ Holy Communion	
	9:15 am	Sunday School	
	10:30 am	Informal Service	
	6:30 pm	Confirmation Gathering (W)	
<u>Monday:</u>	6:00 pm	GS Troops 165,1308 & 1760 (H)	
	7:00 pm	Volleyball (FH)	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	12:30 pm	Senior Center Volleyball (FH)	
	6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	
	7:30 pm	Cub Scouts Committee Meeting	
<u>Wednesday:</u>	10:00 am	Sewing Group	
	6:30 pm	Praise Team Rehearsal	
	8:00 pm	Basketball (FH)	
<u>Thursday:</u>	8:00 am	Kardia (FH,K,C)	
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	
	7:30 pm	Senior Choir Rehearsal	
<u>Friday:</u>	6:00 pm	J-Stroke Volleyball (FH)	
<u>Next Sunday:</u>	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany		
	8:15 am	Traditional Worship ~ Holy Communion	
	9:15 am	Sunday School	
	10:30 am	Informal Worship ~ Holy Communion	
	3:00 pm	Youth to Ronald McDonald House, Hershey	



CHILDREN'S BULLETINS: Look for children's bulletins each week on the welcome table. They are appropriate for children ages 6–12, and the word games support the Gospel reading.

NARTHEX REFRESHMENTS: Stop by for coffee, a cool drink and light snack before and/or after worship and socialize with your neighbors. Everyone is welcome. If you'd like to help with this any Sunday, check the sign-up sheet next to the drink decanter.

GUESTS AND VISITORS! We welcome you to worship, and pray that God will bless you abundantly through our gathering. Please fill out one of the visitor cards in the pew rack in front of you, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers as you leave. It is our joy to have you with us.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE TODAY
In memory of Mamie E. Kohl (Endowment Pg. 12)

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of Abby Naugle's 9th birthday from Mom, Dad, Connor and Kate.

THE BULLETINS are sponsored by Linda Everline in honor of Lewis' birthday.

BUSY BAGS are located on the peg tree in the Narthex stocked with books, puzzles and other items are available for children to use during worship service.

OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL serving around the world: Gregory Naugle and Eric Sears serving in the Marines; Darren Weidenhammer and John H. Schonour serving in the Navy; and Bradley Naugle serving in the Air Force. Please keep them in your prayers.

On Sunday, Feb. 5th, please join your AELC family at our annual soup luncheon during which time donations will be accepted for your meal of soup and a sandwich (sandwiches are still \$5). 100% of our collection for the soup will be sent to the Lutheran Food Pantry.



Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

Sunday, Feb. 5th ~~ 11:30 ~~ Fellowship Hall

Join the fun and wear your favorite team jersey or other apparel today! Doesn't matter if it's High School, College or Professional... Let's see what team has the biggest fans and come together to support the 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring!

Hmm... I wonder if there is more than 1 Ohio State fan attending AELC or if Pastor Greg will stand alone as a Buckeye fan?

Don't forget to bring in canned goods anytime between **NOW** and Feb. 5th... Place in the Narthex at the Souper Bowl of Caring Display.



2nd SUNDAY SANDWICH SALE: Sunday, February 5th.. please use the yellow pre-order forms in the Narthex to order. Pre-ordering really helps with ordering. Thanks so much for your continued support!

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Meeting **TONIGHT** at 6:30 in the Adult Sunday School room for a lesson on "Feeding the 5000". We will also be participating in a service project for the Mifflin Area Food Bank. PLEASE don't forget your item to bring.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: We've heard from 4 families so far! Please pass the word! Olan Mills, based in Tennessee, had no idea of the problems we had the week of our picture sessions, but after hearing about them, explained what we can do to remedy the situation. **If for any reason you could not make your appointment that week (Nov. 1-5), please contact the office immediately.** We need a minimum of 15 families to reschedule a one-day session; if we do not get enough for our own session, we can go to another church in the area. But we won't know until we know how many families we talking about. So please call and spread the word to others!

MEMORIALS: Donations from the following have been received: to the Endowment Fund in memory of John Schonour by Kenneth & Pat Hiester; to the Memorial Fund in memory of Sally Ketter by James and Susan Messner.



SPIRITUAL PARENTING: On Sunday, February 12th from 6:30 - 8pm we will begin our Spiritual Parenting class. The goal of these sessions is to empower parents to be the primary nurturers of their children's faith. Families will be transformed as they learn how to create space for God-encounters in everyday life. Single, married and grandparents are encouraged to attend. The course runs for approximately 8 weeks. Plan on purchasing the Spiritual Planning Book ahead of time - cost is \$10. Babysitting will be provided. If you are interested, please see Tracey Ormsbee.



On Monday, January 16th, over 20 AELC members had a 'DAY ON' on a day which is typically a day off for many...special thanks to the Knox Family (Pastor Rebecca, Hannah & Ben), the Heath Family (Helen, Danielle, Nicki, & Fiona), the Naugle Family (Amy, Connor, Abby & Kate), the Reinoehl Family (Adele, Parker, and cousin Keagun), the Pakradoonis (JJ & Henry), the Heinlys (Minta & Talia) and Erin Bleacher, Kylie Herman and Margo Mummau for volunteering in a variety of ways. Folks helped unload the pantry delivery truck (alongside Jim & Luicelle Spangler and Tom Oeffinger), fill shelves, crush boxes (just ask the awesome 3rd grade box crushing team supervised by Minta!), build 3 computer desks, rake leaves, & paint bus lines at a local elementary school. WHEW!!! After the work was completed, Pastor Rebecca Knox led group activities that encouraged working together.

IT'S BAAAACK!!!!!!! The Allegheny WORLD HUNGER AUCTION! Put Saturday, March 24, 2012 on your calendar and be ready to bid high and bid often. Think about what you can contribute and contact Bev Breniser @ 717-445-9529 or bevbreniser@frontiernet.net to join the auction planning committee. Stay tuned for more information coming in the New Year.

Greater Mifflin Clothing Drive

CLOTHING DRIVE Items are beginning to arrive in the Youth Room for the clothing drive. Please consider donating clean, hole-free clothes and shoes for the spring season that have some life left in them —> any size from child to adult!

The collection will run from January 15th to February 12th, 2012. If you have clothes (any size) you want to donate, drop them off on any Sunday morning in the youth room or to the church office Monday-Friday, 9am-12pm.

The Sr. High group will also sort the clothing by size and prepare the clothes for the day of the event (early March, date to be decided) while volunteering during the event. These teenagers will also need YOUR HELP the day of the event...welcoming people, helping people shop, keeping the clothes tables in a manageable state, possibly baking cookies, etc.



ATTENTION PRAISE TEAM HOPEFULS – The success of our new informal worship is STILL largely in your hands. Interested in participating weekly (or whenever you can) in our **Informal Worship**? If you know of a Sunday(s) you'll be able to participate, come to rehearsal Sunday mornings in the 9:30 am time frame before the 10:30 worship, and also on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm as we move forward. Each week, we'll need at least two voices, a guitar and keyboard, and possibly some percussion, including tambourine, acoustic drums (or other). Feeling a call to lead this new worship ministry? Know someone who might be interested? Talk to Pastor Greg and see where the Spirit may be leading you/us.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE WISH LIST: Bibles that are not being used are greatly needed in the pews here at AELC and may be donated/recycled by bringing them to the church office. Any translation, large or regular print, and no wider than 8 inches preferred. These will then be available for visitors, those who forget to bring their own, and worshippers who may borrow one of these Bibles for themselves or a friend. We would like to keep Bibles in each pew because our lives and worship are built around the Word of God. Thank you in advance for sharing these Bibles with others. Call Elaine Fiant with questions at 610-856-5013.

FOOD PANTRY: There is a cart in the Narthex to collect items on a **weekly** basis for the pantry. Much needed items at this time are cereals, fruit juice, peanut butter, canned fruits and **especially personal care items** such as toilet tissue, soap and shampoo. Simply pick up a few items when shopping to bring in Sunday morning.



DO YOU GROCERY SHOP?!?!? If you buy groceries at either Giant or Redner's, you can help send AELC kids to Bear Creek. Purchase a \$50 gift card for \$50 for either Giant or Redner's, and the grocery stores donate 5% of sales to us. This money goes toward giving \$100 to each Bear Creek camper to help defray the cost of this great outdoor ministry. See Jacqueline Johnson, Tracey Ormsbee, Lori Kuczala or Betsy Diebolt to purchase your gift cards.

COUPONING FOR A CAUSE: Another way to help - Please donate your unused grocery coupons to benefit the Mifflin Community Food Ministry. Operated by Zion Evangelical, St. John's Lutheran, Calvary United Methodist, all in Mohnton, and St. Luke's E.C., Shillington, this "pantry" does not get any supplemental food from the Greater Berks Food Bank (because the churches will provide religious services to whoever requests them), so the only groceries they receive are those donated privately and by their congregations. Therefore, a small group of women meet each week to sort through grocery coupons and match them with current sales in our area; they then purchase these items and donate them to the MCFM. A collection box is in the Narthex for your coupons. Even expired ones (up to 6 months) are welcome – these are accepted in military commissaries, so they are mailed to a contact who then distributes them to military families. This project will benefit many people and does not conflict with the efforts of the Pantry at St. Luke's (see above). Contact Jessica Kranis (work 610-898-6627; home 610-777-2635) with any questions.

