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# MESSENGER

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## SEPTEMBER 7

- What:** Worship and Picnic Kick Off for Church Year
- When:** 10:00 AM, September 7 Combined Service  
11:30 AM, Church Picnic and Games
- Bring:** Side Dish or Dessert for Potluck, plus Enthusiasm, Singing Voices, Love of God's Church

The start of the school year brings the start of all the great programs that have been asleep for the summer, like Messiah Night, Confirmation/Youth, Children's Ministries, Choirs, Adult Education and more. Our tradition is to kick all of this off with one big celebratory worship service. This year is even bigger than past years.

**Sunday, September 7**, we will have one big **Rally Day** worship service followed by an Old Fashioned Church Picnic. The worship service will be at 10:00, bringing together the 9:30 and 11:00 services. We will still have an 8:00 worship service that morning. We are hoping for a great crowd at this combined service so be sure to call up those who we have not seen in a while. Let's fill up the sanctuary for the start of this program year!

After the service, we will head out to the Shelter House. Chef Marty is preparing delicious pulled pork sandwiches and a green salad bar. Drinks and dinnerware are provided, too. The congregation is encouraged to bring side dishes, salads and desserts.

There is a sign-up sheet for you to designate what you want to furnish in the Welcome Center.

At this great picnic, we will have games for adults, kids and even little ones, water games, bounce house, and lots more. Let's start off this new program year in a big way.

For questions, or if you would like to be removed from our mailings, please call the church office at 614/866-4386.



I read about this great image recently. There was a guy named Bob who was sitting around on New Year's day with his three kids and they were all bored. Bob thought it was a crime that anyone was bored on New Year's day so he came up with an idea. After thinking about what Bob and his family could do that sounded exciting, they agreed that a parade sounded interesting. So they decided to have a parade on their street. They went house to house telling the neighbors they were going to have a parade. And the neighbors indulged the kids by telling them they would watch. But there was a catch. The family decided that no one could watch the parade. The only way you could watch the parade was to be in the parade. You had to participate in order to see the parade.

And so a few neighbors joined in. The small parade marched to the end of the street and had a cookout. Almost ten years later, the New Year's parade is a tradition. Hundreds of people join in, still nobody can watch unless they are in the parade and the day has not been boring since. Not only has it not been boring for the family, but it hasn't been boring for hundreds of neighbors as well.

People in the neighborhood know each other better because of the parade. The parade has allowed the people the chance to get to spend time with one another enjoying the presence of other people in the parade.

That is a great image for us here at Messiah. This faith community is a place where everyone has the opportunity to participate and nobody stands on the sidelines. A place where we are all enhanced because of the gifts that we share with one another. A place where we get to know one another better because of time spent with one another.

As we begin the programming year, there are many opportunities to become a part of the parade. Whether you have been a part of the parade for 50 years or just a month or two, jump into the parade and participate. Your God given gifts will enhance this community and make our parade even more festive and enjoyable. So join us on Sunday mornings and look through this newsletter and find ways to join the parade. The parade is better when you are involved!

God's peace,

Pastor Thadd



## Sanctuary Renewal Update

In June, 2014 approximately \$158,000 was committed by our congregation in support of a concept to renew our sanctuary. Even though this is a great deal of money and represents many generous and sacrificial gifts, it is short of the \$345,000 estimated cost of the original concept approved by the congregation in December of 2013. The promise was made by our council to the congregation to complete the renovation without incurring any new debt. This means that the concept will have to be altered and some of the improvements hoped for will have to be saved for another time.

A new group has been tasked by our council to match the money raised to the desire of the congregation. They have been given three goals to maintain the approved concept as close as possible, replace the flooring of the worship space and eliminate the clutter of the chancel area. Currently, this group is meeting with contractors and tradesman. The goal is to find and agree upon a plan forward by September and provide this to council. Council will then either approve their proposal fully, approve it with some adjustments or ask the group to rework significant portions. When approved by council, it will be shared with the congregation. Our long range goal is that serious work on the sanctuary renewal will begin April 6, 2015, the Monday after Easter.

Please, keep all of this in your prayers. This is an exciting time for Messiah. We have been given a beautiful and stunning sanctuary that has served us well for over forty years. Now, as good stewards of this stunning space, we are tasked with updating it and preparing it for another fifty years of worship. If you have any questions about the process, concept, commitments or way forward, please contact one of our six council representatives or me. Below is a timeline of the process so far.

Peace,  
Pastor Karl

## Sanctuary Renewal Timeline

We are working hard to further the renewal of our sanctuary. Here is a brief history of where we have been over the last two years.

- In the summer of 2012, council created a committee to study what changes needed. They were tasked with talking to the congregation especially those groups who use and maintain the sanctuary, studying the current understanding of worship life, and visiting area churches that have undergone their own renovation.
- In the spring of 2013, this group completed their work and presented their recommendations to council.
- In the summer of 2013, Council assigned another group the task of making these recommendations a full concrete concept that could be presented for discussion with the congregation. This group worked with M&A Architects to flesh out a plan.
- In the fall of 2013, council received this concept from M&A and the task force. They worked to scale it back in cost and scope fearing it was more than the congregation would support. They approved a \$345,000 concept and moved to put it on the Congregational Meeting ballot for 2013.
- In November, 2013, this plan was shared with the entire congregation through many town hall presentations.
- In December, 2013 at our congregational meeting, it was approved by about 70% of the vote.
- In February, 2014, a third group was called together by the council to raise money for the concept in the spring of 2014.
- In June, 2014 approximately \$158,000 was committed in support of the concept. The commitments were promised to be fulfilled within twelve months. To date, almost half have been completed.
- *Fall of 2014, approval by council of a revised concept.*
- *Spring of 2015, construction begins for the renovation of our sanctuary.*

### † Interested in Studying Scripture?

While there are many great opportunities throughout the week to study and grow your faith at Messiah, we have two specific classes that focus solely on scripture. They are both led by our pastors.



**Pastor's Class** – This class resumes at 11:30 am, Wednesday, September 10. Come join us in the Sacristy Lounge! We begin with prayers for our congregation, friends and family. We then move to scripture and points of interest in the scripture lifted up by either pastor. It ends with a lively and thought provoking discussion about how the passage speaks to us and intersects with our lives. There is always a lot of laughter and even tears at times. We dive deep into scripture, spending the last two years just on the book of Matthew. Your understanding will surely grow.

**Men's Breakfast Study** - This class resumes at 6:30 am, Thursday, September 11. They meet at Scrambler Marie's at the corner of Waggoner and Broad. As the title implies, it is a group of men who meet for breakfast, prayer and scripture. They are led every week by Pastor Karl. Like the Pastor's Class, they dive deep into scripture, plus build friendships and encourage each other with the concerns unique to men. The class always ends at 7:30 so that people can get to work. Many of the men have said it is the most meaningful hour of the week for them.

Learn  
&  
Grow

## Messiah Nights Are Back

Finally, it is back! No more eating alone or cooking on Wednesday nights. Messiah Night begins on Wednesday, September 10.

Wednesday evenings at Messiah are as busy for us as Sunday mornings. We gather for a meal, fellowship, music, learning and worship. From 5:30 till 7:30, make Messiah your destination. You can find more information about many of these activities in other parts of this newsletter.

At 6:30 p.m., after our Fellowship Meal, we are dismissed to our education groups. Our 3yrs. – Pre K (5yrs) *Little Angels* meet in Room 105; K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade *Kids for Christ* meet in 110, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> *God's Quest* meet in Room 117.

Our Middle School kids (grades 6-8) will meet in Room 109 and High School in Room 113.

Adult Education is always in Fritz Hall.



### Entry Into Sunday School Blessing

As our ministry year begins we honor the faith step of our youngest members and celebrate our 3 year olds entry into Sunday School. On September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30, we will call all our 3 year olds forward with their families for a special blessing to celebrate their baptismal promise to teach their children the word of God. We want to show support in this step in their lives and encourage them to join Sunday School to learn more about God’s love for them. If you have a 3 year old, please contact the church office at 866-4386 to let us know you will be participating in the blessing on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

### First Bible for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> Third Graders! It’s time to celebrate you! Another promise your parents make is to put the Word of God into your hands and we want to help make that happen. Come to the church Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm until 8:00pm as we play games, make bible covers and learn more about what’s in the bible and how to use it. Bibles are provided and parents do not have to stay. Pizza and pop will be provided! Please RSVP to the church office at 866-4386 no later than September 12<sup>th</sup> so we have enough for everyone. The First Bible Blessing will take place on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am service where the youth will receive their bibles from their parents. Please let the office know if you will be attending the blessing as well when you call. We look forward to sharing in this faith step with you.



We would like to give a heartfelt THANK YOU to Susan Fryer for her years of dedication to the Fellowship Chair position. Beyond overseeing Messiah Nights and Sunday morning fellowship, Susan was instrumental in major changes over the course of her 2 year of leadership including; a new coffee service, new plates & cups, a dishwasher, the Secret Sister Program and numerous fellowship trips just to name a few. She has represented and served our fellowship with grace and diligence and for that we are truly grateful. Thank you from all of your Messiah Family, Susan!

The Fellowship Committee is looking to fill the Fellowship Chair position. If you have a passion like Susan to make people feel welcome and included, please consider this call. Call Dee Gabe to hear more.

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**Your side dishes are needed!** Karen Fosnaugh is heading up the Funeral Luncheons here at Messiah and looking for willing hands to help. Main dishes will be taken care of (by Karen). Just looking for folks to sign up to bring side dishes and desserts when needed. This is a wonderful way to serve our brothers and sisters when they are grieving and feeling alone. If you feel you can assist with this need, please reach out to Karen ([cjfiii@columbus.rr.com](mailto:cjfiii@columbus.rr.com) or 740-587- 7394) to get added to the call list. Your help (and dishes) are truly appreciated!



Kyle Eck	2
Josh Payette	
Marcy Schlater	
Michael Scott	
Jake Tandy	
Michelle Tuozzo	
Robin Vanover	
Walter McCloy	3
Allison Parson	
Harold Short	
Tiffany Cunningham	4
Bobbi Lohiser	
Tracy Russ	
Olivia Childress	5
Vivienne Colburn	
Abby Marquart	
Helen Schonhardt	6
Nancy Becker	7
Gabriel Stought	
Brody Wissinger	
Kara Zimmerman	
Jean Fisher	8
Melinda Marquart	
Kurt Scheiderer	
William Dunham	9
Amarazepah Sheriff	
Corissa Thatcher	
Sally Wallace	
Julie Hartman	10
Frank Jhainor	
Matt McCarty	
Ross McClain	11
David Rinehart	
Lori Wilson	
Jackson Powell	12
Aleks Ripple	
Lesley Kerkman	13
Crofton McDevitt	
David McMannis	

Amy Mikan	
Jack Speakman	
Ron Eckelberry	14
Jenny Marquart	
Carl Fosnaugh III	15
Sophia Racette	
Nicholas Teague	
Chris Weber	
Craig Whitson	
Bill Evenson	16
Ian Lohiser	
Lacey Gaulke	17
Michele Matthews	
Amy Ripple	
John Roberts	
Donald Shaw	
Colin Corcoran	19
Kathy Miller	
Denise Solt	
Scott Barrett	20
Bill Sampson	
Mandy Tusim	
Diane Davis	21
Brandi Janks	22
Lorne Hlad	
Rob Sharrett	
Justin Boring	24
Jenny Vanover	
Amanda Carlson	24
Alex Begeny	26
Bob Finney	
Steve Parson	
Ursula Carstensen	27
Karen Fosnaugh	
George Hartman	
Elizabeth Newell	
Alexa Brown	28
Linda Ickes	
Andrew Moore	
Darcy Reese	
Horst Schmidt	
John Bowser II	29
John Carmean	
Ethel Cochran	
Wendy Ferguson	
Steven Holzapfel	30
Keith Mosier	
Caroline Smith	30



**LECTORS**

- Sept. 7  
8:00 Dianne Tredway  
10:00 Jenni Wiseman
- Sept. 14  
8:00 Kim Harris  
9:30 Howard Jones  
11:00 Julie Brimhall
- Sept. 21  
8:00 Ray Olson  
9:30 Sherri Houghton  
11:00 Jeanette Kuder
- Sept. 28  
8:00 Carol Kokai  
9:30 Howard Jones  
11:00 Jim Henschen

**ACOLYTES**

- Sept. 7  
8:00 Raine Harris  
10:00 Bryson Eckelberry
- Sept. 14  
8:00 Park Stonerook  
11:00 Brian McClain
- Sept. 21  
8:00 Emma Moore  
11:00 Jovi Prater
- Sept. 28  
8:00 Alex Sampson  
11:00 Corbin Russ

**COMMUNION ASST'S**

- Sept. 7  
8:00 Debbie Glass, Ray Olson  
10:00 Michael Grimm, Sally Long, Mike and Terri Janks, Matt and Cathy Satterwhite, Barbara McClain, Ross, Vickie, and Leighlyn McClain, Don and Dee Gabe
- Sept. 14  
8:00 Kim Harris, Clare Soppe  
9:30 Stacy Hogan, Jean Lantis, Dan and Theresa Newell, Laric and Patsy O'Dell, Pat Roper, Bill Sampson, Amy Canan
- 11:00 Kassie and Seth Diehm
- Sept. 21  
8:00 Ray Olson, Sally Cochran  
9:30 Seth, Jim and Caleb Diehm, Melissa Stonerook, Bob and Carol Kohs, Dan and Elaine Majoy, Eric and Vicki Morris
- 11:00 Ron Moder, Susan Fryer
- Sept. 28  
8:00 Rodney Fisher, Mike Cochran  
9:30 Chuck and Marie Cochran, Jim and Linda Cochran, Lori Gulling, Todd and Susan Mountain, Howard Jones, Pat Kurz
- 11:00 Jim Henschen, CJ Fosnaugh

**TRADITIONAL USHERS**

- 8:00 The Scheiderer Team
- 11:00 The Parson Team

**Eternal Candle**

Martha Koeplin

**NURSERY NANNY**

Amy Canan, Tina and Sarah Kerr

**SOUND SYSTEM (8:00)**

- Sept. 7 Randy Wilson
- Sept. 14 Andy Moore
- Sept. 21 Bryan Kuhn
- Sept. 28 Randy Wilson

**SOUND SYSTEM (11:00)**

- Sept. 7 Adam or David (TBA)
- Sept. 14 Gary Schmandt
- Sept. 21 David Waite
- Sept. 28 Gary Schmandt

**SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD**

Carol Keiber and Peggy Rabe

**CANTORS (8:00)**

- Sept. 14 Mike Cochran
- Sept. 21 Linda Ickes
- Sept. 28 Jim Henschen

**CANTORS (11:00)**

- Sept. 14 Joanna Boswell
- Sept. 21 Carol Kohs
- Sept. 28 Julie Brimhall



*Please pay special attention to September 7. You may have signed up for the 9:30 or 11:00 services to assist with worship. Those 2 worship services are combined at 10:00 a.m. that day. Your schedule may have changed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We still have the 8:00 service that morning and nothing changed there.*

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

Date	8:00	9:30	11:00
September 7*	Ellie and Charlie Lepley	Chris and Nancy Huskey, Nancy Becker <b>10:00am</b>	See 9:30 am Service
September 14	Marge Seymour and Sarah Kerr	Stephanie Friestad-Pickering	Ron Moder and Susan Fryer
September 21	Judy Davis and Barb Formentelli	Abbey Hanf and Marcy Schlater	Virginia Boggs and Phyllis Triona
September 28	Carol Kokai and Clare Soppe	Barbara Rayback and Tammy Bouk	Steve and Rhonda Parson

\*(The 9:30 and 11:00 services are combined on September 7 at 10:00 a.m.)

### Refreshments for September

Date	8:00	9:30	11:00
September 7*	Sherri Houghton	Jennifer Wittler and Debra Strickling <b>10:00am</b>	
September 14	Kathy Miller	Rochelle Morrison	Ethel Cochran
September 21	Rob Scheiderer	Bessie McGarvey	Crystal Lindahl
September 28	Joann Saffell	Marie Cochran	Amy Taylor

\*(The 9:30 and 11:00 services are combined on September 7 at 10:00 a.m.)

### *September 2014 Prayer*

*Dear God,*

*Are our beautiful days leaving us? We thank you for the wonderful days we have enjoyed. Some of us stayed home and enjoyed just sitting outside. Some people traveled through our country and saw beautiful sites. Others traveled to foreign lands. Regardless what category we fit in, we thank you.*

*Now it is back to school for all ages. Be they teachers, students, janitors, bus drivers, cooks or whomever, be with them this school year. We all need your help. Keep them safe in school.*

*We also ask you to keep the teachers and students here at Messiah's preschool and Sunday School safe. Be with Pat and Alicia as they start anew this year.*

*Please watch over all the homeless and the hungry. Bless Joseph's Coat and HEART. May we have enough workers for these projects. Keep our church a "Loving God...Loving Each Other" congregation.*

*And dear God, we pray for the Sanctuary Renewal Committee as they prepare and bring the final report to the congregation.*

*All this we ask in your name. Amen.*

## A Letter to the Congregation

*As a member of Messiah and a former member of the Senior Saints, I need to tell you how the "traveling Senior Saints" performed at Amber Park, July 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*If you haven't seen them perform outside of church, you do not know the choir. As expected, the singing was beautiful; not just the choir, but those duets, too. We discovered there are plenty of funny actors in the church as well.*

*It was wonderful to see that 2 teenagers responded to the open invitation to sing with the choir. Several grandchildren also helped, and two of them even sang.*

*After the concert, the residents were reluctant to let the choir go. They are definitely invited to come back next year. I was proud to say to other residents, yes, they go to the same church as I do, as well as residents Jan Olson and Don Epp. God bless the choir.*

*Pastor Thadd, Nancy Hoffman, Kay Morrissey and Sally Long also came to Amber Park to see the choir.*

*Carolyn March*

## Have you checked out the Memorial Garden lately?

To enhance our Columbarium and the Memorial Wall, we have recently installed lighting to illuminate our facilities. Stop by and take a look at dusk sometime and see what a difference it has made.

Remember, columbarium niches which accommodate two cremains are available to Messiah members and their families at a cost of \$ 2,500. This is a one-time charge and includes opening and closing of the niche, engraving and perpetual care of the Garden. What a significant way to memorialize the loved ones of our Messiah family who have gone on before us. A complete information packet containing the rules and regulations is available from the church office. Questions may be directed to any Columbarium Committee members - the Beckers, the Hessler, the Rabes and Pat Speakman.

### **SOMETHING NEW... YET OLD**



*Have you ever considered how many diapers a baby uses a day; it is five to twelve a day depending on the age of the child. In today's world everyone uses disposable diaper, the cost is not covered by Ohio Works First, SNAP or other social service organizations in the state. FYI, the cost of cloth diapers and the detergent to wash them is also exempt.*

*Messiah's Community Outreach Ministries is sponsoring a diaper drive during the last three Sundays of August to benefit the COLUMBUS DIAPER COALITION. It is a relatively new organization seeking to provide diapers to clients served by Columbus area food pantries. Currently they serve a total of four zip codes and will be sharing some of this drive's response locally. Their vision is to form a diaper bank to serve all of the Columbus area.*

*When you go to the grocery store pick up a package to share with those who are unable to provide access to this basic need. You will be contributing to the health and happiness of the families and babies in need.*

*A box is provided in the Welcome Center for your contribution.*





Now that students are heading back to school, our supply of underwear at Joseph's Coat is once again depleted. We are designating September 14 and 21 as "Undies Sundays" to help restock our supply. Currently we have an ample number of socks (especially large sizes) so we are asking that you consider purchasing underwear in children's sizes only (we also have plenty of adult sizes.) This will allow us to address our greatest needs. We appreciate your continued support of Joseph's Coat and this particular ministry.



**Saturday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** we are going to have our 2<sup>nd</sup> cooking class with Chef Marty and Donna. We will be cooking seafood dishes, showcasing many fish methods, crab cakes, and shrimp scampi. The cost is \$20.



► **Messiah Night is coming next month.** We are looking for volunteers for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We need cooks of any kind. We will train. We also need help with dish washing, clean-up, and servers for Wednesday nights. Please contact Chef Marty on Facebook or [mahtywest@gmail.com](mailto:mahtywest@gmail.com) or 614-657-4424.

**Our next fellowship** event is for the "BIRDS", literally...



Join us for a birding event at Blacklick Woods Metro Park led by our very own birding enthusiasts Bob and Sara Crist. We will meet at 6:00 pm on Monday, September 8th at the Nature Center at Blacklick and go on a birding hike. Bob and Sara will point out birding tips and maybe even see some interesting birds native to Ohio. If you have binoculars, please bring them, if you don't, you will still have a great time. This hike is family friendly and good for any age!

Questions, call Bob or Sara at 614-530-1605, or Susan at 614-980-4279.



We all know Luke was a doctor, but what does society say today? **JOIN US** for Wednesday Night MESSIAH NIGHT Adult Education starting Wednesday, September 10 for a discussion with **Ray Olson** and **Pastor Mac Kelly** on **CHRISTIANITY AND MEDICAL ETHICS**. This promises to be an exciting topic for us! Mark your calendars now! We'll see you right after supper on September 10.



### **NEEDED: HANDBELL AND HANDCHIME PLAYERS**

New people are needed for all 3 groups to replace people from last year who have schedule conflicts or have moved up to a more advanced group this year. It is not necessary to have previous experience.

On Sunday September 7th try a handbell or chime before or after the 10 AM merged service! It is easy and fun!



The Messiah Chimes and Bells of Glory do not need to read music. Your notes will be highlighted with beats. If you do read music you can have a more challenging part to prepare you for Joyringers in the future.

To join Joyringers you need to be in high school or an adult who reads music. This group is also open to adults who do not read music. You can start with 1 bell and your music will be marked with your notes and beats. If you cannot make fulltime commitments please consider playing as a substitute or sharing time with another part timer.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns and to sign up for any of the bell/chime groups at [linda\\_ickes@hotmail.com](mailto:linda_ickes@hotmail.com) or by phone at 614-314-9523.

Messiah Chimes 4:15 PM – 5:10 PM Wednesdays starting September 3rd (1st – 3rd Grade)



Are you ready to add a new dimension to your Messiah worship experience this fall?

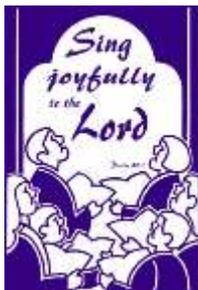
- “When you sing, you pray twice” is a quote attributed to Martin Luther. How about giving it a try and see for yourself if this is true.
  - Join Messiah’s Chancel Choir (no prior voice training or choir experience required!)

Rehearsals are in Fritz Hall on

**Thursday evenings.**

**Men start at 6:30 pm and Full Choir at 7pm**

*\*\*Please let Kay know of your interest in giving it a try by calling 614-580-4791 or email [mysticKM7@gmail.com](mailto:mysticKM7@gmail.com).*



### **Senior Saint News – Like to sing?**

You are never too old to sing in a choir. The Lord needs your voice and so do we.

Do you have too many night activities? Consider joining the Senior Saints on Wednesday MORNINGS for our rehearsal. We need more voices – men and women.

The first rehearsal is September 10<sup>th</sup> in Fritz Hall from 10: - 11:15 am. No auditions – no memorization – please join us. Ask any Senior Saint member about our choir or call Barbara

Teague 614-348-4900.

# Prayer Calendar

This calendar is a guide for the congregation to use daily. Pray for the group or people listed.

## September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Labor Day All Workers	<b>2</b> Carolyn and Mudhu Asar Steve Biedron Family	<b>3</b> Joshua Bergstrom Family Erik Fuller Family	<b>4</b> Jack and Linda Brownley Thomas Boardman Family	<b>5</b> Don and Denise Gesick Richard and Mary Hansgen	<b>6</b> Rose Dobberstein Kayla Hill Shawn Isaacs
<b>7</b> Rally Day All Teachers, helpers, substitutes and students	<b>8</b> James and Donna Henschen Sam and Freddie Hessler	<b>9</b> Free Produce Market Stephen and Rebecca House	<b>10</b> Shanna Irizarry Family Kathleen and Jeremy Johnson	<b>11</b> Kari Jones Family Tom and Clara Jones	<b>12</b> Anthony Kerkman Family Michael Kirkwood Family	<b>13</b> Linda Ickes John Hyde Family
<b>14</b> Messiah Night Workers Cooks, helpers, servers, clean-up helpers	<b>15</b> Gary Kuhn Family Ted McKenna Family	<b>16</b> Michael Lantis Family David and Phyllis Lumpkin	<b>17</b> Dan and Elaine Majoy Alice Joachim	<b>18</b> Jason Marik Family Paul Matthews Family	<b>19</b> Florence Mbekem Family Gary and Bessie McGarvey	<b>20</b> F. Thomas Jones Ziggy and Pat Kurz
<b>21</b> Messiah Christian School Pat Hazelwood, teachers and helpers	<b>22</b> First Day of Fall Connie Hoy Martha Koeplin	<b>23</b> Dan Newell Family Laric and Patsy O'Dell	<b>24</b> Nichole and Marcus Peterson Angie Pinion Family	<b>25</b> Brian Prater Family Bob and Peggy Rabe	<b>26</b> Robert and Gretchen Rice Richard and Pat Roper	<b>27</b> Tonean Jhainor Jean Limbers Carolyn March
<b>28</b> Jude Rider Church Council Members	<b>29</b> Bill Sampson Family Dean Scheiderer Family	<b>30</b> Al and Bettie Smith Robert and Nancy Smith				



**Blood Drive**  
**Messiah Lutheran Church**

**Bloodmobile/Parking Lot**  
**1200 Waggoner Rd**  
**Reynoldsburg, OH**

**Wednesday, October 1**  
**3:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or contact Dee Gabe at [blessedwith2@att.net](mailto:blessedwith2@att.net) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: Messiah.

If you last donated on or before August 6, you may be eligible to donate.

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | [facebook.com/redcrossblood](https://www.facebook.com/redcrossblood) | [@redcrossbloodOH](https://twitter.com/redcrossbloodOH)  
Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height) and are in generally good health may be eligible to give blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. Thea001c57e005 | 9018/06 © 2014 The American National Red Cross | 0712WP906

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# Children's Ministry News

Alicia Keiber, Children's Minister † [aliciakeiber@messiahlutheran.net](mailto:aliciakeiber@messiahlutheran.net)

## Planning Underway

Summer is almost over and the ministry year is about to begin. The Children's Ministry Team has been hard at work making plans for another great year of ministry events for our children and families to enjoy. Watch the bulletins, newsletters, facebook and emails for more information as the year begins! We will need lots of helping hands to make ministry happen for our children. In the next few weeks we will have sign-ups for volunteers for Sunday School and Messiah Nights as well as other events. Please consider lending a hand as we share God's love and word to our smallest members.

## Rally Day

Rally Day is just around the corner on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>! So make sure you mark your calendars and kick off the start of a great year with worship, food, friends, family and fun!



## 3 year old Blessing

As our ministry year begins we honor the faith step of our youngest members and celebrate our 3 year olds Entry Into Sunday School. On September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 we will call all our 3 year olds forward with their families for a special blessing to celebrate their baptismal promise to teach their children the word of God. We want to show support in this step in their lives and encourage them to join Sunday School learn more about God's love for them. If you have a 3 year old please contact the church office at 866-4386 to let us know you will be participating in the blessing on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> grade First Bible Blessing

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> Third Graders! It's time to celebrate you! Another promise your parents make is to put the Word of God into your hands and we want to help make that happen. Come to the church Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm until 8:00pm as we play games, make bible covers and learn more about what's in the bible and how to use it. Bibles are provided and parents do not have to stay. Pizza and pop will be provided! Please RSVP to the church office at 866-4386 no later than September 12<sup>th</sup> so we have enough for everyone. The First Bible Blessing will take place on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am service where the youth will receive their bibles from their parents. Please let the office know if you will be attending the blessing as well when you call. We look forward to sharing in this faith step with you.

## MESSIAH'S COLUMBARIUM

The idea of a Columbarium to enhance our beautiful Memorial Garden and provide a final resting place for our members in their home church was suggested in early 2013. A Committee was formed to pursue the venture and approval was granted by Council to begin the project. The Columbarium was to be fully funded by participating members with no church funds expended.

After months of research and development, the Committee designed what you see in our Memorial Garden today. It is a 48 niche white Kashmir granite and black granite structure. The Garden now memorializes in a number of ways those loved ones of our Messiah family who have gone on before us. The Garden was started by laying engraved pavers in the courtyard, followed by the Memorial Wall for Messiah members buried elsewhere and culminated with the Columbarium.

To date 24 niches have been sold with 24 remaining. Three interments have been made in our Columbarium with services conducted in the church followed by closing ceremonies in the Memorial Garden. This has proved very satisfactory to the families involved.

The cost of a niche which accommodates two cremains is \$2,500 payable in full at the time of reservation. This is the entire charge and includes opening and closing of the niche, engraving, and maintenance of the surrounding garden. Benches for families have been placed and a white funeral canopy was purchased for inclement weather. Special lighting for illumination of the Columbarium and the Memorial Wall was installed in the summer of 2014.

A complete information packet containing the rules and regulations is available from the church office. Questions may be directed to any member of the Columbarium Committee: The Beckers, the Hesslers, the Rabes or Pat Speakman.

## ***ANSWERS TO SOME FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COLUMBARIUMS***

### **What is a Columbarium?**

The word “columbarium” comes from the Latin word “columbary”, which is a structure for the nesting of doves – the dove being the symbol of God’s spirit and peace. The related word, columbarium, refers to a burial vault for the containment of urns holding cremated human remains. It is an old term and an old tradition used for centuries here and abroad.

### **Is cremation biblically sound?**

Cremation is widely recognized as a theologically valid process for the deceased, and essentially is a hastening of the natural process that occurs following death. This ancient practice has particular relevance for us today, with burial in cemeteries surrounding churches less readily available. Cremation makes it possible to continue the tradition of granting a place for God’s children to “dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” The ELCA approves both cremation and the use of a columbarium as a part of the church. Lutheran churches were the forerunners of columbaria use in Ohio.

### **What are the benefits?**

Families who choose cremation for their departed loved ones rather than conventional burial will find Messiah’s Columbarium a wonderful option – dignified, convenient, and affordable. In addition, Messiah’s Columbarium is very convenient for inurnment following funeral services.

### **Who may use the Messiah Lutheran Church Columbarium?**

The Columbarium is reserved exclusively for members of the church, pastors of the church and their families.

### **How is the property maintained?**

The Columbarium is the property of Messiah Lutheran Church. The Columbarium will be maintained by a Columbarium Fund, administered by a Columbarium Committee, as approved by Council.

### **Who do I contact for more information?**

If, when making decisions about final provisions for you and your family, you would like to know more about Messiah Lutheran’s Columbarium, please call a member of the Columbarium Committee.

Phil and Nancy Becker  
Sam and Freddie Hessler  
Bob and Peggy Rabe  
Pat Speakman



## JOSEPH'S COAT

As school starts and the weather begins to get cooler, many of you will be having kids and teens try on clothes to see what still fits and what doesn't. Please gather the "still good but outgrown" and bag them for Joseph's Coat. We will have particular need for jeans in all sizes, light weight fall jackets and sweatshirts, winter coats and sturdy shoes and boots. You can take them to the rear entrance of Joseph's Coat at 240 Outerbelt Street on Wednesday or Saturday mornings or leave them at the collection center by the Coke machine in Fritz Hall at church and Tim Houghton will take them to Joseph's Coat as he does weekly for us.

We will also need winter coats and sweatshirts in adult sizes. Please check your own closets and ask family, friends, and neighbors to do the same, looking for coats that aren't being used. There are people who will need them badly this winter. As the Bible says, "Let the man who has two cloaks give to the man who has none."

On Saturday, August 2, we had 102 families shopping in Joseph's Coat in the three hours we were open. That's a lot of people to check in and out and our racks of clothing needed to be restocked constantly! Tuesday evening 6-8 is also very busy. Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings are not quite so crowded, but give us a bit of a break to sort more clothing and restock the racks. The numbers of clients will be increasing as school begins and seasons change.

If you can volunteer, even twice a month please contact Susan Franklin, Dianna Van Buren, or Nancy Becker.....or just show up at the back entrance and ask for the lead person of the day and tell them you'd like to help. Fill out an information sheet, and get on the job training. Another need is for men who would join two others to do furniture pick-ups from 8 to noon, the first Saturday of the month a couple of times a year. Call Nancy Becker 866-4020 if you could do that.

### An Idea Worth Copying!



In August as Joann Barrett got ready to celebrate a special birthday, she asked her family instead of getting gifts for her, to purchase toiletry items for the clients at Joseph's Coats. Family spread the word to friends and Joann was showered (no pun intended) with bottles of shampoo, tubes of toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shaving supplies, etc. **Kudos to Joann for such generosity.** She has always had a heart for people in need, and over the years has worked tirelessly to make life better for them. And for those of you who might not know....Joann is the founder of Joseph's Coat.



**Mark your calendars: Joseph's Coat Annual Spaghetti Dinner at St Pius will be held on Sat. Oct.11 from 5:30 – 7:30.** (No worry about missing a big game...It is a bye week for the Buckeyes). As usual there will be a **Silent Auction** with many great items.....for yourself or a gift.

*If any of you make great crafts, could convince a business to donate an item or gift certificate, have a new item or a service to donate yourself, please contact Mary Sharrett, Ron Moder, or Nancy Becker.*

Joseph's Coat now has a professionally made video showing and telling about the ministry. It was a gift from Reynoldsburg Methodist Church to help us let the community know who we are and what we do. If you would like us to bring it to your club, civic association, Sr. Center, etc. please let Nancy Becker know and we can schedule it.

Likewise, we have updated color brochures, the gift of a St Pius member. A gentleman from Eastpointe Christian has been quietly taking pieces from our furniture department and bringing them back refinished. Great things happen when Christians inspire each other by using their unique talents.