

# Messiah Weekly Memos

## December 30, 2021



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### This Week at Messiah

[CLICK HERE](#) to see what's happening at Messiah.

#### God's Word for This Coming Sunday

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalms 72: 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

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#### For a children's bulletin

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7 + [CLICK HERE](#)

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### Weekend Service Times

\* Masks optional \*

#### Saturdays

There will be **NO** Saturday Service on Jan. 9

#### Sundays

8:30 am - in person & online  
11 am - in person

9:45 am - Family Service (1/23)  
\*\* Masks are Required\*\*

For online services, [CLICK HERE](#)

\* An audio recording of the worship service is available through any phone by calling 440-276-4450. You can listen anytime with no charge. Ideal for people without a computer or internet access.

Our 8:30 am Sunday Service is live streamed online. You can watch the service live or at your convenience.  
Watch Online [HERE](#)

\* Continue scrolling for more information

## Stay Connected w/Messiah

December/January Monthly Memo, [CLICK HERE](#)

### Urgent: Pandemic Precautions

COVID infections have continued to soar in Cuyahoga County and are at an all-time high, twice as many per day as at this time last year. **Regard this as an invitation from God to care for each other.**

\* In keeping with CDC recommendations, we strongly encourage everyone

**to wear a mask** at services this weekend. This includes those who are fully vaccinated. Masks will be available in the atrium and narthex if you left yours at home.

\* Please observe social distancing guidelines. Greet each other by waving or bowing. No handshakes, please.

\* We will not pass collection plates. Continue to look for them in the narthex. If you brought an offering, look for the plates in the entrance area as you leave.

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### **Christmas Eve Family Service Thanks!**

On Christmas Eve at Messiah, a presentation of the Nativity Story was shared as part of the Family worship service. Special thanks to Carter Catalani, Kaila Reynolds, and Myisha Conley for being part of the cast of the Nativity presentation.

### **Offering Envelopes**

Your 2022 offering envelopes are available for pick up outside our church offices. Please notify the church office if you do not see your name. Also notify us if you are giving online and prefer to not receive boxed envelopes in the future.

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### **Shining with Hope as We Gather Commitments**

As the New Year dawns, we continue to invite commitments to the Lord's work at Messiah in 2022.

Thanks be to God for the many commitments we've received so far this month. We thank him all the more for the faith and generosity the Holy Spirit continues to nurture at Messiah.

Haven't made a commitment yet? You can do it by clicking [HERE](#). God be praised for you too!

### **Confirmation Zoom Class**

#### **6th & 7th Grade**

#### **January 9 @ 6 pm**

Due to the holidays, the monthly 6th and 7th graders will meet at 6 pm via Zoom. Please sign up for the Zoom class, [HERE](#). The 6th and 7th graders will meet once a month on the 1st Sunday of each month, via Zoom, until it is possible for all to meet in person.

#### **8th Grade**

#### **December 19 @ 6 pm**

The 8th graders will meet once a month on the 3rd Sunday of each month, at 6 pm via Zoom, until it is possible for all to meet in person. Please sign up for the Zoom class [HERE](#).

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### **Bible Studies**

Wednesday morning and evening Bible Classes are in recess until Wednesday, January 12.

There will be no Thursday evening Bible Study on December 30. Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 6.

### **Transition Team Update**

The transition team began work on a survey that will be mailed to the congregation early next year. The team is also preparing for focus groups. Look for more information in early January. Team members include Joe Roman, Sharon Ratvasky, Mike Waugh, Mike Allan, and Janelle Stamper.

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### **Employer Matching Gifts Contributed \$27,300 to Messiah in 2020**

Many companies offer matching gift programs to educational institutions and non-profit charitable organizations. Messiah Lutheran Church and School qualifies as one

### **Another Way To Give To Messiah At Year-End**

- Do you own an IRA investment?
- Are you age 70 1/2 or older?
- Do you need to make a distribution this year?
- Do you know you can make a required

of these organizations. We have been blessed to receive matching gifts over the years from the Benevity Impact Fund, Google, Key Bank, Lubrizol, PNC, Progressive Insurance, Schwab Charitable Fund, The Sherwin Williams Foundation, Thrivent Financial and more. Check with your Human Resources Department if this benefit is available to you. Don't miss out. This is the easiest matching gift program available. Questions? Contact Darlene Waugh, 440-331-2405.

minimum tax-free donation to Messiah from your IRA?

As you think about your year-end donations, please consider directing your IRA distribution to Messiah Lutheran Church and School as another way of giving. Contact your investment officer to discuss this possibility. Thank you.

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### Are You A Thrivent Member?

Direct Your 2021 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Messiah Church & School

If you are a Thrivent member you may have Choice Dollars to direct to Messiah Church & School. Choice Dollars are free to members and provide an opportunity to give back to a charitable organization. It's a gift that costs you absolutely nothing. Messiah is registered as one of the many charities in this program. Log into your Thrivent account or call **(800) 847-4836**. This is free money for Messiah Church & School and is likely already sitting in your account waiting to be donated. If you need additional help, call Darlene Waugh at 440-331-2405.

### Giving

Thank you for your continued, steadfast donations to Messiah. Your support is greatly appreciated. You may mail checks, give online or text to give.

- **Mail:** Messiah Lutheran Church (21485 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park, OH 44126)
- **Text:** 855-913-1744
- **Online:** [CLICK HERE](#)

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### You Can Help Our Neighbors Fight Food Insecurity

Our Little Free Pantry is part of Messiah's Laundry Love PLUS efforts to fight food insecurity in Fairview Park.

Members of our Care Team restock the box throughout each week, at an average cost of \$50 worth of groceries each time. Contributions are always welcome!



#### **Best Winter Gifts for Messiah's Little Free Pantry include:**

- Mac & Cheese that is already prepared
- Tuna, canned meat, spam
- Canned foods with pop-tops (soups, stew, chili, pasta, vegetables)
- Cake mix & frosting
- Small bags of sugar and flour
- Cartons of broth (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Small bottles of cooking oil
- Soft baked breakfast bars and/or cereal
- Hot chocolate packets
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Holiday cookies
- Teabags or coffee
- Dishwashing detergent
- Feminine hygiene products
- Knit hats/gloves or socks

Donations can be left in the shopping carts in the area by the church elevator during business/worship hours. Thank you in advance for your generosity! For more information, contact Janice Snyder at [jsnyder@messiahfp.org](mailto:jsnyder@messiahfp.org)

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### Online Giving & Text to Give

Thank you for faithfully giving to Messiah Lutheran Church. You can make a donation online by visiting [messiahfairview.org](http://messiahfairview.org).

Or, simply text your donation amount to **855-913-1744**. It takes 30 seconds to register and 10 seconds to type a donation.

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