

# Messiah Weekly Memos

## January 6, 2022



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### This Week at Messiah

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

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalm 29: 1-8

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

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For a children's bulletin

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### Weekend Service Times

\* Masks optional \*

#### Saturdays

There will be **NO** Saturday Services in January

#### 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](#)

### 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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### Schedule Updates

\* The Thursday evening Bible Study resumes this evening, January 6.

\* There is NO Choir rehearsal on Thursday, January 6. Rehearsals will resume on Thursday, January 13.

\* There is NO Joy Ringers on Monday, January 10 (stay tuned for further updates)

\* Wednesday morning and evening Bible Classes resume Wednesday, January 12.



### Epiphany Star Word for 2022

Each year for the past several years, the people of Messiah have been invited to select a "Star Word" to help guide them in the year ahead. This is done in the spirit of the Magi following the Star to visit the Christ child in Bethlehem. For the year of 2022, one word has been prayerfully selected. The "Star Word" for 2022 is FAITH.

"FAITH" stars can be picked up outside the Church office or you can make your own "FAITH" star on your own. The entire congregation is encouraged to place your Star in a visible place -- like on a bathroom mirror, on the refrigerator, in your vehicle, or in your purse or wallet. Place the Star somewhere where you will see it often. By following the "FAITH" star this year, the Messiah community will be strengthened and connected in following Christ.

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### New Pictorial Directory for Messiah

We are beginning to plan for a new Pictorial Directory for Messiah. Our last directory was published in 2014. Before we continue with our plans, we need your help. Please answer this simple question, [HERE](#). We appreciate your response.

In order for these directories to be financially successful, we need to engage an outside company to take the photos and for families to purchase their desired photo packages. Yes, it is possible for some families to submit an electronic photo.

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### Family Friend Cooking Class Sunday, January 16; 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Calling all Master Chefs and fans! You are invited to launch Messiah's 2022 Cookbook with a family-friendly Cooking Class on Sunday, January 16, from 3:30-5:30 pm.

This free event will be hosted by Messiah's teens and adults bound for the 2022 National Youth Gathering in Minnesota, and several Messiah home chefs!

During the event you will be invited to cook along with the presenters, share recipes and kitchen trivia, learn about the 2022 Gathering and ways to support our teens, and pre-register for a limited edition cookbook! Children 12 and younger may participate with the help of an on-camera adult. Upon registration you will receive a shopping list and the event's Zoom link. To register, email: [pastorshelleynb@gmail.com](mailto:pastorshelleynb@gmail.com).

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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

### Confirmation Zoom Class

**6th & 7th Grade  
January 9 @ 6 pm**

The monthly 6th and 7th graders will meet at

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!

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 January 16 @ 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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## **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.

## **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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## **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.

## **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 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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## **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)

**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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