

Messiah Memos



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Drawing in to Christ . . . Building up in Christ . . . Sending out for Christ . . .



Worship at Messiah

Saturday

November 18
December 2 & 16
5:30 pm Saturday Evening
Worship In The Commons

Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion
9:45 am Education Hour
Adult—Weekly (in-person/zoom)
Sunday School— Nov. 5 & 19
MYGroup—Nov. 5 & 19
11 am Holy Communion

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday
8:30 am—4 pm

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Contact Information

Do you need to update your contact information with the church office? Call the office to update your information.

Midweek Memo & Flocknote

Don't receive a Messiah Weekly Memo or texts from Messiah? To be added to our communications email sheinsbergen@messiahfp.org

OUR SAINTS

All Saints Day is November 5. Come as We Honor and Remember Those Who, in Death, Have Joined the Church Triumphant this Past Year

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Sylvia Albers	3/12/1941	1/15/2023
Maryann Delaney	1/24/1929	2/15/2023
John Kocab Jr.	4/1/1949	2/18/2023
Marian Carpenter	3/4/1928	2/19/2023
Michael Hihn	10/10/1978	2/21/2023
Ruth Glaser	10/27/1926	2/25/2023
Claire Sutton	8/16/1927	4/22/2023
Douglas Advani	5/28/1973	7/10/2023
John Cammarn	4/27/1933	7/16/2023
Jim Breckel	4/26/1946	7/27/2023
John McDonald	1/22/1951	7/31/2023
Joan Schlupe	11/11/1939	8/3/2023

FAMILY NIGHTS

Wednesday, November 15

Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm at Messiah to celebrate as one big family. Come together with your friends and family to Eat, Play, and Pray.

Eat... 6 pm dinner is served. Bring a side dish (chips, fruit, veggies, side, etc) to share if you'd like.

Play... 6:30 pm activities begin.

Pray... 6:45 pm story time, followed by a devotion and prayer.

**Family
Nights**
NOVEMBER

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee, goodies, and Fellowship Hour takes place in-between services on Sunday during Education Hour from 9:45—10:45 am. Meet in the South end of the Fellowship Hall. This new location will make for easier set-up and service, and hopefully facilitate more connections! Coffee may be taken up to the Atrium, or into the Commons for Adult Ed. Please be careful to limit spills and clean up after yourself if any spills occur. We are grateful for the current team of Fellowship Hosts. If you would be willing to help host Fellowship on a Sunday morning, please contact the Church Office.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING

"NEW" MEMBERS CLASS

November 5, 3-6pm



Interested in learning more about Messiah Church and School? Pastor Seth is offering a "new members" inquirers class on Sunday, November 5 from 3 to 6 pm. The class session will be held in the North end of Messiah's Fellowship Hall. A shared meal will be part of the class session on Nov 5. Please email Pastor Seth at sbridger@messiahfp.org to register for the class session.

PINTS WITH PASTOR

Wednesday, November 1 @ 7 pm

Join Pastor Seth on Wednesday, November 1 at 7 pm across the street from Messiah at Gunselman's. This is an informal opportunity to connect with others within the Messiah community and fellowship together.



GRIEF GROUP

Friday, November 10 @ 10 am

Have you recently experienced a loss? Chaplain Brent Raitz, Director of Spiritual Care & Chaplain at the Cleveland Clinic Fairview Hospital holds a Grief group meeting on Friday, November 10. This group meets at 10 am in the Commons and is intended for adults who have recently experienced a loss of any kind—loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of a pet, all are welcome.



COME SING! COME PLAY! MAKE MUSIC!



Greeting, Musical Members of Messiah, if you like to sing, and have been hesitant about joining the Choir, we invite you to try it out!

We meet on Thursdays at 7 pm to rehearse. If you can tell whether the notes go up or down, you are on your way to learning to read music.

And if you are an instrumentalist and are interested in contributing to Sunday services, please reach out and we'll arrange a time to meet.

As we prepare music for worship in this Spirit-filled place, I urge you to prayerfully consider blessing us with your talents in making music collectively.

Deb Zudell-Dickey Interim Organist and Choir Director e-mail at dzudell@messiahfp.org or call 440-724-1556

YOU CAN HAVE THE RELATIONSHIP YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED!

November 17—19, 2023

Learn unique insights and tools that can reignite your love by improving your communication skills!

Lutheran Marriage Encounter is a weekend of learning that can help you reap joyful long-term rewards for your relationship, your family relationships, and your faith journey. Your relationship **Deserves** marriage encounter!

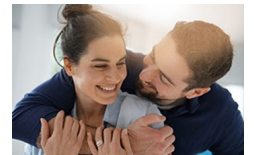
November 17—19, 2023

Fairfield Inn & Suites—Streetsboro, OH

Apply now at GodLovesMarriage.org

Questions? Contact Dale & Ruth Mortensen
D.r.mortensen@sbcglobal.net 440-734-6312

**Meals and side dishes will be catered by local Bob Evans and Honeybaked Ham Restaurants! Cost per couples is \$275, which includes lodging, meals, and program materials. Pre-registration is required to secure your room and meal reservations—don't miss out!*



LAUNDRY LOVE NOW SERVING TWO MISSION SITES!

The Laundry Love mission is **Love. Dignity. Detergent.** Since 2017 we've held a monthly event at Leo's Laundromat, on the last Thursday of the month. We serve our neighbors in need by paying to launder clothing and bedding, also by providing a Community Meal. **We chat. Feed. Engage. Listen. Talk. Support. Care.**



In October we held our first "Pop-Up" Laundry Love event at, The Wash House and Cafe in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood, just 3 miles from Messiah. We served over 30 households, guests that were thankful for the free laundry service. A Care Team of six included Liz Kitzel, Jim Quayle, John and Kathy Hayduk, Pastor Seth, and Janice Snyder. Our Care Team members continue to show up in a very deep way for the community, they bring hope to the laundromat in a meaningful way by making friends with our neighbors. Events for the rest of the year:

Saturday, **November 11** from noon to 2 pm at The Wash House
Saturday, **December 9** at The Wash House (time TBD)

Thursday, **November 30** from 6-8 pm at Leo's
Thursday, **December 28** from 6-8 pm at Leo's

If this ministry resonates with you and you'd like to know more, please contact Janice Snyder at jsnyder@messiahfp.org.

MANY “THANK YOUS” TO GIVE—

Dear Messiah friends,

Please accept this long overdue word of thanks for your kindness shown to me on my last Sunday at Messiah. I appreciated the comments and the prayers and I am grateful for the financial gift that helped defray the cost of my trip to New York City in mid September. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served you and pray for you and your ministry of making the Gospel known in Fairview Park. Thank you once again.

Most sincerely,

—*Pastor Steve Krebill*

Thank you to the 12 people and families who were a trunk host for Trunk-Or-Treat. Thank you for being flexible in the last minute location change due to weather. We gave out many treats to several hundred children that attended. Since the event was in the school gym, more families also shopped the book fair. Thank you to those who donated candy donations and put out a yard sign for the event. We are excited to make the event bigger and better next year.

—*Pastor Seth*

Sending a huge THANK YOU to everyone who stopped by our Book Fair in October. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise over \$4,500 in total sales! This means that our school Library receives \$2,265 in funds so that our students can continue to enjoy new books throughout the school year.

I am truly grateful to belong to such a supportive community and can't thank you all enough for ensuring our students can continue to foster a love of reading.

—*Meagan Grauel*, School Librarian

Thank you to a small team of brewers that included Steve and Debbie Schneider, William Baker, and David Kucera. They brewed a batch of beer in celebration of Reformation Weekend this year. This team has brewed two other batches for Messiah. The first was in the fall of 2019, for the 90th anniversary of Messiah Lutheran, this small team met at a local Brew Kettle and made a special batch of beer. The second edition was crafted and distributed in 2021. We hope you enjoyed the hard work of the brewers this year.

COUNCIL CONNECTION—MESSIAH’S CONSTITUTION

Messiah’s current constitution was last revised and approved in December 2003. Many changes in the larger church and in such things as basic technology have necessitated a revision, in accordance with the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The Model Constitution was adopted by the Constituting Convention of the ELCA and approved by the Churchwide Assembly in September 2022. **Accordingly, the church Council has reviewed our constitution and will recommend changes to the congregation for approval at a special meeting during the Education Hour starting at 9:45 am on November 5th.** To indicate your interest in attending the meeting and learning more about our new constitution, whether in-person or online RSVP at mfp.fyi/Constitution. Your cooperation is requested so that we may have a more accurate count of the number of full copies that will be needed at the meeting. In the meantime, please direct any questions to any member of the church Council.

Although we will walk through the revisions on November 5, here are examples of some of them:

- Meetings may now be held by “remote communication” and notice provided “electronically” to better reflect current technology.
- Council is recommending that the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting is extended to all *Confirmed* members, without regards to age (Chapter 8).
- Several updates have been made to the duties and responsibilities of the pastor; i.e., “Rostered Minister,” including protocols for calling and terminating pastoral calls (Chapter 9).
- Terminology has been updated, such as using “Minister of Word and Sacrament” for “ordained minister” or “clergy roster.”
- Responsibilities of church council, terms for council members, and limits of authorization have been updated (Chapter 12).
- Through conversation with our Call Committee, Council has recommended that the Call Committee will be comprised of *seven* voting members in the future (rather than the current six), although this will not impact our current call committee structure (Chapter 13).

We hope to see you on **November 5**, for this important discussion relative to Messiah’s governance.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. —John 15: 16—17

For over 90 years, Messiah has been blessed with God’s Great Generosity to share our faith in Christ Jesus with one another. Pastors, staff members, lay leaders, educators, musicians, worshipers and volunteers have all shared their time and talents in **our mission of Drawing into Christ, Building up in Christ, Sending out for Christ.** Today, we go and bear the fruit that will be given and returned tenfold through God’s Great Generosity for the saving grace of Jesus Christ’s life, death and resurrection. 90 years from now, Messiah members and our community will look on us for that generosity and give thanks for our faith and our time and talents to this continuing ministry.

Beginning with All Saint’s weekend on November 4/5 you will be invited to pledge your support towards Messiah’s ministry. Until then, think of God’s Great Generosity in your life and how he has provided you fruit to share with one another.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN SCHOOL—#COMEHOMETOMESSIAH



Messiah Lutheran School

As Admissions Coordinator for Messiah School, I connect with students and families throughout their Preschool—Grade 8 school search process. A 2023 K12 Parent Survey conducted by [Niche.com](https://www.niche.com) learned that parents with household incomes from below \$28,000 up to \$89,999 are most likely to exclusively consider public schools.

Fifty-seven percent of parents consider public schools; 36% consider religious private schools. For families who considered religious private schools, Catholic (57%), “other” Christian (36%), and Evangelical Christian (16%) schools were the most commonly considered. When it’s time to make a school decision, families most commonly (32%) start their new school search six months to a year before enrolling, which is why we will host our **annual Messiah School Open House on January 21, 2024 from 1-3 pm.**

So how do new families find Messiah School? For the second year in a row, the Niche K12 Parent Survey found that Google search (27%), word of mouth (23%), and school search and review platforms (22%) were the top sources for families to discover the schools they considered, which makes our relationship with the team of marketing experts at the Twist Creative Inc. agency so valuable to increase awareness of our Trailblazing community. **Sixty-four percent of parents consider three or more schools in their school search process.** The competition is real! This year we had 80 inquiries. Seventy tours resulted in 42 new students for 2023-24, nine more students than the year before.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT MESSIAH SCHOOL:

In living out our Christian mission, Sophia, Grade 5 at Messiah, was baptized during Wednesday Chapel in the midst of our Preschool—Grade 8 student body. What a beautiful testament of our new life as adopted children of God for our staff and students!

Do you remember the excitement of the **Scholastic Book Fair** when you were in school? Messiah’s students and church members had the opportunity throughout the week of Oct. 9 to browse and shop through popular kids books set up in the Atrium during Literacy Awareness Month. Messiah’s school librarian, Megan Grauel was stationed at the checkout. This event received \$2,265 in funds so that our students can continue to enjoy new books throughout the school year.



MLS students in Grade 5 will lead Chapel on November 15. The theme is “Crossing the Red Sea.”

Our annual Chrismon **Make-It-And-Take-It** event will be held during the Christian Education Hour on **Sunday, December 3 starting at 9:45 am** in the Fellowship Hall/Lunch Room. Kick off the Advent season with this fun intergenerational program making Christmas decoration with Christian symbols. There will be Glitter!

Your Sister in Christ,
Janice Snyder, Admissions jsnyder@messiahfp.org

PRESCHOOL RENOVATION FUNDRAISING PROJECT COMPLETE Thanks Be to God!

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

Thanks to the generosity of many families, Messiah Lutheran School’s pre-school classroom repairs are complete! What started as a disaster on Christmas Eve turned into a huge blessing for our facility.

In October, we were presented with a dollar for dollar “Challenge Grant” to finish the work. Together we “finished the race” for our unplanned Preschool room renovation.

Some fun facts about this project that began on December 24, 2022. We received our occupancy permit on August 24, rededicated the space on September 24, and received our final donation to complete the project on October 24. Plus, we welcomed 24, 4-year-old students on September 5 for the start of a new school year.

The saints of Messiah continue to be an amazing group. Thank you for walking with us on this path.

GUEST PREACHERS IN NOVEMBER

During the month of November, several guest preachers will join in the worship life of the congregation. Plan now to worship and welcome these guest preachers while hearing the Gospel Good News proclaimed by fresh voices.

November 12: Rev. Mitch Phillips will preach at both Sunday worship services. Rev. Phillips serves as Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership in the Northeastern Ohio Synod and is assisting Messiah during the pastoral call process. Prior to serving on the NEO Synod staff, Rev. Phillips served Resurrection Lutheran Church in Indianapolis, IN.

November 18: Bishop Laura Barbins will preach during the evening worship at 5:30 pm Saturday. Bishop Barbins began serving as our Bishop of the Northeast Ohio Synod on December 1, 2020. Prior to her call to the Office of Bishop, she was the pastor of Celebration Lutheran, Chardon, Ohio for 19 years, Interim Pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Fairview Park, Ohio for 1 year, and Associate Pastor for Youth at Holy Trinity, Nashville, Tennessee for 2 years. Pastor Seth will preside during the Saturday evening worship service on November 18th.

November 22: Pastor Shelley Nelson-Bridger will preach during a special 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Pastor Nelson-Bridger serves as Executive Director for United Protestant Campus Ministries in Cleveland (UPCAM), a campus of college-aged focused ministry which serves the Tri-C Metro and Western Campuses, Cleveland State University, and Case Western Reserve University. Pastor Seth Bridger will preside during this special service.

FROM THE PASTOR— “A DAY IN THE LIFE” [OF MESSIAH]



The Rev. Seth

Greetings & God's Peace be with you, your house, and those whom you love –

When the Beatles recorded and released their 1967 classic song, *A Day in the Life*, the story goes that the lyrics from song on the Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album were written as a partnership between the creative writing of both Lennon and McCartney. Like a goodly number of the Beatles songs, *A Day in the Life* was sublime because of the collective energy and tension not just between John and Paul, but also through the contribution and investment from the entire Fab Four team contributing their full range of heart, soul, and unique giftedness to the project.

It seems to me, Messiah recently experienced “*A Day in the Life*” moment ... The day of the Lord, October 15.

Let me set the stage, it was a Sunday. Three people arrived to the building early in the morning, predawn. They were the advance team, helping to prepare the space. One began to set up for Education Hour later in the morning, one turned on the organ and began to play, one flipped on some lights and quietly prepared the Altar so Communion could be served and shared with the people of God in worship. Soon, they were joined by others, each contributing to the life of the community.

The 8:30 worship service began “*in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*” We know these words as the Invocation. These words call us into being, reminding each of us of who's name we gather and by whom we find life truly worth living. Worship flowed, voices praised, prayers were lifted up, Christ was made known.

During the Education Hour, two men sat in the Fellowship Hall, drinking coffee, connecting, chatting about their lives. Upstairs in the Library space, nine young people and two adult leaders watched a video and discussed what they heard, learning more about the meaning of being *fed and forgiven* in the moment of Holy Communion. These current fifth graders will receive the gift of the Sacrament for the first time on Reformation Sunday. Meanwhile, down in the Sunday School room, little ones read a book together and experienced the love and joy of Christ through their teacher, several parents stood outside with smiles on their faces. Simultaneously, in the Commons, even more people were together, considering the ways Christianity is embodied through music and pondering the ways music interludes throughout the life of faith. While all of this was unfolding, even more people were in the Atrium area enjoying opportunities to look and purchase books through the blessing of the Scholastic Book Fair set up for the week by our school librarian and her family.

A Day in the Life [of Messiah] played on. The 11 am worship service began, more people gathered, songs were sung, Christ was truly present. Immediately after the 11 am worship, five people teamed up moving tables and chairs down to Messiah's gym so that the afternoon's planned Trunk-Or-Treat community event could be moved indoors due to unfavorable weather. While this was happening, across the street in the Messiah's Middle School, the Confirmation class convened and young people along with their parents read scripture together from the Old Testament Book of Ruth, learning how God's people have often had to move, relocate, sometimes been displaced, and need of the care of others.

Back in Messiah's gym, the atmosphere was coming alive, Trunk-Or-Treat stations adapted and readied to receive and welcome a whole host of excited little ones dressed as princesses, goblins, action figures, and more dinosaurs than you ever could imagine! 154 children, plus their families, came through the gym, took pictures in the special photo booth, and enjoyed the event.

Two particular highlights from Trunk-Or-Treat: one of our neighbors from 214 St. set up a fabulous station, Harry Potter themed, who wanted to participate after seeing a yard sign for the event, and a family of six who heard about Trunk-Or-Treat through the Laundry Love outreach and accepted the invitation to attend! Thanks to everyone who contributed to making the Trunk-Or-Treat event such a hit!

A Day in the Life. Indeed!

It takes many hands [hearts and souls!] to make Messiah the beloved community it is. Each contributing, investing time and energy, and offering their unique giftedness to the project, the enterprise, the community and most especially, to God! Here at Messiah, everyone is invited to share their God-given giftedness. Thanks be to God for all who play a role in the life of Messiah.

In Christ we are made, in Christ we are found, in Christ we find life! To God go the Glory and with you on the journey, in Christ

+ *Pastor Seth*

FAMILY NEWS



BAPTISM

Sophia Donahue
10/4/2023

Dylan Senney
10/8/2023

Olsen Bing
10/22/2023

Clara Mitchell
10/22/2023

FIRST COMMUNION

October 29, 2023

Evelyn Baker
Charlotte Conley
Maxine Conley
Sophia Donahue

Ileia Hilden
Piper Pajak
Andrew Ribic
Dylan Sayers
Noah Schuerger
Avery Vega



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschool—Grade 4

Sunday School, for Preschool thru grade 4 students, is offered on the first and third Sunday of each month from 9:45-10:30 am. Sunday School meets in the Sunday School room on the same floor as the Sanctuary across from the bathrooms.

Questions? Email allisonkyounger@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates:
November 5 & 19
December 3 & 17



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The Messiah Youth group, MYGroup, meets most first and third Sundays of each month during education hour at 9:45—10:45 am.

Upcoming dates are:
November 5 & 19

Email ahenderson@messiahfp.org for more information.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

In-Person & Via Zoom

Join Pastor Seth for a Bible Study from the Letter to the Colossians. Meet every Wednesday this fall at 10 am. We will be using the following resource for this course: The Mighty and the Mysterious: A Study of Colossians by *Heidi Goehmann*.

The class is taught as a hybrid class (In Person each week in the Commons at Messiah or participate via Zoom)

Meeting ID: 864 8011 0615 **Passcode:** 890748

CONFIRMATION CORNER

Confirmation is an essential part of the faith formation of young people as they grow in Christ and mature as Christians. The Confirmation ministry at Messiah begins in grade 5 with First Communion Instruction and continues through grade 8. Confirmation class meets on the first floor of Messiah’s Middle School building.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

November 5, 12, & 19 Sunday afternoon from **12:30—1:45 pm**. Course topic is “Worship: How & Why do we Pray, Praise, and Participate (in Worship)?”

December 6, 13, 20 Wednesday evening during the season of Advent at **7—8:15 pm**. Course topic is “Advent 101: What is this season called “Advent”?”

Questions? Pastor Seth can be reached by email sbridger@messiahfp.org or by phone 440-331-2405

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Night Bible Study meets via Zoom on Thursdays at 8 pm. It’s a great way to connect with others and to study scripture together.

Each Thursday we study one of the scripture passages for the upcoming weekend.

Meeting ID: 818 2419 9752 **Passcode:** 851330

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION

Education hour is back with adult educational topics. Education Hour is from 9:45 to 10:45 am both in-person and via zoom. Topics include:

11/5: Special Voters Meeting for new Constitution—Mike Allan

12/3: Chrismon Make-It and Take-It—Janice Snyder

Join via Zoom at mfp.fyi/AdultEduHour

Meeting ID: 893 7113 2137 **Password:** 200357

ADULT AND CHILDREN DEVOTIONALS

Advent begins Sunday, December 3. Look for adult, family and children’s devotionals outside the church office middle of November.



A NEW LOOK TO MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH'S GIVING PAGE

Messiah Lutheran Church refreshed it's giving page. Online you are able to view the different funds as well as enter the amount and frequency you would like to give. Below is an image of the home screen with each fund listed. You will automatically be directed to the new page with the link on Messiah's website. You are still able to donate via text. Text "Fund" to 855-913-1744, click the link and select the amount and the fund to donate.

Preschool Room Renovations
Messiah is challenged to raise \$4,000, the other half will be a dollar for dollar match.

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Offering
Your donation supports Messiah's mission in Drawing in to Christ...Build up in Christ...Send out for Christ.

[Give now](#)

Messiah Lutheran School
You can help to equip Messiah students for lives of world-changing Christian service.

[Contribute now](#)

Memorials
"We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord." 2 Corinthians 5:8

Altar Flowers
Be a sponsor for altar flowers for any occasion.

Fairview Park Hunger Center
"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry, and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become

When you click on a fund, it will direct you to a page where you can read more details about the fund. From there you can select the amount to give, the frequency, the date it is posted, also if it a one time donation or recurring. (See image on the right)

There is a new mobile option to donate by downloading the app on your phone. Download "Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement" from the app store and walk through the steps to create an account. Once you have created an account you can search for Messiah Lutheran Church by scanning the QR code in the corner of this page. You can also use the invite code, **56DMBS**. This should be an easier and more convenient way for you to give to Messiah's causes that make a difference in the community.

Have we confused you? Call the Church Office with questions.



Welcome! Messiah Lutheran Church offers members and visitors an easy and convenient way to support us. Your donation helps to support our mission as Christian leaders and servant in our community. Your generous contribution has allowed us to make a positive impact on so many young lives!

[← View other opportunities](#)

Offering

Amount

One time
 Recurring

Frequency

Start date

← October 2023 →

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29	30	31				

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WAYS TO GIVE

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



GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH TO OUR LAUNDRY LOVE GUESTS

Laundry Love Messiah is looking for donations of new or gently worn hats, gloves, and scarves in both children's and adult sizes to give to our guests at Leo's Laundromat and The Wash House.

Many of our guests take the bus or walk to the laundromat in all weather. At our Fairview Park event, we serve a few toddlers, plus several elementary school kids who attend with their parents. Our adult attendance at Leo's averages 50-70 people. Our Care Team is seeking 20 scarves, 30 hats, and 10-20 pairs of gloves/mittens for the Fairview Park site. Men's gloves are especially welcome. Lots of our guests take the bus & walk to the store in all weather.

Our new Wash House Pop-up event serves mostly blue-collar adults who work during the week and do their laundry on Saturdays. We would love to have a selection of cold-weather items to share with our new friends as well.

Please leave any donations on the pew in the hall outside the Messiah School Admission's office on the lower level by the Preschool room.

Thank you heaps & loads,
Janice Snyder, Laundry Love Care Team Leader



CHRISTMAS BOXES

Messiah is offering Christmas Boxes again this year, pick out a name of a child that is in need of Christmas box. Place all of the items in a shoe box to be picked up, wrapped, and given to the children. The list of names will be on a tri-fold board near the church office early November. Please bring the Christmas box to the Church office by November 26, Sunday after Thanksgiving. Contact the church office with any questions.



OVER-THE-COUNTER MINISTRY HELP FOR LAUNDRY LOVE GUESTS

Do you have United Healthcare or a similar Health Plan with an OTC Allowance? United Healthcare plans come with a credit that is loaded to a United Healthcare UCard every quarter for covered Over-the-Counter (OTC) items. Other health plans offer the same. This OTC allowance benefit can be used to buy eligible non-prescription items, plus health and wellness items, by shopping in-store or online. Often your household does not need the entire allowance, but our friends at Laundry Love could certainly use donated health and wellness items to help stretch their monthly budgets!

OTC allowance benefits are good for a variety of products including:

- Vitamins and supplements • Pain relievers, cough drops & other OTC medicines • Toothbrushes, toothpaste, denture cream & tablets • Cleansing wipes & bladder control pads • Bandages & first aid supplies • Stomach remedies

Shop at thousands of participating stores, including Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Drug Mart, or at neighborhood stores near you--and benefit our neighbors in need. **Please place items in the Little Free Pantry shopping cart** near the elevator on the first floor by the Atrium or in the Messiah School Admissions Office for Laundry Love Care Team Leader, Janice Snyder. (Thanks to Pam Sugrue for this thoughtful, practical, and generous ministry idea!)

WAYS TO GIVE

THE FAIRVIEW PARK HUNGER CENTER



The Fairview Park Hunger Center has been serving the community for decades. 40 years ago, pastors and priests of the churches in Fairview Park met to address food insecurity amongst our neighbors and, through their collaborative effort, the Fairview Park Hunger Center was established. Today, the Hunger Center, located inside New Hope Church in Fairview Park, is funded exclusively through donations, with New Hope providing a rent-free space.

Messiah's congregation is a longtime supporter of the Center. Outlined below are ways to help, through both food and monetary donations.

FOOD DONATIONS (REQUIRED/HIGH NEED ITEMS)

- Canned: beans, fruit, tomatoes, stews, vegetables
- Pantry: cereal, macaroni & cheese, pasta, pasta sauces, peanut butter, jelly, rice, soups, tomato sauce
- Paper: Clorox wipes, paper towels, tissues, napkins
- Convenience Items/Condiments: ensure/protein drinks, pancake mix, syrup, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, crackers/snacks, baking ingredients, flour, sugar

FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Financial donations are used to purchase meat, frozen dinners, and orange juice.

- Checks, written to Fairview Park Hunger Center, may be mailed to 22960 Lorain Road; Fairview Park, OH 44126 or hand delivered on Tuesdays between 1-3 pm & 5-7 pm, and Fridays between 1-3 pm.
- Online donations may be made through Messiah's 'giving' link through the website: MessiahFairview.org

CHANGE IN HOURS

Fairview Park Hunger center has expanded their hours as a way to allow more Fairview Park resident's to access the resources of the Hunger Center. The hours are Tuesday 1-3 pm & 5-7 pm and Friday 1-3 pm. Pick-up and drop-off donations can be made during those times. **Volunteers are always needed and appreciated.** Contact the Fairview Park Hunger Center for more information.

LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS OF OHIO

This month we are kicking off the 2023/24 appeal for donations to the Lutheran Scholarship Granting Organization of Ohio (LGSOO).

The purpose of the LGSOO is to raise scholarship dollars for students to attend Lutheran schools throughout Ohio. Donors can designate Messiah Lutheran School to receive 100% of the gift or split it between other participating schools in the group. Scholarships are prioritized for students of low-income households and are granted at the beginning of each school year.

Last year was the first time this opportunity was available to Ohio taxpayers and we would like to thank the 43 people that gave a total of \$31,875 to the 2022/23 LGSOO for the benefit of Messiah Lutheran School.

Donations to the LGSOO are a triple win:

A **WIN** for Students and Families by making private Lutheran education a reality through an additional stream of scholarship dollars.

A **WIN** for Lutheran schools by allowing them to offer more tuition assistance to families who want to provide their children quality Christian education.

A **WIN** for you as an Ohio taxpayer because you receive an Ohio income tax credit for your donation dollar-for-dollar up to \$750 per person or \$1,500 if married filing jointly.

Our goal is to raise \$50,000 between now and December 31, 2023 (the deadline for the 2023 Tax Credit). Please prayerfully consider donating by check using an envelope on the table outside of our Church office or online at CLHSA.org/LSGODonate. Any questions can be directed to either Jay Machado (jaymachado@gmail.com) or Helen Casselberry (hcasselberry@messiahfp.org)

LET THE OPPRESSED FREE

An artistic response to the issue of human trafficking

ABOUT THE SCULPTURE:

Let the Oppressed Go Free is a bronze sculpture created by world renowned artist, Timothy Schmalz, that depicts human trafficking slaves being released from captivity in order to bring attention to this societal issue. The sculpture contain 50 figures representing the different faces of human trafficking including sex exploitation, forced labor, debt bondage and more. Men, women, and children can become victims of human trafficking, particularly those vulnerable communities.

The artist found inspiration from Isaiah 58:6 where scripture talks about ‘setting free the oppressed.’ The sculpture depicts Saint Josephine Bakhita opening up the underground and releasing modern-day slaves. It purposefully includes figures that span history to demonstrate that human trafficking has been a societal issue for generations. The artwork also showcases males and females, many races and all ages. It includes symbols as well as coins to represent the connection between human trafficking and money.

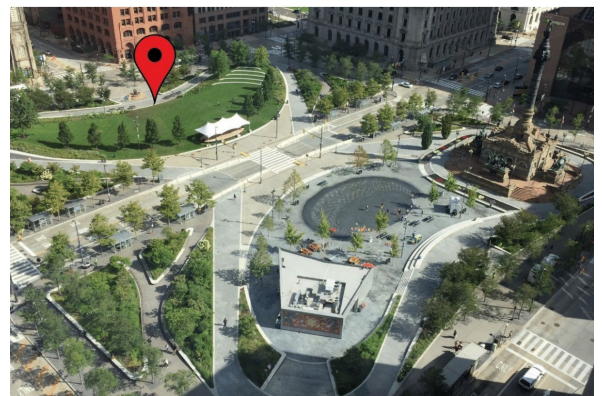
Schmalz commented, “Awareness is the first weapon to fight human trafficking.” He has stated that people suffering are hidden in our society and his intention is to bring awareness to this tragedy that exists in every county across the world. “This sculpture is going to be an inconvenience,” Schmalz declared. “Human trafficking is a problem in our society that is often invisible.”



SCULPTURE VISITS CLEVELAND:

The Let the Oppressed Go Free sculpture is traveling the United States before it is permanently installed at Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. Community West Foundation and the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking of Cleveland brought the artwork to the Cleveland for display on the north side of Public Square from September 27—March 31 for free public viewing.

The only other copy of this sculpture is installed in Schio, Italy and the artist has no plans to replicate it further.



NOVEMBER 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
29 Reformation 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education Hour (Adult Ed) 11a Holy Communion	30 7p Joy Ringers	31 Halloween	1 9a School Chapel 10a Bible Study 6:30p Parents Teacher League Meeting 7p Pints with Pastor	2 12p Early Dismissal for Messiah School 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p Bible Study—Via Zoom	3 Messiah School—No School	4
5 All Saints Day 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education Hour (Adult Ed) 9:45a Special Voter's Meeting 11a Holy Communion 3p New Member Class	6 7p Joy Ringers	7 Election Day	8 9a School Chapel 10a Bible Study	9 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p Bible Study—Via Zoom	10 10a Grief Group	11 12p Laundry Love—The Wash House & Café
12 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education Hour (Adult Ed.) 11a Holy Communion	13 7p Joy Ringers 7p Church Council Meeting	14	15 9a School Chapel 10a Bible Study 6p Family Night	16 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p Bible Study—Via Zoom	17 8p Marriage Encounter	18 9a Marriage Encounter 5:30p Saturday Evening Worship In The Commons
19 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education Hour (Adult Ed, Sunday School, MYGroup) 11a Holy Communion 11a Pierse Baptism 11a Marriage Encounter	20 7p Joy Ringers	21 9a School Chapel	22 7p Thanksgiving Worship 8p Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25
26 8:30a Holy Communion 9:45a Education Hour (Adult Ed) 11a Holy Communion	27 7p Joy Ringers 7p Trustees Meeting	28	29 9a School Chapel 10a Bible Study 6:30p Parents Teacher League Meeting	30 6p Laundry Love 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p Bible Study—Via Zoom	1	2

Thanksgiving Break—No School

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To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MESSIAH IN NOVEMBER!

November 1	7 pm	Pint's With Pastor (Gunselman's)
November 3		Messiah School—No School
November 4	8:30 am	All Saints Day
	9:45 am	Messiah's Constitution—Special Voter's Meeting
	3 pm	New Member Class
November 11	12 pm	Laundry Love (The Wash House & Café)
November 12		Visiting Pastors— Rev. Mitch Phillips & Rev. Bruce Hathaway
November 15	6 pm	Family Night
November 17—19		Marriage Encounter
November 18		Guest Bishop Laura Barbins Guest Pastor
November 21	9 am	Messiah School Chapel
November 22	7 pm	Thanksgiving Worship with Rev. Shelley Nelson-Bridger
November 23		HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
November 30	6 pm	Laundry Love (Leo's Laundromat)