

the **Council** CORNER

Dear Messiah Friends and Family,

Well, here we are starting the third month of the new year. I hope this message finds everyone safe and healthy. New cases of the virus are finally starting to decline, and vaccinations are slowly increasing. Council met virtually on February 15th to discuss whether we should start the Park & Pray services again. At the time, we were in the middle of an Arctic chill with quite a bit of snow. The Council elected to discuss it again at the March meeting in hopes of an improved forecast. We will also be monitoring the new cases of the virus as well as the percentage of vaccinations to guide us in future in-person activities. The mesh network in the church is now installed thanks to the generosity and efforts of Ben Johnson. This should provide faster computer response time throughout the church and set the stage for streaming Park & Pray services over computer devices. Church finances are in good shape thanks to the surplus from 2020 and the continued giving of church members. As mentioned in the phone tree message after last month's meeting the lack of continual air recycling in the church inhibits in-person meetings at this point. So, the Council discussed possibilities of having small gatherings of members in places which have better ventilation than the church where we could still practice distancing. This will be discussed further at this month's meeting. The LED installation is progressing, and Steve Newcomer expects to be completed soon. With things slowly improving with the pandemic, please consider getting the vaccination so we can resume a "normal" lifestyle this year. I hope everyone remains safe and healthy – may God's blessing be with all of us.

c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

February 16 Council Highlights:

Members present took part in the following actions and received these updates:

- ♥ Council met via ZOOM.
- ♥ Eight people who signed up and delivered their gift for the Secret Valentine event that Christian Education sponsored. Kristy put together an awesome Big Reveal video on Valentine's Day. Thank you to all that participated!
- ♥ Cheryl obtained the rights to use Sermons4Kids as an online teaching tool. A yearlong membership, costing just under \$90.00, has been purchased. This Lectionary based curriculum will be made available, on our website, for all to enjoy.
- ♥ The week of January 18th, a delivery was made safely by the Social Ministry committee to the men's shelter at 2100 Lakeside. New toothbrushes, toothpaste, and misc. items were delivered as a MLK Day of Service request from Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry.
- ♥ Council received an update on the LED light conversion and the Mesh Network installation. Also, a request to use the church's parking lot for driving school practice was discussed and approved.
- ♥ The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00pm.

c/o Twyla Lucas, Council Secretary



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thomas Griffith – President ('21)
Jon Paulus – Vice Pres./Pres. Elect ('23)
Twyla Lucas – Secretary ('21)
Chris Butler – Treasurer ('21)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kristy Bohinc ('21)
Karen Dickerson ('22)
Alison Katlen ('23)
Carol Sopko ('21)
Jane Nied ('23)
Morrey Nuss ('21)
Jim Rase ('23)
Susan Sering ('22)
Tom Trost ('22)

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

Pastor Paul Moody



Messiah Directory Update 2021:

The church recently sent out a revised Directory. Updates will be accepted at any time via email. We are particularly interested in getting an accurate listing of everyone's birthday!



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS



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Readers Needed for Virtual Services: Have you ever wanted to read the scripture for our virtual

services? You can now check the Home page of our website and look for the signup sheet banner near the top of the page. You'll be able to click to sign up and then record yourself reading in a quiet place and email it to Pastor Paul to add to the service. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kristy at kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com.

Greeters Needed: Greeters are potentially needed for 2021 and beyond; please contact Karen Dickerson via email if you



are available to serve in this capacity: kdickerson630@gmail.com.

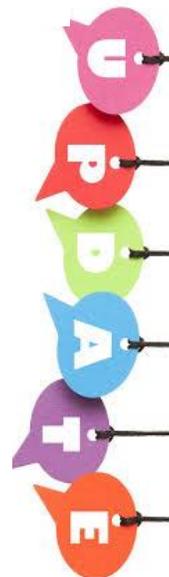
Ushers Needed: Messiah co-Head Ushers Karen Zak and Fritz Neil report that additional ushers are always needed. Please contact either Karen or Fritz if you are available – and you will be trained ASAP.

Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?



Social Ministry

- ♥ Our Committee is meeting monthly via Zoom. Our next meeting is Thursday March 11 at 7:30 pm. Contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join us. New members are always welcome!
- ♥ Ten colored copies of Messiah's covid cookbook were printed, bound, and delivered to the cookbook contributors who are not computer savvy. Positive feedback has been received on the covid cookbook project. Donations may be forthcoming for the cookbook.
- ♥ Messiah's homebound members received a box of Divine chocolate hearts and a valentine card on February 13-14.
- ♥ If there is a Park & Pray worship service on March 28 (Palm Sunday), we are tentatively planning a Lenten food drive on that Sunday for the food pantry at Tri-C East campus. The food pantry administrator was very thankful for our Thanksgiving donations last year.
- ♥ We are planning to make an Easter delivery to the homebound.
- ♥ Due to covid-19, all of our regularly scheduled activities are on hold until further notice.



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Social Ministry continues on pg. 7



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Faithful Friends: Meetings and activities are normally on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.



FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Messiah Book Club will typically meet at the home of Mary Lou



Bregitzer at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month for discussion about a specific book.



Worship Team
Worship Team has met via zoom to plan the Park and Pray and commune services. We will be assisting in the plans for services when we open.

Faith Circle usually meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Messiah Conference Room at 12:00pm. All women of the church are very welcome.



Men's Fellowship Lunches take place once per month on a Wednesday at 12:00pm at Vicinato Pizza, 5080 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst; the corner of Richmond and Mayfield. The next date is TBD.



Choir Update: Choir and associated rehearsal is currently postponed. But never stop singing and be on the lookout for updates as solos and groups! Soli Deo Gloria! See Vicki or Mike Lester with any questions.



Choir Rehearsal

Prayer Team:
Prayer is a vital part of the Christian life. Messiah has a Prayer Team which will pray with you and for you, and your concerns. We offer three options towards this end:



♥ **Prayer Cards:** Blue Prayer Request Cards are available in the sanctuary – these offer the following options: request a Pastoral follow-up, add mention to a specific day's worship, place in the weekly Bulletin and monthly Grace Note, or add to the Prayer Partner Email Chain.



♥ **Prayer Partner Email Chain:** The Prayer Partner Email Chain is a dedicated group of church members who will pray for you, your family, friends, community, and the world. Submit a request to Nancy Pittard or, as noted above, write a prayer on a blue Prayer Request Card.



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Contact Nancy Pittard to participate in the Prayer Partner Email Chain and/or to serve on the Prayer Team.

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for our siblings in Christ:



The family and friends of David

Duncan, the family and friends of Randall Fagan, the family and friends of Toni Wozniak, Jim Butler, Tracy Galvin, Gayle E., Sara Hritz, Jayne Imel, Retta Kalcik, Paul Lovett, Adam Meredith, Morrey and Chris Nuss, Lisa Perry, Pam Schneider, Phyllis Short, Kathy Strom, Jim Szatkowski, and all those in need of comfort and healing.



Pastoral Visits: Contact the Church Office if you would like a Pastoral visit or phone call during hospitalizations or other times of need.

January Attendance and Offerings:

Feb. 7	Attn: 41**	Offering: \$4,744
Feb. 14	Attn: 53**	Offering: \$3,085
Feb. 21	Attn: 48**	Offering: \$4,219
Feb. 28	Attn: 43**	Offering: \$2,344

** YouTube Viewers

Sunday Service Are Online:

During the pandemic, Sunday Worship videos and Bulletins can be found online at <http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/>

Each Sunday the worship service will be posted on the Home page of our website, the prior Sunday service and bulletin will be on the Current Archives page:

<http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/current-archives.html>. Please note, the rest of

services and can be found on YouTube.

Worship Services:

<http://bit.ly/MLCWorshipServices>



CHRISTIAN education

- ♥ Recently, Pastor Paul and Cheryl Moser found themselves playing roles as Sunday School video stars. Hopefully, the students learned a little and laughed a little. I know we did. Which brings me to curriculum...
- ♥ We have successfully obtained the rights to use Sermons4Kids as an online teaching tool. A yearlong membership, costing just under \$90.00, has been purchased. This Lectionary based curriculum will be made available, on our website, for all to enjoy.
- ♥ Secret Valentines was a bit different this year. Eight people signed up and delivered their gifts. Kristy Bohinc put together an awesome Big Reveal video on Valentine's Day! Check it out on our Messiah webpage.
- ♥ HELP: We need a Teacher for our 1st-4th grade online classroom. No lesson prep. Please contact me if you can help.
- ♥ Another tradition here at MLC is Lenten Pretzels. We will be preparing pretzels virtually this year. On March 21 using Zoom, students of all ages will be making pretzels at home together. Thanks to Kathy Johnson and Sarah Dellinger for making this possible. I will be taking the ones I make over to nursing homes in our area.
- ♥ On March 10 artwork by our Sunday School students will be used as part of the Lenten Vespers Service. Tune in to MLC website, FB or however you prefer to view the Service.
- ♥ During the current pandemic, Messiah Sunday School is remote. Check our website each week to find new lessons: <http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/sunday-school.html>
- ♥ If you need the link to the Zoom classes, please reach out to Cheryl at SundaySchool@messiahlyndhurst.org
- ♥ Prior Sunday School video lessons can be found on YouTube. http://bit.ly/MLC_SS
- ♥ Adult Bible Study can be found on Pastor's page: <http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/pastor-s-page.html>
- ♥ Also, in case you missed it previously, the lessons that go along with helping families cope with uncertainties during this pandemic can be found on the Sunday School page.
c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE



- 1st Jeffrey Katlan
- 2nd Donna Malatesta
Aimee Swartz
- 6th Jayne Imel
Rick Jennings
- 10th Susan Sering
- 13th Michael Griffith
- 16th Kayden Pietropinto
- 17th Vicki Lester
Aiden Murphy
- 20th Morrey Nuss
- 21st Joshua Katlan
- 22nd Kristy Bohinc
- 23rd Amelia Argo
- 24th John Lincoln
- 25th Linda Makee
Jane Nied
- 27th Eleanor Gulling
Corinne Schreiber
- 30th Robert Lucas
- 31st Abriella Murphy
Lawrence Neil



Please advise the church office if you do not see your name or we have the wrong birthday for you.



Messiah Website:

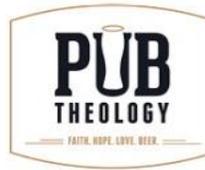
Please contact Kristy Bohinc with website updates or suggestions via email: kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com.

Messiah Calendar:

See the following link for upcoming activities, and please let the church office

know if we are missing any items:

<http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/calendar.html>



Pub Theology: Join us from 6-7:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of most months for conversation regarding faith, life, and God. NOTE: we are now meeting via video using

Zoom. Email Pastor Paul to be added to the list: pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org.

SPECIAL Acknowledgments:

Email items to office@messiahlyndhurst.org by the 23rd of the month for Grace Note inclusion.

- ♥ We want to thank Pastor, Social Ministry and all those who prayed, called, sent cards to us during our illness with Covid. We so appreciated all those prayers. Jill thank you for delivering social ministries card, candy and cookbook. What a fabulous cookbook!
c/o Morrey & Chris Nuss
- ♥ Much appreciation goes to Sarah Dellinger for sharing her Mindfulness experiences this past Wednesday.
c/o the Worship Team
- ♥ A special Thank You to Pastor Paul for singing the songs on Ash Wednesday, as Glenn was playing them. I was not familiar with one of the songs, and although I read music, it was easier to follow along with the pastor singing.
c/o Jim Rase
- ♥ Thank you Kristy and Gail for the wonderful offering music. A very good choice and very well done!
c/o Tom & Alison Griffith
- ♥ Thank you to Glenn Odenbrett for the moving postlude for Ash Wednesday worship. It was just the right selection to guide us into a meaningful Lenten season.
c/o Anonymous
- ♥ Congratulations to Northfield 3rd Grader Ender Johnson! He received a perfect score of 20 in the first of three meets in this year's WordMasters Challenge (a national vocabulary competition involving 125,000+ students). Nationally, only 28 third graders achieved this result and Ender was the only Ohioan!
c/o Vicki Lester



MARCH EVENTS



PLEASE NOTE – All Events are “virtual” unless prospective participants are otherwise notified.

3/3	W	Lenten Vespers	7:00pm
3/7	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
3/8	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
3/10	W	Lenten Vespers	7:00pm
3/11	Th	Social Ministry Mtg	7:30pm
3/14	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
3/16	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
3/17	W	Lenten Vespers	7:00pm
3/21	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
3/22	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
3/24	W	Lenten Vespers	7:00pm
3/28	Su	Palm Sunday**	10:00am

April Lenten Calendar

4/1	Th	Maundy Thursday**	7:00pm
4/2	F	Good Friday Worship	7:30pm
4/4	Su	Easter Holy Comm**	10:00am

** Park & Pray service if weather permits.

Messiah Members helping

Members: Would you like to help a member of our Congregation who is in need due to covid-19? Messiah is accepting donations specifically for that purpose. Write "Discretionary fund - Covid 19" on your check, so it can be identified for that purpose. Thank you for supporting Messiah, as well as your continued support for the greater church body and the world during this global pandemic!



COVID-19 DONATE

Social Ministry continued from pg. 3

Food distribution, donation, and volunteer information:

- ♥ The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has an interactive map of a current list of open hot meal sites and food pantries near Messiah. Please note you must register before attending a drive-thru food distribution: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/map>
- ♥ To volunteer visit: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give-help/volunteer>
To donate visit: [greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give](https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give)
- ♥ The Heights Emergency Food Center (HEFC) is open. Clients may pick up food, but donations are not being accepted at his time due to the social distancing requirements in the building.
- ♥ Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter is the largest men's shelter in the state of Ohio. In kind donations are being accepted through Amazon Wish List. They are gratefully accepting pre-packaged meals or meal sponsorships at the Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside. Please contact Lydia Bailey, Volunteer Coordinator at the Men's Shelter, 216.566.0047.
To donate cash: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=581a81>

