

Grace Note



MESSIAH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2021

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CURRENTLY:

**Park & Pray
Eucharist –**

suspended per
state and local advisories.



Online Video Service of the Word:

every Sunday until further notice.

See website for all worship details:

www.messiahlyndhurst.org

Email: office@messiahlyndhurst.org

Email: pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org

Church Office Hours:

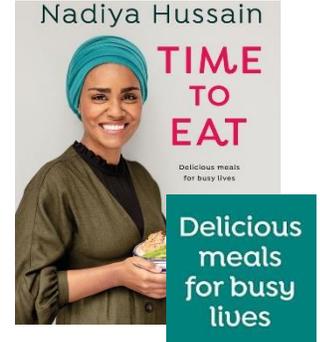
**All scheduled Office Hours are currently
suspended until further notice.**

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Church,

It must have been the summer or fall 2015 when we began watching "The Great British Bake-Off" on TV. Perhaps it was on Netflix at the time? I can't recall, but as the cheeky BBC show

continued through its season, we were rooting for one particular cook to win the final prize: Nadiya Hussain. Nearly six years later, she has now become an accomplished personality in the television cooking world, and we have been trying some of her recipes in her new-to-us cookbook, "Time to Eat: Delicious Meals for Busy Lives" (2019). One particular recipe stood out to me: "Spicy Scrap Soup" (page 77, if you find a copy).



Spicy Scrap Soup is well-named, for it relies on a big pile of kitchen vegetable scraps that would usually find their end-of life in our trash bin or compost pile: potato and carrot peels, parsnip trimmings, broccoli and cauliflower stalks, that sort of thing. Yet, beautifully, she takes these seemingly-useless leftovers and makes something delicious out of them, which strikes me as an apt metaphor for our lives today. We're making the most of limited resources these days, whether it's the darkness of cloudy days, or the frustrating-slow vaccine rollout, or the exhaustion of keeping up with the news cycles. But somehow we trust God takes what small bits of life we have left and makes something good out of them, that maybe even nourishes us in ways we might not have expected. And so perhaps we can be attentive to

the divine meal being prepared among us as we approach the Lenten season that begins later this month. Indeed, is this not part of our understanding of God's holiest work, to bring life

amidst death, to bring nourishment and comfort amidst fear, to bring warmth and love to weary souls? Is this not the way of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter? It is my hope that you know and grab hold of God's sustaining presence with you as we look to the journey ahead. Peace be with you, beloved Church! And blessings on the Lenten way that soon begins.

Pastor Paul

the **Council** CORNER

Dear Messiah Friends and Family,

The Council met virtually on January 19. It looks as though 2020 ended with a surplus thanks to the continued support of the Messiah congregation and the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan. Our thanks go to all who have supported the church during these difficult times. We have started arrangements to apply for the PPP forgiveness, once the software and procedures are in place. We also discussed the possibility of applying for PPP2, the second loan from the government. As far as we can tell, we should qualify for this

loan as well. Council received an estimate to convert the remainder of the church to LED bulbs – the project was approved. Ben Johnson has agreed to spearhead the purchase and installation of the Mesh Network for the church. He is currently proceeding quickly and making good progress. We briefly discussed reopening the church but do not feel comfortable yet even though the distribution of the COVID vaccine has begun. However, as you are probably aware, the distribution has been much slower than originally hoped. Therefore, we will continue to wait and see rather than opening now and risking infection. We hope that everyone will continue to remain safe and in good health as we start another year. May God's blessing be with all of us.

c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

January Council Highlights:

Council met on Jan.19 for a regular meeting. Members present took part in the following actions and received these updates:

- ♥ Council met via a ZOOM meeting.
- ♥ Christian Education will be organizing the "Secret Valentine" event again this year. Details will be communicated.
- ♥ The Social Ministry committee is planning a Valentine's Day delivery for the homebound. The committee has received positive feedback from their past holiday deliveries.
- ♥ Council discussed and decided to continue the LED lighting conversion for the remainder of the church.
- ♥ The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00pm.

c/o Twyla Lucas, Council Secretary



2021 Messiah Council Members



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thomas Griffith – President (2021)
Jon Paulus – Vice Pres./Pres. Elect (2023)
Twyla Lucas – Secretary (2021)
Chris Butler – Treasurer (2021)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kristy Bohinc (2021)
Karen Dickerson (2022)
Alison Katlen (2023)
Carol Sopko (2021)
Jane Nied (2023)
Morrey Nuss (2021)
Jim Rase (2023)
Susan Sering (2022)
Tom Trost (2022)

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



church is closed due to the covid-19

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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.

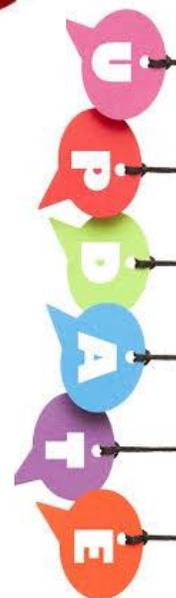
Ushers Needed
Are you willing to serve?

A colorful logo consisting of several curved lines in shades of blue, green, and yellow, resembling a stylized flame or a group of people. To the right of the logo is the text "Celebrating Volunteers!" in a bold, sans-serif font.

Social Ministry



- ♥ Our Committee is meeting monthly via Zoom. Our next meeting is Thursday February 11 at 7:30 pm. Contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join us. New members are always welcome!
- ♥ January 18 MLK Day of Service: Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's men's shelter at 2100 Lakeshore asked for donations of men's undershirts or underwear. Lynn made a delivery to the shelter which included new toothbrushes, toothpaste and misc. items.
- ♥ Our thoughts and prayers are with Drinda while she is at home recovering from covid.
- ♥ Jill will be printing a few hard colored copies of the cookbook for all the cookbook contributors who are not computer savvy.
- ♥ Karen is organizing a Valentine's card and Divine chocolate delivery to the homebound for Valentine's Day. Drinda is making and printing the custom cards.
- ♥ A Lenten Food Drive to benefit the Tri-C East campus (Lent is Feb 17-April 3) is being considered for March if there is a safe way to hold the collection.
- ♥ Due to covid-19, all of our regularly scheduled activities are on hold until further notice.
- ♥ Our 2021 calendar will be created at our February 11 meeting, when we hope to have a better idea of when the church will reopen and/or the Park and Pray worship services will resume.



You Make A
Difference

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.



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.



If you join Prayer Partners, you will receive emails with prayer requests, Bible verses, and thoughtful quotes to lift you up. It is an opportunity to get closer to God and to act on your love for others.



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 Ginny Edwards, the family and friends of Lois Ehlenfeldt, the family and friends of Randall Fagan, the family and friends of Steve Hritz, the family and friends of Jay Imel, the family and friends of Sid Pryor, the family and friends of Toni Wozniak, Lila Boehler, Keith Buchanan, Jim Butler, Dan Filer, Tracy Galvin, Gail E., Sue Howe, Sara Hritz, Jayne Imel, Retta Kalcik, Drinda Kiner, Bob Kopsak, John Lincoln, Paul Lovett, Christine Maharg and family, Adam Meredith, Morrey & Chris Nuss, Craig Orosz, Carol Pearson, Lisa Perry, Haley and Jackie Pickering, the Sauder Family, Jill Shemory, Phyllis Short, Stacey Shriver, Amy Square, Kathy Strom, Jim Szatkowski, and all in need of comfort & 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:

Jan. 3	Attn: n/a	Offering: \$3,117
Jan. 10	Attn: 45**	Offering: \$4,754
Jan. 17	Attn: 59**	Offering: \$3,564
Jan. 24	Attn: 34**	Offering: \$5,600
Jan. 31	Attn: 33**	Offering: \$2,229

** YouTube Viewers

Noisy Offering: Our next noisy offering date is TBD. Make a big difference to the



life of the church by saving your loose coins and spare \$\$\$ to donate to the church.

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

- ♥ Hello all. Sunday School online is going well. Zoom is the preferred medium for students and teachers.
- ♥ **Secret Valentines** activity is underway! Sign-up deadline was Jan 30. This year there will be only ONE delivery. It is the responsibility of each Valentine to deliver their gift before Feb 12. Once you receive your gift, take your picture with the gift and email it to Kristy Bohinc by Feb 13. Look on our website Feb 14 to find out who your Secret Valentine is!
- ♥ During the current pandemic, Messiah Sunday School is remote. Please be sure to check our website each week to find new Sunday School 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
- ♥ Please note, prior Sunday School video lessons can be found on YouTube. Sunday School: 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.
- ♥ Thank you to all the people that help to make Sunday School happen during this crazy time.

c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE & Kristy Bohinc



- 1st Michael Butler
- 5th Les Murphy
DeAnn Satterlee
- 7th Karen Dlugosz
- 10th William Krahl
Gail Ross
- 11th Fritz Neil
- 16th Ryan Beucler
- 17th Helen Wolfe
- 18th Meredith Brown
- 19th Michael Joliat
- 20th Angela Woide
- 22nd Lynn Houlis
- 25th Christine Maharg
Sabrina Rubenstahl
- 26th Jeffrey Dlugosz
Ed McTernan
Jim Meyer
- 27th Corey Best
Ted Clark
- 28th Erin Trost



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:

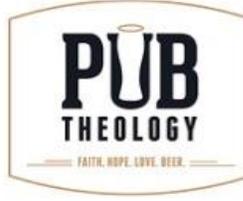
See the following link for upcoming activities, and please let the church office



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. SPECIAL NOTICE: we are now meeting via video using Zoom. Email Pastor Paul to be added to the

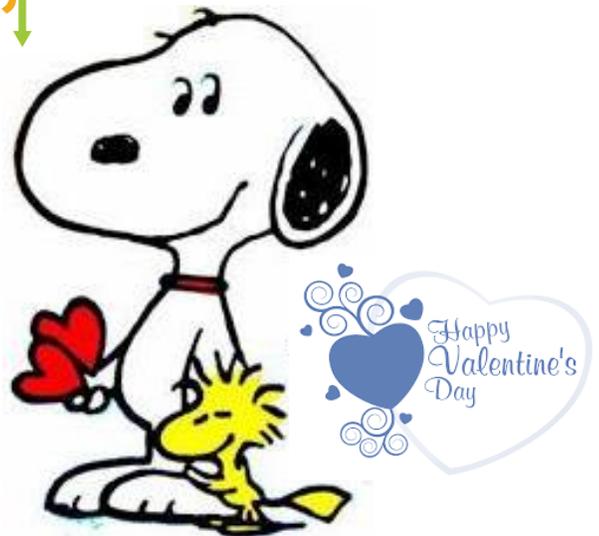


list: pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org.

SPECIAL Acknowledgments:

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

- ♥ Thank you to all the Messiah friends who made my 95th birthday such a wonderful occasion. Your avalanche of cards and calls warmed my heart. May you all "live long and prosper."
c/o Bette Schmidt
- ♥ Nice job, Jill Snellman, with the Messiah Cookbook. Thanks also to everyone who contributed recipes, etc.
c/o Karyn Schmidt



February EVENTS

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

2/7	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
2/8	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
2/11	Th	Social Ministry Mtg	7:30pm
2/14	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
2/16	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
2/17	W	Ash Wed. Worship	7:00pm
2/21	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
2/22	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
2/24	W	Lenten Vespers	7:00pm
2/28	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am



Card Crafters: We would like to remind people that Card Crafters are still sending out cards to the congregation. We would like to be sure to reach

all members. If you are not receiving cards, please let us know by contacting Jane Nied at: jane.nied@gmail.com or 440-729-2529.

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

♥ Karen and Jill will co-chair the Social Ministry Committee this year.

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>

