

Grace Note



MESSIAH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2020

5200 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124
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**Fall thru
Spring
worship
8:30 &
11:00am**



**Summer
worship @ 9:45am**

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pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org

Pastor Paul's Office Hours:

Tues, Wed & select Thurs 9:30am–12:00pm or
by appointment.

Church Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, & Fri 10:00am–3:00pm

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



Beloved Church,

Each year, September marks many
turning points for us: the daily sunset

creeps in earlier and earlier, schools begin classes, pumpkin-spiced beverages are added to cafe menus, and Churches begin fall programming. This year, we have the added complexity of COVID-19 and our work to halt its spread. Fortunately, it appears that both deaths and new cases are declining, but we are far from where we need to be. Our usual September rhythm is different this year, and, although we are getting better at adapting to the ever-changing landscape of daily life, it is still difficult to feel grounded and steady amidst it all.

I encourage you to take some time for yourself this month, and find a place where you can rest your body and mind, if only for a short while. Try reciting a familiar psalm or meditate on a scripture story you know. Take a nap if you need to! Or find some water nearby, at your home or in at one of our natural waterways or bodies of water, and remember what God has done through water in our lives of faith. For, when we are baptized, God's love is poured over us and into our hearts, and we are joined to both Christ and the Church in a bond that cannot be separated. Every time we touch or interact with water, we can remember our baptism and the holiness of the world and how God's love permeates it all.

Stay safe, dear Church, and may God's peace be with you in these continuing uncertain times.

Pastor Paul



the Council CORNER

Dear Messiah Friends and Family,

The Council met virtually on Tuesday August 18th to discuss, among other issues, whether we should open the church to worship services. As I had mentioned in the phone tree message, the Council agreed to remain closed for one more month until the next Council meeting. However, during that time we will work with the Worship Committee to set up a plan to assure safe distancing and practices. Then we will open the church for the first Sunday worship sometime shortly after the next meeting and see how it goes after one to two weeks. Then, if all remains well, we will open for another service and gradually increase from there until we feel comfortable for Christmas services. Outside support groups will be allowed in one by one at a slightly later time. We also ordered new lens covers for the kitchen and Fellowship Hall to replace those which are missing or broken. The financial picture still looks reasonably good, although giving has slowed down slightly as summer progresses. We now have our slate of Council members for next



year and will be presenting them at the congregational meeting which we will hold either in November or late October, depending on how the church

opening process goes. More information will be forthcoming as we progress through the opening process. Please stay well and safe until we can meet once again in person.

c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

August Church Council Highlights:

Council met on August 18 for a regular meeting. Members present took part in the following actions and received these updates:

- ♥ Council met via Zoom.
- ♥ Christian Education reported the National Youth Gathering has been officially postponed until 2022.
- ♥ Steve Newcomer has completed the re-lamping of the Fellowship Hall with LEDs.
- ♥ Roof work has not been started due to a supply issue. The company hopes to start by late August if materials are available.
- ♥ Social Ministry reported \$67,500 was raised via the '20 Walk/Run/Mosey virtual event, \$100,000 was the goal. The Faith/Thrivent build house has yet to raise \$80,000 needed to complete the \$160,000 build. A luncheon meal for the build house has not been scheduled.
- ♥ The next Church Council meeting is Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00pm.

c/o Twyla Lucas, Council Secretary



2020 Messiah Council Members



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thomas Griffith – President (2021)
Carol Sopko – Vice President (2020)
Twyla Lucas – Secretary (2020)
Chris Butler – Treasurer (2020)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Domonique Allds (2020)
Kristy Bohinc (2021)
Karen Dickerson (2022)
Fritz Neil (2021)
Morrey Nuss (2021)
Irene Rogner (2020)
Susan Sering (2022)
Tom Trost (2022)

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

Pastor Paul Moody

Messiah Directory Update: The church office distributed an updated 2020 directory via email in February. Please feel free to continue sending your updates – including birthdays – and the office will subsequently issue revisions. Also, please let the office know if you would like a hard copy of the directory; we'll print and hold for pick-up.



WE LOVE OUR
VOLUNTEERS



Readers Needed: We need volunteers to read lessons at Sunday services at both 8:30am and 11:00am – or at 9:45am in the Summer.

Please consider signing up for one or two (or more) dates in 2020.

Greeters Needed:

Greeters are potentially needed for Fall 2020 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

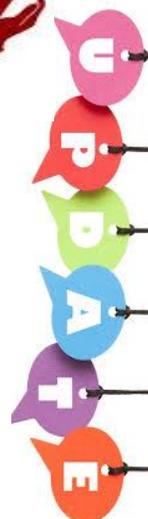


Karen
Zak and
Fritz Neil

report that additional ushers are always needed. Please contact either Karen or Fritz if you are available – and you will be trained as soon as possible.



Social Ministry



- ♥ We are meeting monthly via Zoom. Our next meeting date is TBD. Please contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join our September meeting.
- ♥ Habitat for Humanity report: \$67,500 was raised from the 2020 Walk/Run/Mosey virtual event, \$100,000 was the goal. The Faith/Thrivent build house has yet to raise \$80,000 needed to complete the \$160,000 house. A meal for the build house has not been scheduled.
- ♥ Monetary assistance for Cuyahoga county families with low to moderate income who have been impacted by COVID-19 is now available to help with food, essential supplies & housing costs. For more info and application: <https://cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/PRC.aspx>.
- ♥ Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry (LMM) needs clothing donations for the Men's Shelter. Men's new or used fall clothing of all types - underwear, socks, pants, shirts, shoes, and more are all needed. If you can help, bring your bagged clothing donations to the church and place them by the parking lot door, in the covered area, on Sunday Sept 6, any time before 5:30 pm. Donations will be delivered to the shelter.
- ♥ Messiah's Homebound: We are planning to deliver a Divine chocolate advent calendar to Messiah's homebound in November and a holiday plant to them in December.
- ♥ With covid-19, the following items are on hold: a Gods Work Our Hands project: the LWR personal care kits collection; the ELCA sanctuary denomination education campaign; and hosting a Hillcrest Interfaith Ministerial lunch.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE



PLEASE NOTE: All church activities have been postponed unless otherwise established by the team or project leader.

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



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



7:00pm on Tuesday, September 15 to discuss *America For Beginners* by Leah Franqui.



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 Conference Room at 12:00pm.



All women of the church are welcome.

Faith Circle

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 Rehearsal

Choir Update: This September's gathering is postponed along with choir as a group. But never stop singing and be on the lookout for updates as solos and groups! Soli Deo Gloria! See Vicki or Michael Lester w/questions.

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 encourage or 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 Glen Odenbrett's mother, the family and friends of David Kosovich's nephew Nicholas Piks, the family and friends of Hank Schwenkhoff, the Family and Friends of Tom Short, Lila Boehler, Una Rae Durham, Dave Fenbers, Tracy Galvin, Bob Kopsak, the Musial family, Lisa Perry, Phyllis Short, Kathy Strom, Jim Szatkowski, Al Trost, Helen Wolfe, Karen and Michael Zak, and all in need of comfort and healing.



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

September Attendance and Offerings:

August 2	Attn: 51**	Offering: \$1,137
August 9	Attn: 40**	Offering: \$5,137
August 16	Attn: 37**	Offering: \$1,172
August 23	Attn: 33**	Offering: \$3,150
August 30	Attn: 21**	Offering: \$4,721

** YouTube Viewers

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



life of the church by donating your loose coins and spare \$\$\$ to Messiah.



Sunday Service Are Online:

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

Archived services, bulletins, and Sunday School materials can also be found on our website via this link: <http://www.messiahlyndhurst.org/archived-services---lessons.html>.



2020 Flower Chart: Please sign up to purchase flowers, a plant or vase, to be used on the altar. Altar flowers are \$15.00/plant and \$25.00/vase. Contact Karyn Schmidt at 216-382-7397 with queries.



Altar Flowers

CHRISTIAN education

Hello My Friends:



- ♥ I hope you have had a chance to check out the new Sunday School curriculum. It talks about some things that we may be feeling during this crazy COVID time. You may even get to see some of your friends from Sunday School in videos!
- ♥ Speaking of curriculum, I will be talking to our teachers to get their input on how they might prefer to present Sunday School this year. Maybe each teacher recording their own class weekly for online distribution, teachers pre-record multiple weeks at a time, combine some grade levels, etc. A lot to think about!
- ♥ Fresh in from the Good News-Bad News department...The National Youth Gathering has been postponed until 2022. In a way, that's good because by that time a larger group of students will be old enough to participate!

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- 1st Jill Oakley-Jeppe
Kaleigh Tscherne
- 2nd Benjamin Taylor
- 3rd Chloe Link
- 6th Rachel Imel
- 8th Violet Bryan
- 9th Kathy Clark
- 10th Helen Conroy
- 13th Corinne Halberg
Lyle Satterlee
- 17th Terri Ganley
Drinda Kiner
Matt Rubenstahl
- 19th Sean Allds
Ripleigh Pace
- 20th Sarah Dellinger
Tim Pace
- 21st Brian Csumitta
- 22nd Lisa Halberg
- 25th Christopher Halberg
Haylie Reichenbach
- 26th Karen Dickerson
- 28th Fred Moser



CELEBRATE!

Please advise the church office if you were born in September and 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.

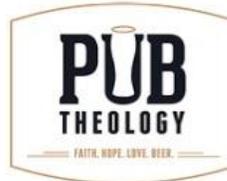
Messiah Calendar:
See the following link for upcoming activities, and please let the church office know if



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: Pub Theology is now meeting via video, using the Zoom service. If you'd like to be added to the list, please email Pastor Paul at: pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org.



SPECIAL Acknowledgments:

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

- ♥ A thank you to our Messiah Family for your prayers for our health and wellbeing. We feel blessed to have prevailed COVID-19 and now with confirmed



antibodies are safe for a while.

c/o Karen and Mike Zak

- ♥ Per the Sun Messenger – congratulations are in order for Grace Pierce who made the Dean's List, again, at Miami University. *c/o Karyn Schmidt*

- ♥ Thank you to Glen Odenbrett for providing hymn numbers in the Bulletin for the prelude and postlude. I enjoy singing along with the music.

c/o Judy Burghart

- ♥ Thank you to Sarah Dellinger and family for providing the Sunday School video on 8/23.

c/o Cheryl Moser

- ♥ Thank you to Sheryl Trost and family for providing the Sunday School lesson video on 8/30.

c/o Cheryl Moser



More Special Acknowledgements -- see page 8

September EVENTS

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

9/6	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
9/13	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
9/14	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm
9/15	Tu	Book Club	7:00pm
9/15	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
9/20	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
9/27	Su	Service of the Word	9:45am
9/28	M	Pub Theology	6:00pm



Discover what's new!

CARD CRAFTERS NOTICE: If you have not received a birthday card from the Card Crafters we are very sorry. Please let Jane Nied know so she can rectify the situation. Contact her at: jane.nied@gmail.com or text at 440-724-9737.

FROM SOCIAL MINISTRY:
Covid-19: 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. Please 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!

noteworthy

A Sunday Video Hymn-Sing: The COVID-19 coronavirus has changed almost every part of our lives, especially our communal worship as a congregation. We are thankful that we have technology that allows many to worship via video online, but as you know, we have had to adapt the ordo and our other traditions to accommodate our new circumstances. Singing is one of the great traditions of the faith, but we have not been able to sing many old favorite hymns for many months now. Pastor Paul and Glenn are working on coordinating an at-home "Hymn Sing" video service to be offered sometime in September, which will include a good number of familiar and formative hymns of the Church. More details to come!

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♥ The main agenda items for our September meeting:

- Continue our discussion on racial justice
- Messiah cookbook, Covid Cooking
- Thanksgiving food drive
- Reformation e-card

Food distribution, donation, and volunteer information:

♥ The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has an interactive map featuring 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 and donations are being accepted. Food donations for the HEFC will be accepted at church when Messiah reopens.

♥ Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter is the largest men's shelter in the state of Ohio. If you would like to contribute during this covid-19 time, 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, for more info. To donate visit:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=581a81>



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♥ Sunday School hallway project is moving forward. I am gathering paint chips from Sherwin-Williams and Home Depot to try to match the shades to the actual Paraments. Donations to purchase paint have been received. Thank you to the Allds family and the Schmidt ladies for their generous contributions. And for the rest of you...don't put away your checkbook yet, there may be more expenses that pop up once work starts!

♥ It is hard to believe that we are approaching Fall. I am hoping to host an outdoor Trunk or Treat festival this October. It would be nice if we could open this up for the community, but I have to figure out if it can be done safely. We may have to limit participation to our church. More will be revealed in coming weeks.

God Bless,

c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE

MORE SPECIAL Acknowledgments:

♥ Thank you to Kristy Bohinc for her continued time, caring and perseverance as she keeps our Messiah website up to date and filled with special tools for all of us to use during these difficult times.

c/o Gail Ross

♥ Glenn and the rest of the Odenbrett family wish to thank the many members of the Messiah community who have expressed their condolences on the death of Glenn's mother, Muriel. We find comfort in the Bible verse that appeared on the cover of her funeral bulletin: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" - 2 Timothy 4:7.
c/o Glenn Odenbrett

