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Pastor's Page

I write this with a pending appointment this afternoon for an oil change, lube and filter (for my vehicle, not for me). The ol' Green Machine has 180,500 miles on it, and since it now sports new tires and front struts, I hope it will last 'til 200,000. It's not pretty, but it runs.

Without regular maintenance, and learning to live without certain things (such as air conditioning), it would have been long gone. I'm glad I learned long ago how to maintain a vehicle so it lasts.

Here at Messiah we're also learning how to maintain a congregation so its ministries last. Most congregations are struggling to make ends meet financially, and to carry out ministries with fewer people willing or able to serve, and we are no exception. What is exceptional in our community is the spirit of commitment, vision and openness which our leaders exhibit all the time. Though it can be discouraging to see needs which resources cannot meet, they continually seek faithful and creative ways not only to maintain, but to improve the congregation's life and witness.

Your help is essential in at least three ways: your prayers (for God's guidance, help and strength for all of us); your financial offerings (set aside every week, not just when you are able to attend worship); and your offerings of time and involvement. Don't doubt your ability; God and your fellow members will help you, and each of us have much to offer. Please don't wait to be asked; let us know you are available, and we will offer you many opportunities to serve God and neighbor that fit your strength and schedule.

Through these three, you will also provide another essential help to Messiah and its leaders: encouragement. Thank a Council or committee member or someone working on the grounds or building—with a smile. It will mean a lot.

And now, an important word from Robin

Harris, our office manager:

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his own family, he has disavowed the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. - 1 Timothy 5:8

These words really smacked me in the face. And made me think of my 21 month old great-niece Lillian ("Lily"). Lily was born to a mother who was incapable of taking care of her and a father who walked out on her. She was left to her grandmother who struggled desperately to care for her and for her own elderly father. Lily has been dealt a very pitiful hand in her very short life.

After much discussion, deliberation and many prayers my husband Bennett and I decided we needed to step in to Lily's life and provide for her in all ways. We spoke to our three children who are 100% behind our decision to sue for legal custody of Lily. So, we hired a lawyer, completed the necessary paperwork and are in the process of acquiring custody of our 21-month old great-niece.

When my own children were that young I stayed home to raise them. But my situation has changed since those days. I plan to continue to work here at Messiah for the hours that I am contracted to work. However, some days I may work "different" hours due to the demands of a toddler and getting her settled into our family routine. Lily will be in day care for the hours that I am here at the church, but sometimes I may need to adjust my hours (like if she is sick or has an appointment that I could not make outside Messiah office hours). I will do my best to be here when I am supposed to be here, but I ask for your patience as we adjust to being parents of an active toddler who will have some emotional baggage to work through.

We will be traveling to NC to finalize the our legal guardianship in the coming weeks, and I will be out of the office for that time. I ask for your prayers for patience, guidance, and wisdom as we adjust to bringing our new daughter home. Thank you, and God bless you.

June 2015 Schedules

Assisting Minister By Sharon Garner

- 7 Mary Garrett
- 14 Pam Knouff
- 21 Eugene Martin
- 28 Charlotte Varone



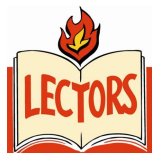
Altar Guild

- Nancie Whelan
- Karen Hatt
- Lori Oliver
- Mary Whelan



Lector By Sharon Garner

- 7 Pastor James DeLong
- 14 Pam Knouff
- 21 Eugene Martin
- 28 Charlotte Varone



Crucifer By Carol Artz

- 7 Nicholas Adams
- 14 Nicholas Adams
- 21 Carol Artz
- 28 Ernestine Batdorf



Greeters

- 7 Marion Bowman
- 14 Harry & Karen Hatt
- 21 Nicholas & Barbara Adams
- 28 Rita Savant



Acolyte By Sharon Garner

- 7 Keeley Hartman
- 14 Michelle Blouch
- 21 Mikayla Bowman
- 28 Mary Whelan



Head Usher
Carol Anspach

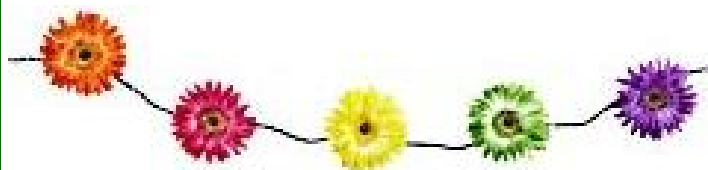
Finance Steward
Donald Smith



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

(Welcome Time is held the first Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM.)

June 7 — Evangelism Committee



General Fund Summary for April

	April	Year/date
Income	\$14,445.51	\$56,457.14
Expenses	\$13,874.48	\$60,475.35
Income-expenses	\$571.03	-\$4,018.21

Income	April	Year/date
Regular giving	\$14,075.25	\$55,245.05
Jesus Tree envelopes	\$50.00	\$260.00
Bowl of Blessings	\$0.00	\$0.00
Checking interest	\$0.26	\$1.09
Donations (use of church)	\$200.00	\$425.00
Other Gen. Fund*	<u>\$120.00</u>	<u>\$526.00</u>
Total Income	\$14,445.51	\$56,457.14

Expenses	April	Year/date
Staff	\$9,450.51	\$38,093.05
Administrative	\$277.99	\$1,568.61
Maintenance	\$2,255.98	\$13,243.69
Committee	-\$10.00	-\$30.00
Additional	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
Benevolence	\$1,300.00	\$5,200.00
Loan Repayment	\$100.00	\$400.00
Total expenses	\$13,874.48	\$60,475.35
Income less expenses	\$571.03	-\$4,018.21

*initial envelope, altar guild, communion gifts, etc.

Benevolence Offering

April 2015	Regular Giving Benevolence	Additional Designated Giving	Total Given to Charities
NALC	\$775.00		\$775.00
Atlantic Mission District	\$75.00		\$75.00
North American Lutheran Seminary	\$50.00		\$50.00
Independent Church in India	\$50.00		\$50.00
PACC Caring Cupboard	\$50.00		\$50.00
NALC Disaster Response	\$50.00		\$50.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$50.00		\$50.00
Lebanon Rescue Mission/Agape Shelter	\$50.00		\$50.00
Lebanon Free Clinic	\$50.00		\$50.00
City of Lebanon (in lieu of taxes)	\$50.00		\$50.00
The Great Commission Society	\$50.00		\$50.00
Total	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00

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Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

9 AM THE HOLY COMMUNION
 10:30 AM LIVING IN FAITH

WEDNESDAYS:

(as noted in the calendar and bulletin)
 10 AM Anointing and Holy Communion

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, July 12

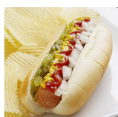
Immediately following the
Living In Faith Education Hour



Provided:
Hamburger barbecue
Hot dogs
Paper products

Sign up to bring:

Side Dish
Drink
Dessert



Special guests:

Lowell & Kathy Smith
Pastor Britto
from Independent Church in India

A sign up sheet is posted on the Information Board.

Congratulations, Graduates!



Jordan Connatser graduated from Lebanon High School on June 4. He will be attending Lebanon Valley College in the fall and plans to major in pre-law. Jordan is the grandson of Tom and Janet Gassert.

Justyn Connatser graduated from Lebanon High School on June 4. He will be attending West Chester University in the fall and plans to major in marketing. Justyn is the grandson of Tom and Janet Gassert.

Seth Hartman graduated from Cedar Crest High School on May 29. At this point, he is not sure what his future plans are.

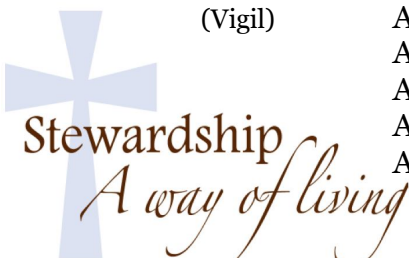


Summer vacation is a great break for everyone. But the needs of the church never take a vacation. Please remember your offerings, gifts and tithes to Messiah when you are on vacation. Thank you.

Ministry Plan Report for April

(Budgeted need per week: \$3,476.75)

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering Received</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
(Maundy Thursday noon)	April 2	all Holy Week	14 +
(Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM)		offerings were rolled	43 +
(Good Friday)	April 3	into Easter's offering	44 +
(Vigil)	April 4		42 +
	April 5	\$7,384.00	131 + / No LiF
	April 12	\$2,113.00	57 + / 22 LiF
	April 19	\$2,828.50	64 + / 22 LiF
	April 26	\$2,292.25	65 + / 18 LiF



NOTE: "+" denotes Worship
"LiF" denotes Living in Faith

Received to date: \$56,457.14
Needed to date: \$60,263.67

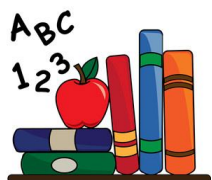
May Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

- There were eight members present. Two were excused.
- Devotions were led by Charlotte Varone. Teenie Batdorf will lead devotions next month.
- A letter was received from the City of Lebanon asking for a donation in lieu of taxes. This was tabled until the end of the year.
- A motion was approved to donate \$600 to ship supplies to Haiti. We have done this before. The money comes out of the benevolence portion of the Zeller Trust.
- The discussion on the new child abuse law resulted in an agreement of what we need to do to comply. Pastor Kendall will write up the policy for Council approval.
- We approved \$555 for repair to the emergency generator.
- The contract with Blatt & Myers Electrical Contracting was signed for the project of replacing the lights in the fellowship hall, conference room and Pastor's office plus replacing all the bathroom wall heaters. Total cost is \$7,995.

Respectfully submitted,
 Nick Adams
 2015 Congregation Council president

School Volunteers Needed



The Lebanon Co. public schools no longer have teacher aides in the classroom. The teachers can truly use volunteer help. It is simple! Come in and eat with the students. Become a mentor to a specific student and attend

their games, plays, etc. Or you can help out a teacher by going one on one with the students and proctoring their reading evaluation. Any and all help is encouraged. If you are interested in spending as little as one hour a week with the kids please call Bonnie Anderson at 964-2299.

For Your Information

June 7

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAY

The first Sunday of each month we collect food and personal care products for our neighbors in need.

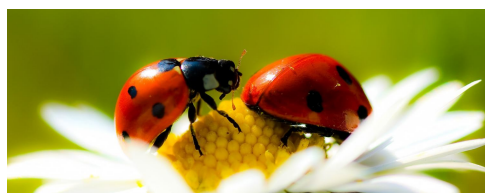


June Rescue Mission

Please do NOT mix food and soap in the same bag.



We still need sponsors for the **July 5, September 6, October 4, and November 1 Welcome Times!** Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents for these Sundays.



The **deadline** for the summer combined issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Tuesday, June 16th**. This issue will cover events, meetings and schedules for the months of **July and August**. Please make sure you have all your information turned in to the office (and on the work room calendar) by this date. Thank you!



Road Trip!



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, June 27** for a fun day at **Eckley Miners' Village** for their **Patch Town Days!** We'll meet at the church at 8:30 AM and carpool up to Eckley. Come explore the rich PA coal town history. There will be live music, craft vendors, coal mining displays, demonstrations of antiquated skills and lots of food! Please bring money for souvenirs and for goodies to eat. For more information go to their website at <http://eckleyminersvillage.com>. See you then!

Thank You Notes



Thank you notes were received from the Lebanon Rescue Mission and the Atlantic Mission District of the NALC. They are posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

I would like to thank everyone who made soup and donated money to purchase soup for the Lent Soup and Bread suppers. It was truly appreciated.

Karen Hatt
Fellowship Committee Chair

Membership Changes

Address Change:

John Roush

Spang Crest Manor, Room 118
945 Duke Street
Lebanon, PA 17042

Please **amend your directory** to reflect she who joined the Church Triumphant last month:

Mary Lillie

1913-2015

If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him; if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.

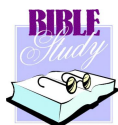


Pictorial Directory

There are pictorial directories still available for purchase in the church office. Cost is **\$10 per book**. If you are not pictured in the book it is **NOT TOO LATE!** Since this directory was made "in house" and uses removable pictures and sleeves there is always room for more pictures! Please contact either Mary Garrett or Robin in the office and we will gladly take your picture to be included in the fall update. Next year we will be taking "updated" pictures for anyone who is interested, especially for those whose children are growing like weeds. Stay tuned!



Upcoming Events



Bible Study

Thursday, June 11
at 7 PM

Our study of the Gospel of John continues

Event Night

Thursday, June 18
at 6:30 PM

Come on out for a fun evening of games and fellowship!



Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, July 12
Following the LiF Hour

Good fellowship!
Good food!
Good fun!

June Birthdays

- 1 David Machamer
- 2 Ray Mayopoulos
- 3 Kathaleen Lilley
- 5 Michelle Blouch
Karen Munford
- 6 Judith Austin
- 7 Amber Lineaweaver
Kate Lineaweaver
Vicki Schimminger
- 13 Janet Gassert
- 14 Mike Adams
- 15 Lisa Lineaweaver
- 16 Laura Ebright
- 24 Wendy Brossman
- 26 John Dolheimer
Andrew Lutz
- 27 Eugene Martin
- 29 Nancy Frye
Charlotte Varone



June Anniversaries

- 3 John & Sherri Dolheimer
- 11 Peter & Holly McGuire
- 24 Daryl & Karen Artz
Eugene & Beth Martin
Richard & Lori Wert
- 27 Kenneth & Dorothy Martin
- 28 Bernard & Ernestine Batdorf



2015 Congregation Council

- Nicholas Adams, *President, Social Ministry & Property chair*
- Charlotte Varone, *Vice President & Personnel chair*
- Nancie Whelan, *Secretary & Christian Education chair*
- Pam Knouff, *Treasurer*
- Ernestine Batdorf, *Financial Secretary & Publicity chair*
- Brenda Beegle, *Volunteer Resources chair*
- Deborah Lutz, *Evangelism chair*
- Lori Oliver
- Donald Smith, *Stewardship chair*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

- Karen Fox, *Worship & Music chair*
- Janet Gassert, *Altar Guild president*
- Karen Hatt, *Fellowship chair*
- Gayle Hoffman, *Strategic Planning chair*
- Kathaleen Lilley, *Assistant Treasurer & Finance chair*
- Rita Savant, *Assistant Financial Secretary*

Landscape Care Servants



As in previous years, we again invite you to serve God and neighbor by signing up to care for a portion of Messiah's grounds. The area chart and sign-up form are posted on the Information Center in the narthex. Tools and mulch will be available.

Your offerings of time and energy are greatly appreciated.

Messiah Scrapbook

Does anyone have pictures of moments (memories) of Messiah activities since 2005 for use in our memorabilia scrapbook? If so, please see Joan Smith. Yes, we have such books—up to Volume 3! Thanks.

Bowl of Blessings



Grace, mercy, many prayers, and surprises have been granted to our daughter Linda during her battle with cancer.

Rita Savant