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Pastor's Page



In the first congregation conversation hosted by the Strategic Planning Committee on 15 May, someone asked how the "Prayer House" system works. It's time to explain anew for newer members, and to offer a review for everyone.

The "Prayer House" concept was initiated in order to foster members' participation in the ministry of intercessory prayer for others as part of our individual prayer discipline.

Those who choose to participate contact the parish office to register, and to select one of two methods of weekly notification of the updated "prayer list:"

Via email (make sure Robin has your valid email address); or

By picking up a printed copy at the Information Center in the narthex on Sunday morning. The prayer list is identical in either electronic or printed format.

The prayer list is the source for the names read in the gathered prayers of the congregation on Sunday mornings.

Because of the quantity of requests often received, a name is kept on the prayer list for three weeks. Names are usually submitted by congregation members. It is the responsibility of the person submitting a name to do several things:

First, check with the person to be named, or an immediate family member, to confirm that the person named grants permission for their name to appear on the list.

Second, notify the parish office, providing the correct spelling of the name and, if possible, the relationship between the person named, and the person submitting that name.

Third, if the submitter wishes a name to be continued past three weeks, notify the parish office requesting an extension.

Fourth, if the person's circumstances have changed (for instance, improvement or death), notify the parish office of the change.

The nature of the person's need is not published, both to protect privacy and to avoid erroneous interpretation of information.

Those participating in the "Prayer House" ministry receive this information, and are encouraged to pray daily for each person named. If you are acquainted with the person, you are also welcome to call them to offer encouragement.

It is not necessary to inquire regarding the specifics of need in connection with anyone on the list. They are welcome to provide such information, but the Lord our God knows every detail of the lives of every person on earth. It is sufficient for our ministry to lift someone up before the Lord in prayer; God fills in the gaps better than we ever could.

In addition to praying for the persons on the Prayer List, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join me in an additional specific prayer ministry.

I pray my way through the parish directory, page by page, praying for each individual and/or family in the directory. I let the Holy Spirit guide me in this; some days I pray for only a few people; other days I might pray through an entire page.

The important thing is that we hold one another in prayer, daily, and also that we pray for our congregation, for brothers and sisters in other churches around the world, and for the mission of Christ in this broken world.

One of the signs that *agape* love is alive in us is our investment in lifting before God our brothers and sisters. You are welcome and encouraged to share in this ministry. +

June 2016 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 5 Deborah Lutz
- 12 Eugene Martin
- 19 Sandra Smith
- 26 Michael Bowman



Altar Guild

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



Lector

- 5 Pastor James DeLong
- 12 Eugene Martin
- 19 Sandra Smith
- 26 Michael Bowman



Crucifer

By Carol Artz

- 5 Gayle Hoffman
- 12 Gayle Hoffman
- 19 Andrew Hartman
- 26 Andrew Hartman



Greeter

- 5 Marion Bowman
- 12 Mary Ann Hartman
- 19 Deborah Lutz
- 26 Mary Ann Hartman



Acolyte

- 5 Deborah Lutz
- 12 Abbey Hartman
- 19 Nancie Whelan
- 26 Michael Bowman



Head Usher
Carol Anspach

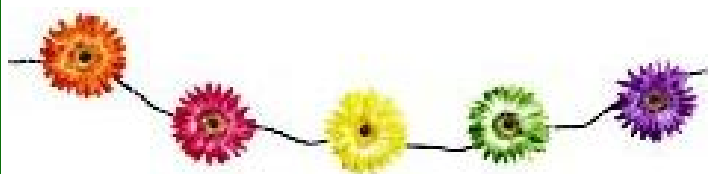
Finance Steward
Lori Oliver



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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

June 5 — Pastor John Kline



General Fund Summary for April

	April	Year/date
Income	\$10,637.12	\$51,269.29
Expenses	\$14,979.66	\$59,982.22
Income-expenses	-\$4,342.54	-\$8,712.93

Income	April	Year/date	Expenses	April	Year/date
Regular giving	\$10,557.00	\$50,724.39	Staff	\$10,004.83	\$40,396.20
Jesus Tree envelopes	\$50.00	\$235.00	Administrative	\$532.23	\$1,492.09
Bowl of Blessings	\$0.00	\$0.00	Maintenance	\$2,634.27	\$10,610.60
Checking interest	\$0.12	\$0.90	Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations (use of church)	\$0.00	\$0.00	Additional	\$375.00	\$1,750.00
Other Gen. Fund*	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$309.00</u>	Benevolence	\$1,333.33	\$5,333.33
Total Income	\$10,637.12	\$51,269.29	Loan Repayment	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$400.00</u>
			Total expenses	\$14,979.66	\$59,982.22
			Income less expenses	-\$4,342.54	-\$8,712.93

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

Benevolence Offering

April 2016	Regular Giving Benevolence	Additional Designated Giving	Total Given to Charities
NALC	\$775.00		\$775.00
Atlantic Mission District	\$75.00		\$75.00
The Great Commission Society	\$54.16		\$54.16
North American Lutheran Seminary	\$54.16		\$54.16
Independent Church in India	\$54.16		\$54.16
PACC Caring Cupboard	\$54.17		\$54.17
NALC Disaster Response	\$54.17		\$54.17
Lutheran World Relief	\$54.17		\$54.17
Lebanon Rescue Mission/Agape Shelter	\$54.17		\$54.17
Lebanon Free Clinic	\$54.17		\$54.17
City of Lebanon (in lieu of taxes)	\$50.00		\$50.00
Total	\$1,333.33	\$0.00	\$1,333.33

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Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

9 AM The Holy Communion
 10:30 AM Living in Faith Education Hour

WEDNESDAYS:

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

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, July 10
Immediately following the
Living In Faith Education Hour



Provided:
Meatballs
Pork barbecue
Paper products

Sign up to bring:

Side Dish
Drink
Dessert



Special guests:
Lowell & Kathy Smith
Pastor Asif

from New Life Ministries in Pakistan

A sign up sheet will be posted on the Information Board later this month.

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.



Congratulations, Graduates!



Josh Risser graduated from Northern Lebanon High School on June 2. He will be attending the PA College of Technology this fall for Building Automation and Mechatronic Engineering.

Alyson Hartman graduated from Penn State University on May 7 with a BS in Nursing. She will be starting employment at the Hershey Medical Center in July.

Kacie Rose Mullen (Tom and Janet Gassert's granddaughter) graduated from Lebanon Valley College on May 14 with a BS in Business Administration. Kacie plans to relax and go on vacation and enjoy the accomplishment.

Adam Brossman graduated from Lebanon Valley College on May 14 with a Master's degree in Business Administration.

NALC Website Information

 **NALC** The NALC website (<http://www.thenalc.org>) has a daily devotion that anyone may access. In addition, if you are interested in signing up for an e-copy of the NALC newsletter you may do so by following the link on the website. It's free!

Ministry Plan Report for April

(Budgeted need per week: \$3,575.60)



Date	Offering Received	Attendance
4/3	\$2,393.00	44 + / 10 LiF
4/10	\$3,805.00	58 + / 20 LiF
4/17	\$2,046.00	47 + / 17 LiF
4/25	\$2,478.00	53 + / 28 LiF

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

Received to date: \$51,269.29
Needed to date: \$61,977.00

May Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

- Eight members were present; two were excused absent.
- Harry Hatt presented the devotion. Don Smith will have them next month.
- Dynatech performed the annual maintenance on the emergency generator. It needed a new belt. Two were ordered so as to have a spare. The new one was put on.
- Council requested that Strohm’s have the bid for the new HVAC system submitted by the close of business on Monday, May 16.
- Council approved \$600 for shipping relief supplies to Haiti.
- Council approved a request from AA to hold a picnic at Messiah on June 25.

Respectfully submitted,
 Nick Adams
 Congregation Council president

Anniversary Choir

On Sunday, August 28, 2016, the congregation will celebrate its 150th Anniversary with worship and a luncheon to follow. We would like to form a choir to help celebrate that day. If you would like to participate, please use the sign-up sheet at the Information Center to register for the Anniversary Choir **by Sunday, July 10th**. Rehearsals will

only be held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM, and will begin on Sunday, July 17th. If you have any questions and need to contact me, please do so at klufox@comcast.net or speak to me after worship. Thank you.



Soli Deo Gloria,
 Karen L. Fox
 Cantor Emerita

For Your Information

June 5 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 3, August 7 and September 4 Welcome Times!**

Please prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents for these Sundays. If no one signs up for these Sundays then there will be no Welcome Time.



The **deadline** for the summer combined issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Friday, June 17th**. 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 25** 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!

Membership Changes

New Member:

Melanie Gettler

1124 Baldwin Street
Lebanon, PA 17046
717-821-5144
mgettler1124@comcast.net



Address Changes:

Rick, Pam and Alyssa Knouff

5720 Pine Street
East Petersburg, PA 17520
The house number is no longer valid. Please use their cell phones:
Pam—717-813-6041
Rick—717-926-3455

Justin Lilley

1900 Stevens Drive, Apt. 423
Richland, WA 99354
His cell number and email have not changed.

Mary Ellen Dietrich has a new email address. It is maryellend1919@gmail.com.

Please remember to notify the church office if you have **moved**, are planning to move, have a **new email address**, or have a **new phone number**. It is really important for the church office to stay current with addresses and phone numbers. Thank you for helping us keep our records up to date.

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.

The Altar Guild wishes to thank everyone who donated towards the purchase of geraniums to decorate the chancel for Pentecost.

Janet Gassert
Altar Guild President

Upcoming Events



Bible Study

**Thursday, June 9
at 7 PM**

Our study of the Epistles of John continues.

**There will be
NO
Event Night
this month.**

Join us next month! ☺



Annual Church Picnic

**Sunday, July 10
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



2016 Congregation Council

Nicholas Adams, *President & Property co-chair*
Charlotte Varone, *Vice President & Personnel chair*

Nancie Whelan, *Secretary & Christian Ed chair*
Harry Hatt, *Fellowship co-chair*

Deborah Lutz, *Evangelism & Volunteer Resources chair*

David Machamer, *Property co-chair*
Lori Oliver, *Publicity chair*

Rita Savant, *Social Ministry chair & Financial Secretary*

Donald Smith, *Stewardship chair*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:
Ernestine Batdorf, *Assistant Financial Secretary*

Janet Gassert, *Altar Guild*

Karen Fox, *Worship & Music chair*

Karen Hatt, *Fellowship co-chair*

Gayle Hoffman, *Strategic Planning chair*

Pam Knouff, *Assistant Treasurer*

Kathaleen Lilley, *Treasurer & Finance chair*

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.



PACCC Summer Meals

The Caring Cupboard is sponsoring their summer lunch program again this year. Please check out the flyer on the oak table for needed items that you may donate. Thank you for supporting our local food bank!

