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Pastor's Page

Please read this important information:

Congregation Council has had to take action in light of a \$12,000 deficit in contributions vs expenditures for the first quarter of 2018.

By the end of June, the Office Manager's hours will be reduced by 25%. To facilitate this change, Thursday office hours will be discontinued. There will be no public office hours on Thursdays.

Current public office hours will continue on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The reduction in Robin's hours will also make necessary certain changes in Robin's work priorities. Please make your telephone calls to Robin as efficient as possible, to allow her sufficient time for her regular weekly duties within prescribed work hours.

We also ask committees to do as much work in-committee as possible, and keep Robin informed by notes or emails so that she can keep bulletin and

Newsletter information current and complete.

Another change in light of circumstances is a reduction in Newsletter publication to an every-other-month schedule. Beginning with this issue, the Newsletter will be published Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, May/June, July/Aug, Sept/Oct, and Nov/Dec.

Each issue will become a "double issue" in regard to schedules, birthdays, Council summaries, and calendars. Please plan to keep your Newsletter for the duration of the coverage period so that you have complete schedule information.

We regret the necessity of these steps, but have no alternative, given fiscal realities. Even with these, we are on track to project nearly a \$50,000 shortfall in contributions compared to the Ministry Plan adopted by the congregation last November.

We appreciate the volunteers who have offered to clean the lavatories, worship and fellowship spaces at no cost but cleaning sup-

plies. We appreciate everyone who is working on monthly Clean-up Days and who will sign up for grounds care this growing season. We appreciate everyone striving to give sacrificially and regularly to support the witness and ministries of the congregation.

Your regular and fervent prayers for the witness, ministries, and wellbeing of the congregation are also appreciated, and are very necessary.

I personally regret imposing a financial loss on Robin Harris and her family, and ask you to join me in praying that God will provide for their needs.

The fact that many congregations are in similar circumstances is small comfort as we experience these things, and it seems likely that more significant changes will soon have to be made as well. We are responsible to conduct ourselves, and manage what God has entrusted to us, in the most faithful manner possible. May God help us. +

May 2018 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 6 Sandra Smith
- 13 Ernestine Batdorf
- 20 Nancie Whelan
- 27 Deborah Lutz



Altar Guild

- Kay Zellers, chair
- Barbara Adams
- Harry Hatt
- Karen Hatt



Lector

- 6 Robert Bowman
- 13 Ernestine Batdorf
- 20 Nancie Whelan
- 27 Deborah Lutz



Crucifer

- 6 Nicholas Adams
- 13 Kathaleen Lilley
- 20 Daniel LaRue
- 27 Ernestine Batdorf



Greeters

- 6 Kay Zellers
- 13 Harry & Karen Hatt
- 20 Deborah Lutz
- 27 Nicholas & Barbara Adams



Acolyte

- 6 Mikayla Bowman
- 13 Ernestine Batdorf
- 20 Nancie Whelan
- 27 Harry Hatt



Head Usher
Gayle Hoffman

Finance Steward
Karen Fox



WELCOME TIME Sponsors

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

May 6 — Laurite Vranesic & Deborah Lutz



June 2018 Schedules

Assisting Minister

- 3 Charlotte Varone
- 10 Karen Fox
- 17 Eugene Martin
- 24 Michael Bowman



Altar Guild

- Nancie Whelan, chair
- Karen Hatt
- Mary Whelan



Lector

- 3 Carey Kendall
- 10 Karen Fox
- 17 Eugene Martini
- 24 Michael Bowman



Crucifer

- 3 Gayle Hoffman
- 10 Eugene Martin
- 17 Robert Bowman
- 24 Andrew Hartman



Greeters

- 3 Kathaleen Lilley
- 10 **NEEDED**
- 17 **NEEDED**
- 24 **NEEDED**



Acolyte

- 3 Deborah Lutz
- 10 Ernestine Batdorf
- 17 Mikayla Bowman
- 24 Michael Bowman



Head Usher
Carol Anspach

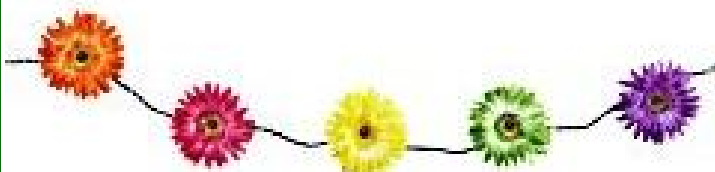
Finance Steward
Deborah Lutz



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June 3 — Kathaleen Lilley



General Fund Summary January—March

Income & Expenses At-a-Glance			
			Year-to-Date
Income			\$32,741.54
Expenses			\$45,444.62
Income Less Expenses			-\$12,703.08

Income	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Total Giving	\$32,741.54
Total Income	\$32,741.54
Ministry Plan Needed to Date	\$44,461.25
Expenses	
Staff	\$29,463.07
Administrative	1,610.65
Maintenance	9,290.90
Committee	0.00
Additional	1,150.00
Benevolence	3,630.00
Loan Repayment	<u>300.00</u>
Total expenses	\$45,444.62
Income Less Expenses	-\$12,703.08

Benevolence Giving

January—March 2018	Regular Giving Benevolence	Additional Designated Giving	Total Given to Charities
NALC	\$2,100.00		\$2,100.00
Atlantic Mission District	\$180.00		\$180.00
Ethiopian Church Relief Fund	\$150.00		\$150.00
North American Lutheran Seminary	\$150.00		\$150.00
Independent Church in India	\$150.00		\$150.00
PACC Caring Cupboard	\$150.00		\$150.00
NALC Disaster Response	\$150.00		\$150.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$150.00		\$150.00
Lebanon Rescue Mission/Agape Shelter	\$150.00		\$150.00
Lebanon Free Clinic	\$150.00		\$150.00
City of Lebanon (in lieu of taxes)	\$150.00		\$150.00
Total	\$3,630.00	\$0.00	\$3,630.00

Congratulations, Graduates!



Michelle Blouch will be graduating from Northern Lebanon High School on June 7. She has enlisted in the US Navy and will be headed to basic training in July.

Abbey Hartman will be graduating from Cedar Crest High School on May 31. She plans to attend Bloomsburg University this fall and major in Biology (pre-medical track).

Hailey Hartman will be graduating from

Penn State University on May 5 with a BS in Nursing. She has accepted a job at the Hershey Medical Center in the Neuro Intensive Care Unit.

Alyssa Knouff will be graduating from Elizabethtown College on May 19. She will be receiving a bachelor's degree in Elementary/Middle Level English/Language Arts Education and her teaching certificate for grades Pre-K-8. She is currently interviewing for a full-time teaching position.

National Day of Prayer



You are invited to join our community in the National Day of Prayer which will be held on **Thursday, May 3** on the steps of the municipal building (400 S. 8th St, Lebanon) at **11:45 AM**. We will begin with song, then we will join together in prayer at 12 noon. Prayer time will end at 12:30 PM. *Together we will seek God's face and intercede for the land and its people.*



Weekly Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

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

WEDNESDAYS:

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

Ministry Plan Report for March

(Budgeted need per week: \$3,420.10)

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Offering Received:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>
3/4	\$4,167.00	42 + / 18 LiF
3/11	\$2,675.01	49 + / 16 LiF
3/18	\$2,289.01	44 + / 14 LiF
3/25	\$2,825.00	64 + / 18 Covenant
MT. 12 PM 3/29	(all Holy Week service offerings	17 +
7:30 PM	were rolled into Easter Sunday)	28 +
Good Friday 3/30		26 +
Prayer 3/31		15 +

Wed. night 2/21	18	3/14 12
Bible study 2/28	16	3/22 12
attendance 3/7	0 (postponed)	4/4 18

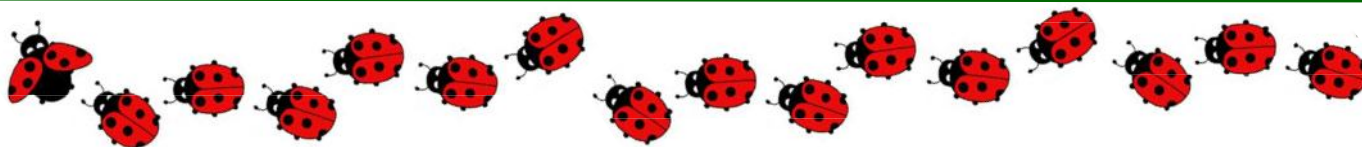


April Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

The Messiah Congregation Council met on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

- ◆ A discussion was held regarding the Easter Vigil format. It was decided to review the Vigil format after the Vigil in 2019.
- ◆ After comparing attendance patterns for the noon service on Maundy Thursday and the people attending, it was decided to eliminate the Maundy Thursday noon worship time and observe only the evening liturgy.
- ◆ Council was reminded that distracting conversations, especially those related to the business of the congregation, still occur on many Sundays prior to worship. Council members can set an appropriate example by declining to participate in such ill-timed interactions, which will help the people remember that the time before worship is for spiritual preparation to come before God. Other kinds of conversation should take place after worship, or at a different time entirely.
- ◆ Memorial funds will be used to purchase 18 six-foot tables for the Fellowship Hall. These tables will be lighter to handle.
- ◆ Our volunteer custodian is no longer able to continue this ministry due to work obligations. A letter of thanks will be sent to him. An advertisement will be placed for a replacement volunteer, or an individual willing to accept the position of Facilities Services Contractor for 5 hours per week.
- ◆ Sign-up sheets for the Veggie-Table meal on April 29th and the trip to the Choo-Choo Barn on April 21st are on the Information Center.

Respectfully submitted,
 Karen Fox
 Congregation Council Secretary



For Your Information

FOOD COLLECTION SUNDAYS



May 6
Caring
Cupboard

June 3
Rescue
Mission

OPEN FLOWER DATES

There are six Sundays left this year that still do not have a flower sponsor:

- June 10
- July 1
- July 29
- August 5
- August 12
- December 30



If you are interested in sponsoring flowers for any of these dates please contact Janet Gassert at 717-272-3757.

Communion Gift Sponsorship Available



Communion gift sponsorship for **January** is still available. Cost is \$30 for the month, and you may sponsor them in honor or in memory of whomever you would like. If you are interested in sponsoring the Communion gifts for January please contact Robin in the office.



Thank You Notes



Thank you notes were received from the Atlantic Mission District of the NALC, the Rescue Mission, and Lutheran World Relief. They are available for you to read on the bulletin board outside the office.

Thank you so much to all who helped set up, cook, prepare and clean up for the Easter breakfast. All help was greatly appreciated!

Karen Hatt
Fellowship Chair



Dear Friends at Messiah,
You ALL always are such a blessing! I am always overwhelmed by your generosity to the men. They eat like kings! You make the Super Bowl—SUPER! Thanks for your faithfulness to this annual blessing to the men of the Mission!

Sincerely,
Jenny Topping
Lebanon Rescue Mission
Food & Volunteer Services Manager



Dear Members of Messiah,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, palm fronds and bulletins. It was such a surprise!

Thank you, too, Pastor Kendall, for your visit and giving me Communion. Thank you also, Janet Gassert, for delivering the flowers. It all made a lovely day. Thank you again.

Leontine Vavrous

Pentecost Geraniums

The Altar Guild is accepting donations for geraniums to decorate the chancel for Pentecost (**May 20**). Please put your donation in a plain envelope marked “geraniums” and place it in the offering plate or drop it in the church office.



Membership Changes

Please make these address changes in your directory:

Caroline Harnisch

Stoneridge Healthcare Unit, Room 145A
450 E. Lincoln Ave.
Myerstown, PA 17067

Janet Grun

Leffler Care Center, Room 303
1200 Grubb Rd.
Palmyra, PA 17078

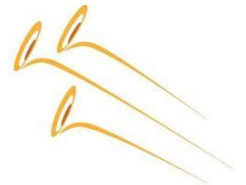
Please **amend your directory** to reflect they who joined the Church Triumphant last month:

Fred Harnisch

1919-2018

Dolores Rittle

1929-2018



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

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.



Summer Newsletter



Newsletter Info
Wanted!

The **deadline** for the summer issue of the *Messiah Messenger* is **Friday, June 15**. 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!

2018 Congregation Council

Harry Hatt, *President and Property Chair*
Gayle Hoffman, *Vice-President and Personnel Chair*

Karen Fox, *Secretary and Worship & Music Chair*
Nancie Whelan, *Treasurer and Christian Education Chair*

Ernestine Batdorf, *Finance Secretary, Publicity and Volunteer Resources Chair*

Rita Savant, *Assistant Finance Secretary and Social Ministry Chair*

Non Council Committee Chairs and their positions:

Karen Hatt, *Fellowship chair*

Kathaleen Lilley, *Assistant Treasurer and Finance Chair*

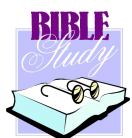


*Pentecost
Sunday
May 20*

The Children's Choir will be singing!

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY



May 10
and
June 14
at 7 PM

We will continue (maybe finish) our in-depth study of the Book of Romans.

GAME NIGHT!

Friday, May 18
and

Friday, June 22 (4th Friday)
at 6:30 PM



Come join the fun!



BIBLE READING COVENANT

Sunday, May 27
Job, Chapters 11-22

Sunday, June 24
Job, Chapters 23-37

10:30AM
in the Fellowship Hall

Caring Cupboard Summer Meals



The Caring Cupboard is sponsoring their Summer Lunch Program again this year.

Please check out the flyer on the oak table in the narthex for needed items that you may donate. Other "wish list" items are included on the flyer as well. Please note the **NEW** drop off hours so you will know when they are open to accept your donations.

Something new this year: the Caring Cupboard will be supplying us with stickers that you may place on your donations which are specifically for the Summer Lunch Program. This will help the volunteers place your items in the correct distribution area. The stickers will be placed on the oak table for your convenience for you to pick up.

Thank you for supporting our local food bank!

May Birthdays

- 2 Avery Fox
- 3 Abbey Hartman
Jill Hartman
- 5 Rita Savant
- 8 Matthew Lutz
- 9 Eileen Ledger
- 10 Mia Lutz
- 16 Joseph Hartman
Mary Whelan
- 28 Annabel Karnes
- 30 Evelyn Shaak
- 31 Janet Grun



June Birthdays

- 1 David Machamer
- 2 Ray Mayopoulos
- 3 Kathaleen Lilley
- 5 Michelle Blouch
Karen Munford
- 7 Vicki Schimminger
- 13 Janet Gassert
- 14 Mike Adams
- 16 Laura Ebright
- 18 Sue DeSendi
- 24 Wendy Brossman
- 26 John Dolheimer
Andrew Lutz
- 27 Eugene Martin
- 29 Charlotte Varone



May Anniversaries

- 5 Lee & Debra Stickler
- 7 David & Suzette Buffamoyer
- 22 Steven & Rachel Anspach
Richard & Beth Miller
- 27 Joseph & Janice Hartman
Rick & Pam Knouff
Ray & Vivian Mayopoulos
- 28 Nicholas & Barbara Adams



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



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NALC Website

<http://www.thenalc.org>

Atlantic Mission District Website

<http://www.atlantic-nalc.org>

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.

