

MESSIAH MESSENGER

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

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In Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul writes to the church there, that "The gifts [God] gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ. As Christians, we are all in ministry. Each of us has been gifted and graced to some sort of work within, in the body of Christ.

It's that time again to plan for the ministry and leadership of the church for the coming year. As always, we ask you to consider where and how your gifts and graces are

calling you to serve God. One of the blessings of being in a Christian community is the chance to recognize gifts and graces in others, as well. As you're reviewing the ministries and opportunities, you might say to yourself, "I know just who would be perfect for that!" If so, let us know! If you think someone is well suited for a certain ministry in the church, write their name in the open space at the bottom of the Plugged-In flyer. This will give the Lay Leadership Committee a larger pool of possibilities to consider as we prepare for the new year.

If you have questions about any of the ministries or programs you are drawn to, feel free to contact me. If I can't answer your question, I'll find someone who can! As you explore through the many opportunities for ministry in and through Messiah Church, I invite you to prayerfully consider where and how God is calling you to be in service.

In Christ,
Pastor
Mike



October Committee Meetings

10/1	SPR Com.	7:00p
10/15	Worship Com.	7:00p
10/19	Church Council	7:00p
10/20	Strategic Plan.	7:00p
10/22	Shepherding	7:00p
10/26	Trustee	7:00p

LIGHTING THE WAY

If your child is eight years or older, then he or she can serve the church as an Acolyte!

Acolyte duty is rotated among those who serve to approximately once every two months.



A voluntary sign-up sheet is offered for the convenience of choosing when your child can serve. New Acolyte training will be held October 18, after church services, in the sanctuary. If interested, please contact Susan Rogers at slufot-sue@aol.com or 549-6460.

OCTOBER FOOD CLOSET

The Food Closet
Items for
October!!

Macaroni & Cheese
Please

Thanks for your
continuing support!



MMWOMEN AND THE UMMEN LIFE NET HEALTH PRESENTATION

The Messiah Mission Women along with **Messiah's United Methodist Men** are hosting a dinner on Monday, October 12 @ 6:30pm.

All adults are invited to attend a LifeNet Health program where a representative

will talk about organ donation.

Reservations for the dinner are required. The dinner will be for adults only, children are not invited and babysitting services will not be provided. A clipboard will be in the Narthex for

sign-up to reserve your place at the dinner. Deadline for reservations will be Oct. 4th. If you have any questions, please contact Danny Reitz or Linda Forbes.



“The Messiah Mission Women with Messiah’s United Methodist Men are hosting a dinner on Monday, October 12.”

The United Methodist Men meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30p for a brief meeting and dinner. There will be no meeting in the month of October. All men in the church are encouraged to check us out! Contact Danny Reitz @ 547-8254 for more info.

The Messiah Mission Women meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00p. All women are encouraged to become a part of **this great women’s group!** Contact Linda Forbes 436-1855 for more info.

JOIN THE CHOIR

KAREN SHARROW, MUSIC DIRECTOR

If you love to sing and you are thinking about trying Messiah's Choir, here is the schedule:

Wed. Oct. 14th
7:30p

Wed. Oct. 21st
7:30p

Wed. Oct. 28th
7:00p

October's Schedule

Choir Rehearsals:

Wed. Oct. 7th
7:30p

Choir

Performance:

Sun. Oct. 11th
Sun. Oct. 25th

For More information about joining the choir..you can e-mail Karen at ksharrow@cox.net.



TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORD

Joy Circle Ladies Bible Study

The next Joy Circle meeting will held on Monday, October 25, at 7:00p at the home of Helen McGrath. Discussion will continue with the book, Really Bad Girls of the Bible, by Liz Curtis Higgs. It's a great time to join.



YA DIGG

This class is for Young Adults through 25 years of



Bring a Friend to Bible Study!

age and meets at the church. The weekday and time will be announced soon.

Join this class and Digg Into God's Grace.

YOUTH GROUPS

We meet on Sundays: Middle School from 3:00-5:30p High School 6:30-8:00p

Thursday Morning Ladies Bibles Study!

Great fellowship, learning and prayer.

This study meets Thursdays at Messiah United Methodist Church from 9:30-11:30a. All women and friends are invited to attend.

Childcare is provided.

“For more information about joining the choir contact Karen Sharrow at ksharrow@cox.net”

AUTUMN FESTIVAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL KICK-OFF..... THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Kick-Off. It was a lot of fun and a great success!



Special thanks to Messiah Men for making breakfast, Jim Farley for the hayrides. The Gasser's for the balloon animals, Talisa Schuyler for face painting, to all who made wonderful

cakes and all the great food we had at the potluck! Also, thanks to everyone who took a pie in the face for fun and also anyone else who certainly helped but may not have been mentioned! Well Done!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

There is still time to join a new Sunday School class.

We have a few openings left in each class. If you would like more information you can e-mail Kristi Trevino at citywide1993@aol.com.

SEE YOU IN SUNDAY SCHOOL!

“We are looking for a few volunteers to work in Children’s Church.”

CHILDREN’S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a few volunteers to work in children’s church.

This is a very easy class to teach...

A small lesson with worksheets before they go into big church for Children’s Time, and



when they return the kids watch a video that is provided to go with the lesson. Very Easy! If you can take any days in October please let Kristi Trevino know ASAP!

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Messiah Preschool has had a wonderful and exciting beginning to the 2009-10 school year. We welcome the returning preschool children and all the new children to our Messiah family.

The preschool is blessed to have such a dedicated and nurturing teaching staff. We look forward to a great year together.

On behalf of the preschool staff, we want to thank the Church, the Preschool Committee, the Trustees, the Ladies Bible Study, and all who have given so generously of their time and talents to prepare the building and grounds for the new preschool year. Your efforts are truly appreciated. Again, many, many, thanks!

This year, the preschool will be participating in a fund-raising project: BOX TOPS for Educational Materials.

We invite the church community to participate by clipping the BOX TOPS coupon from all General Mills products and placing them in the BOX TOPS collection envelope found on the bulletin board in the main hall.

We also encourage the preschool families to support the Church by participating in the 123-4 Community Farm Fresh receipt program.

JOIN IN, AND TOGETHER WE CAN RAISE MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR BOTH MINISTRIES!

“Join in, and together we can raise much needed funds for both ministries!”

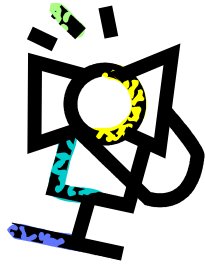
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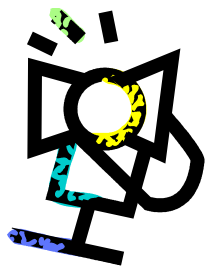
Thank you to everyone who donated items or gave money for James McLoon 's care package. It has been mailed and hopefully he will receive it soon! Please continue to pray for James, Stephanie and their children.

If you would like to show additional support you can introduce yourself to James by sending him encouraging cards and notes. Just to let him know you 're thinking and praying for him can make his stay go by a lot faster.

For information on how to send something to James or just let Stephanie know you are praying for them please contact Cindy Parks at weh8com-putrs@yahoo.com or call at 485-2976 for their addresses.



SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS



THANK YOU



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR SEPTEMBER MISSIONS !

The STOP HUNGER NOW mission was a great success. From those who made and sold lemonade, bought lemonade, made other donations or worked to help package the food... Well Done!



Operation Christmas Child was a huge success. The shoe boxes you filled will bring joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world.

OCTOBER MISSIONS

HEART HAVEN

UMMen and the congregation of Messiah have adopted, Heart Haven, a home in Chesapeake for mentally handi-capped individuals. During the month of October we will be responsible for the upkeep of the home. We are being placed on call for various work projects. More info to come.



On Monday, October 26th from 4:00-7:00p.m. Messiah Church will host it's quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive.

This event is open to all of our Messiah Church Family and friends. Childcare is provided as well as great food/snacks to replenish our bodies.

Be on the lookout for the signup sheet and plan to ... GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE... One pint at a time.

Mission Statement

Through planning and implementing a program of mission projects, we are dedicated to reaching out to our community as well as the global community, seeking to improve the well being of people as inspired by the life of Jesus Christ!

FARM FRESH 123-4 COMMUNITY PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who is saving their Farm Fresh receipts for the ABC-4 Community Program.

This year we are partnering with the preschool. They are saving receipts for our program and we need to support their BOX TOPS program.

BOX TOPS for Educational Materials supports school organizations by trading General Mills BOX TOPS coupons for money to help purchase much needed supplies.

A collection box for the Farm Fresh receipts is located in the Narthex and an envelope for the

BOX TOPS coupons is located in the main hall on the preschool bulletin board.



So start saving those receipts and box tops and help us get more free stuff!

THE YOUTH DO A CROP WALK FOR HUNGER, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2009

The Youth will be participating in a city-wide walk to stop hunger! We will join other local churches and organizations in a five mile walk along the Dismal Swamp Trail. To register you can pick up a packet from Sheri White or in the church office, you can also register on



line by visiting www.cropwalkonline.org and follow the prompts to join our team. Our team

name is MY Zone Youth (MUMC). To check out our team page, go to www.churchworldservice.org/goto/MyZone. So sign up get your friends and family to be sponsors and join in the fun! Our goal is \$500! To help feed the hungry.

“So start saving those receipts and help us get more free stuff!”

Norfolk District United Methodist Women’s Event

Friday, October 16, at 9:00 a.m. the Norfolk District UMW Prayer Breakfast will be held at Baylake UMC.

Address: 4300 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach

Janet Baker will be the keynote speaker. There will also be a candle lighting/memorial service. RSVP to 424-2423 by Oct 12 at noon. Nursery will be provided upon request.

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CHURCH

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The people of The United Methodist Church



CELEBRATIONS
IN
OCTOBER

A Heart for Serving



2009
Charge
Conference

Sunday, November
22nd at 3:00 p.m.

Charge Conference
forms are due at
the church office
no later than Sun-
day, Nov. 1st

BIRTHDAYS



10/04 Taylor Dean
10/10 Lori Hummel
10/10 Bev Parrish
10/15 Beverly Matthews
10/30 Hannah Williams



10/8 Mike & Michelle
Bryan
10/18 Clayton & Lisa
Spruill
10/26 Jim & Darlene Farley

SCRIPTURE READERS:

10/4 Susan Rogers
10/11 David Abeshaheen
10/18 Darlene Farley
10/25 Alton Forbes

GREETERS

10/4 Youth
10/11 Shell Riddle & kids
10/18 Gail Martin
10/25 Gail Martin

NURSERY 9:50 & 10:50 : 10/4—10/25

Rachel Esprit or Danae Rogers

ACOLYTES:

10/4 Erin Pontz
10/11 Jordan Farley/Cynthia Rogers
10/18 Gage Waltner
10/25 Taylor Dean

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

10/4-25 WE NEED YOU!!!!