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MESSENGER



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Summer Sprout is Coming!!!



Summer Sprout is this summer's VBS alternative. Instead of a week-long camp, children (pre-school to 5th grade) are invited to gather on two Sunday afternoons. They will learn songs, play games, and more. Snacks will be provided.

The first gathering is scheduled for July 28th at Messiah Lutheran Church from 3-5:00. The lesson will focus on the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-23).

The second gathering is scheduled for August 11 from 3-5:00 at All Souls Atlee House (9077 Atlee Rd) where the activities will center around a harvest theme.

Event flyers, registration forms (due July 7th) and the volunteer sign-up sheet are all located in the church narthex.

The Summer Sprout team includes **Donna Combs, Valerie Williams** and **Tracey Anderson** from Messiah and **Donna Haynes, Karen Bow er** and **Nikki D'Adamo-Damery** of All Souls.

Please see **Donna, Valerie, or Tracey** if you have questions. Hope to see you there!



Welcome to **Rev. Richard Carbaugh**, who was formally appointed as Messiah's Interim Pastor on June 17!

Pastor Carbaugh is a familiar face to many of us as he has served as a supply pastor at Messiah on several Sundays over the last few months. We are looking forward to the next several months as he guides us in our life here at Messiah while we continue in the Call Process for our next pastor. We are grateful that he has chosen to be with us during this time.

If you haven't had a chance to introduce yourself to Rev. Carbaugh, please do so the next time you come to church!

See Pastor Carbaugh's letter on page 4

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Due to our overwhelming success with “A New Advent Idea” in December, and after hearing that our friends at MCEF experience a large drop off in the food collection during the summer, we invite you to join us in celebrating “Advent in July” this year. Beginning in the middle of June, you were invited to pick up doubled grocery bags in the narthex to take home. And during the thirty-one days of July you can place one item of non-perishable food in the bag each day as you give thanks for all of God’s blessings to you and your family. Then return your bag(s) to the narthex and we will pray for those who will receive the bags as they are sent off to MCEF.

As Jesus said, “When you do it to the least of these, you do it also to me.”

- **Marilyn Gunn**

Your 2019 Church Council And Associate Members

James Anderson Council President
Donna Shaw Vice-President
Sally Bennett Secretary

John Cline **Becky Collie**
Karen Morris **Roger Schroeder**
Daren Williams

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Trustees: **Leroy Albertson, Gordon Gunn, Pat Hubert.**

Office hours



As of May 20th, **Davina** has new office hours at Messiah. She will be in the office from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, she will be in the office from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm.



Messiah on Pinterest

<http://pinterest.com/messiahmech/boards/>



CFFY Corner

(Christian Formation for You)

MOVIE:

The Encounter (2011) - What would you do if you found yourself in a diner and the proprietor told you he was Jesus? This story brings five people face to face with our Lord. He tells each one of them about their life, what He wants for them, and what they need to do. But do they believe and are they truly listening? Because what people want is not always what they need or what God wants for them. This is an intriguing faith-filled story that will make every Christian stop and think about his or her own life. Filled with lessons for everyone, this is an inspirational story that will encourage those that may have fallen on hard times to examine the true condition of their lives. It also lets them know that the devil is always waiting on the sidelines to step in and have them follow him instead of the One that has all the answers. It received the Dove "Family-Approved" Seal for ages 12 and over due to the mature themes. It received an IMDb rating of 7.0.

ADULT BOOK:

Mere Christianity, is a book by C.S. Lewis, who left his childhood Christian faith to spend years as a determined atheist. After finally admitting that God existed, Lewis gave in and knelt in prayer to become what he described later as "the most dejected and reluctant convert in all England." It is one of the world's most widely read books on the subject of Christianity. It consists of four books which originated as broadcast talks for the BBC during World War II. Amongst other things, Lewis covers the reality of moral law, human sinfulness, the nature and work of Christ, Christian ethics, and the doctrine of the Trinity. Lewis' goal was to translate theology into language that people could understand. He desired to pre-

sent "mere Christianity" (i.e. the core doctrines that all Christian traditions and creeds would accept), in a way that made it intelligible in a society where most people no longer grasped the meaning of Christian teaching. It has a Goodreads rating of 4.3.

YOUTH BOOK:

Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations is a popular Christian book authored by Alex and Brett Harris, founders of The Rebelution. It was published by WaterBrook Multnomah, a division of Random House, in 2008. Written by teens for teens, *Do Hard Things* is packed with humorous personal anecdotes, practical examples, and stories of real-life rebelutionaries in action. This rallying cry from the heart of revolution already in progress challenges the next generation to lay claim to a brighter future, starting today. 256p with a Goodreads rating of 4.1

DEVOTIONAL:

Day by Day: 365 Devotional Readings from Martin Luther is by the most quotable of the Reformers. Gems from his exegesis, theology, hymns, sermons, and spiritual advice have reverberated across denominational lines. This 365-day devotional provides brief glimpses into the heights and depths of his cruciform-shaped view of discipleship. An engaging daily devotion that will increase your familiarity of the Father of the Reformation. Each short devotion is adapted from the wealth of Luther's writings and includes a suggested Scripture reading. 384 pages.

- Donna Shaw



From Rev. Richard Carbaugh Interim Minister

Your church council has called me to serve as your Interim Minister during this time of transition and search for your next pastor. I am very excited to join you in ministry during this time. I will be sending a letter to all of you which will tell you something about myself, but for now I just wanted you to know what a joy it is for me to be here among you. I look forward to worshipping with you, exploring God's Word together, talking with you and sharing in the ministry and community that is Messiah Lutheran Church.

While my ministry will be part-time, I am fully committed to being in your midst. It will be an honor to be with you in your celebrations, your challenges, and your sorrows. I will count it a privilege to walk with you in this journey as God's people. If you have a need for pastoral care, I hope you will feel free to call on me. I have truly felt welcomed here at Messiah. In fact, I had not planned to do this in my retirement, but it was your kindness as a congregation and the sense I had of your commitment to what God is doing among you here that pulled me into this ministry. The Holy Spirit surely moves in mysterious ways. I look forward to getting to know all of you in the months ahead.

During this time, may the 'Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all'.



- July 1 **Liane DiGrazia**
 2 **Pat Motley**
 4 **James Anderson**
 17 **Dawn Martin**
 22 **Bob Griffin**
 23 **Johnnie Collie**
 25 **Valerie Williams**
 27 **Curt Glatfelter**



- July 2 **Steve & Donna Shaw**
 25 **Kevin & Mandy Hendrickson**

If you would like **YOUR** birthdays & anniversary included in the newsletter, please send an email to messiahmech@gmail.com or call **Davina** (746-7134).

Call Committee Update

The Call Committee met on Monday, June 17, to continue work on the Ministry Site Profile.

They will meet again on July 7 and 14 to hopefully complete the MSP in order to get a rough draft to Council at the July council meeting. The next update will be when the final draft is done.

- **Donna Shaw**



Join Messiah on Facebook!



We pray for each other:

Charlie Absher; Kenneth Deere; Adam Dworak, Sr.; JoAn Firebaugh; Bill Fulop; Elisabeth Gardner; Werner Gardner; "Doc" Kondaki; Linda Krupa; Mac McAllister; Pat Motley; Jack Ordazzo; Ruth Schroeder; Judy Schwerdtfeger.

We pray for our extended family and neighbors:

Debra Anton, sister of Ruth Schroeder; **Cyndi Bauer**, sister of Lois Schroeder; **Connie**, friend of the Whirleys; **Chuck Dupuy**, son-in-law of Joan Barnes; **David and Sandi Elliott**, friends of the Whirleys; **Dylan and Family**, friends of the Whirleys; **Family and Friends of Deborah Ford**, friend of Bill and Susie Weaver; **Connie Gambini**, friend and coworker of Becky Collie; **Family & Friends of Mel Gray**, former member; **Family & Friends of Bill Leaver**, friend of Charlie & Sally Bennett; **Mary Ann Modlin**, friend of Schwerdtfegers; **Family & Friends of Alvin Morlan**, father of Donna Shaw; **Mary Moyer**, sister-in-law of Schwerdtfegers; **Mullen Family**, friends of the Whirleys; **Dieter Niklas**, brother of Erna Jung; **Evelyn Poulsen**, mother of Roger Schroeder; **Tim Schroeder**, Roger's nephew; **Sandy Street**, sister of Donna Shaw; **Susan**, friend of the Whirleys; **George Tunstall**, friend of John and Rosalee Cline; **Our veterans, their fellow soldiers & their waiting families, especially Ian Schwerdtfeger; Law enforcement, firefighters and first responders; The people of All Souls Episcopal and our shared ministry; All those persecuted in any way for their faith in Christ, especially in Central African Republic, Algeria, Turkmenistan,**

and Mali.¹

¹ Open Doors World WatchList 2019
To add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office, **746-7134**. If leaving a message, include your contact information for follow-up. Unless we hear otherwise, individuals will be re-



MCEF Update

MCEF continues to serve those in Mechanicsville in need. Food needs always include apple sauce (preferably in jars) and jelly of any flavor including sugar free.

Mark you calendar for September 11th for the patriotic concert by the John Marshall Alumni Band at Walnut Grove Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Suggested donation of \$2 and an item for the food pantry. This is an enjoyable fund raiser for MCEF.

- Gladys Hubert

Announcing: Results of congregational meeting

For those not in attendance on June 9, after verifying a quorum was present, voting members unanimously voted

- for Messiah to become incorporated in the state of Virginia.
- The vote was also unanimous for our legal name to become "Messiah Lutheran Church" from this date forward.

July 2019						
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Calendar of events

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- 2 Martin Luther Swears to Become a
Monk During a Thunderstorm (1505)
7:30 PM Taizé Prayer (Richmond Hill)
- 3 Feast of Thomas, Apostle
- 4 Book of Concord First Published in
English in 1851 (New Market, VA)
- 5
- 6 Commemoration of Jan Hus
- 7 9:30 AM All Souls Episcopal & Messiah
Lutheran Worship (Lutheran Liturgy)
12:00 PM Call Committee Meeting
- 8
- 9
- 10 Virginia Lutheran Items Due
- 11 Commemoration of Benedict of Nursia
- 12 Commemoration of Nathan Söderblom
- 13
- 14 9:30 AM All Souls Episcopal & Messiah
Lutheran Worship (Episcopal Liturgy)
12:00 PM Call Committee Meeting
- 15 5:00 PM Stevie B night for MCEF
- 16 Anniversary of the Great Schism (1054)
6:15 PM Council Meeting
- 17 Martin Luther Enters Monastery (1505)
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21 9:30 AM All Souls Episcopal & Messiah
Lutheran Worship (Episcopal Liturgy)
- 22 Feast of Mary Magdalene, Apostle
- 23 Commemoration of Birgitta of Sweden,
Renewer of the Church
- 24 Commemoration of Declán of Ardmore,
Missionary
- 25 Feast of James, Apostle
- 26
- 27

- 28 Commemoration of Johann Sebastian
Bach, Heinrich Schütz, & George
Frederick Handel, Musicians
9:30 AM All Souls Episcopal & Messiah
Lutheran Worship (Lutheran Liturgy)
3:00 PM Summer Sprout VBS
(Messiah Lutheran Church)

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* Off Site

Bulletin announcements

Those who would like to place announcements in the Sunday bulletin, please send them to **Donna Shaw** at dmslaw70@gmail.com for inclusion. Please understand that if they are too long, you may be asked to edit them. Please send your information by Wednesday morning so that **Davina** can be ready to print the bulletin Thursday morning. With the Midweek Announcements on hiatus, if you have a midweek announcement that needs to be distributed, send that to Donna as well and she will see that it gets sent out in a timely manner.





On Sunday, June 9th, at our worship service, we recognized our Class of 2019:

Kyle Starrett graduated from JR Tucker High School on June 12th. He was in Advanced College Academy for Social Sciences through J Sargeant Reynolds Community College. He graduated from JSR on May 12th with his Associate Degree in Social Science. He will be attending Bridgewater College in the fall and will be on the football team.

Alex Warmbrod has graduated from Hanover High School on June 15th. He plans to start his college experience by attending Reynolds Community College in the fall. He is going to work on a Business Administration degree. He is uncertain what his emphasis will be.

Congratulations, Kyle and Alex! You will be in our thoughts and prayers. God's blessings be with you on your journey.

- **Karen Morris**

Sincere Thanks

Thank you, brothers and sisters in Christ, for the thoughts, prayers, cards, and other expressions of care and sympathy on my father's recent death. Your kindness and show of love have brought comfort at a time of much sorrow. I am truly thankful you are part of my "village".

Donna Shaw & family



Joan Barnes Memorial Scholarship Awards Ceremony

June 2, 2019

Thanks to **Chuck Dupuy**, **Joan Barnes'** son-in-law, who followed through with Joan's wishes to create a scholarship in her name for Messiah Youth.

Members of our scholarship selection committee are **Sally Bennett**, **Bob Griffin**, and **Debbie Walker**.

This year's scholarship recipients were awarded to **Kirsten Combs**, **Jimmy Norman** and **Kyle Starrett**.

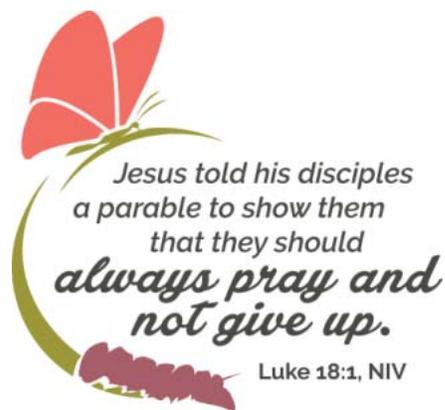
Kirsten Combs has just finished her first year at Virginia Commonwealth University. With mathematics as her favorite subject throughout her school years, she has decided to major in business and accounting and enter the business world after graduation.

Jimmy Norman has just completed his second post-secondary year, also at VCU, where he is majoring in Music Education with a concentration in Vocal/Choral. His first career goal is to become a high-school choral director and then perhaps enter graduate school so that he can teach music in college.

Kyle Starrett will be entering Bridgewater College in the fall and plans to study media and communications there. His career goal is to write for an NFL team, especially for the Philadelphia Eagles, his favorite!

Congratulations to all of these young people! May God bless and direct their paths.

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We're becoming More energy efficient!

Through Dominion Energy's Small Business Improvement Program, Messiah will be becoming more energy efficient! Look for improvements in sanctuary and parking lot lighting in the coming weeks.

If you have specific questions, please see **John Cline**.

The DEADLINE for the
August 2019
edition of *The Messenger* is
Sunday, July 14th

Please call me with your
submission, hand me a written
submission OR email
susiew51@comcast.net

Traveling advice

We need deliberately to call to mind the joys of our journey. Perhaps we should try to write down the blessings of one day. We might begin; we could never end; there are not pens or paper enough in all the world.
—George Buttrick