

October 13, 2024 Announcements

Prayer verse For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works so that no one may boast. *Ephesians 2:8-9*

Worship at 10 am and 5 pm Selected bulletins have a reading or prayer highlighted for those who wish to read. **The 10 am service is on Zoom** with the following link: us04web.zoom.us/j/573579627 **If you do not have internet**, listen by calling 929-205-6099. When prompted for the meeting ID, enter 573 579 627#. When prompted for a participant ID, just press # again. The service will be recorded and can be accessed through Messiah's Facebook page. Join us for **Coffee hour** in the Fellowship Hall after the 10 am service.

Ecumenical potluck lunch at 12 noon on Sunday, October 13 at Greece United Methodist Church, 1924 Maiden Lane. Our guest speaker is John Brennan from Prison Fellowship, who will speak to us about their Angel Tree Ministry and how we can adopt families with incarcerated loved ones into our church communities. Bring a dish to pass, your own place settings, and an open heart.

All Saints Sunday is November 3. If you have a loved one or friend who died in the last year, please let the office know by Monday, October 28, so we can remember them in our prayers.

Green Tip of the Week: For a bigger selection of electric cars than you see at the dealership, ask the salesperson to order you a used electric car on auction. You can choose the make, model, color, year, mileage, and price.

Heating Season Before October is over, we'll probably be turning on the heating boilers. Generally speaking, the office area and Fellowship Hall are only heated to a comfortable level 7am – 3 pm Sunday – Friday and the Sanctuary is only warmed up 7am -6 pm Sundays. Do you have a repeating class, or group meeting, or get together outside these hours? Let me know and we'll program the thermostats for your meeting. Paul Williams

The 15th annual **East Avenue Grocery Run** will be held on November 2nd to benefit area food pantries, and specifically Messiah's own food pantry. This fund raising event typically raises over \$3000 for our food pantry and you can help make that happen in two ways. First, you can sponsor a team member by going to <https://runsignup.com/melc2024> to make a donation to the team (or search the individual fund raisers to look for Messiah members to support). The awesome thing about donations is that every cent you donate (and more) will come back to Messiah's food pantry! The second way you can help is to enter the event yourself (10k run, 5k run/walk, or 1k walk). The more people who sign up as part of Messiah's team, the more we get from "unaffiliated" donations and registration fees. Even if you sign up and don't do any fund raising yourself, you'll increase the amount of money raised for our food pantry. Contact Jeff Gerstenberger with questions. Go team!

Sunday, November 3rd, **RocUbuntu is hosting a walk to benefit the Coffee Connection**, a local organization that helps women in transition. The walk will begin at 1 pm at Messiah.... ¼ mile and 1 mile routes available. Coffee connection food and products will be available starting at noon and also after the walk. If you can't make the 3rd, you can walk virtually or the time and location of your choice. Register at <https://forms.gle/Y5JYhKFfnxCVPboNA> To donate: <https://www.facebook.com/share/j9QHqgHFNs4HHMLi/See> See flyer on communications board, where there is also a QR code to register or donate. Pledge forms are available on the communications board under the flyer, as well as on the welcome table in the narthex.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION 500 Thrivent is again offering a \$500 check to our Food Distribution effort. If we collect at least 500 items **by October 31**, we'll get \$500 extra dollars to help feed our community's family food insecurity. **We would like to concentrate on the following:** cranberry sauce (jellied and whole berry), whipped topping mix, canned french green beans, canned yams or sweet potatoes, canned/jarred gravy, stuffing mix; and for our kids packs: Ramen noodle packets, single size mac & cheese or pasta meals, instant oatmeal packets and individual size juice. Place items at the foot of the stairs going up to the balcony. **Checks and gift cards (Aldi's especially helpful) are always welcome.** Place in the offering plate or mail. Questions, contact Larry Dennis.

The coming holidays present an emotional time for those who have recently lost a loved one.

IS THAT YOU? If so... You are invited to join the **Grief Study Group - "Getting Through the Holidays."**

Meeting November 6 and 13, 5-6:30pm, we will...

- Share our feelings about the holidays this year
- Set our intention to make the best of the situation and feel happy.
- Talk about positive ways to cope.
- Make a plan to be prepared for the holiday season.

Please contact Cathy in the office (865-1866) or Ellen Meyer if you have questions about this study group or want to participate. This is open to our community and we can be flexible on the meeting times if needed.

Braiding Sweetgrass Book Study Discussion with simple meal, Mondays 6:00-7:30 pm

Oct 14 at Messiah Study led by Pr. Cheryl, Tending Sweetgrass, Picking Sweetgrass

Oct 21 at Greece Baptist (1230 Long Pond Rd.) Study led by Pr. Aileen, Braiding Sweetgrass

Oct 28 at Greece Baptist (1230 Long Pond Rd. Study led by Pr. Aileen, Burning Sweetgrass, Returning the gift.

RSVP to Pastor Cheryl at office@greecebaptistchurch.org or 225-6160, and let us know if you need a book.

(There are 50+ copies in the Monroe County Library system.) Books available at GBC office, \$12 each.

Pick up Tuesdays 10-1, Wednesdays 12-4:30, Fridays 10-1, or Sunday mornings.

Joy Beyond the Bend is a support group providing fellowship for anyone who has had a loss, even the loss of a relationship or a pet. We will carpool on Tuesday, October 15, leaving the church parking lot at 11:30 am for lunch at Rohrbach Buffalo Road Brewpub. After lunch we will return to the church for our meeting until 4:00 pm. For meeting format information, please check The Herald, or contact Joyce Callen. It is very important that you email or phone Joyce by Saturday, October 12 so a luncheon reservation can be made Sunday, October 13, so that individual checks will be possible. All are welcome to join us!

Free Community Dinner – Taco/Tortilla Bar Sunday, October 20, 12 pm – 1 pm Greece Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (Door #4) 1230 Long Pond Rd. Vegetarian, Vegan, and Gluten-free options available. Any questions, contact the church office at 225-6160.

Hurricane Relief Hurricane Helene ravaged communities in the southeast, causing massive damage, and now Milton has created additional damage in Florida. To contribute to the relief efforts, make a check out to Messiah with the designation "Hurricane Relief".

Thursday morning Bible Join us in the conference room from 10 am – 11:30 when we will discuss the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Bring your favorite translation of the Bible.

Spiritual Growth meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7 pm for study, prayer, lively discussion, and discovery to understand how we can engage the world as Christ's disciples. Join us at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81810845014?pwd=S2VhaStUVEIvQXZDRGc4elFmUHBldz09>

or Audio only: (929) 205 6099 Meeting ID: 818 1084 5014#

Once again we are **collecting warm winter gear** for those in need. We are collecting coats, hats, scarves, boots, gloves, mittens, and warm indoor clothes for all ages....kids through adults. Donation boxes are at the front entrance. Our collection continues **through Sunday, November 3.**

Help. Hope. Healing. Stephen Ministry. Whenever you are going through a difficult time, a Stephen Minister can help. Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one-to-one Christian care to those experiencing challenges in life – like grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, or job loss. To learn how you can receive a Stephen Minister's confidential care, contact Pastor Aileen.

Messiah's Angel Tree will be up in early November, filled with gift ideas for the children/grandchildren of our Food Pantry clients. You will be able to select an angel(s) to purchase gifts for, or donate money for our elves to do the shopping. A party will be held for the children December 14, and help will be needed for that as well. If you know of a family that could use an angel gift(s) for their children/grandchildren, please contact the church office for a request form. Completed forms must be returned by October 25. All requests are kept confidential.

Monetary Donations to our Food Pantry may be made online using Paypal from Messiah's Food Pantry page <http://www.messiahlutheranchurch.net/content/food-pantry> or using this QR code.

Note that PayPal can be used for any credit/debit card transactions; you do not need to create a PayPal account.



Meow Ministry Come see Meow Ministry's wildlife t-shirt sale upstairs in the narthex. (note change in location) The collection box for wet and dry food as well as supplies is downstairs outside the Fellowship Hall. To donate monetarily, make check out to Messiah with Meow Ministry in memo line.

Ripples of Wellness Chair Yoga and Meditation every Wednesday via zoom from 10 - 11 am. To join, click on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89642768133?pwd=Y0JpcjF6eUNoKzBQN3pFYzBhMGxLZz09>

If you prefer to navigate from the Zoom interface: Meeting ID: 896 4276 8133 Passcode: yoga

If you have any questions, Please contact Susan Roth or Joyce Callen.

Our Prayers: Pam Kremmin, Judy Merritt-Speed, Shannon (neighbor of Judy Merritt-Speed), David Treadwell, Karen Treadwell-Collins, Carol Thompson, Ellie Thomassen (Jeff Gerstenberger's mother), Deb Grohman (Willie's wife), Marcia Laskowski, Gene Pios, Jan Schroeder, Cole Johnson (Judy's grandson) and the Johnson family, Patti Burger, Don Brugger, Brian Smith, George Schudel, Deb Solveson, Gerry Snow, Maer Rivera, Tara Pios, Debbie Bartlett, Peggy Dahlheim, Dave Hanning, Gail Butler (friend of Maer Rivera), Jean (friend of Pam Nicholls), Kathy Dube, Jeremy Jagla (friend of Judy Johnson), Mary (friend of Sharon Seman), Dede Carr (Joanne Niemi's sister), Bob and Wendy Newman (Maer River's son and his wife), Natalie (friend of Judy Merritt-Speed), Janet (Martha Littlejohn's sister), Tina Schreib (friend of Jo-Ann Honan's), Mike Baker (friend of Maer Rivera), Roxy Crawford (June Davis's great granddaughter), Linda Mitchell (friend of Marilyn Parker), Markel Pollock (June Davis's grandson), Ashley Davis (June's granddaughter), Cynthia Parker (Marilyn's sister), Callan (the grandson of Sharon Plutchak's friend), Andy McElheny (nephew of Claudia and Brad Roberts), Diane Skwirz (friend of Sheri and Karen Treadwell-Collins), Jonathan Wyand, Patsy Robbins (mother of Matt), Ursula Haywood, Michelle Holler, Walt (friends of Jim Hartmann), Leslie Tanner (niece of Claudia and Brad Roberts), Donna Thiel (Marcia Laskowski's mother), Christine, Maggie Harris, Marilyn (Fred Fant's sister), Karen Fazio (friend of Maer Rivera), Rob Jelfo (friend of Roy Baird), Anthony Desanferdinando (grandson of a friend of Maer Rivera), James Dalheim (Margaret's son), Bill Kahle (Kodie's grandfather), Michelle Alloco (Sharon Gigliotti's cousin), Jacquie VanAuken, Chris (Myah Pios's dad), Rick P., Nancy B., Dave Z., Ralph P. (friends of Rod Speer), Steve Stello (neighbor of Joyce Callen), Nancy (Sandy Moncrief's sister), Bill and Meaghan Magee (Joyce King's friends), Myles (Pastor Aileen's nephew). Those in the Armed Forces: Niquill Moore, Scott Moncrief.