

October 20, 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.

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.

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.

Are you good at identifying God's gifts in others? In anticipation of Council elections in January, you are invited to participate on the **Nominations Committee** to identify those among us gifted for leadership. Please contact Jeff Gerstenberger or Pastor Aileen by October 28th to express your interest in serving as one of four congregation members on this important committee. Note that members of the Nominations Committee are not eligible for election to the Council in January.

Budget input meeting **November 17** immediately after Sunday morning service in the Fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share. Pizza provided. Contact the church office or Andy Mitchell by **November 13 at 5pm** to participate.

Green Tip of the Week: Bottled water is not healthier or safer than tap water, because it is not regulated as strictly. Bottled water costs a lot more than tap water, requires 47 million gallons of oil per year to produce, and produces 1.5 million tons of plastic waste each year. Multinational bottled water corporations purchase groundwater and distribution rights to commoditize a basic human right: the access to safe and affordable water. Instead, use a stainless steel thermos or if you don't like your tap water's taste, use a water filter.

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.

Our winter gear collection continues through Sunday, November 3. 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.

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

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 office@greecebaptistchurch.org or 225-6160, and let us know if you need a book. (There are 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.

18th Annual Holiday Alternative Gift Market Sunday, November 24 11:15 am – 1:30 pm at Greece Baptist Church. Looking for gifts for people who have everything? Come visit the Holiday Alternative Gift Market to find unique gifts, perfect for everyone. The vendors are local non-profit organizations that provide services to our community. The gifts that you purchase give twice, first, supporting local non-profit organizations and secondly, providing meaningful holiday gifts for family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. More info to come!

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.

Hurricane Relief Hurricane Helene ravaged communities in the southeast, causing massive damage, and Milton 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. Join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81810845014?pwd=S2VhaStUVEIvQXZDRGc4eIFmUHBldz09> or Audio only: (929) 205 6099 Meeting ID: 818 1084 5014#

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.

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 in the narthex. The collection box for wet/dry food and 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: Korleen Dickinson, Austin, Pam Kremmin, Judy Merritt-Speed, David Treadwell, Karen Treadwell-Collins, Carol Thompson, Ellie Thomassen (Jeff Gerstenberger's mother), Deb Grohman (Willie's wife), Marcia Laskowski, 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, Shannon (neighbor of Judy Merritt-Speed), Gail Butler (friend of Maer Rivera), Jean (friend of Pam Nicholls), 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). Prayers for those who mourn: the family and friends of Jan Schroeder. Those in the Armed Forces: Niquill Moore, Scott Moncrief.