

Grace Note



MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2021

5200 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124
440.442.6941

**SUNDAY
SANCTUARY
SERVICES @
10:00am**
(masks required)



See website for all worship details:
www.messiahlyndhurst.org

Email: office@messiahlyndhurst.org
Email: pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org

August Church Office Hours:
Wednesdays & Fridays 12:00 – 4:30pm
(access to church by appointment only)

FROM THE PASTOR



Messiah's Mission Prayer

"Gracious God, through belief in Christ and through the presence of the Holy Spirit

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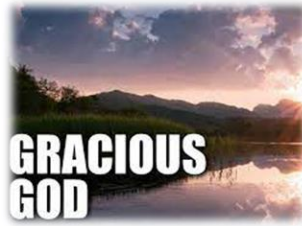
care and support each other and God's community; worship as a family in Christ; and be Christ-like examples to those whose lives we touch. Amen."

Every week in worship, we together

mission/PRAYER

offer Messiah's Mission Prayer as we prepare to be sent from our Sunday gathering into the week ahead. Over the next few months, I'd like to take a closer look at it together here in my Grace Note column, as we continue to live in response to God's grace and love. Might we then begin at the beginning?

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within us, empower us to share the word." The prayer opens with a name for God: God the gracious one. I tend to connect that term

"gracious" with other actions like "mercy," "forgiveness," and "care." These are foundational actions of God and are at the root of the Gospel we hear so often! And to that grace we respond, both with belief and trust in Christ's love for the world, and with the promise of the Holy Spirit that has been stirred up in our lives through baptism. These roots allow the branches of Christ, the Word, to grow in and through us, that we might be empowered to share Christ's love and presence in the world.

What might it mean for you to be empowered to share the Word in this high summer month of August? Is there a way to pass along grace and mercy



and love to someone who needs it? May this be our action and contemplation in the weeks to come.

Pastor Paul

the **Council** CORNER

Dear Messiah Friends and Family,

The Council met virtually Tuesday July 20. The Property Committee reported that the church roof coating is now complete. A request was received to plant more trees in the lot next

to the church. The Council asked for a plan or a concept of



where new trees would be planted. The Nominating Committee has offered Fred Moser's name as the replacement for Jim Rase's term for 2021. Council voted to accept Fred for the balance of this year. The

Council voted to allow outside churches access to our Sanctuary. This entails bringing back the New Covenant church and accepting the Light of Life Church to Sunday services which they will conduct after our service. The church finances still look stable and are projecting a surplus for the beginning of next year. Church in-person services have been

going well and have been well attended. I hope that everyone is remaining safe and healthy and that we will be able to continue expanding the church functions even with the presence of the Delta variant. May God's blessing be with all of us.

c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

July Council Highlights:

Members took part in the following actions and received these updates:

- ♥ Council met via ZOOM on July 20, 2021.
- ♥ Christian Education had a smores night in the courtyard on July 9. All who attended had a great evening of fellowship. Thanks to Cheryl for organizing the event!
- ♥ The Property committee reported that the repairs to the roof planned for last year, have been completed.
- ♥ Social Ministry is hoping to plan a Habitat for Humanity luncheon sometime in the fall.
- ♥ The wall painting in the Sunday School hallway has been completed.
- ♥ The Council next meets on August 17 at 7:00pm.

c/o Twyla Lucas, Council Secretary



LEADERSHIP TEAM

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Thomas Griffith – President ('21)
- Jon Paulus – Vice Pres./Pres. Elect ('23)
- Twyla Lucas – Secretary ('21)
- Chris Butler – Treasurer ('21)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Kristy Bohinc ('21)
- Karen Dickerson ('22)
- Alison Katlen ('23)
- Fred Moser ('21)
- Jane Nied ('23)
- Morrey Nuss ('21)
- Susan Sering ('22)
- Carol Sopko ('21)
- Tom Trost ('22)

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

- Pastor Paul Moody



Messiah Directory Update 2021:

An updated Directory was issued via email in late July 2021.

Revisions will be accepted at any time.

We are particularly interested in getting an accurate listing of everyone's birthday!



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS



Worship Service Readers

Needed: Have you ever wanted to read the scripture for our services?



You can now check the Home page of our website and look for the signup sheet banner near the top. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kristy at kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com.



Ushers NEEDED:

We need ushers!

Please give it a try! When we have only the few we have, it means everyone is serving four or more times per six-month sessions. Ushers are important to the public relations of our church, visitors and members alike. It can be fun. Call or text Karen Zak or Fritz Neil to find out what is involved or sit in the back and observe what we do when one of us is ushering. Duties have changed with the COVID protocol, and we are in a flexible state right now. Still the more the merrier.



- Unfortunately, Messiah was not chosen for an Open Doors grant from the ELCA.
- July 1 – we assisted Pastor Paul with hosting the Hillcrest Interfaith Ministerium luncheon.
- August 3 – we will provide water bottles/hospitality to guest and church member attending the Hillcrest Band Concert.
- October 27 – we will be serving lunch to the Habitat for Humanity workers.
- Our next Zoom meeting is Thursday August 12 at 7:30 pm. Contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join us. New members are always welcome!



Food distribution, donation, and volunteer information:

- The Greater Cleveland Food Bank has an interactive listing for open hot meal sites and food pantries near Messiah. Please note you must register before attending a drive-thru food distribution: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/map>
- To volunteer visit: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/volunteer>
- Donate online at: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/get-help/donate-online>
- Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter is the largest men's shelter in the state of Ohio. In kind donations are being accepted through Amazon Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1PKOXWDK7MXLG/ref=cm_wl_huc_view.
- Pre-packaged meals or meal sponsorships are being accepted at the Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside. Contact Lydia Bailey at the Men's Shelter, 216.566.0047.

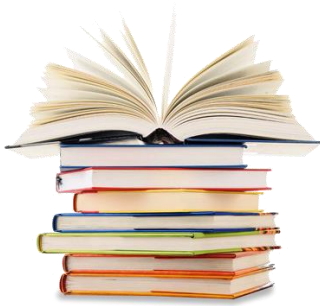
What's Happening

NOTICE: As the church gradually reopens, initiatives in **RED** are suspended until further notice.

Faithful Friends: Meetings and activities are normally on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.



Messiah Book Club typically meets at the home of Mary Lou Bregitzer at 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month for discussion about a specific book.



Worship Team: Worship Team has met via zoom to help plan various services. We also assisted in planning for services as they

return to the sanctuary. PLEASE NOTE: Services returned to the sanctuary on July 4, 2021.

Faith Circle usually meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Messiah Conference Room at 12:00pm. All women of the church are very welcome. **Please**

see page **Z** for a Faith Circle Schedule.



Men's Fellowship Lunches take place once per month on a Wednesday at 12:00pm at Vicinato Pizza, 5080 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst; the corner of Richmond and Mayfield. The next date is TBD.



Choir Update: Choir and associated rehearsal is currently postponed. But never stop singing and be on the lookout for updates as solos and groups! Soli Deo Gloria! See Vicki or Mike Lester with any questions.



Choir Rehearsal

Prayer Team: Prayer is a vital part of the Christian life. Messiah has a



Prayer Team which will pray with you and for you, and your concerns. We offer several options towards this focus:

Prayer Cards: Blue Prayer Request Cards are available in the sanctuary – these offer the following options: request a Pastoral follow-up, add mention to a specific day's worship, place in the weekly Bulletin and monthly Grace Note, or add to the Prayer Partner Email Chain.



Prayer Partner Email Chain:

The Prayer Partner Email Chain is a dedicated group of church members who will pray for you, your family, friends, community, and the world. Submit a request to Nancy Pittard or, as noted above, write a prayer on a blue Prayer Request Card.



If you join Prayer Partners, you will receive emails with prayer requests, Bible verses, and thoughtful quotes to lift you up. It is an opportunity to get closer to God and to act on your love for others.



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Contact Nancy Pittard to participate in the Prayer Partner Email Chain and/or to serve on the Prayer Team.

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for our siblings in Christ:



The family and friends of Jim Butler, Ruth

Bode, John Durkin, Tracy Galvin, Dorothy Harper, Sara Hritz, Rich Jennings, Jayne Imel, Dave Kocovich, Christine Maharg, Adam Meredith, Lisa Perry, Phyllis Short, Bob Spinks, Kathy Strom, Deb Sturm, Jim Szatkowski, Rudy Tittl, and all in need of comfort and healing.



Pastoral Visits: Contact the Church Office if you would like a Pastoral visit or phone call during hospitalizations or other times of need.

July Attendance and Offerings:

July 4	Attn: 40	Offering: \$3,181
July 11	Attn: 38	Offering: \$3,754
July 18	Attn: 30	Offering: \$7,089
July 25	Attn: 46	Offering: \$1,651

online Sunday Service Are Online:

Each Sunday the service will go live via YouTube on our website's Worship page:

<https://messiahlyndhurst.org/worship>. The bulletin (and children's bulletin) can be found as PDF links directly underneath the video stream. Later in the day, the stream will be made into a video, in case anyone was not able to catch the service at 10am. The previous two Sunday services can also be found on the Worship page.

All other past services can be found on YouTube:

<http://bit.ly/MLCWorshipServices>

CHRISTIAN education

HELLO FRIENDS!!

♥ Good News! We have been given the go ahead to have Sunday School in person starting in September! We will be socially distanced, and masks wearing will be strongly suggested. Sunday School families...if you have not received a registration form in your email yet, call or text me and I will get one out to you. Please return these asap. As of right now, I have no idea how classes will be divided. This year may have a few challenges but also LOTS OF FUN!



♥ Speaking of fun...we had a great time at the S'mores Party on July 9. Almost 20 people participated in a discussion around the campfire, followed by a S'mores buffet!

♥ **Sept 12th** – Lyndhurst Home Days Parade. We will be marching together as a church in the parade. Those who don't want to walk in the Parade are encouraged to bring a chair, sit in front of the church building and represent MLC. We will meet at church around 10:30. Line up is at 11:00 at Brush HS. Parade starts at noon. Bring CANDY to toss, your bike, scooter or skates and proper safety equipment. T-shirts will be provided; these are limited in sizes and quantity – parade participants have first choice.

♥ **Sept 19th** – Sunday School Rally Day.



In-house Sunday School will resume with Rally Day. Meet your teachers and see your friends! Watch your email for

newsletters and updates. I can't wait to see you all Stay tuned for more info,

c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE



- 1st Sue Howe
- 2nd Glenn Kastner
- 3rd Lynn Laurich
- 4th Gillian Walrich
- 5th Robert Reichenbach,
Carol Sopko
- 10th Tom Griffith, Hannah Imel
- 16th Brandon Best
- 19th Thomas Neil
- 20th Ender Johnson, Greg Link,
Kristen McTernan, Michael Zak
- 21st Dick Hansler, Lillian Skaggs,
Shirlie Wozniak
- 23rd Susan McDicken
- 24th Myriam Neil
- 25th Emma Rubenstahl
- 27th Kristine Frelich
- 29th Beverly Dempsey, Jimmy Katlen



Please advise the church office if you do not see your name or we have the wrong birthday for you.



Messiah Website:

Please contact Kristy Bohinc with website updates or suggestions via email: kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com.

Pub Theology:

Join us from 6-7:30pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of most months for conversation regarding faith, life, and God. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Pub Theology is on hiatus for the rest of summer...and will resume in September.*



SPECIAL Acknowledgments:

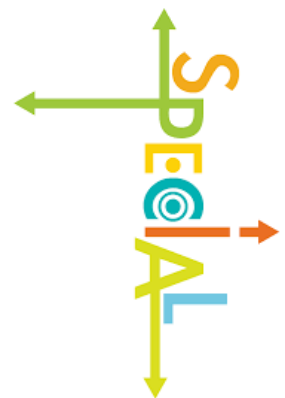
Email items to the church office by the 23rd of the month for Grace Note inclusion.

- ♥ A big thanks and appreciation to Glenn and Tom Trost for the spectacular music on July 4. It was very moving. c/o Karen Zak
- ♥ A big thank you to Cheryl Moser for all her time and talent in painting the Sunday School hallway. We so appreciate all she does for our children. c/o Margaret Bette Schmidt



SUMMER MUSIC UPDATES:

- ♥ **Summer Hymns:**
Are you hoping to sing a favorite hymn this summer? Email requests to pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org, and we will work to find a fitting day to include it.
- ♥ **Special Music:**
Summer special music is needed. Anyone wishing to sing, play, read, dance or share their talents for our courtyard services, please contact Vicki Lester at bareboard@aol.com or call 216.470.1042



Aug EVENTS



8/1	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am **
8/3	Tu	Hillcrest Band	7:30pm
8/8	Su	Service of the Word	10:00am **
8/12	Th	Social Ministry Mtg	7:30pm
8/15	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am **
8/17	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
8/22	Su	Service of the Word	10:00am **
8/25	Wed	Summer Book Series	7:00pm
8/29	Su	Service of the Word	10:00am **

**** Sanctuary Services – Masks Required**

Messiah Members helping Members:

Would you like to help a member of our Congregation who is in need due to covid-19? Messiah is accepting donations for that purpose. Write "Discretionary fund - Covid 19" on your check, so it can be identified for that purpose. Thank you for supporting Messiah as well as the world during this global pandemic

COVID-19 DONATE

Faith Circle – Save The Date 2021:

Sept. 1: 1st Meeting – Sack Lunch & Renew Friendships; Dessert by Hostess; Bible Study Chapter 21 in *Fools, Liars, Cheaters*.

Oct. 21: Sack Lunch – Hostess Jill Snellman; Program by Rev Jon Paulus – his Israel Trip Talk & Video; Guests Encouraged – Men Members of Church, etc.

Nov. 18: Sack Lunch – Dessert by Hostess; Bible Study – Chapter 22 in Book.

Dec. 3: Abo's Restaurant – Meet at Church for Carpool to 5288 Mayfield; "Glow Winter Show" Cleveland Botanical Gardens; \$18 non-members.

Dec. 16: Annual Pizza Party.

Summer Book Series:

Pastor Paul will lead discussion for *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan on Wednesday August 25 at 7pm. Further details for participation will be available via the Messiah Missive in mid-August.

Altar Flowers Update:

If you would like to order a vase of cut flowers to be placed on the altar, to honor a loved one or a special occasion, please contact Karyn Schmidt at 216-382-7397 regarding the Sunday you wish and how you would like the wording in the Bulletin. Cost of the vase is \$35.

Free Concert @ Messiah:

The Hillcrest Concert Band will be playing a free outdoor concert at Messiah on Tuesday,



FREE CONCERT!!

Tuesday, August 3rd
at 7:30pm
outdoors - side lot

It is recommended that you bring your own chairs.

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Scholarship Announcement:

A 1968 graduate of Mayfield, Cedric Gurski has started the Herman Treu Band Scholarship. Mr. Cedric has fond memories of playing in the marching band under the



leadership of Herman Treu. He also recalls how the students called him "Uncle Herman". The Herman Treu Band Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student who has been

active in all phases of band and has demonstrated leadership capabilities.

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