

Grace Note



MESSIAH
LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 2021

5200 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124
440.442.6941

**SUNDAY
SANCTUARY
SERVICES:**

**Resume on July 4
@ 10:00 am**

(NOTE: masks required)



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

Email: office@messiahlyndhurst.org

Email: pastor@messiahlyndhurst.org

July Church Office Hours:

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

FROM THE PASTOR



Summer Schedule

Growing up, Summer didn't begin until we saw the waters of Lake Erie from the back door

of our family's favorite lakeside cottage getaway. There was magic in the fresh water lapping at the shore and the steady blue horizon that slowed time down. That grand expanse of water and sky still has the same calming effect, and it's a gift to be able to visit it regularly when the weather is nice this time of year.



At the Church, we often joke about "Summer Schedule": casual worship, less meetings, a break from Sunday School. But it's a good thing to take a break! It is a good thing to rest! Indeed, the creation story from Genesis reminds us that rest is holy, for even God rests, and we follow suit. So, beloved Church, as we cross the mantle into the center of summer, settle into its calming rhythm and let its long horizon grant rejuvenation and renewal. Sleep in if you can, enjoy the long sunlight hours in

the evening, and remember that our rest is in God and sustains us in holy ways.



Summertime is usually a slower season as far as church activities go. But perhaps it's the perfect time to catch our breath and prepare for a fall season in which Christ's love will continue to be poured out upon the world. I look forward to sharing with you in the life that is to come.

Pastor Paul

the **Council** CORNER

Dear Messiah Friends and Family,

The Council met virtually Tuesday June 15. The Property Committee has found a contractor who will provide an estimate to finish the maintenance on the remainder of the church roof. **As you are probably aware, church services will resume in the sanctuary starting on**



Independence Day. The support groups (AA and NA) will also be able to start meeting in the Fellowship Hall as of that day. We will start out wearing masks and practicing social distancing. We are continuing to take note of the progress being made with vaccinations and rates of

new cases. Unfortunately, Jazzercise has moved to Highland Heights Community Center for their Saturday sessions. However, if Saturday events cause a conflict with their classes, they may return. The Council also discussed continuing the virtual meetings in the future. We agreed that we will have the third meeting of each quarter in person at the church

with the first two meetings of each quarter remaining virtual. We will investigate equipment which can better handle streaming the church services. Kristy Bohinc and Tom Trost are doing the investigation. The long wait to be together again is coming to an end. Progress is being made as we move inside the church again. May God's blessing be with all of us.

c/o Tom Griffith, Council President

June Council Highlights:

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

- ♥ Council met via ZOOM on June 15, 2021.
- ♥ Christian Education is planning a smores night with a short bible lesson. Possible dates would be July 9th or 16th in the evening. More details to follow.
- ♥ Ministry-to-Children is still releasing videos every Sunday. So, that, along with a children's bulletin, are on the website and updated weekly.
- ♥ Vacation Bible School is still in the works.
- ♥ The Property committee reported that a roofing company has been contacted for the roof repairs not completed last year.
- ♥ Council decided to meet in the Church quarterly (March, June, September and December). The remaining months of the year will be a ZOOM meeting.
- ♥ The Council next meets on July 20 at 7:00pm.

c/o Twyla Lucas, Council Secretary



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)
- Carol Sopko ('21)
- Jane Nied ('23)
- Morrey Nuss ('21)
- Susan Sering ('22)
- Tom Trost (/22)

EX OFFICIO MEMBER

- Pastor Paul Moody

LEADERSHIP TEAM



Messiah Directory Update 2021:

An updated Directory will be sent out in August 2021. Revisions will be accepted at any time via email. We are particularly interested in getting an accurate listing of everyone's birthday!



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS



NOTICE:
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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:
Messiah co-Head Ushers Karen Zak and Fritz Neil report that additional ushers are always needed. Contact either Karen or Fritz if you are available, and you will be trained as soon as possible.

Greeters Needed: Greeters are potentially needed for 2021 and beyond; please contact Karen Dickerson via email if you are available to serve in this capacity: kdickerson630@gmail.com

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



- Unfortunately, Messiah was not chosen for an Open Doors grant from the ELCA. A big thank you to Karen for all her work on the grant application!
- July 1 we will be assisting Pastor Paul when he hosts the Hillcrest Interfaith Ministerium luncheon.
- 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.





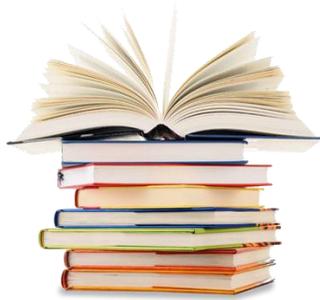
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Faithful Friends: Meetings and activities are



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 will return 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 7 for a Faith Circle Notice!



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 three options towards this end:

♥ **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.



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, Christine Maharg, Adam Meredith, Lisa Perry, Phyllis Short, Bob Spinks, Kathy Strom, Deb Sturm, Jim Szatkowski, 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.

June Attendance and Offerings:

June 6	Attn: 34**	Offering: \$2,959
June 13	Attn: 43**	Offering: \$5,315
June 20	Attn: 50**	Offering: \$4,005
June 27	Attn: 25***	Offering: \$1,184

** Courtyard Attendees + YouTube Viewers
 *** YouTube Viewers

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 and able to be watched, 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:

A few dates to keep in mind:

- ♥ **July 9th** – Sunday School S'mores Party 6:30-8:00. Parents check your email box for information.
- ♥ **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 church building and represent MLC.
- ♥ **Sept 19th** – In house Sunday School will resume with Rally Day. Meet your teachers and see your friends!
- ♥ Sunday school may be over until September; but that doesn't mean our



learning stops! There will still be virtual lessons available on the Sunday

School page of our website, thanks to Ministry-To-Children: <https://messiahlyndhurst.org/Sunday-school>

- ♥ Prior Sunday School video lessons can be found on YouTube. http://bit.ly/MLC_SS

Stay tuned for more info, c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE



- 3rd Rhonda Pierce
- 4th Cheryl Moser
- 5th Brandon Ganley
- 6th Clayton Ferrell
- 8th Kylie Beucler, Lila Boehler,
Troy Studley, Connie Tittl
- 12th William Butler
- 15th Elizabeth Holt
- 17th Mark Ganley, Cristen McCord
- 18th Chris Butler, Jim Burghart
- 19th Mary Argo
- 20th Phyllis Short
- 21st Dan McCord
- 22nd Emma Neil, Robert Shemory
- 23rd Allan Griffith
- 25th Vincent Milner
- 27th Frank Malatesta
- 30th Miles Dellinger



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

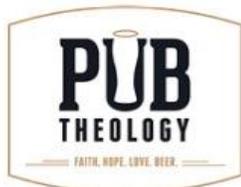


Messiah Website:

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.

♥ Special thanks to Pastor Paul and Tom Griffith with the set-up of the tent and sound system each week for courtyard worship! Much appreciated!
c/o Kristy Bohinc



♥ A big thank you goes to Kristi Bohinc for the lovely update to the Messiah webpage. It has a clean fresh look and is quite easy to navigate. Your work is appreciated. I sure you put a lot of time into this and it shows.
c/o Jane Nied



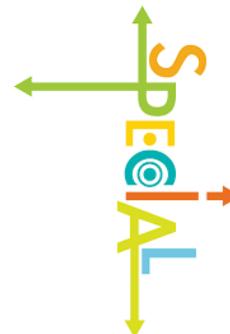
SUMMER MUSIC UPDATES:

♥ **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



JULY EVENTS



7/4	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am **
7/11	Su	Service of the Word	10:00am **
7/12	Th	Social Ministry Mtg	7:30pm
7/13	Tu	Faith Circle Lunch	Details TBD
7/18	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am **
7/20	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm
7/27	Su	Service of the Word	10:00am **
7/28	Wed	Summer Book Series	7:00pm

**** Sanctuary Services with Social Distancing**

PLEASE NOTE: Masks required.



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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 specifically 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 your continued support for the greater church body and the world during this global pandemic



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Summer Book Series

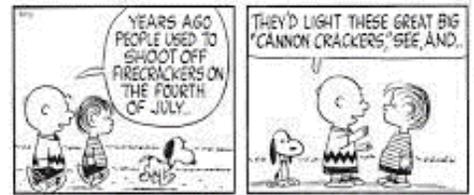
Pastor Paul will lead the Zoom discussion for "The Color of Compromise" by Jemar Tisby on Wednesday July 28rd, 7pm. The link for participation will be available via the Messiah Missive in mid-July.

Faith Circle - Save The Date:

Faith Circle is planning to meet at a Restaurant on Tuesday, July 13 for lunch.

Please save the date. We will announce the location at a later date. Please call Chris Nuss or Nancy Durst for reservations. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

c/o Chris Nuss



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