

# Grace Note



**MESSIAH**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2021

5200 Mayfield Road, Lyndhurst OH 44124  
440.442.6941

**SUNDAY  
SANCTUARY  
SERVICES**

@ **10:00am**  
(masks required)



**See website for all worship details:**  
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**September Church Office Hours:**  
Wednesdays & Fridays 12:00 – 4:00pm  
(access to church by appointment only)

## FROM THE PASTOR



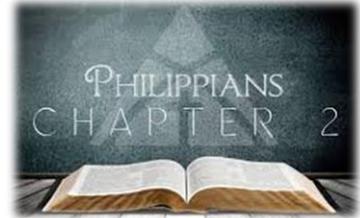
### Messiah's Mission Prayer

In the August edition of the Grace Note, I began a series offering a few reflections on our Mission Prayer that is a weekly part of our

worship together. This month we continue that theme with the second portion of the prayer:

***Gracious God, through belief in Christ and through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, empower us to... care and support each other and God's community.***

Asking God to empower us to care and support others is no small request. It reminds me of



Philippians chapter 2, where the Apostle Paul introduces his readers to one of the earliest Christian hymns, saying, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same



mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." Easier said than done! But we don't do it alone. We trust that the Holy Spirit has indeed been stirred up in us, and that

God guides us in the way of care and support that changes lives for the better. This is part of God's work of liberation from sin, death, and all that oppresses humanity! And it is not for just one group, just one congregation, just one tradition of faith. It is for the whole world.



What does that sort of empowerment look like in our lives this month?

**Pastor Paul**

# the Council CORNER

**Dear Messiah Friends and Family,**

The Council met virtually Tuesday August 17. The Property Committee will get estimates to repair the catch basin in the parking lot at the base of the

**NOTES** from the **PRESIDENT** northeast overhead light. The Home Days parade will be on Sunday September 12. Everyone is invited to participate by either walking in the parade or sitting in front of the church as a spectator. Kristy Bohinc reported that the streaming transmission from the church for the Sunday service is sometimes weak and does not

always maintain a signal. Therefore, two more mesh network units will be ordered to carry the WIFI signal from the front office into the narthex and sanctuary. We are proceeding with changing the copier machine contract from DSI to ComDoc with the addition of color printing capabilities. Investigation has also begun to look at the feasibility of changing the front sign to an LED sign. 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*

## Council Highlights:

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

- ♥ Council met via ZOOM on August 17, 2021.
- ♥ On August 3, Social Ministry provided water bottles and hospitality to guests and church members attending the Hillcrest Band Concert.
- ♥ It was discovered that one of the catch basins in the parking lot will need to be repaired. The Property Committee will obtain estimates for the work.
- ♥ For the Lyndhurst Home Days parade on September 12 and also for God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Social Ministry will be

### Council Meeting Highlights

wearing their gold God's Work Our Hands t-shirts and handing out water bottles in

- ♥ front of the church during the parade.
- ♥ Christian Education is planning to walk, drive, scoot, or bike in the parade. They will have some frisbees to throw out to the crowd. All are welcome to join the parade or to support the participants by sitting in the front of the church during the parade.
- ♥ Sunday School will start September 19 virtually. Kathy Johnson and Lisa Halberg will be rotating weeks teaching all ages online. Sarah Dellinger will have Zoom classes with 7th-12th graders at noon on Sundays. Links will be emailed. On the last Sunday of the month, Sunday School will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a lesson and activity (masks and social distancing will be mandatory). Time to be determined.
- ♥ The Council next meets on September 21 at 7:00pm.

*c/o Twyla Lucas, Council Secretary*



## 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](mailto:kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com).



## USHERS NEEDED:

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 session. 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!



# Social Ministry



- August 3 – we provided water bottles/hospitality to guest and church members attending the Hillcrest Band Concert.
- September 12 – Lyndhurst Home Days and also God's Work Our Hands Sunday, we will be wearing our gold God's Work Our Hands t-shirts. Drinda Kiner will be the point person handing out water bottles in front of the church during the parade.
- October 3- November 14: we are planning a Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit the Tri-C East Campus food pantry. Due to covid, we will offer a curbside donation drop off each Sunday. We received a \$250 Thrivent grant to purchase food for the pantry.
- October 27 – we will be serving lunch to the Habitat for Humanity workers.
- Our next Zoom meeting is Thursday, September 9 at 7:30pm. Contact Jill Snellman if you would like to join us. New members are always welcome!

### Food distribution, donation, & volunteering:

- 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: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/give-help/volunteer>
- Donate online at: <https://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org/Give>
- Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry's Men's Shelter is the largest men's shelter in Ohio. In kind donations are being accepted through Amazon Wish List: [https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1PKOXWDK7MXLG/ref=cm\\_wl\\_huc\\_view](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/1PKOXWDK7MXLG/ref=cm_wl_huc_view)

Celebrating Volunteers!

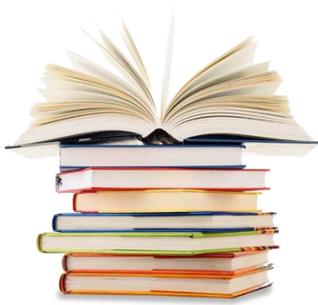
# What's Happening

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

**Faithful Friends:** Meetings and activities are normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Messiah Conference Room at 12:00pm. All women of the church are very welcome. **Our next luncheon will be on Sept. 16.**



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**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:



Ruth Bode, John Durkin, Dorothy Harper, Sara Hritz, Jayne Imel, Denise Jennings, Rich Jennings, Dave Kocovich, Christine Maharg, Adam Meredith, Lisa Perry, Phyllis Short, Bob Spinks, Kathy Strom, Deb Sturm, Jim Szatkowski, the family and friends of 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.

### August Attendance and Offerings:

Aug. 1	Attn: 43	Offering: \$2,223
Aug. 8	Attn: 32	Offering: \$3,733
Aug. 15	Attn: 53	Offering: \$6,726
Aug. 22	Attn: 36	Offering: \$4,259
Aug. 29	Attn: 46	Offering: \$1,784

### 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. Other past services can be found on YouTube: <http://bit.ly/MLCWorshipServices>

# CHRISTIAN education

## HELLO FRIENDS!!

- ♥ Well, just when I thought Sunday School could be in person again, the Delta variety of Covid shows up. So, it looks like we will be using virtual format Sunday School again, at least for the time being.
- ♥ Ok...here is my plan...Kathy Johnson and Lisa Halberg will be rotating weeks teaching all ages online. On the last Sunday of the month, we will all meet in the Fellowship Hall for a lesson and activity (masks and social distancing will be mandatory). Sarah Dellinger will have Zoom classes with 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders at noon on Sundays. Links will be emailed.
- ♥ First lesson will be on September 19.
- ♥ What time? Good question. This will depend on the Worship Committee's decision re: the worship service schedule. I will let you know as soon as I know.
- ♥ Please remember, this is my plan...God always has the last say...and usually the last laugh!
- ♥ **Sept 12 Parade** – Don't forget to sign up to join us in the Lyndhurst Home Days Parade. We have some frisbees to throw out to the crowd. You're also welcome to sit in front of the church to show your support. Line up in the Brush parking lot at 11:00am.



### Click here to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4aa4a72fa5f85-2021>

c/o Cheryl Moser, DCE



- 1<sup>st</sup> Jill Oakley-Jeppe  
Kaleigh Tscherne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Benjamin Taylor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chloe Link
- 6<sup>th</sup> Rachel Imel
- 8<sup>th</sup> Violet Bryan
- 9<sup>th</sup> Kathy Clark  
Jason Woide
- 10<sup>th</sup> Helen Conroy
- 13<sup>th</sup> Corinne Halberg  
Lyle Satterlee
- 17<sup>th</sup> Terri Ganley  
Drinda Kiner  
Matt Rubenstahl
- 20<sup>th</sup> Sarah Dellinger
- 21<sup>st</sup> Brian Csumitta
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Halberg
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christopher Halberg  
Haylie Reichenbach
- 26<sup>th</sup> Karen Dickerson
- 28<sup>th</sup> Fred Moser



CELEBRATE!

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



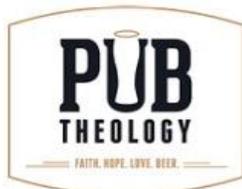
**Messiah Website:**

Please contact Kristy Bohinc with website updates or suggestions via email: [kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com](mailto:kbdesigns2010@hotmail.com).

**Pub Theology:**

Join us from 6-7:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 the fall.



**SPECIAL Acknowledgments:**

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

- ♥ Thank you to all of our Messiah family who attended the Hillcrest Band concert on Tuesday evening. It was a real pleasure to see you all. Nice to know that the church supports this group when we come to play.  
c/o Alison Griffith
- ♥ Thank you, Beverly Dempsey for sharing your lovely vocal talents with us Sunday. It was very inspiring.  
c/o Karen Zak



# September EVENTS

9/5	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am	**
9/9	Th	Social Ministry Mtg	7:30pm	
9/12	Su	Service of the Word	10:00am	**
9/12	Su	Home Days Parade	12:00pm	
9/16	Wed	Faith Circle Lunch	12:00pm	
9/19	Su	Holy Communion	10:00am	**
9/21	Tu	Church Council	7:00pm	
9/26	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

### 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 is \$35.



### 2021 Home Days Parade:

Sunday, September 12th, at a new time –



**NOON.** Starting Place: Brush High School West-Front Parking Lot, 4875 Glenlyn Road, Lyndhurst, 44124. Ending Place: Lyndhurst City Hall – 5301 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst, 44124. The Parade Route will run from Charles F. Brush High School along Mayfield Rd to Lyndhurst City Hall. Line Up Time: 11:00AM – sharp on Sunday, September 12th, 2021 – Rain or Shine if you are interested in participating. **NOTE: please come sit in front of the church to represent MLC if you don't want to walk in the parade.** See the MLC website to sign-up...or click this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AA4A72FA5F85-2021>

### 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.

### Faith Circle – Save The Date 2021:

**Sept. 16:** 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting – Sack Lunch & Renew Friendships; Dessert by Hostess; Bible Study Chapter 21 in *Fools, Liars, Cheaters*.

# Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Tri-C East Campus Food Pantry

## Oct 3 – Nov 14



**THE PANTRY**

The Pantry is an on-campus resource that assists students in their pursuit of success at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®).

- Must be registered in at least one Tri-C course
- Must present a valid Tri-C ID (Stomp Card)
- Visit The Pantry once per week

*The Pantry: A Tri-C Connect Initiative has been made possible by the generous support of Char and Chuck Fowler*

Any non-perishable items are welcome. Popular items are those that are “heat & eat” or “grab & go”, things one might pack in a lunch.

Please place your donations inside the church on the table by the back entry. Due to covid, we will also offer a curbside donation drop off each Sunday. Please leave your items outside by the rear entry door before 5pm on Sunday.



Hunger remains a fundamental barrier to educational access and completion for a significant number of Tri-C students. The

Pantry ensures students in need have access to food, essential resources and financial support in an open, welcoming space.