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The Rector's Message

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, 13 October 2024

A Message from the Rector



I have called you by your name; you are mine.
A Portion of Isaiah 43:1

Names are so important. They speak of our story and offer a certain sense of intimacy when spoken. As I have been praying for you over the course of the

last few months, I have called you "the beloved ones of Messiah" and now I look forward to knowing each of your names individually as I grow to know and love you all. What a gift it is to call you "mine"!

For those who had the opportunity to take a photo for me to begin to connect names with faces, thank you very much. Seeing your faces in advance of my arrival has created a joyful anticipation of our life together. Each smile felt like a glimmer of God's love in our midst. Special thanks to the Welcome Committee (especially Jean London and Barbara Osborne) for their work in making this happen.

If you haven't had the opportunity, there is still time! I encourage you to send me a picture via text (214.929.7772) or email (emily@messiahgwynedd.org) so I can continue to meet all of you and populate my cell with your contact information. If you can hold up a little sign with your name on it, even better. And you are always welcome to stop by the office to say hello!

This one line attributed to the prophet Isaiah might be my most favorite of the entire Bible. Is there anything better than God naming and claiming us as God's own? I carry this passage close to my heart as we begin our life and ministry together at Messiah. I trust that God has called us to be a community at this time and place so that our witness can offer something beautiful to the world and to the glory of God. The possibilities are endless. I can't wait to begin!

Join me tomorrow for worship at 8:00 or 9:30, with coffee hour after both services. I look forward to seeing you all!

Love and light,

Emily +

P.S. - This message is landing in your inbox on the day of my ordination. Thanks to all who were able to join me in body or spirit. Your prayers and presence mean the world to me.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:30 am Sung Eucharist

To view the service virtually, visit the website:

<https://www.messiahgwynedd.org/>

Sunday Bulletin can be found
[here.](#)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Friday 9:30-2:30

FOLLOW US!!



IN CASE OF A PASTORAL EMERGENCY

Please contact The Rev. Emily Given: 214.929.7772

Church Calendar



Announcements



Join Us Tomorrow in the Parish Hall After 9:30 am Service

Please join us for coffee hour after the 9:30 am service in the Parish Hall after Rev. Emily's first Sunday to welcome her to the Messiah family!

Belfry Bargains Pop Up Sale

Ghostly greetings from Belfry Bargains –



your favorite thrift boo-tique.

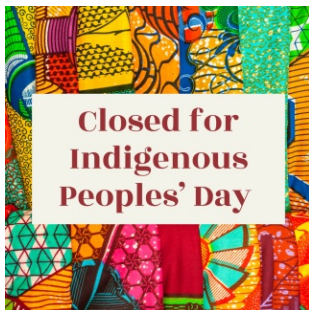
While the shop is still closed during repairs, we're pleased to announce a pop-up sale of Halloween, Fall and Christmas merchandise along with limited jewelry and some furniture.

Dates: Sunday following the 9:30 am service and Monday thru Saturday, October 14 and October 19

Time: 10a to 1p

Location: In the church's Parish House Guild Room (the white building to the left of the church).

It's going to be a great holiday season – we can feel it in our bones!!



Office Closed – Monday, October 14

The office will be closed tomorrow, October 14 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Community Outreach



Outreach News - Meals and Thanksgiving Bags

Messiah Meal kits are available on the bench in the Narthex. Instructions on how to prepare meals are easy and are provided in each bag of 10 meals. This is a great way to get your family involved in serving the hunger needs of families in our area. Please place meals in the church freezer by Sunday, October 20th. Fifty meals were already prepared in a group session on 10/1. Let's beat our last donation of 120 meals. The most we've done is a donation of about 250 meals. Let's go for it!!!!

Your help is TRULY needed to fill 25 bags of Thanksgiving foods for nearby families. The Keystone Opportunity Center in Souderton will distribute the bags. Their needs are specific so the best way for you to help is to make a monetary donation to the "Church of

the Messiah". Write "Thanksgiving Meal Bags" in the memo line of your check. At this

point, we are FAR short of funds needed to fill the 25 bags we promised. Please submit your donation asap. Our church school kids will fill the bags on Sunday, October 20th.



Name Tags

We welcome our new rector, the Rev. Emily Given, and encourage wearing your name tag to assist her with getting to know all of us. If you recently requested a name tag, then please pick up the tag in the Narthex on the table left as you enter the building. To request a Messiah name tag, please add your name to the sign up sheet on a clip board in the Narthex or contact the office at 215 699-9204 or email office@messiahgwynedd.org



9:30am Service - Video Recording

We are in need of help to record the 9:30am service so that we are able to virtually reach our parishioners who are unable to attend the service in person. The process is easy and, if we have enough volunteers, you would only be required to video the service once per month.

If you are interested in learning more and being trained, please contact Sam Frenkel via email sfrenkel516@gmail.com, Thank you!



Altar Flower Spaces Available

There are lots of openings for Altar Flowers for Fall. Please contact the office if you would like to honor a loved one with altar flowers. The suggested donation is \$75.

The Prayer Book

A book with a white cover and cross can be found at the back of the church. In the book please write the names of those who are sick in body, mind or spirit

or in any kind of need. Their names will be included the following week in the prayers of the people.

Those whose names are entered will be prayed for on Sundays and by members of our prayer chain. Along with their names, please also write the current date. After four weeks - or before if requested - their name will be removed from the prayer list. To continue to include them on the prayer list, after four weeks their name must be entered again in the book.



BIRTHDAYS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on these your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

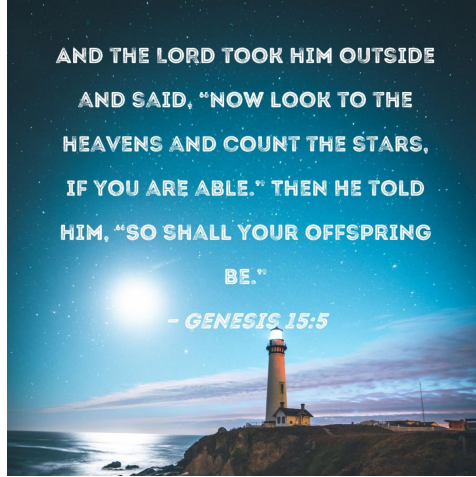
- Dennis Mellish
- Wendy Hautzinger
- Brayden Boldt
- Marissa Beaver
- Barb Krisan
- Kelly Schneider
- Lee Champlin
- Judy Snyder



Photos for Social Media

We frequently take photographs in and around the church that may appear on our social media account, website and print materials. If you do not wish to be in photos, please contact the church office, and we will be sure to respect your wishes!

Church School News



This past Sunday the children talked about Adam and Eve, the garden of Eden and the consequences they faced when they disobeyed God. The story was from Genesis 2:10-3:24.

This Sunday the children will hear the story of Abaham and Sarah (Genesis 12:1-9, 15:1-6). We will talk about listening to God and trusting His promises.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 13th will be the first Sunday with our new Rector - Emily Given. Please join us in welcoming her with open hearts!! She is really looking forward to meeting the children and their families!

October 20th - following the 9:30 service join everyone to help pack up Thanksgiving Meal Bags for Keystone Opportunity Center.

What's Going On Around Messiah

Harmony Theater is a creative performance environment for people with disabilities.

They have several shows throughout the year at Messiah. For more information or to purchase tickets, click here:

[Show and Ticket Info | HarmonyTheaterInc](#)



Belfry Bargains News

Where do the proceeds from Belfry go?



ALL of the proceeds from Belfry Bargains are donated to causes and agencies outside the parish. Every dollar raised through the sale of clothing and other goods donated to Belfry are given to support and benefit those in need within our local community, as well as across the country and the world.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are writing to give an update on the repairs required at Patterson House and to let you know we are now launching a “Friends of Belfry” drive to raise the needed funds for this work so that Belfry can resume its outreach work in the community as soon as possible.

We have met with township officials to ensure we have a full understanding of the repairs required. Rewiring of the electrical system and revisions to the fire escape are the primary requirements identified. We have gotten the necessary electrical quotes and have selected an electrician. We are seeking additional quotes on the fire escape work but we have an initial estimate.

Rewiring the electrical system has been quoted at \$31,000 and the initial estimate for repairs to the fire escape is \$12,000.

We are asking for your prayerful consideration of a financial donation to help us move forward. Your support will be greatly appreciated by the many who benefit from our presence in the community, our volunteers, and the charities that Messiah’s Outreach ministry supports.

Donations should be made payable to Church of the Messiah, please include in the footnote section “For Patterson House.” We are unable to begin the projects until we have raised all the required funds.

Thank you for your continued support of Messiah's Outreach ministry!

Blessings,

Ginny Oldt and Jennifer Christman

Sunday Worship

MULTIPLE WAYS TO JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology and the hard work of several parishioners, we are able to offer a variety of ways to participate in Sunday services:

- **IN-PERSON** – 8:00 and 9:30
 - **LIVE-STREAMED** - the 9:30 service will be broadcast on YouTube – follow the link posted on the church website (messiahgwynedd.org)
 - **WEBSITE** – at the close of the service, a video will be posted to the parish website (messiahgwynedd.org) for viewing at a time convenient for you
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Reaching Out to the Community

SUPPORT MANNA ON MAIN STREET

We Continue to Collect & Deliver Non-Perishable Items

As you do your weekly shopping, please pick up some non-perishable food items, toiletries and cleaning supplies. These donations can be left on the back pew of the church or left outside the Rector's office door. These will then be delivered to Manna to stock their shelves for distribution to meet clients' needs.

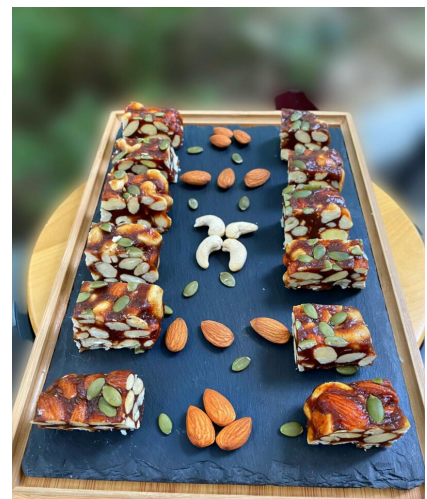


Creative Angels

Here is another old fashioned favorite from our family kitchen, they can be made with gluten free flour or regular flour. Great for a gathering, potluck or coffee hour and easy to make.

Date Nut Bars

- 1 cup of sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups of chopped dates
- 1 cup of regular or gluten-free one to one flour
- 1 cup chopped nut meats (I like walnuts best)
- 1 t. Baking powder
- 1/8 t. Salt



1/4 t. Ground cloves
1/4 t. Cinnamon
1 t. Vanilla
Confectioners' sugar

In mixing bowl or stand mixer, beat the eggs until light and lemony in color, gradually add the sugar and mix to light and creamy. Add the chopped dates and chopped nuts and mix well. Sift together the flour, spices, baking powder and salt and add to the wet mixture blending well. Add the vanilla and mix until very well blended. Pour into a greased and floured 9x13 pan. Bake at 385 degrees for 30 minutes, or until a cake tester comes out clean. Cool on a rack. Cut into bars. Roll bars in confectioners' sugar and enjoy. Store in a tin or zip lock bag at room temperature. Yield 36.

Happy Fall!
Dale

The Parish Prayer

Please join with me as we pray for Messiah in this time of transition:

Almighty God, you know the needs of your Church in every place: look graciously upon us, the people of Church of the Messiah, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we move through this time of transition.

Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing.

Guide the Warden, officers and members of the Vestry, and leaders of our faith community as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will.

We pray for the life of our parish, that we may continue to be strengthened in our mission to be Jesus Christ's heart, hands, and feet to our neighbors no matter where they are on their journey of faith.

Bless us with mutual trust and respect, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our community through this next course of our journey.

Grace us with continuous direction and inspire us toward genuine self-reflection.

All this we ask as we walk in your ways to the glory that awaits us in your name.

Amen.



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