

## September 24, 2023 Announcements

**September Prayer verse** For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. *Ephesians 2:10*

**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](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/573579627) \*\*\*\*\***If you do not have internet, there are new dial-in instructions.** (Note this is not a local call) To dial-in call 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. If you can help serve, sign up on the communications board.

Beginning September 25, **RocUbuntu is beginning a 5 week book study on "Houses of Healing"** by Robin Casarjian. This is a sequel to the Outrageous Justice Study. Sessions will be held Mondays from 6 pm – 7:30 pm, with dinner provided. Our first session will be at Trinity Episcopal Church (3450 W. Ridge Rd.), with Pastor Aileen leading. Flyers with more info, including future locations and facilitators are on the table by the stairs.

**Our Winter Gear collection** (coats, boots, scarves, gloves, warm clothes etc.) begins this week. Donations will go to The Center for Youth, Cameron Community Ministries, Open Door Mission, Coldwater House, Willow Domestic Violence Center, Veterans Outreach Center, and Keeping our Promise. These organizations have all expressed their deep appreciation for anything we can provide! Donation boxes are at the main entrance.

**Live Generously, with our "Stewardship of Talents."** We have begun our last category- Culinary Talents. If you missed one of our categories or didn't feel your talent fit into one, bring it in to display! Whatever you want to share with us is what we would like to see. Any ?s, call Jim Hartmann.

**COVID tests are available on the benches outside the sanctuary.** There are 4 tests in each box. Please note, the expiration date has been verified as 2/2024.

**Choir practice has begun!** Wednesdays 7:00-7:30 for **Handbells**, 7:30-8:30 for **Chancel Choir**. All are welcome to join us for one or both, even if you have not been a part of either choir before.

**Green tip of the week:** Even natural toothpastes have ingredients that can be toxic to humans, animals, or the environment; including SLS, glycerin, titanium dioxide, limonene, and sodium lauryl sulfate. Also, the tubes are not recyclable. Instead, try mixing coconut oil and a little baking soda. Use the same recipe to make deodorant.

**Family Promise (formerly RAIHN)** invites you to their first annual **Heroes for Homelessness Gala** on September 28 at La Luna in High Falls! The event will include hor d'ouerves and drinks, a wine pull and paddle call, and the voices of several heroes including staff and families who've benefited from the Shelter and Prevention & Diversion Programs. Tickets are \$100/person, available at [www.fpgroc.org/gala](http://www.fpgroc.org/gala) or by contacting Beth (506-9050 or [beth@fpgroc.org](mailto:beth@fpgroc.org)).

**Directory update:** Katie and Joe Dorschel have a new address.

**The Word In Season for October – December** is available at the main entrance as well as on the table by the stairs. Pick one up for yourself and a friend. If you would like one mailed to you, contact the church office.

**New Food Distribution needs:** Our Food Distribution now includes a "Kids Pack" for each child in the family. Needed are: Individual sized meal cups (pasta, mac & cheese etc.), ramen noodles, and instant oatmeal packets. We also continue to need canned soup, canned pears, cereal, Knorr sides, scalloped or cheesy potatoes, Rice-a-Roni, Noodle Roni and ground coffee. Place in bin under the table by the stairs. **Checks and gift cards (Aldi's especially helpful) always welcome.** Place in offering plate, mail, or use one of the methods on other side.

**Lutheran Disaster Response** is prepared to serve those impacted by disasters happening here and abroad. A gift to Lutheran Disaster Response provides crucial support where it's needed most. Send checks or money orders to:

Lutheran Disaster Response P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 or by phone at 800-638-3522 Mon – Fri from 8 am – 5 pm Central time.

**At least it is not winter!** 4 firemen from the firehouse on Stoneridge Dr. made a walk-around of Messiah and brought a tool that sniffs for natural gas. The tool detected several pipe joint unions and fittings in our two boiler rooms that were leaking gas. They called RGE who came to Messiah and confirmed the leaks. If it had been a simple fix, RGE would have performed it. However, the number of leaks and their locations require the repairs to be completed by a contractor. RGE shut off the natural gas to Messiah which means our 2 hot water heaters are no longer making hot water and the stove cannot be used. I have called our HVAC service, Emcor Betlem, to schedule repairs. Sorry for the news, I will keep you posted. Paul Williams

**Ripples of Wellness Chair Yoga and Meditation** meets every Wednesday via zoom from 10 - 11 am. The format includes a chat period, prayer, chair yoga exercises, and an introduction to a meditation session. To join, click on this link: <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 ((953-8095), or Joyce Callen (225-3868).

**The Stewardship Team** would like to **acknowledge the gifts and talents that we see in others** in our congregation. In the Narthex, on the table between the stairs, there are slips of paper available with the phrase “I am grateful for \_\_\_\_\_ (person’s name) who uses their talent of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_.” So, if you see something in someone around church, write it down and put it in the box on the table. We intend to share these with the congregation in the coming months.

**Monetary Donations to our Food Pantry** may be made online, using one of the following methods:

- Messiah's Food Pantry page on our website (where the link is used):  
<http://www.messiahlutheranchurch.net/content/food-pantry>
- PayPal donation link: [https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted\\_button\\_id=5CUM2F7D2LHUU](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=5CUM2F7D2LHUU)
- QR code (will take people to that same PayPal link as above)  
Note that PayPal can be used for any credit/debit card transactions – the donor does not need to have a PayPal account.



**Meow Ministry** collection box for wet and dry food and supplies is outside the Fellowship Hall. To donate monetarily, make check out to Messiah with Meow Ministry on the memo line.

**Our Prayers:** Essie Climer, Fred Fant, Stephanie G. (friend of Rod Speer), Amy Mitchell, Matt D. (friend of Rod Speer), Gene Pios, Mary Sahrle, Jan Schroeder, Dick Moncrief, Cole Johnson (Judy’s grandson) and the Johnson family, Judy Merritt-Speed, Cherri Crudele, Patti Burger, Don Brugger, Brian and Liz Smith, George and Donna Schudel, Tom Plutchak, Deb Solveson, Gerry Snow, Lynne Hunter, Maer Rivera, Tara Pios, Debbie Bartlett, Peggy Dahlheim, Dave Hanning, Andy McElheny (nephew of Claudia and Brad Roberts), Diane Skwirz (friend of Sheri and Karen Treadwell-Collins), Jonathan Wyand, Patsy Robbins (mother of Matt), Sandy Oemcke (former member of Messiah), Nick Stio (Sharon’s brother-in-law), Ursula Haywood, Michelle Holler, Walt (friends of Jim Hartmann), Leslie Tanner (niece of Claudia and Brad Roberts), Isla Galliard (Barb Corman’s great great niece), Bob Ulreich, Pr. Steve Gretz (Greece Baptist Church), Khaleel Dasher (Quincy’s father), Donna Thiel (Marcia Laskowski’s mother), Christine, Maggie Harris, Gary and Becky Riscignolo, 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), Alex Holloway (Shelly Knapp’s nephew), Michelle Alloco (Sharon Gigliotti’s cousin), Howard Peterson (Carol Maier’s uncle), Jacquie VanAuken, Chris (Myah Pios’s dad), Amy D., Doug S., Jim H., Jack W., Walt B., Dave Z., Debbie Z., Ralph P., Evan Wexler (friends of Rod Speer), Steve Stello (neighbor of Joyce Callen), Nancy (Sandy Moncrief’s sister), Bill and Meaghan Magee (Joyce King’s friends), Michael Coons, Myles (Pastor Aileen’s nephew). Those in the Armed Forces: Niquill Moore, Scott Moncrief.