Pastor's Column

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Peace
Pastor Sarah Moore

Choir and Worship
&
Sunday School
will return on Sunday, September 13th!

Finance Committee Membership

submitted by: Candace Rodgers

Do you have a special interest or skill in the area of finance and bookkeeping? We are looking to gain a few more members to our Finance Committee. Our church finance committee is more than just a budgeting group — it's a stewardship team that protects and grows the church's financial health so our ministries can thrive. Without strong financial oversight, even the most passionate ministries can struggle. We meet at the beginning of each month and our meeting typically lasts less than an hour. We can find a time that best suits anyone interested. Our current members are Lanny Anderson, Ed Spencer, Pastor Moore and myself. There is no other work required, just attend the meeting and bring your skills, ideas and integrity to the table. For more information contact me at 440-969-8531 or email me at cccrodgers@windstream.net.

September Altar Flowers

September 13th
First vase: Tina Tallbacka in memory of Dave Tallbacka

September 27th
First vase: Sharon Knudsen in memory of Frank Knudsen
Second vase: Joan Malkie in memory of Carl Malkie

Community Swap

A "Community Swap" hosted by Jordan Perts, will take place in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 26th from 11:00am until 2:00pm. This will be sort of a trial run before hopefully expanding to the outside community. All are encouraged to bring any unwanted, gently loved or like new items to swap. Afterwards, you may take any of your leftover items with you or leave them here and we will take care of them!
For questions, call Jordan Perts at (440)661-1086.

Prayer Roll

The Prayer Roll will consist of a handful of members randomly selected from Messiah's roster of community members. We may also include folks who would like to request additional prayers, but are not ready to share more broadly. Just because someone appears on this list, it does **NOT** necessarily mean anything is wrong. There is never a bad time to pray for someone.
This month, please pray for: The Adkins Family, Jim Frisbie, Emelia Lindberg, Becky Banfield, Lanny Anderson, Tammy Strong, Kelly Paul

Church Mouse Heard:

A boy ran up to his pastor after church looking very serious. "Pastor! Did you say that our bodies came from dust and that when we die our bodies go back to dust?" The pastor said "I'm impressed, you must have been focused. Why do you ask?" The boy pulled the pastor to the door, "You'd better come to our house right now and look under my bed because someone's either comin' or goin'!"

Outreach Stewardship Committee

submitted by: Dawn Grimm

Saturday evening, October 24, we will remember the Scandinavian roots of many of our families with a celebration including homemade korvu and nissua bread. Please join us for this celebration.

Our community garden has tomatoes, peppers, carrots, potatoes and beans to share with our neighbors. Thank you to all those who weed and tend the garden. Renee and Ed Spencer, Emelia and Shyanna Lindberg, Robin Wells, Tina Ensman and Phyllis and Dawn Grimm.

We visited a local charity as we explore the best way to distribute the 10 baby layettes that were completed. Thank you for your generosity.

Several handmade blankets were donated to the Ashtabula Area Child Advocacy Center. 4 duffles/blankets will be going to Children's Services for children entering foster care.

Donations are being received for Hygiene products. Hygiene items include shampoo, toothpaste/brushes and deodorant.

For women, we add menstrual products such as tampons and liners. The donations go to Messiah's food pantry, Catholic Charities, Afterschool Discovery, Homesafe and Lakeside Junior High.

Church Council

submitted by: Dawn Grimm

Window replacement is on schedule with installation in the fall. The door at the bottom of the ramp has a knob but is sticking and would be difficult to open so it remains open. Parking lot, bell tower water leak are still on the "TO DO" list.

Adams Angels is using the storage space in the basement. The room near the elevator, former a Youth room, accommodates their donations and fundraising supplies.

The sound system is better with efforts made by Jill Carle.

The council continues to listen to members who share their thoughts about communion, lighting, Sunday School and Worship time. Prayerful consideration of all the factors is ongoing.

Altar Guild needs 2 more members and training will be provided.

Lake Erie Captains

The rescheduled game is on September 5th at 7:00pm. Kathy Shaffer is collecting money if you didn't get tickets before. The tickets are $13.00 and there are 13 of them left. Thank you to Kathy for coordinating this event.

October Messenger Copy Deadline September 22nd at Noon

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