Pastor's Column

When to worship

After receiving feedback over the past couple of months, it has been decided that we will NOT be making any changes to the worship schedule this year. However, this gives us an entire year to reflect and discuss any possible changes after summer 2027. Looking at deciding a worship scheduling, I have two main goals:
1) Find a time that allows the most people to attend worship regularly
2) Find a time that allows us to keep regular rhythms for Christian education (at all ages) and for fellowship.
There are many ways to satisfy these goals and unfortunately, it's unlikely we will ever all agree on what the single best time for worship will be. However, my hope is that if we can keep our focus on the real purpose of our time together on Sunday mornings, worshipping God and spending time in holy community, we will be able to find solutions that are satisfactory. Once we are through vacation season, we will have opportunities for group discussion to discern what Sunday mornings at Messiah might look like moving forward. I look forward to having these conversations and better understanding our current wants and needs are for worshipful Sunday mornings.
Peace
Pastor Sarah Moore

Choir Picnic

"Good food and fellowship was had by all" at this year's end of season choir celebration. If you are interested in joining the choir next season, look out for an announcement near the end of August!

Photo and comment submitted by: Tricia Grosskopf

Cory Heiser
Memorial Service

When? 3:30pm, July 3,2026

Where? Red Brook Cottages
5021 Lake Road West
Ashtabula, OH 44004

The service will be held outdoors in the front commons. It will be casual and patriotic. There will be a celebration of life following the service. All are welcome. Please, no gifts.
-Dick & Sandy Heiser

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: Harry Seabright Jr., Mariel Kujala, Jodi Mills, Irene Deeter, John Warner, Mark Anderson, Carol, and Deb W.

ADAM'S ANGELS
MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE BLESSING AT A TIME

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Adam's Angels is a local 501(c)(3) organization established in 2019 with a mission of "making a difference, one blessing at a time." Through several annual giving programs and community partnerships, we strive to provide comfort, hope, and essential resources to individuals and families in need throughout our community

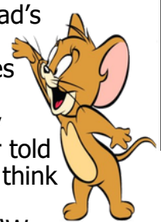
Our annual programs include:

- **Adam Liuzzo Memorial Scholarship,** awarded annually to graduating seniors who have demonstrated resilience, perseverance, and a commitment to their community.
- **Blessing Bags** filled with winter warming items for individuals experiencing homelessness.
- **Comfort Bags for Kids** entering the foster care system, providing personal care items and comfort essentials during a difficult transition.
- **Operation Krayons for Kids,** our school supply and backpack drive that helps children begin the school year prepared and confident.
- **Sensory Self-Soothing Pouches** used by in-school counselors to support children's mental wellness, stress relief, and emotional regulation.

In addition to these programs, Adam's Angels supports individuals in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction by providing hygiene items to local rehabilitation facilities. These donations help restore dignity and meet basic personal needs, allowing individuals to focus on their treatment and recovery journey.
We also provide assistance to veteran families facing hardships and support other organizations whose missions are focused on improving the lives of children and youth throughout our community.
Through every project and partnership, Adam's Angels remains committed to serving our community with compassion, kindness, and hope—*making a difference, one blessing at a time.*

Submitted by: Heather Tulino, Founder of Adam's Angels

Church Mouse Heard:



One morning a little girl went into her Dad's office, asking if he could come play. He told her, "I just need a few more minutes to answer this email, then we can play". Excitedly, the girl asked "Did we get any emails from God?". Confused, her father told her ,"No, of course not! Why would you think God sends me emails?"
The little girl let out a big sigh and said "We pray for it every night! Lead us not into temptation and deliver us some email!"

July Altar Flowers

July 26th
Sharon Knudsen in memory of Frank Knudsen.

Outreach Stewardship Committee

submitted by: Dawn Grimm

The Baby Layette Shower- This project continues through June. Six bundles of baby outfits/blanket/wipes and diapers have been created. Thank you to Linda Crawford and Joanna Pretz-Anderson for their handcrafted blankets. We will resume collecting feminine hygiene items in July.

Congratulations to Emmalyn Warner upon her graduation from Edgewood High School. We are providing her with the New Oxford Study Bible so that she has a resource to continue growing in her faith and knowledge of God, the Love of Jesus, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fellowship events coming up-

Lake Erie Captains game on August 16. The game is at 1 pm. 30 tickets are available for $13.00. Last year we sold out. Contact the Kathleen Shaffer or the church office to reserve your tickets.

October 24 we will remember the Scandinavian roots of many of our families with a celebration including homemade korvu and nissua bread. We will ask the congregation to share Scandinavian dish or custom that is important to them.

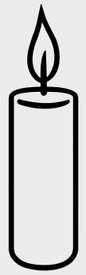
Our community garden is planted thanks to Renee Spencer and Robin Wright coordinating the plants and volunteers. Ashtabula Tech donated a large selection of vegetables plants. The harvest, when ready, is open to the community at large and recently was especially enjoyed by three ground hogs who are being re-homed. Two picnic benches have been donated by a neighbor who stopped by to thank us for the garden. The benches are placed near the garden. You are welcome to meditate, pray, and rest in the shade.

August Messenger Copy Deadline July 28 at Noon

Recent Graduate Emma, and Barb Lewis at the celebratory coffee hour on May 31.

July Vigil Candle:

Sharon Knudsen in memory of Frank Knudsen.



From Church Council

Please join us for an outdoor worship service at Saybrook Township Park on Sunday August 30th at 11:00 am. The service will be followed by a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share. Disposable plates, utensils and beverages will be available.

The Altar Guild needs volunteers. The service they provide includes setting up the floral arrangements, coordinating the linens and paraments, and filling the candles. Current members arrange their schedules and are very willing to assist new members. Joan Malkie is the coordinator if you have questions.

Property Committee announced that one window from the education wing will be removed by Ashtabula Vinyl to get an idea of the work needed to replace the windows. The question of the sanctuary lighting was discussed. The concern is compatibility of the existing wiring with LED technology. Expert advice is being sought. Sound system, parking lot, bell tower water leak are still on the "TO DO" list.

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Worship:
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Sunday School:
On summer break

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