



MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CIRCUIT WRITER



Hello Messiah family and friends.

As we gather again to welcome the new season, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing involvement. The unity and commitment within our congregation are truly inspiring. Your dedication fuels our shared purpose. It brings hope to our community. Each milestone and challenge becomes an opportunity for growth and fellowship. Together, we can make a difference by remaining attentive to the needs around us. Let us encourage one another, offer a helping hand, and embrace the new beginnings that autumn brings.

This season, let us celebrate the spirit of collaboration and generosity that defines our church. The bonds we build in service and worship strengthen both our fellowship and the wider community. With open hearts and hands, we approach each new effort and gathering as a chance to deepen relationships, nurture spiritual growth, and share the love that sustains us. May our actions reflect our commitment to one another and to the inclusive vision at the heart of our ministry. Let us prepare for the blessings and opportunities ahead.

Looking forward, we carry the energy from summer's warmth into the cooler days. Every opportunity to strengthen our shared mission matters. Your involvement is essential as we foster connections, support new initiatives, and address practical needs within our church and among our neighbors. By nurturing an environment where all voices are valued and every act of service is celebrated, we build a strong foundation for continued growth and outreach.

There are many ways to get involved this fall. You might volunteer with the Youth Group, join the Men's Fellowship breakfast, assist with Children's Ministries events, or participate in WHAM and Women's Ministries activities. Sharing encouragement in everyday moments or supporting stewardship efforts also has a profound impact. Each contribution strengthens our congregation and helps us reach out beyond our walls.

Please remember our charge conference on November 1 here at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

I deeply appreciate the volunteers who helped with the back-to-school backpack event. It was a joyful occasion, and many families and children received needed supplies. Special thanks go to Maddie Plummer for her outstanding leadership this year. Her dedication brought smiles and relief to many. I recall one parent who shared how the backpack event eased their worries and made their child feel ready for the new school year. Moments like these remind us of the positive impact our community makes.

This year, we purchased a new heater for the church. We are grateful to have reserves available for this expense. To remain financially stable, we need to begin repaying the reserve funds. You will find a two-year repayment schedule designed to help us replenish most, if not all, of the money borrowed from our reserve fund. In the coming days, expect a letter outlining the capital improvement fund for the boiler, including repayment amounts over the next two years.

We also replaced the air conditioning unit in the parsonage. The old unit had stopped working and needed to be replaced. Thank you to Frank Sylvester for serving as Trustee liaison for the parsonage. His dedication and attention to detail are greatly appreciated and made the process smooth for everyone involved.

We are launching a new membership drive this fall to increase our visibility on Facebook, Instagram, and other social media platforms. This effort aims to attract new people to our congregation and boost digital traffic to our website. We look forward to new ministry opportunities through WHAM, Men's Fellowship, Women's Ministries, Youth Group, and Children's Ministries. Please be on the lookout for opportunities such as joining a small group, helping with youth outreach, or supporting events for children and families.

Thank you so much for your support and encouragement throughout the year. Your kindness and generosity have enriched our church and touched many lives.

As we move forward together, let us stay committed to nurturing a welcoming and vibrant environment. Each person's gifts are valued here, and every initiative is met with enthusiasm. The compassion within our congregation enriches our shared experience and ripples outward, touching lives beyond the sanctuary. By investing in our collective vision—whether through outreach, fellowship, or spiritual development—we reaffirm our purpose and strengthen the ties that unite us. Let's embrace each new opportunity with faith and gratitude. Our efforts will sow seeds of hope and transformation throughout our community.

We remain committed to growing God's Kingdom and inviting others to the glorious salvation found in Jesus Christ.

As we journey through this season, let inspiration from renewal and unity guide our path. Each step forward is a chance to listen deeply, welcome new voices, and celebrate the diversity that enriches our community. By fostering meaningful connections and encouraging participation in upcoming ministry initiatives, we strengthen the foundation of our shared faith. Let us remain attentive to the blessings we receive and the challenges we face. Our collective perseverance and compassion will continue to illuminate our purpose.

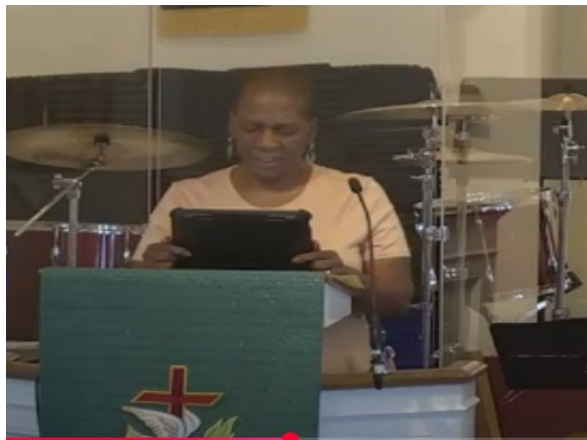
With gratitude for all that lies ahead, may we approach the coming months with hearts open to growth, discovery, and the grace that guides us each day.

Wishing you peace on the journey,
Pastor Johnson



Worship at Messiah

We thank Kim Charleston and Brenda Roberson for preaching for Pastors' vacation.



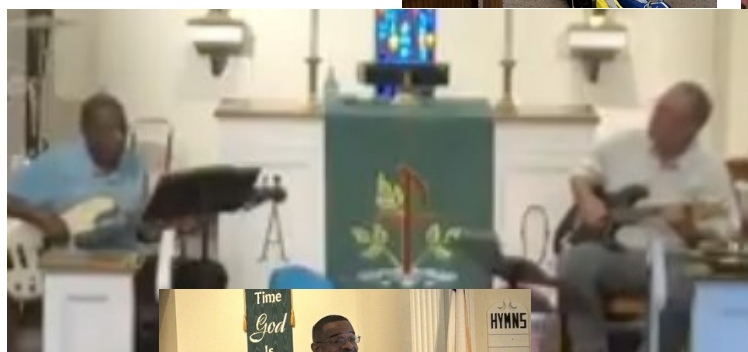
Brothers, have our backs and lifts us up



Overcoming challenges and obstacles,
to get to the cross,



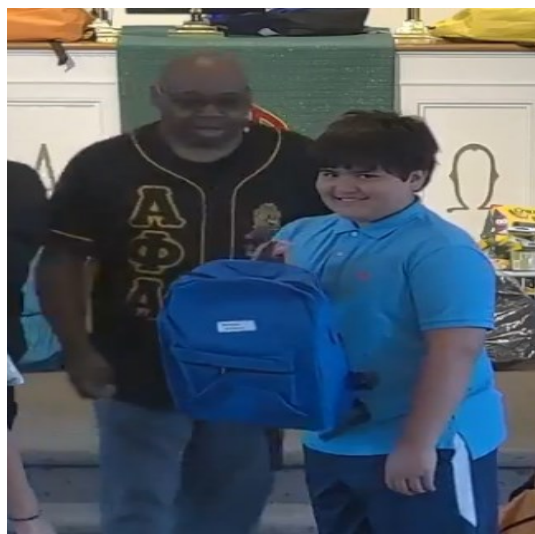
Thank you to our
guest musicians:
**John Basmajian—
Drums**
**Shango Lewis—
Soloist**
**Mervin Toussaint—
Saxophonist**





PRAY, LOVE THE FOLKS, FOLLOW GODS PLAN—LSTEN FOR GOD'S VOICE.

Back Pack Sunday with Blessings



Back Pack Give Away



WE GAVE
AWAY
86
BACKPACKS



Youth fun at Knoebels

FAMILY FUN DAY
KNOEBELS
AMUSEMENT
RESORT

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH:
MEET AT CHURCH: 9:30 AM; LEAVE PARK: 8:00 PM

FREE ENTRY
Transportation will be provided
\$10 per bus passenger

391 Knoebels Blvd,
Elysburg, PA 17824



Must purchase own Knoebels ticket book if you wish to ride
All children (ages 12 and under) must be accompanied by an adult



Welcome back to Messiah Youth

WELCOME BACK YOUTH (12-17)
come join us

Sunday, October 12th
after worship
in the youth room upstairs,
a time with the Pastor.

Bible Studies at Messiah

Mondays

Kim Charleston, on-line, at 6am for Motivational Mondays

AND

Monday evenings at 6pm for Women in the Word

See new book coming in the fall.

Pastor Bible Study Wednesday nights will resume on Sept. 10th, 7pm.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday evenings,
Pastors prayer time on-line at 7pm



MOTIVATIONAL MONDAYS

"FUEL YOUR FAITH EVERY MONDAY
AT 6 AM WITH
KIMBERLY CHARLESTON, CSM
— LIVE ON FACEBOOK.

LET YOUR SPIRIT BE RENEWED AND
YOUR PATH REFOCUSED WITH
INSPIRATION FROM GOD'S WORD.

"BUT THOSE WHO HOPE IN THE LORD
WILL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH. THEY
WILL SOAR ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES..."

ISAIAH 40:31

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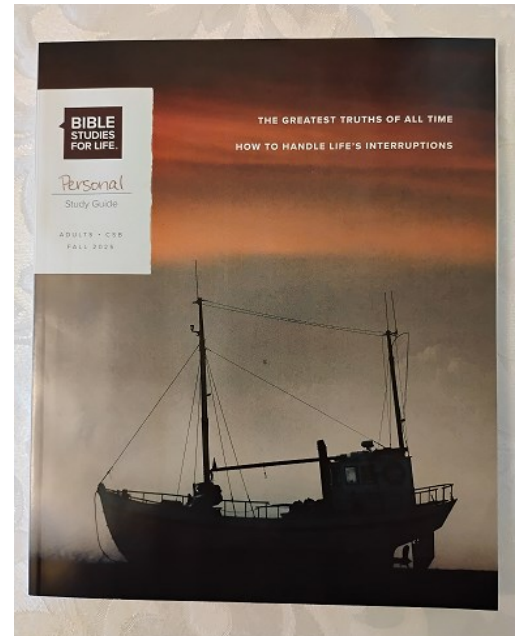


MESSIAH UMC
Women in the Word
BOOKCLUB

"Seek the King. Know His Word. Live the Story."

Join the Women in the Word this summer as we Journey through
"Before the King - Joanna's Story" by Heather Kaufman—a powerful
biblical fiction that invites us to experience the courage, faith, and
calling of those who came before the throne. Let's grow in God's
Word together as we discover how His story shapes our own.

Women's Fellowship and Book Review
Sat Oct 4, 2025 at Messiah UMC
For info, contact Kim Charleston, CSM
messiahumc.events@gmail.com



MESSIAH UMC PRESENTS

7PM
PRAYER

MONDAY
WEDNESDAY
FRIDAY

WWW.MESSIAHMETHODISTCHURCH.COM

WHAM—We are Back

WHAM is planning many things for the next couple of months, please see Patty Rooney, Helen Ober, Heather Belford and Barbara Stone.

September 21st after worship, bring your own lunch, we will have a meet and greet with knitting. If you know how to knit or not, but maybe want to learn, please come and enjoy the fellowship and see what's next.

Events for Messiah

Church Calendar:

Sept. 7th	Welcome Back, 10:30am Service begins
Sept. 10th	Pastors Wed. Night Bible Studies, 7pm, (10am?)
Sept. 14th	Welcome Back to Sunday School
Sept. 14th	HOT TOPICS
Sept. 13th	Celebration of Life for Jane Littman
Sept. 21st	WHAM meet after worship for Meet/Greet/Knit, see Patty Rooney, Helen Ober, Heather Belford and Barbara Stone for more information
Sept. 27th	Health Fair Day, 10am-4pm, volunteers needed
Sept. 28th	Continues to Welcome Back to church, with picnic and rib cook off and cake bake off after worship
Oct. 4th	Women in the Word, Book club, Before the King.
Oct. 11th	Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner
Oct. 24th	YG Winding Brook Farm
Oct. 26th	Trunk & Treat, 1-3pm, see Angela or Louis Oandansan
Nov. 1st	Charge Conference, 2pm, at Messiah w/Dr. Foster
Nov. 4th	Election Day—Office Closed
Nov. 8th	Fall Festival, see Laurie Corbin

Messiah Church
**UP COMING
EVENTS**

28TH SEPTEMBER 10:30 AM	BACK TO CHURCH CELEBRATION JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FAITH, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP.
11TH OCTOBER 4PM-7PM	ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ DINNER THE BEST BBQ CHICKEN IN TOWN! SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO!
24TH OCTOBER 6PM - 9PM	YOUTH TRIP TO WINDING BROOK FARM CALLING ALL YOUTH JOIN US FOR FUN FILLED EVENT! (TEEN TIME WITH THE PASTOR!)
8TH NOVEMBER 1PM - 4PM	FAMILY FALL FEST A GREAT DAY FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO FELLOWSHIP AND CONNECT!
NOVEMBER 6PM - 10PM	BLESSING BASKET DRIVE OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BLESSING BASKET DRIVE TO FEED NEEDY FAMILIES! FOR MORE INFO: www.messiahmethodistchurch.com

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Annual Chicken BBQ
SATURDAY, October 11,
2025

4-7 PM – MUMC

**** We still need plenty of helpers
and homemade desserts.
Pies are the most requested dessert.**

TRUNK AND TREAT

SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 26TH,

1-3PM

**SEE ANGELA OR LOU
OANDANSAN**



Annual Health & Wellness Day



**Annual
Health & Wellness
Community Day**

**Messiah U.M. Church
527 Ridge Pike
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444**

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
10 AM - 4 PM**

- Health Assessments
- Biometric Screening
- Vaccine Clinic
- CPR Training
- Mental Health Resources
- Breast Cancer Resources
- Home Care Services
- Loss and Grief Resources
- Life Coaching Resources
- Mounce Bounces
- Games and Giveaways
- Face Painting
- Stilt Walkers
- Music, Food, and Fun

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**SEE MINISTER KIM
FOR MORE
INFORMATION**

**ALL HANDS ON DECK
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
PLEASE SEE KIM CHARLESTON**

September Dates	Worship Leader	Usher/Greeter	Hospitality Host	Counter
9/7	Kim Charleston	Gary Ober	Smith Family	Sandi Smith
9/14	Brenda Roberson	Gary Ober	D&D Carroll	Sandi Smith
9/21	HELP!	Gary Ober	Ober Family	Frank Sylvester
9/28	YOUTH	Gary Ober	See Sandi Smith	Sandi Smith

PLEASE PRAY AND CONSIDER HELPING OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE, BY SIGNING UP TO BE A WORSHIP LEADER TO ASSIST PASTOR AND FOR HOSPITALITY TO ENJOY FELLOWSHIP TIME AFTER WORSHIP.

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10/5	Kim Charleston	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Sandi Smith
10/12	HELP!	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Sandi Smith
10/19	HELP!	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Frank Sylvester
10/26	YOUTH	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Sandi Smith

MISSIONS AT MESSIAH

Colonial Neighborhood Council (helping our neighbors in many ways).

ALWAYS NEEDS: Gift cards (\$20 ONLY) WaWa and Giant and non-perishables.

All items may be placed on Mission Hutch in the Welcome Center, Gary Ober will deliver.



Monthly Community Homeless Outreach

This will continue on the **THIRD** Saturday of every month, **next Sept. 20th & Oct. 18th.**

The Colonial Area Anti-Racism and Social Equity Alliance continues a monthly outreach to people at the Norristown Transportation Center. See Cameron Smith for information.

Sunday Mornings:

Regular worship begins 10:30am on Sept. 7th

Nursery - for ages newborn to 4 yrs. old.

Sunday School - **SEE YOU SEPT. 14TH AT 9:45am**

Youth - meets on 4th Sundays

Junior Church - **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Children's Time - is with the Pastor during worship

Masks are optional in the church building during worship.
if you feel the need, masks are available by back door.

Worship will continue to be streamed live on Facebook and YouTube.
Recordings of past services are on Website, Facebook and YouTube.

Trustees Page

• Parking lot restriping continues

We always have much work to do. Fall is almost here, that means lots of outside work to be done around the building. Such as trimming bushes and trees. If you are ever available please see a Trustee for an on-going to do list. We welcome your concerns and advice as we move forward with the repair and restoration of our buildings. Please keep the work of the board of trustees in prayer and support our church in any way you can.

Stay tuned for Pastor's Hot Topics coming second week of September



Financial Corner

2025 Member Plans-for-Giving (as of 6/30/25)

Budgeted Pledge Card Amount:	\$163,000
Pro-Rata Pledge Card Amount:	\$ 81,500
ACTUAL YTD Amount Collected:	\$ 63,279
Fully paid up on Apportionments	

I included the numbers from last year (as of 7/31/24) for comparison.

1) You can see our ACTUAL giving is up compared to last year. (\$72k vs \$68k)

2) Our Profit/Loss looks much worse this year. (\$-36k vs -\$9k) Keep in mind, our BIG expenditures

3) I could argue our Balance Sheet actually looks better than last year at this point. We have slightly less assets (\$158k vs \$160k).

But less "earmarked" funds (\$89k vs \$110k). So the difference is bigger right now than last year. The BIG negative-- our "Capital Improvement" line is currently negative (boiler room expense). Hopefully we can raise some funds to offset that.

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

HO—MUMC Treasurer



We Support Our World With:

**THESE ARE OUR PRAYERS—LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS
PLEASE HELP THE OFFICE KEEP THIS PRAYER LIST UP TO DATE.**

Austin family for the loss of Ace's mother, **Berni** (friend of Barbara Stone) undergoing chemotherapy, **Carole E.** (friend of Dalene) continued prayers, pain, **Tammy Edwards** (friend of D. Carroll) MS & Dementia, **Patty G** (friend of Barbara Stone) surgery for throat cancer, **Jasmine Harris** (friend of Roslyn McGee) needs double lung transplant, **Sue Haven** (friend of Josie) bladder surgery, **Hunt Family, Karen & Tom** (friends of Dalene) prayers for healing, **Mike Keough** (friend of Dalene) car accident/paralyzed, some feeling in feet, **Chris Koziel** (friend of Mark R.) continued prayers, **Laura** (friend of Plummer) breast cancer treatment, **Lori LaBelle** continued prayers, **Major** (friend of D. Belford) accident, loss of feet, **Charlie Marbles** (friend of Phil) bicycle accident, continue prayers for healing, **Cherly McClean** (friend of Charnita) recovering from surgery, **Nicholas** (cousin of Tina T) continue prayers, **Bob Porter** (friend of G. Ober) pancreatic cancer, **Roseann & Joe** (friends of Dalene) continued prayers, **W.B. Saul student** (Lori Lorenz) tested for lymphoma, ongoing treatments, **Wilson Family** difficult times, **Josie Weaver** continued prayers, **Bob Wood** (Dalene cousin) continued prayers, **Bill Young** (friend of Dalene) Dementia and needs hip replacement, **Carey Zeigler** relief of ongoing pain.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Messiah's Birthdays

IF YOU DON'T SEE SOMEONE, PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04-Lafayette Charleston
08-Julia Basmajian
19-Vincent Oandasan
19-Lena Oandasan
20-Coulton Moser
20-Mary Wismer
25-Louis Oandasan
26-Melanie Bertram
27-Emily Plummer
28-Jonathan Heller



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

01-George Lare
03-Elsie Friedgen
06-Seni Mutemba
09-Frank Sylvester
12-Courtney Kershaw
14-Jacob Amberg
20-Mark Rooney



September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Mornings: Sunday School at 9:30am Regular Worship at 10:30am						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7-Communion at 10:30am Worship Begins Worship Leader: Kim Charleston Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith Hospitality Hosts: Smith Family!	8- 6am w/Kim C. Motivational Mondays	9	10- Pastor's Bible Study Returns	11	12	13- Celebration Of Life for Jane Littman
14-Sunday School BEGINS Worship Leader: Brenda Roberson Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith Hospitality Hosts: D&D Carroll TRUSTEES MEETING	15- 6am w/Kim C. Motivational Mondays	16- LEADER- SHIP MEETING 7pm	17- Pastor's Bible Study	18	19	20- HOMELESS OUTREACH
21- Worship Leader: Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Frank Sylvester Hospitality Hosts: Ober Family!	22- 6am w/Kim C. Motivational Mondays	23	24- Pastor's Bible Study	25	26	27- Health & Wellness Day, 10am to 4pm
28-Welcome Back Continues Worship Leader: YOUTH Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith Hospitality Hosts: See Sandi Smith!	29- 6am w/Kim C. Motivational Mondays	30				



October 2025



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5-Communion Sunday Worship Leader: Kim Charleston Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith Hospitality Hosts: PLEASE SIGN-UP!	6-6am w/ Kim C. Motivational Mondays	7	8- Pastor's Bible Study	9	10	11- Chicken BBQ Dinner, 4-7pm
12 Worship Leader: HELP! Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith Hospitality Hosts: PLEASE SIGN-UP! TRUSTEES MEETING	13-6am w/ Kim C. Motivational Mondays	14- LEADER- SHIP MEETING 7pm	15- Pastor's Bible Study	16	17	18- HOMELESS OUTREACH
19 Worship Leader: HELP! Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Frank Sylvester Hospitality Hosts: PLEASE SIGN-UP!	20-6am w/ Kim C. Motivational Mondays	21	22- Pastor's Bible Study	23	24-TG to Winding Brook Farms	25- Trunk & Tread
26 Worship Leader: YOUTH Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith Hospitality Hosts: PLEASE SIGN-UP!	27-6am w/ Kim C. Motivational Mondays	28- Blood Drive	29- Pastor's Bible Study	30	31	

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Music Director: Danielle Whitman
Choir Director: Kristen Moser
Admin. Assistant: Mary Basmajian
Nursery Attendant:
Sexton: John Basmajian



If you have an article or announcement about yourself, your family, or church activities for a future issue of The Circuit Writer, please submit it to the church office, via email/US mail or hard copy in bin on door of office, by no later than the **15th** of the month. If you have changes of address, phone, or email, please help us communicate with you better, by sending the church office these updates via email or phone.

Our Mission Statement

*Sharing Faith,
Spreading Hope,
Serving God.*

Our Vision Statement

We are a church family devoted to building and encouraging a passionate, spiritually healthy community. We are dedicated to embracing change, equipping followers of Jesus Christ and preparing leaders for the future.

We are also fully committed to serving others by sharing the abundance God has given this community.

Focused on the needs of those we may not know, engaging the poor, improving education and spreading hope -- believing that Jesus himself set such an example of service, that we've been given the responsibility to follow it.

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Sent with a prayer to:

