



MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CIRCUIT WRITER



Dear Messiah Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. These are exciting times in the life of our church. We are seeing new members come and join our congregation and experiencing the love of God in our church. This is also a time when we need to go deeper in our commitment to Christ and the ministries that are on the horizon. I am very hopeful that as we move forward in the plans that God has for us, we will see a greater outreach to the surrounding communities as we move forward doing the work of Jesus Christ. As I have said so many times before the real magic or blessing of our congregation is for Christian love we show to one another. It is real, authentic, and reflects the love of Christ that we have for each other.

I have watched us rally around each other in the toughest moments and support one another in times when our community was in need. As we begin to expand the ministry, we also need to expand our commitment to step up and be involved in various ministries. I know that leadership sometimes in the church can be daunting and can be something that causes us to pause however true leadership comes from letting God use you for his purposes. As we begin to grow and expand in membership and ministry opportunities, we will need people to lead different ministry areas as we become a fully engaged church. What this means is that we may have to bring newer members alongside us and speak with the leadership with new ministry ideas that maybe no one has thought about but is needed as we move forward.

I want to invite everyone to a fall visioning session. The word of God is correct that “where there is no vision the people perish.” Proverbs 20: 18. This visioning session will help us to understand where we are going and a new structure of leadership and communication. Visioning also creates a road map of shared ministry and expectations as we move forward in ministry together. As pastor I cannot be the sole driver of the vision of Messiah church, but it takes all of us working together to advance the Kingdom of God.

We are all coworkers and laborers in building the Kingdom of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We need to understand what that looks like here at Messiah as we begin to reach out to various neighborhoods and ethnicities in our area. How do we create new spaces for new people? What does the transformative ministry look like? What do we do with the wonderful property that God has left us and how is said property going to be used to advance the Kingdom of God? These are just some questions that we need to vision and strategically plan for the growth of our church. We are not a people who are armed in fear or scarcity, but we are people who are bold in our faith and we need to understand that reaching out and reaching over means that we need to reach up and have God direct our paths as we move forward as a congregation. I cannot believe it has been two years since I have been your pastor, and we have made tremendous strides but there is still work to be done. There are still lives to be changed and souls to be won.

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The date for the visioning retreat will be announced soon, and it is open to all members of the congregations for a time of understanding and dialogue around the blueprint of future ministries of our church. I want to take this opportunity to invite you to be a part of a friendly conversation and planning as we move forward. Again, thank you so much for all your hope, prayers and support and we look forward to leading this congregation into a wonderful future around the vision that God has given us. I want to leave you with this thought. "What God intended for you goes far beyond anything you can imagine."—*Oprah Winfrey*.

Blessings
Pastor Johnson

Worship at Messiah

Brian Moser lights the candles



Pastor at Children's time, during worship with Brian, Colton and Dan. Growing up to the next level and being tall just like their dad.

AND

Lesson on Zacchaeus, who climbed up in a tree to see Jesus. Showing Daniel and Vincent how tall in the tree he was, like Lena being tall on the stool to see over everyone.



Congratulations Messiah Graduates



JULIA WERNER:

Julia is graduating, with Honors, from Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School, Class of 2025. All four years while attending PW, Julia was a varsity athlete on the Cross-Country and Track teams, as well as a member of the Colonial Players theater program. Julia will be attending Coastal Carolina University in the fall and will be majoring in Elementary Education.

TYLER PATRICK:

Tyler is graduating from Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and Central Montgomery County Technical High School (CMTHS).

Tyler will be going to the University of Valley Forge in the fall to study business and play on the Volleyball team. He hopes to merge his culinary degree and business degree in the future.





TYLER BELFORD:

Tyler is graduating from Drexel University, with a BS in Engineering Technology with a dual concentration in Mechanical Engineering and Robotics

JACOB GOLLAPALLI:

Jacob is graduating from Temple University with a Bachelor's degree in finance from the Fox School of Business. With a passion for hockey, Jacob's ultimate goal is to serve in the executive leadership for an NHL team. Jacob is considering a path that would take him through Law School and possibly an advanced management degree.



CHAREINA JOHNSON:

Reina graduated with a 4.00 GPA from Rutgers University-Camden with a Master of Arts in Psychology. She is currently taking a gap year but plans to get her PhD in Social Psychology.



Schools Out Cook Out





To Our Friends and Family at Messiah United Methodist Church

Grace and peace to you all.

We are writing with hearts full of gratitude to thank you for the outpouring of love, compassion, and support you extended to us during the most difficult time of our lives—the loss of our precious baby Giselle.

Your prayers, comforting words, visits, cards, meals, and presence have meant more to us than words can truly express. In the midst of our sorrow, we felt the arms of Christ around us through each and every one of you. Your kindness reminded us that we are not alone, and that we are part of a loving church family who walks beside us through every season.

Though our hearts ache with grief, we find strength in God's promises and peace in knowing that Giselle is held in the eternal embrace of our Heavenly Father.

Pastor Johnson, we are especially grateful for the way you honored her short but beautiful life and shared in our tears and memories.

Thank you again, from the depths of our hearts. May God continue to bless each of you as richly as you have blessed us.

With love and gratitude,

Kim, Lafayette, Jordan and Gianna

Bible Studies at Messiah

Mondays

with 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 meet again in the fall

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

Good morning

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MESSIAH UMC
Women in the Word
BOOKCLUB

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

BEFORE THE KING
JOANNA'S 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 Sept 13, 2025 at Messiah UMC

For info, contact Kim Charleston, CSM
messiahumc.events@gmail.com



MESSIAH UMC PRESENTS

7PM
PRAYER

MONDAY
WEDNESDAY
FRIDAY

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WHAM Coming back—UPDATE

We had our first WHAM meeting, and it was pretty well attended and productive. Here are some of the highlights that we are going to work toward. We decided to break it down into three categories: Activities and Events, Service Projects, and Fundraising. Our objective is not to take away from any existing projects but to offer help or support if wanted and create new fun activities. Here is just a sampling of some of the things we brought up. For activities we talked about learning to crochet or knit and make prayer blankets, attend a Christian music concert, speakers, paint night or self-defense class to name a few. For service we looked at babysitting, caroling, making cards for shut ins, and collecting sanitary products. Fund raising ideas were a craft sale, bake/soup sale, pancake breakfast. And maybe some cross over events with the men's group.

We are hoping to have something up and running starting this fall, with learning to knit/crochet prayer blankets, sanitary products and helping streamline hospitality being at the top of our agenda. We would like to try to meet once a month on the 4th Saturday each month to start, the next meeting is on July 26 at 9am. We will do the local Panera's again this time, but we could definitely rotate locations to make it easier for all those involved or use the church if needed. I would love more ideas from everyone about what they are interested in, and if Saturday mornings don't work, what would? We will definitely have events on different dates and times.

Thanks for listening and I look forward to hearing from more people!

Patty Rooney, 215-837-8149, Rooneyfam5@gmail.com

UPDATE:

Next meeting, we will try for Saturday, August 2nd.
Please let Patty know via email if you can attend.

Events for Messiah



June 29, 2025
at
Messiah UMC

Our Gospel Concert was wonderful and very well attended. Featuring: Theodore Thomas and The Faith Ensemble, all sounded so joyfully. Free will offering was \$175.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our music ministry.

Sign-up NOW for our next fun trip to Knoebels Amusement Resort.

Please see Reina or Pastor J.

More fun times at Messiah UMC.

July 26, 2025
Messiah UMC
Goes to Knoebels



Messiah marches in the WM 4th of July Parade



July Dates	Worship Leader	Usher/Greeter	Hospitality Host	Counter
7/6	Brenda Roberson	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Sandi Smith
7/13	HELP!	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Sandi Smith
7/20	HELP!	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Frank Sylvester
7/27	HELP!	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	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.

August Dates	Worship Leader	Usher/Greeter	Hospitality Host	Counter
8/3	Kim Charleston	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Sandi Smith
8/10	HELP!	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Sandi Smith
8/17	HELP!	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Frank Sylvester
8/24	YOUTH	Gary Ober	Please sign-up	Sandi Smith
8/29	HELP!	Gary Over	Please sign-up	Sandi Smith
8/31	HELP!	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 July 19th & August 16th.**

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.

Our annual Backpack GiveAway will be Saturday, August 23rd, help will be needed to pack and collect supplies.

See Maddie Plummer for more information and ways to help.



Sunday Mornings:

Summer Worship begins at 9:30am

Nursery - for ages newborn to 4 yrs. old.

Staffed (3rd&4th wks.) with changing table and video monitoring during Worship

Sunday School - **SEE YOU IN THE FALL**, 9:45 to 10:25am

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**
- **New boiler is COMPLETED**
- **New mulch for playground has been completed**

We always have much work to do. Spring is here, that means lots of outside work to be done around the building. 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.

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

Respectably Submitted by:
Ho Chang—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.**

Amberg family loss of Jake's grandmother, **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, **Sue Haven** (friend of Josie) bladder surgery, **Linda Heller, Hunt Family, Karen & Tom** (friends of Dalene) prayers for healing, **Major** (friend of D. Belford) accident, loss of feet, **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, **Jane Littman, Charlie Marbles** (friend of Phil) bicycle accident, **Nicholas** (cousin of Tina T) continue prayers, **Cherly McClean** (friend of Charnita) recovering from surgery, **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** pain, upcoming surgery, **Bob Wood** (Dalene cousin) continued prayers, **Bill Young** (friend of Dalene) Dementia and needs hip replacement.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Messiah's Birthdays

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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

4-Sara Waslick
4-Elizabeth Miller
7-Barbara Stone
8-Daniel Hepburn
10-Betsy Plummer
12-Helen Ober
15-Mary Basmajian
15-Dan Moser
15-Chris Plummer
24-Sandi Smith



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

6-Andrew Helffrich
7-Amy Sherlock
9-Jenny Chang
12-Jay Johnson
14-Dolores Graham
18-Linda Heller
20-Laura Nester
22-Cameron Smith
31-Jenny Clark
31-Kevin Walters



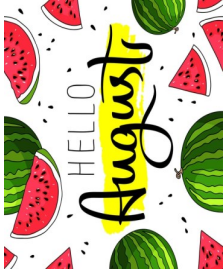
JULY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Mornings: NO Sunday School Summer Worship is 9:30am Nursery Open & staffed for Worship						
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6-Communion Sunday Worship Leader: Brenda Roberson Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith	7-6am w/Kim C. Motivational Mondays	8	9	10	11	12
13- Worship Leader: Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith	14-6am w/Kim C. Motivational Mondays	15	16	17	18	19- HOMELESS OUTREACH
20-Kim Charleston Preaching Worship Leader: Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Frank Sylvester	21-6am w/Kim C. Motivational Mondays	22	23	24	25	26- KNEOBELS
27 Worship Leader: Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith	28-6am w/Kim C. Motivational Mondays	29	30	31		



AUGUST 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Mornings: NO Sunday School Summer Worship Begins 10am Nursery – Open & staffed for Worship					1	2
3-Communion Sunday Worship Leader: Kim Charleston Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith	4-6am w/ Kim C. Motivational Mondays	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship Leader: Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith	11-6am w/ Kim C. Motivational Mondays	12	13	14	15	16- HOMELESS OUTREACH
17 Worship Leader: Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Frank Sylvester	18-6am w/ Kim C. Motivational Mondays	19	20	21	22	23- BackPack GiveAway
24 Worship Leader: Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith	25-6am w/ Kim C. Motivational Mondays	26	27	28	29	30
31 Worship Leader: Greeters: Gary Ober Counters: Sandi Smith						

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Music Director: Danielle Whitman
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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:

