



MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CIRCUIT WRITER



From the Pastor's Pen:

Note: This is an old article that I wrote some years ago! I feel that it is timely for today. Hope you enjoy it!

It's our duty as a Christian and disciple of Jesus to help in building the Holy Kingdom of God. It may sound like a huge task, but it's easier than you think.

You can help build the Kingdom by following key principles in your home, personal life, workplace, community, and church. That's what I'm going to share with you today.

1. Building the Kingdom of God at Home

First, you should build the kingdom at home. You need to become kingdom minded to do this. This happens by renewing your mind.

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and the perfect will of God." – Romans 12:2

You have to be the godly, kingdom-minded example within your home because wherever you lead, your family will follow.

Being Kingdom minded will lead to Biblical guidance and Kingdom actions.

2. Building the Kingdom of God in Your Personal Life

Second, you should build the kingdom in your personal life by being a holy example to your friends. This won't always be easy because sometimes you'll need to remove some people from your life.

Some people are meant to only be a part of your life for a season. The most important thing is that you need to keep Christ-minded/kingdom-minded people in your immediate circle of friends because they have a huge impact on who you become.

Remember, if you have a fruit basket filled with apples, the rotten apples make the good ones go bad.

3. Building the Kingdom of God at Work

Third, you are a light for Christ at work and your actions need to reflect that. That doesn't mean that you have to speak about Christianity or religion at work or force the Bible on people.

However, your co-workers and supervisors should be able to see Christ in you! You should be a shining example of Christ at work and stand out from the rest of the crowd.

It's not what you say, it's what you do. It's not who you are, it's Christ within you. Tweet

4. Building the Kingdom of God in Your Community

Fourth, you can build the kingdom in your community. You can do so by meeting a need in the community either directly or indirectly.

One thing you can pray about is creating a non-profit organization to accomplish something that God has placed on your heart.

If that's not your thing, you can give to a charity or volunteer at a community center in an indirect effort. No matter which way you choose to meet a community need, do something to improve your environment. It's a great way to be a light wherever you are.

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5. Building the Kingdom of God at Church

Fifth, you should build the kingdom at your church. You can create and/or teach classes based on Scripture and biblical principles.

Another idea is that you can become a greeter. By doing so you'll be sharing your talents with the church as you should find your place within the body of Christ.

You need to take a higher position than being a non-serving member of your church. God has called us all to serve his holy Kingdom in some way.

Key Takeaway

In conclusion, we all have to do our part in building the Holy Kingdom. There are many areas where this can be done. You can make a difference in someone else's life.

We are called to be disciples of Jesus which means that we need to bring others to Him. My father in the ministry the late Dr. Claude Edmonds once said, "When you get to heaven, who can you say you helped get there?"

Do you have any ideas on how to build the Kingdom of God?

Blessings
Pastor J

Messiah update

The season of Lent is upon us:





Messiah UMC

FAMILY SPRING FESTIVAL AND EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY | MARCH 28 | 1:00-4:00
2026

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PASTOR: ROBERT L. JOHNSON



MESSIAH UMC CHURCH
Welcomes you

PALM SUNDAY

10:30 AM

PASTOR Robert L. Johnson

PRAYER • WORSHIP • WORD

SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026
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MESSIAH UMC CHURCH

Easter CELEBRATION SERVICE

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US ON **5** APRILTH 2026
8:30AM & 11:00 AM



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Robert L. Johnson Pastor WWW.MESSIAHMETHODISTCHURCH.COM

EASTER SERVICE WILL BE AT 11:00 AM

Messiah Church Calendar

- March 1st Communion Sunday
- March 8th Trustees Mtg, after worship
- March 10th Leadership Mtg. 7pm
- March 21st WitW luncheon, 11am to 1pm, ALL INVITED
- March 28th Spring Family Festival/Easter Egg Hunt, 1-4pm
- March 29th Palm Sunday
- Apr. 2nd Holy Thursday Serv., 7pm, with Communion**
- Apr. 3rd Good Friday Servi., 7pm**
- April 5th EASTER Sunday Services at 8:30am, 9:30am Breakfast and **11:00am** Worship Service, **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**
- April 14th Blood Drive, 2-7pm—CANCELED, SEE YOU IN OCTOBER



*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future;
And life is worth the living just because He lives*

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Service (March 29):
10:30 AM (Palm leaves)

Holy Thursday Service (April 2):
7:00 PM

Good Friday Service (April 3):
7:00 PM

Easter Breakfast (April 5):
9:30 AM

Easter Sunday Services (April 5):
8:30 AM • 11:00 AM

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Rev. Robert L. Johnson, Pastor

**April 20th
EASTER
9:30 am
BREAKFAST
POTLUCK
See
Heather Belford
Or
Amy Sherlock**

**The staff of Messiah
would like to thank the
congregation
for their most generous
Christmas gift.**

Sunday School at Messiah

Our Sunday School has continued to learn about heroes in the bible. We have learned about David and how his faith in God enabled him to defeat Goliath, although he was only a small shepherd boy. We also learned about his relationship with Jonathon and the importance of friendship in our lives. Another hero, Samson used his strength to defeat the Philistines and learned to understand the importance of being obedient to God. As we are in the Lenten season, our class is learning how to love like Jesus, the importance of making and keeping promises and remembering Who is the Greatest – God of course! In the coming weeks we look forward to learning about the resurrection of Jesus through lessons, crafts, and games. Our Sunday School room is full of love, fun and laughter as we continue to train our children in God's word. We invite you to join us on Sunday morning at 9:45. Our Sunday School will be on summer vacation starting June 28th.



Bible Studies at Messiah

Monday evenings at 6pm for Women in the Word
Luncheon will be on Sat, Mar 28th at Messiah

Wednesday evenings at 7pm on-line and in-person is Pastor Bible Study

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



MESSIAH UMC
Women in the Word
Fall/Winter Bible Study
The Gospel of John
Mondays, 6:00-7:00 PM via ZOOM
Nov 17, 2025 - Mar 16, 2026

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87936413987?pwd=8rjFYpRD2VlpiIakbNfJiCfv69VFTs.1>

For info contact: **Kim Charleston**
messiahumc.events@gmail.com
Charleston.kimberly@yahoo.com

The poster features a teal background with illustrations of people studying, a stack of books, and a Bible titled 'JOHN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN' by Dr. David Jeremiah.



MESSIAH UMC
WITW FELLOWSHIP
LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 | 11 AM-1 PM
527 RIDGE PIKE
LAFAYETTE HILL, PA 19052

This special in-person fellowship will include a time of reflection, sharing, and thanksgiving for all that God has revealed throughout our 12-week journey.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please RSVP by March 16, 2026, to Kim Charleston, CSM
(email) Charleston.kimberly@yahoo.com

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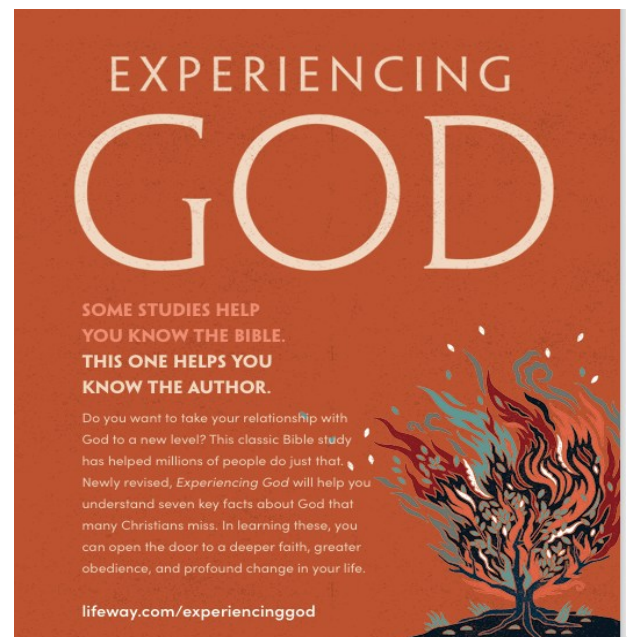
MESSIAH UMC PRESENTS

7PM
PRAYER

MONDAY
WEDNESDAY
FRIDAY

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The poster features a dark teal background with a silhouette of a person in prayer.



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GOD

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The poster features a dark orange background with a stylized tree illustration.

March Dates	Worship Leader	Usher/ Greeter	Hospitality Host	Counter
3/1	Kim Charleston	Ben Roberson & Team	Please Sign-up	Sandi Smith
3/8	Kim Charleston	Ben Roberson & Team	Please Sign-up	Sandi Smith
3/15	Brenda Roberson	Ben Roberson & Team	Please Sign-up	Frank Sylvester
3/22	Please Sign-up	Ben Roberson & Team	Please Sign-up	Sandi Smith
3/29	Please Sign-up	Ben Roberson & Team	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.

April Dates	Worship Leader	Usher/ Greeter	Hospitality Host	Counter
4/5 EASTER	Kim Charleston	Ben Roberson & Team	THANK YOU TO ALL	Sandi Smith
4/12	Kim Charleston	Ben Roberson & Team	Please Sign-up	Sandi Smith
4/19	Brenda Roberson	Ben Roberson & Team	Please Sign-up	Frank Sylvester
4/26	Please Sign-up	Ben Roberson & Team	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, and we will deliver.



Monthly Community Homeless Outreach

This will continue on the **THIRD** Saturday of every month, **next Mar. 21st & Apr. 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

Nursery - for ages newborn to 4 yrs. old. **LOOKING FOR HELP WHEN NEEDED**

Sunday School - ages 5—10 at 9:45am

Youth - meets on 4th Sundays

Kid Konnection – ages 5-10 after children's time w/Pastor

Children's Time - is with the Pastor during worship

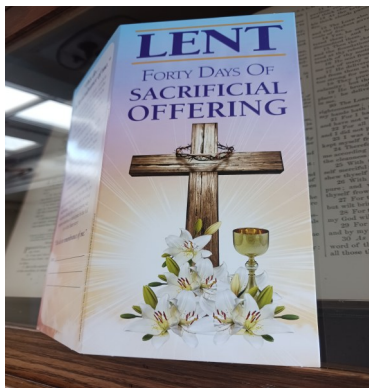
Masks are optional in the church building during worship, if you feel the need, masks are available by back door.

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

Trustees Page

The Trustees are still working hard to keep our building and property clean and safe. The winter season is almost gone and spring is coming, we hope, so lots to do around the outside of the building. Tree's that have fallen will be cleared. If you have any time to help with any of our projects, please see one of our Trustees and let them know how or that you are able to help.

The Trustees of the Messiah thank you for your continuing efforts to help pay back the cost of the new boiler, we are almost half way there.



Again this Lenten season we are offering the Lenten 40 Day Sacrificial Offering booklet, new this year is one for the kids, (filling with quarters) and still one for the adults to fill with a dollar a day as you and your children go through your journey throughout this Lenten season, to be returned to Messiah on Easter Sunday. All proceeds will go towards our new Kids Konnection ministry.

If you did not received please see Pastor or contact the church office.

Financial Corner

Total Income: \$237,727

Total Expenses: \$256,877

Net Income: $-\$19,150$ **(Lots of BIG UNEXPECTED EXPENSES)**

Congratulations to the Congregation on the Strong Year-End finish.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ho Chang



KOLVA HALL (Gym)

Winter 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Colonial Soccer (Danielle & Jim) 1-9pm 1/4/25-3/8/26	WMGSoftball 5-6:30pm 11/10/25-3/19/26 Mon. Night BBall 6:30-8:30pm, yrly BUMBALL (Jeff) 8:30-10pm	Colonial Soccer U8 5-6pm 2/3-3/24 Aerobics, 6-7:30pm, yrly Colonial Soccer, (BP) 1/6-3/11/26 7:30-8:30pm	Colonial Soccer U9 (Chris) 5-6pm 1/14-3/18/26 Colonial Soccer U12 Darleen 1/7/-2/18/26 6-7pm Colonial Soccer, (BP) 1/6-3/11/26 7:30-8:30pm	Jackie's Kids Gym 10-11am 9/25/25-5/21/26 WMGS 5-6pm 11/10/25-3/19/26 Aerobics, 6-7:30pm, yrly WMGS 7:30-8:30pm 11/10/25-3/19/26		Sat. Morn BBall 10am-noon, yrly
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We Support Our World With:

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

PRAYERS:

Rene Anderson, Carol Belford (Daves Mom) successful knee surgery, **Berni** (friend of Barbara Stone) undergoing chemotherapy, **Regina Brennan** (Joe Meiers sister) breast cancer has returned, starting chemo., **Debbie Campbell** (friend of Josie) cancer beyond treatment, **Carole E.** (friend of Dalene) continued prayers, **Christian**, (Y. Cahur), **Joe Craig, David** (L. Patrick's brother) nose cancer surgery upcoming, **Tammy Edwards** (friend of D. Carroll) continued prayers, MS is progressing now in wheelchair, **Kate Fabio** (friend of Mindy) double mastectomy surgery, **Kim G.** (friend of Y. Calvin) prayers for her care of father, **Patty G** (friend of Barbara Stone) surgery for throat cancer, **Gary** (L. Patrick brother-in-law) prostate cancer, **Hannah** (friend of Dalene) 16yr old in wheelchair from birth, **Jasmine Harris** (friend of Roslyn McGee) needs double lung transplant, **Sue Haven** (friend of Josie) bladder surgery, **Adam Hearlson** (friend of D. Barbay) spine cancer, **Hunt Family, Tina Hutchinson** (friend of Josie) cancer returned, **Kendal** (friend of Plummers) brain tumor, **Maurice**, (friend of the Johnson family), **Mike** (friend of Dalene) car accident, continued prayers, **Laura** (friend of Plummer) breast cancer treatment, **Harry LaBelle** (Dalene's Ex-husband) recovering, **Lori LaBelle** continued prayers, **David Loften** (friend of Teddy), **Neil Mengel** (Josie's son-in-law) continued prayers for healing after tumor removed from spine, **Cherly McClean** (friend of Charnita) recovering from surgery, **Ray** (Sandi nephew) job loss & separation from wife, **Kevin Patterson** (Y. Cahur) starts chemo, **Roseann & Joe** (friends of Dalene) continued prayers, **Cam Smith** herniated disc in lower back, **Harold Thompson** (friend of Teddy), **Jasmine Harris** (niece of R. McGee) lung transplant, **Logan Washington**(Lafayette C.) 8 yr. old organ shutdown, **Josie Weaver** continue prayers, **Bob Weaver** (Josie's brother) prostate cancer, **Wilson Family** difficult times, **Bill Young** (friend of Dalene) Dementia, **Gary Wood** (S. Smith's brother) diagnosed with lung cancer.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

Messiah's Birthdays

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

01—Tyler Patrick
09—Lisa Patrick
03—Jacob Gollapalli
05—Todd Oandasan
08—Reenee Brady
28—Lara Chang
30—Doris Carroll



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

02—Emily Belford
03—Diane Sylvester
05—Alyssa Hepburn
10—Andrew Lorenz
10—Nicole Lorenz
11—Angela Oandasan
20—Charnita Johnson
27—Kim Charleston
27—Joe Meiers
28—Anya Gollapalli

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Mornings: Sunday School at 9:45am Regular Worship at 10:30am						
1- Worship Leader: Kim Charleston Greeters: Ben Counters: Sandi Smith	2- 6pm WitW, Book Club w/ Kim Charleston	3	4- Pastor's Bible Study	5	6	7
8-Kids Konnection begins Worship Leader: Kim Charleston Greeters: Ben Roberson & Team & Team Counters: Sandi Smith Hospitality Hosts:	9- 6pm WitW, Book Club w/ Kim Charleston	10	11- Pastor's Bible Study	12	13	14-
15- Worship Leader: Greeters: Ben Roberson & Team Counters: Frank Sylvester Hospitality Hosts:	16- 6pm WitW, Book Club w/ Kim Charleston	17- LEADERSHIP MEETING 7pm	18- Pastor's Bible Study	19	20	21 -WitW Luncheon, 11am HOMELESS OUTREACH
22-Kids Konnection Worship Leader: Greeters: Ben Roberson & Team Counter: Sandi Smith	23- 6pm WitW, Book Club w/ Kim Charleston	24	25- Pastor's Bible Study	26	27	28- Spring Festival 1-4pm
29-Palm Sunday Worship Leader: Greeters: Ben Roberson & Team Counter: Sandi Smith Hospitality Hosts:	30- 6pm WitW, Book Club w/ Kim Charleston	31				

April 2026

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19- Worship Leader: Greeters: Ben Roberson & Team Counters: Frank Sylvester Hospitality Hosts:	20- 6pm WitW, Book Club w/ Kim Charleston	21	22- Pastor's Bible Study	23	24	25
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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:

It is our mission to win people to Christ, train believers to become disciples, and send disciples to impact the world.

Our mission and vision serve as the foundation for all ministries and guide every decision, program, and interaction within Messiah UMC.

Our Vision Statement:
Messiah UMC,
A place
where faith
and
real life connect

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Sent with a prayer to: