

# THE MESSENGER

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## Our Vision:

Church of the Messiah seeks to be an inviting, welcoming and compassionate Christian community, nurturing spiritual growth through the Word, our actions, and gifts; thereby inspiring and uniting people to be examples of Christ's love.

## From the Rector

A familiar line of Scripture – as well as a verse from a popular song of the 1960's – goes like this:

*For everything there is a season; and a time for every purpose under heaven.*

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

Poets and song writers have long used the seasons as metaphors for our lives. Spring is seen as a time of new beginnings and potential; summer is a time of growth and success; autumn is the harvest season when we reap the fruits of our labors; and winter is a time of endings and of rest.

I have always been partial to the months of autumn. The crisp mornings; the changing leaves; football games and marching bands; chrysanthemums and pumpkins. As the harvest season, autumn is a time of productivity - but also of completion and transition. Once the crop has been sent to market, a farmer can rest for a bit, and then begins to make plans for planting something new. In this sense, the autumn metaphor has something powerful to ask us about our personal callings and careers: Is the work we're doing still productive? Is our ministry or project still bearing fruit? Has the season changed, so that our work is now complete? Is it time to transition to something new?

The writers of the Bible possessed a profound sense of life's seasons. Ecclesiastes describes there being a season to be born and to die, to mourn and to dance, to be quiet and to speak, among others (Ecclesiastes 3:1-9). God, who operates outside of time, arranged a specific time for Sarah to conceive Isaac (Genesis 18:10). Esther was made queen for "such a time as this" (Esther 4:14). And Jesus knew both when his time had come, as well as when it hadn't (John 2:4, 17:1). The apostle Paul writes, "Behold, now is the acceptable time" (2 Corinthians 6:2). In the course of our earthly life, God has tasks for us to do and very specific and special seasons for us to do them in.

I once stayed in a job two years longer than I should have. The season had changed, but I – quite stubbornly, I now realize! - wasn't moving with it. And there was a painful price to pay for not heeding the change in seasons. In contrast, a friend of mine recently left a ministry role in which she had been very successful. But she sensed from God that her work there was done; and so, she wisely moved on.

I like autumn. As summer's light dims and the leaves begin to fall, I like the reminder that with God there are seasons of productivity and harvest, but also of completion and transition.

## Join Us For Messiah's *First Annual* Adult Mission Trip: Guatemala – January 18-25, 2020

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Join us for a week in mid-January as we travel to Guatemala to build stoves and install water purification systems. Many of the poorer homes still cook over outdoor fire pits, leading to severe burns, especially for women and children, as well as chronic lung conditions from breathing the smoke of open fires. And many families do not have access to clean water for drinking, cooking and bathing, making many people suffer from gastric and other adverse health conditions. During our time in the smaller towns and villages around Parramos, we will work to dramatically change families' lives by building and installing stoves and water systems in homes.

We will also enjoy a day of visiting, sightseeing and exploring the ancient capital city of Antigua, a designated UNESCO heritage site. Located in the valley between two volcanoes, we will have the opportunity to tour a coffee plantation, tour the ancient cathedral and other sites, visit the local crafts market and stores specializing in jewelry made from the locally-mined jade, and enjoy the local cuisine and drink.

Cost for the trip, which includes round-trip airfare, transportation, lodging and meals is only \$1700 – an excellent price for a mid-winter week in Guatemala, the “land of eternal spring.” Check the church website for additional details. If interested, or if you have questions and need more information, please speak with the Rector ASAP.

### **And Change a Family's Life Forever**

The cost for building a stove inside a family's home is \$155; and a water filtration system costs only \$45. So, for only \$200 a Guatemalan family can be saved from the chronic illnesses that come with cooking over an open fire and drinking and cooking with unclean water.

A generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has pledged to match funds raised for these items up to \$1600! If we can meet this challenge, we would be able to contribute \$3200 for the installation of 16 stoves and 16 water systems! What a gift that would be for 16 families!





## Fall Outdoor Eucharist and Parish Picnic

### OUTDOOR EUCHARIST, CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION & BRUNCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH \* 9:30AM



#### **“Mass on the Grass” and Parish Picnic Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30**

Marking the end of summer and to kick off the Church School and program year, we will once again gather for an outdoor Eucharist, followed by the fall parish picnic. Dress casually, bring a lawn chair, and plan to join us for this annual Messiah tradition that takes place on the front lawn of the church. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex where you can indicate what

you will be contributing to the meal. (The 8:00 service that day will be held in the church as usual.)

#### **And the following Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Church School begins again at 9:15 and the choir returns at 9:30**

It's hard to believe that the close of the summer season has come so quickly! But, it has! The Church School teachers are ready to greet our younger members and lead them through another wonderful year. And the Chancel Choir returns from their summer hiatus.

## Choir Rehearsals Start

On Thursday, September 12th, choir rehearsal once again resumes. We rehearse from 7 to 9 pm in the choir room. Why not give it a try? We eagerly await new voices!



## What are those brass boxes near the handicapped entrance?

It is a columbarium. Inside the boxes are niches for the interment of ashes for those who do not wish to their remains to be buried in the ground. When Holy Trinity Church in Lansdale closed in June, the diocese asked that the columbarium be relocated to Messiah. The decision was based on the fact that Holy Trinity was founded as a mission from Messiah in the late-1800's, and with us being the closest Episcopal Church to Lansdale.

While there are already some interments, there are still spaces available. The cost to reserve a space is \$200, the same price as a plot in the cremation section of the church cemetery. If interested in securing a niche, please contact the parish office.

## Parish Office Hours

Labor Day weekend marks the end of the shortened summer schedule for the Parish Office. Beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the new Parish Office will be open for business as follows:

Monday through Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-12:00noon

Please remember these hours and help us maintain these times. While office staff will be working at other times before and after these hours, these "off hours" will allow office staff time to work uninterrupted by phones and visitors. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

## Dine & Donate proves to be big help to parish budget and bottom line

A big THANK YOU to everyone who has participated and supported the monthly Dine & Donate program. And a big THANK YOU to vestry member Jennifer Marsh for accepting the responsibility for scouting out restaurant locations and scheduling these monthly fundraisers. So far this year, we have raised almost \$2500 through these events. Not only do these evenings assist the parish budget, but many people have commented how much they enjoy the opportunity to try out new eating establishments, as well as the social aspects of seeing and visiting other parishioners outside of church.

This month's Dine & Donate location is at Harvest

Seasonal Grill and Wine bar on Tuesday, 9/10 at The Shoppes at English Village and applies to all checks, takeout included, from 11 am to 10 pm. Please be sure to mark your calendar and join us!

## Upstairs classrooms are being reasigned ...

### And we need some help for the move ...

To accommodate changing demographics for the Church School and Nursery and Choir, we are making some changes in which rooms are being assigned for various uses. The Choir Room will be



moving up from the basement; the Nursery is moving across the hall; Church School rooms are being reallocated; and the library is being cleared out for possible office rental.

On Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, we could use many hands to help with moving items from one room to another in preparation for the start of Church School and choir rehearsals beginning the following week. We will meet at 9:00am and hope to finish by 12:00 noon. Please mark your calendar and join us that morning. "Many hands make light work!"

## Updated Parish Directory

A new Parish Directory is being prepared and will be ready for distribution in the fall. To ensure that we publish the correct information – names, addresses, phone numbers, emails – we are asking that everyone check the information we have on file and advise us of any changes. Please do one of the following over the next few weeks:

Check the draft directories located in the narthex. Mark up any changes or edits. If the information listed is correct, please place a check mark by your name so we know you have approved your listing. Or call the parish office and speak with Sue Phillips. She can pull up your information on the computer and you can advise her of any changes needed.

# Immediate Needs Summer/Fall 2019

MANNA is striving to provide healthier options in their Market. Please consider donating low salt/low sugar and whole grain items.

## Immediate Food Needs

- **Baby Food (Vegetables, Fruit, Cereals and Proteins)**
- Cereal
- Tomato Sauce
- Canned Mushrooms, Olives, Beets, Spinach and Asparagus
- Quinoa, Couscous, Barley and Whole Grain Pasta
- Dry Dog and Cat Food
- Canned Meats (Spam, ham, seafood)
- Cooking items (Flour, Sugar, Baking Powder, Cooking Oil)
- Spices (salt, pepper, garlic)
- Canned Soups, Fruits, Condiments, Peanut Butter

Please **NO** Green Beans, Corn and Black Beans as we *currently have an abundance of these items.*

## Non-Food Needs

- Diapers, baby wipes and baby hygiene items (shampoo, lotion, powder) We currently need size 6 and Pull -ups)
- Toilet Paper, Tissues, Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Razors and deodorant
- Toothpaste (mouthwash alcohol free only)
- Shower gel and Hand Soap
- Feminine Care
- Hair Care Items- Shampoo and Conditioner- Brushes
- Cleaning Products (bathroom cleaner, window cleaner, laundry detergent, dish soap )
- Lotion, Lip Balm, Vaseline



For an up-to-date detailed list visit Manna online @ <http://mannaonmain.org/give-food/what-is-needed/>

Updated 8/9/19

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Shawls ...** made for centuries universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother, hug, shelter and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles..." The shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it on to someone in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God! Join us in the Parish Hall at 6:30 on the third Thursday of each month. You're welcome to bring along your dinner.





## Thrift Shop Reopens

Belfry Bargains will reopen for the season at **10 am on Monday Sept 9th.**

The Shop expenses are completely underwritten by Church of the Messiah and 100% of the receipts go directly to Outreach.

You can support our Outreach in several ways: (1) Make sure to shop at Belfry Bargains (10 to 1 pm — Monday through Saturday; (2) Donate your gently-used clothing and household goods (tax receipts are available). If you are unable to drop them off during business hours, items may be left on the porch of the Shop; and (3) volunteer time as a shop

volunteer (contact shop director Ginny Oldt at [Virginia.oldt@gmail.com](mailto:Virginia.oldt@gmail.com)/267 664-1863 or Diana Mulroy ([dimulroy1@gmail.com](mailto:dimulroy1@gmail.com) or 267-481-6091) for more information.



## IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO CONSIDER CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Avoid the holiday rush. Some unique gifts: animals, seeds, tools, etc. can be bought in honor of someone very special who has everything. Considering our adult mission trip to Guatemala in January, money can be given in honor of someone special, letting that person know that a stove (\$155) or water filtration system (\$45) has been bought in their honor.



## “Welcome” our new Music Director/Organist

While she certainly isn't new to the parish, Hannah Albrecht is new to a staff position only recently created. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Music Director and Organist positions were combined to create one new staff position. So, “Welcome, Hannah!” to your new job and new responsibilities! We are delighted that you have chosen to stay here at Messiah and we are looking forward to your leadership in providing music that enhances our worship.



In a few weeks, the approach of fall will signal the start of a new, busy musical year – choir and bell choir rehearsals will begin, and on Sundays at 9:30 music prepared by singers and ringers will fill the sanctuary.



The Bell Choir looks forward to starting the season with newly refurbished handbells! The whole set has been sent away for repairs and tuning that it needs after years of use, and the

bells will soon return in good mechanical order and sounding their best. The Bell Choir will make its season debut in mid-fall.

The Chancel Choir is in for an interesting and, I hope, fun challenge as I begin as Music Director! I spent a week of the summer at Westminster Choir College for a very valuable course on choral conducting, and I am excited for the choir and I to develop our skills together and see what we can accomplish this year. The music program will continue to integrate varied musical styles from the Baroque to popular music, and aims to give meaningful music to listeners of different tastes and

backgrounds. Choir will start the fall with beautiful pieces by J.S. Bach, by several contemporary composers, and from American folk and African American traditions.

Over the summer, it's been a treat to hear an array of music by vocal soloists and instruments. More instrumentalists, including members of Messiah and students from the Philadelphia Sinfonia youth orchestra, will play occasionally throughout the year. The first feature we have in mind is a collaboration between the choir and Gloria Jones on piano. Music plans will be posted regularly on the church website and on Facebook; look there for updates!

We welcome new musicians of all levels into our ministry – no experience or audition needed. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings; the Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings and is directed by Melanie Baker; and Chimers play the tower bells on Sundays, coordinated by Martha Hewson. Anybody who would like to play or sing music you've prepared on your own may also contact me about taking part in a service. Please talk to any of us if you are interested in participating in music at Messiah this year!





Starting off a new school year is something I always know is coming, of course, but somehow I'm never completely ready for it to begin. I have

been teaching for several years now, yet the beginning of each new school year is always different.

There are classroom changes, new students, new technology and school district initiatives, and the list goes on and on it seems. However, there are a lot of things that are the same each year; things that I know I can count on and take comfort in. With each new year I know there is a sense of excitement and anticipation; a feeling that there are good things to come.



to mark the beginning of a new year of our ministry. There will be lots of food and games, but most importantly we are offering some great company. Whether you are new to our program or have been with us for several years, we invite you to come join us and get to know some of the other parents and teens in our ministry.

After our Potluck Picnic we will be continuing to meet on Sunday Evenings at 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Be sure to check our list of Sunday meeting dates in our upcoming emails. So, what we do on Sundays? Our aim is to give our teens time for fellowship to build relationships within our group. We hang out, eat some pizza, play some games and give our kids time to catch up and share what's going on in their lives. We also plan lessons that allow our teens to make connections to our faith - how it supports us and guides us, when we can look to verses and parables to help us navigate through life, and to find encouragement and comfort. It can be really hard to figure out how our faith relates to everyday life, and we seek to support our youth in their faith and life journey.



We are starting YOM up with our Potluck Picnic for YOMs and their Families at the end of September. Be sure to join us for this event

What else is in the works? Coming up this Fall we are planning a special Mission Trip Sharing Day. This will take place during the 9:30am service on Sunday. You'll have a chance to hear our teens talk about the work we did during our mission trip to Puerto Rico this summer and you can check out some of our photos afterwards. Our teens worked in-



## YOM Continued



credibly hard to create a positive impact in the community and we are looking forward to sharing our experience with all of you. We hope you will join us for this special service.

We are also in the early stages of planning for our 2020 Mission Trip for our youth. It feels like we just came back from Puerto Rico, but it is already time for us to look ahead to our future endeavors. Our trips typically follow a rotation of three types of trips; a “local”



trip, or one where we can drive; a trip that is out of state; and an international trip. This year, we are excited to be taking another road trip for our mission week (even if we aren't certain where God will lead us!). One thing that is always apparent to us through our experiences during these trips, is that wherever our destination we will also be able to make a positive impact. Anywhere we travel, we will encounter people who need God's love, and communities in need of healing. Stay tuned for future updates as we continue with our planning.

—David A. Reichley, Youth Minister

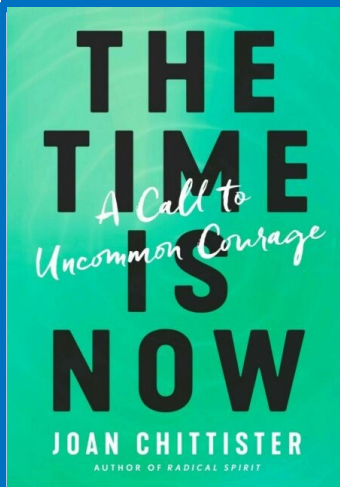
## New Parish House Keys

For security reasons, the exterior locks for the Parish House have been changed. If your duties here at Messiah require you to have a key, please contact the Rector. The new keys are numbered, allowing us to maintain better control over who has been assigned a key. To alleviate the costs associated with having keys made, charge for a new key is \$5.00.



## Book Club

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 for 6 weeks, 11-12:30



### THE TIME IS NOW: A CALL TO UNCOMMON COURAGE by Joan Chittister

The time is now.....for what? Come join the conversation focused on Sister Joan's 2019 book "THE TIME IS NOW". The book is dedicated to "average but courageous people who forever seek the truth, defend the weak, bring the peace, and always, always, always, stand up to protest injustice – it is to you."

How do we really get out of the swamp we're in? Answer: BY CONFRONTING IT. Response: HOW?

Answer: TRUTHFULLY

Response: BUT WHAT WILL THAT TAKE?

Answer: A MODEL, A VISION, A COMMITMENT, COURAGE AND.....

Annnnd.....? What else is needed to fix this muddled world?

Answer: YOU.

Join the conversation – Beginning Wednesday October 9, 2019 for 6 weeks. 11-12:30, Guild

Room – sign up sheet in narthex – Indicate if you would like the book ordered for you–

Hardcover price- \$13.20 or you can order from Kindle for \$10.99

MaryJo Melberger - questions?? – [revmjmelb@verizon.net](mailto:revmjmelb@verizon.net)

### A DAY IN THEIR SHOES –

**POVERTY SIMULATION-Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am to noon at Bishop McDevitt High School, Wyncote, PA.**

Unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to understand what it's like to live in it. One of four families in Philadelphia live in poverty. **THIS IS A FREE EVENT.** For more information, contact The Rev. Toneh Smyth at [tsmyth@diopa.org](mailto:tsmyth@diopa.org).



### WOMEN VETERAN TRAUMA RECOVERY RETREAT

9/28/2019 from 10 to 3 pm,

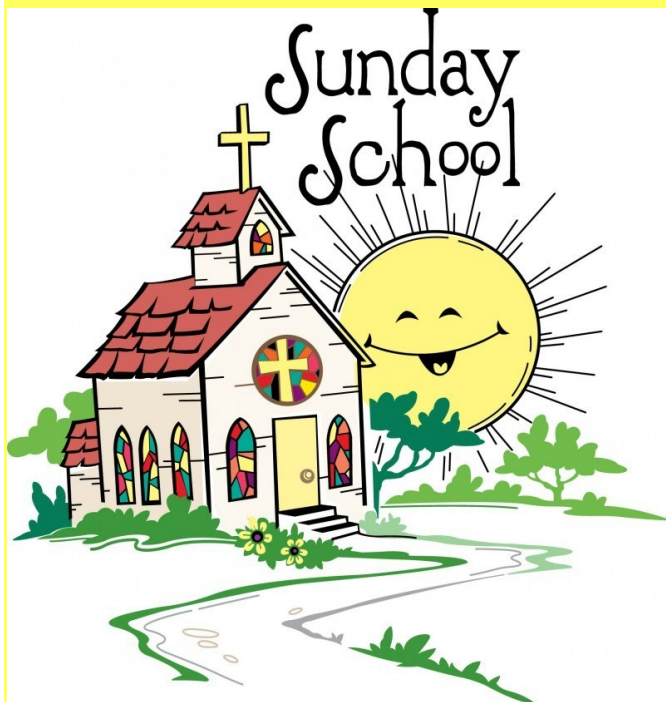
at St. Raphaela Center

Haverford, PA

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT.**

For more information, contact The Rev. Toneh Smyth at [tsmyth@diopa.org](mailto:tsmyth@diopa.org).





Now that summer has come to an end, we can look back over the past several months and reminisce about the fun things we've done. Maybe it was a week at the beach, maybe it was a trip abroad, or maybe it was a day trip or two. But one way or another, most of us likely took some time to step away from our homes to be somewhere else. This year our family took a trip to the beach. My goal before we started the trip was to pack as few things as possible to make sure that my husband, my mom, my two kids AND our two dogs could fit comfortably in two sedans for the ride. And knowing that we hopefully wouldn't be spending that much time in the house made me want to go really light on the toys. However, my five year old had different expectations...and her own plans...big plans...to take LOTS of toys. As I was talking her through packing and trying to give her good enough reasons to only take a few things, it became apparent that she didn't have plans to play with all of these toys. She just wanted them there with her. It was as if she imagined herself being far away from her precious princess barbies and not being able to go get one when she thought of them...and that made her a little anxious. In the end it wasn't about the "stuff" but about the familiarity that her toys bring to her daily life. We had to have the same discussion when it came to pack-

ing clothes. The activity of packing to leave home made her evaluate what things she wanted to take in order to still feel the comfort she feels in her own house. I can clearly remember also feeling this way as a child. As adults, I think we ask ourselves the same question, but it's more of like "what things do I need that I absolutely could not go out and buy somewhere once I arrive?" Those are the things I pack first. As "grown ups" we've learned to adapt to the usual packing mishaps. But I'm sure, like children, we still all have that one thing that gives us a little bit of anxiety about leaving home. Home is our comfort, our haven, our place to retreat. It's where family and friends gather or where we have our quietest moments with our own thoughts.

There's a children's devotional by Max Lucado (adapted by Tama Fortner), called *Grace for the Moment: 365 Devotions for Kids*. There's a really great entry entitled "At Home with God," that really equates our relationship with home to the presence of God in our lives. The passage is based on the verse from John 14:23. "If anyone loves me, then he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." The devotional goes on to read:

"God wants to be your home. He doesn't just want to be the friend's house you visit or the clubhouse you hang in sometimes. He doesn't want to be your vacation spot or even the place you hope to live someday when you're older.

God wants to be the place where you live all the time-starting right now. He wants to be the place that you come to for answers, for help, and for comfort. He wants to be your home."

For some this is a new way of thinking. They only think of God as someone to talk about or to pray to. He is just Someone they visit on Sundays or holidays. He is a miracle worker, not a *place* to live. But your Father wants to be much more. Your Father wants you to live with Him all the time(Acts 17:28). God wants to be the home that you carry with you wherever you go."

I like this analogy of God wanting to be our "home," because children have such a strong emotional connection to their homes. The more that



they hear the Word of God and become immersed in our faith community, the sturdier their Godly home will become. If we continue to guide them in the way of the Lord, the home that they share with God will grow such a foundation that there will be nothing left to do then to build upwards. Imagine the kingdom our children can create when all of their homes come together! The beauty of our church school community is that children can come together each week, and we can all help each other to build our Godly homes. So encourage your children to come and join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30. We'll be sharing the love and getting busy building some solid foundations in Christ!

**Church School registration will open on Sunday, September 8 following the 9:30 service.**

Join us at our sign up table for a fun activity and plenty of registration forms! We do ask that returning families fill out a new form each year. It helps to keep our information up to date. You ARE able to register at ANY time before or after our first day of church school. There is no deadline. Children are ALWAYS welcome to come on any Sunday. Our forms simply help us gather information on ages, food allergies, etc. so that we can make our church school as safe and age appropriate as possible. **Our first official day of church school will be September 15. If you are new to our church school program this year, here is a bit about what you can expect:**

Children from ages three-grade six are invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the upstairs of the Parish Hall. During church school, children will receive a snack while participating in our weekly lesson/activity. At approximately 10:15 we lead the children back into church so that they can reunite with their families for communion and the remainder of the service. Depending on the size of our group on a Sunday morning, we will group the children according to ages so that they can better engage in the lesson. There will be church school every Sunday through Mother's Day except for a few Sundays which will be announced. If there is no church school, children are welcome to utilize our Kids' Corner in the back left of the church.

We have a yearly Christmas pageant that will take place on the Sunday before Christmas. All children are invited to participate! We also have a children's service that takes place on Mother's Day each year. For the service, children are invited ahead of time to participate in readings and music for the congregation. We also have several fun family events throughout the year! Please reach out to Tiffany Reichley with ANY questions you may have. [tmreich-](mailto:tmreichley@gmail.com)

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**Save the Date: Our Children's Fall Fest will be here before you know it!**

On Sunday October 20, children are invited to join in the fun for a fall fest in the Parish Hall following the 9:30 service. There will be cupcake decorating, games, crafts and face painting!

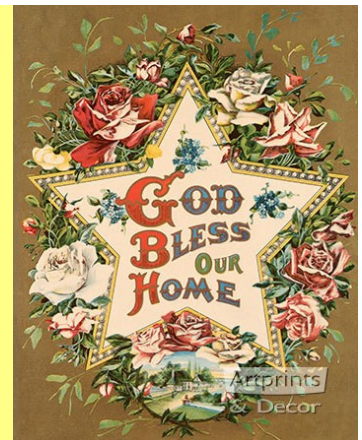
**Nursery:**

NURSERY care will begin on Sunday, September 15. Parents are invited to bring infants and toddlers to the nursery for care during the 9:30 service. Nursery care will continue every Sunday unless otherwise posted.

**Seeking Help:**

We are currently looking for volunteers to work with our church schoolers on Sunday mornings AND to volunteer in our nursery. Both positions would take place during the 9:30 service. We know this is a sacrifice to those who attend that service, so we would not ask you to miss church every Sunday. Nursery duty is on a rotational schedule. Church school can be on a rotational schedule as well for those who cannot help every week. It is so important that we nurture our little ones on Sunday mornings and help them learn to become active members of the church. Volunteering is a GREAT way to show them firsthand how to get involved. If you have any questions before deciding or if you would definitely like to volunteer, please contact Tiffany Reichley: [tmreich-](mailto:tmreichley@gmail.com)

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## Ladies Tea Party

September 21, 2019, 1 to 3 pm

St. David's Church, 763 S Valley Forge Road, Wayne, PA 19087

For the women who give their time to their churches, their communities, their families. This tea party is for you.

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship with women from the 134 churches across this diocese. Event tickets are \$10 which includes a catered tea party.

ALL proceeds to to the diocese's female veterans moral injury project, the first in the nation to help our women warriors. The event will take place at St. David's Episcopal Church in Wayne.

For registration contact us, [info@diopa.org](mailto:info@diopa.org), or go to <https://www.diopa.org/events/tea>.



## 2020 Pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play and Imperial Cities of Europe – Sept 2-12, 2020

Unfortunately, one of the individuals who had reserved a spot for Messiah's 2020 pilgrimage has had to drop out due to health reasons. Rather than turn the spot back to the tour company, we are hoping someone will want to sign up to take this opening. Since the \$450 non-refundable down payment has already been paid, the price to claim this open spot on the 11-day trip is now only \$6000 for a double accommodation or \$6800 for a single.




The original performance of the world-renowned Oberammergau Passion Play dates back almost four centuries to the year 1634. During the Thirty-Year War, the small Bavarian village of Oberammergau was spared the ravages of the Black Plague. In thanksgiving, the residents vowed that every ten years they would reenact the last days of Christ in a magnificent passion play. All of the performers of this once-each-decade event are required to be native to the village, from babes in arms to village elders. To be chosen for the various roles is a great honor, and to lend authenticity to the performance, the cast starts to grow their hair and beards more than a year in advance.

In addition to visiting the charming Oberammergau village and attending the Passion Play (Category I tickets and seating), we will visit a trio of Europe's most beautiful cities: Budapest, Vienna and Prague; as well as the fairy-tale town of Cesky Krumlov and other sites and experiences throughout the region.

Check the church website for additional details. If interested, or if you have questions and need more information, please speak with the Rector ASAP.



# SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 12 Pentecost – Proper 17</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Tea on the Terrace	<b>2 LABOR DAY</b> office closed	<b>3</b> 7:30 PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM OA 7:30 PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 8:30 AM Trinity Ambler here for staff retreat—8:30 to 1:30 pm
<b>2 13 Pentecost – Proper 18</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:30 am Holy Eucharist with Parish Picnic and Church registration	<b>9</b> 10 AM Thrift Shop Opens 6 PM Montgomery County AA Zone Meeting-Parish Hall 7 PM Fellowship Ministry Meeting	<b>10</b> 11:15 AM Holy Eucharist at Brittany Pointe 7:30 PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM OA 7:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom	<b>12</b> CHOIR STARTS 7-9 pm Music	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Harmony Theater
<b>15 14 Pentecost – Proper 19</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Tea on the Terrace 11:00 AM VESTRY ORIENTATION MEETING 6-7:30 PM YOM (Youth of the Messiah)	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM Vestry meeting-Guild room	<b>17</b> 7:30 PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM OA 7:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 PM Music - 7 to 9 pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM Harmony Theater
<b>22 15 Pentecost – Proper 20</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Tea on the Terrace 2:00 PM Holy Eucharist at Meadowood	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> 7:30 PM AA, Alanon, and Alateen meetings	<b>25</b> 9:30 AM OA 7:00 PM Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM ACOA meeting-upstairs YOM classroom	<b>26</b> 7-9 PM Music	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM Harmony Theater
<b>29 16 Pentecost – Proper 21</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Fellowship 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Tea on the Terrace 6-7:30 PM YOM (Youth of the Messiah)	<b>30</b> Newsletter deadline 10/15-11/30 8:30 AM Lifeline Screening					



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## September

9/1 Jeff Christman	9/22 Clyde Shoop
9/3 Alexandra Knowles	9/22 Laura Mangan
9/7 Betty Buchecker	9/22 Ben Hoffman
9/7 Grace Murphy	9/22 Kassidy Komorowski
9/8 Billy Wertz	9/23 Leah Harrison
9/8 Jason Komorowski	9/26 Katherine Higgins
9/10 Joel Hoffman	9/27 Pat Plumb
9/16 Matt Oldt	9/27 Clarence Wurts
9/16 Heather Heacock	9/29 Jeanne Shirk
9/17 Lee Duffield	9/30 Barbara Harvey
9/17 Addison Reichley	
9/17 Owen Piper	
9/19 Leslie Taglieber	
9/19 Julia Kramer	
9/21 Judy Buzby	
9/21 Ciara Prezuhy	
9/21 Dave Miller	



**BAPTISMS:** “Marked as Christ’s own forever.”

**Owen Thomas Piper**, son to Ted and Jackie Piper

**Tessa Michelle Quarles**, daughter to Blair and Tamara Quarles

**Archer Robert Clemens**, son to Ryan and Amy Clemens

**MARRIAGES:** “And the two shall become one flesh”

**Jessica Marie Powell-Cohen** and **Daniel Riley McHugh**, August 3, 2019

**Kristopher Casey** and **Zachary Bergfelt**, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, NYC

**Emily Katherine Prezuhy** and **Adam Michael Dunst**, August 16, 2019

## Clergy

The Rev. Keith A. Marsh, *Rector*

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*Parish Administrator*

Hannah Albrecht,  
*Music Director/ Organist*

Dave Reichley,  
*Director of Family Ministries:  
Youth*

Mike Linn, *Sexton*

Sunday Worship: 8 and 9:30 a.m

Church School: 9:15 am

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