



# Keep Church in Your life!

Easter has come and gone and springtime will soon turn into summer. Life in the church doesn't stop after Pentecost Sunday (June 5th this year) but if anything it picks up a bit. There are several plans for this summer here at Messiah and I hope you all take advantage of them in whatever way you wish.

There are several events planned with our ecumenical partners this summer. The first will be Rogation Sunday on the afternoon of May 22nd. We will gather at 2pm at Dragonfly winery for worship and the blessing of the earth, seed and farmer. We will share in Holy Communion and fellowship. We are also looking at doing an outside service there a couple more times over the summer, perhaps one on a Saturday night. Watch the E~Blast for more information as plans for these events unfold.

We are also planning a "Vacation Bible School" for later in the summer. We are not looking at the traditional VBS format but something that will be more arts focused. Please consider offering your time and talent if asked so we can make this event a success. This event will be open to the community and held here at Messiah in partnership with our Presbyterian and Episcopal partners.

As we move into the summer let's make worship as casual as possible. "Come as you are" will be the dress code for this summer. Make time for church during the busy summer months, make time for God!

Blessings,

Pastor Ray



## **Rogation Sunday**

**May 22, 2:00pm**

**We are joining together with our ecumenical partners in a Rogation Sunday Service at Dragonfly Winery. A rogation service is a traditional spring worship service where the earth, the seeds and plants, farmer and equipment are blessed and celebrated as they begin the new growing season. We will gather with members of the Urbana First Presbyterian Church, and the northern Miami Valley Episcopal Cluster in the vineyard to give thanks to our Creator and ask God's blessings for the year's harvest. Bring some dirt from your own garden if you wish. Wear casual clothes and join us at 2:00pm on May 22. Dragonfly Winery is located at 710 West Herr Road. For Those of you who can not attend there will be a traditional service at our norm time. 10:00am in the sanctuary.**

## **Caregiver Support Group**



**What is a “caregiver”? Well like the old saying goes, “You’ll know it when you are one.”**

**Being a caregiver is a 24/7 job. Statistics show that caregivers often live shorter lives than the person they are caring for. Caregivers seldom get a day off, especially if the person they are caring for needs constant care. Pastor Ray will be starting a Caregiver Support Group in June. If you are interested, or have questions, please speak to Pastor Ray.**

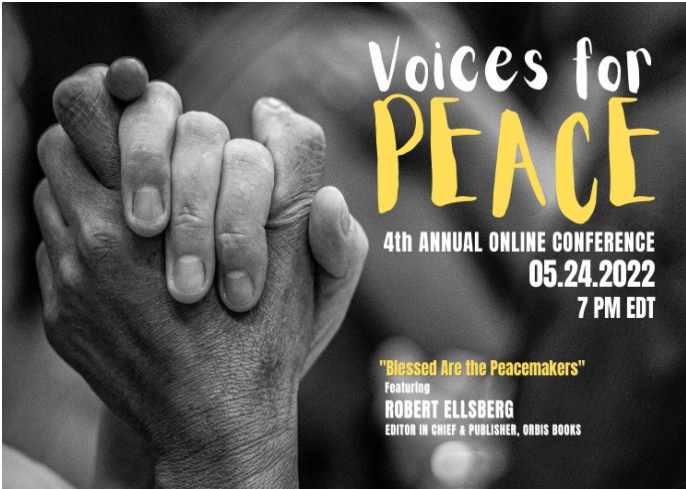
## **Feeding the Hungry**

**We feed the hungry in many ways here at Messiah. We have the Blessing Box that has steady visits, we support the Caring Kitchen, Warehouse, and ELCA Global Hunger. We also have an opportunity to “Go to the fields” and feed those who labor. In June Messiah will feed those who are building this year's Habitat for Humanity home in Mechanicsburg. As soon as a date is set we will let you all know, please plan on taking part in this outreach.**

### **Sunday Text Readings for May**

- May 8 Paul and Silas, Acts 16:16-34**
- May 15 Paul's Sermon at Athens, Acts 17:16-31**
- May 22 Partnership in the Gospel, Philippians 1:1-18a**
- May 29 The Christ Hymn, Philippians 2:1-13**
- June 5 Rejoice in the Lord (Pentecost), Acts 2:1-21;  
Philippians 4:4-7**

***This summer we will be following the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary***



**Pastor Ray will be hosting this event, in our sanctuary via live stream on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. This event is open to the public so invite a friend.**

In a time when war, freedom protests, autonomous weapons, and decolonization are daily news, what does the peace tradition of faith communities suggest for us today? Now perhaps more than ever, peace requires serious consideration. Join people from around the world as we gather on May 24, 2022, at 7 PM EDT, for our 2022 Voices for Peace conference – Blessed Are the Peacemakers. Our featured keynote — award-winning author and the publisher of Orbis books, Robert Ellsberg, will talk about what it is to create a culture of peace that embraces the radical vision of the Beatitudes.

Special guests include Borys Gudziak, Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church; Willard Metzger, Executive Director, Citizens for Public Justice; Joanne Jefferson, Kairos Indigenous Rights Circle, Stolon Nation; opera singer and concert artist Measha Brueggergosman; and peace activist Sister Mary-Ellen Francoeur.Event

### **Sponsors**

**Henri Nouwen Society, Canadian Council of Churches, Church of the Redeemer, Religions for Peace Canada, Citizens for Public Justice, Basilian Centre for Peace & Justice, and The International Thomas Merton Society.**

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In meditation we can come to the affirmation that we are not created by other people but by God, that we are not judged by how we compare with others but by how we fulfill the will of God.

# Birthdays in May



May 2	Jeni Wiant
May 8	Bob Brenning
May 11	Gene Newcomer
May 12	Chris Instine John Wilson
May 14	Karen Adams
May 15	Keith Monroe
May 18	Allan Branstiter Robbin Nicol
May 20	Valerie Watson
May 22	Nancy Instine

Our apologies if your birthday has been omitted. If you wish your birthday to be removed, please call the church office.



## You Pick'm and We'll Sing'm!

Once again this summer you get to pick the hymns! Is there a hymn we haven't sung for awhile, maybe a Christmas hymn that didn't make the list this year. Here is your chance, submit your favorite hymn and we will sing it this summer. Of course, you need to be in church to sing it! We will begin singing the hymns submitted the second Sunday in June. So, get your list in early!

What is the most interesting fact about the Bible?

### **The Bible is Over 1,000 Chapters Long**

Additionally, the Bible has an astounding 1,189 chapters, with 929 in the Old Testament and 260 in the New Testament. Of these chapters, both the longest and shortest chapters are in Psalms. Psalms 117 comes in as the shortest Bible chapter, while Psalms 119 is the longest.

# MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:00am Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30am Sewing Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5-7 pm Girl Scouts , EW	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9-2 Women's Retreat, Narthex, Sanctuary
<b>8</b> 10:00am Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30am Sewing Group 6:30pm Council Mtg	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5-7 pm Girl Scouts , EW	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 10:00am Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30am Sewing Group	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5-7 pm Girl Scouts , EW 5:30 "Theology on the Vine" Dragonfly Winery 710 W Herr Rd	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10:00am Worship 2:00pm Dragonfly Winery (Rogation Svc)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30am Sewing Group	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5-7 pm Girl Scouts , EW	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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