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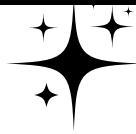


Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



# Mark your calendars!



## Caregiver Support Group

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 4th, at 4:00 PM! An open space and conversation group for all who care for ailing loved ones. Whether you provide the care of a significant other, child, sibling, or other relationship, gather with others in similar situations to share stories of challenge and joy while we open and close with prayer.

We also welcome all who have been in this role but now grieve the death of those they've cared for.



## Bible Study



Our twice-monthly meetings will resume in September. We will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday nights at 7:15pm. No reservations are required—feel free to come as you are!

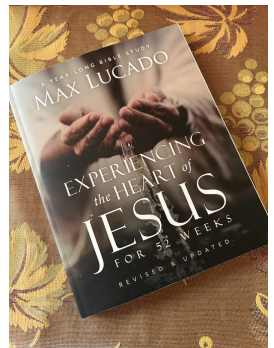
This is a fantastic opportunity to connect and engage with our community. Expect a joyful gathering filled with friendship and warmth! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Cindy Heffner at [clh24esq@yahoo.com](mailto:clh24esq@yahoo.com). We can't wait to see you there!



## Ladies Bible Study

Get ready for some inspiring spiritual insights! Ladies, TODAY Is the day!

Join us Thursday, September 11th, at 10:00 AM for a meaningful study session focused on “Experiencing the PRAYER of Jesus.” We will consider the cost, his choice, our choice and how we are clothed In Christ as we leave our sins at the cross. It's an opportunity you surely won't want to miss!



## Art Space

Enjoy fellowship and experience new art projects. Bring your favorite craft and join us at Epiphany Church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month from 11am-3pm. Practice your craft, learn new skills, make new friends and enjoy guilt free time with your favorite art projects. Everyone Is welcome. You are also welcome to bring a brown bag lunch or bring a snack to share.

Healing and self care, one art project at a time!

Episcopal Church of the Epiphany  
236 Scioto Street, Urbana ohio

# Prayer Power



## **Active Military Serving Our Great Country:**

*Lieutenant Colonel Matt Williamson*

*Captain Danielle Wildman*

*E-4 Specialist Jacob Martin*

## **Keep in your prayers:**

All the kiddos going back to school

Fach Family  
Carmichael Family  
Shirley Wingfield  
Frank Himler  
Dave Tieman  
John Ridder  
Debbie Ridder  
Darcy Olinger  
Tyler Gartner  
Loretta Vernon  
Josh Guilleland  
Matt Vanscoy  
Nicole Kemmer  
Ann Hahn  
Jenny Goodfellow  
Carolyn Rogers  
Ed Larson  
Louise Martin  
Wendy Borg  
Penny Berlin  
Kim Wilson  
Harry Osborne  
Austin Morgan  
Erin Morgan  
Andy Mitterholzer  
Andrea Buescher

## **Continued Prayers:**

Jude Carmichael  
Nova Carmichael  
Brian Nicol  
Kaleb Boyd  
Declan Crabtree  
Marna Levin  
Carlton Mason  
Joyce Donner  
Linnae Wilson  
Tracie Hendrix  
Henry Springer  
Margie Baker  
Barb Lawson  
Rosie Kuss

Michelle Olson  
John Cahoon  
Angela Elsass  
Hannah Nord  
Judith Key  
Braden Kizer  
Corey Schaefer  
Tim Thompson  
Bill Edwards  
Kim Edwards  
ELif Ogan  
Dennis Jesse  
Darlene Byrd Jackson

## **Nursing Home/ Assisted Living/ Homebodies:**

Jane Carey  
Louise Martin  
Ted Berlin  
Penny Berlin

Please reach out to the church office If you have a prayer request.  
Let us pray for you.  
(937) 653-4110

# New News

## Musical Ministry at Messiah

“Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with flute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!”

Psalms 150:3-6 NRSV

Messiah has a long history of music ministry, being blessed by those who share their God-given gifts with the congregation. You may notice a new collection of instruments in the worship space lately. This summer we will explore the richness of Lutheran hymnody using various voices and instruments each week. Thank you to all who serve in this act of ministry to our communion faith.

## Birthday Surprise Kits:

Thank you Jeni for the Idea of the Birthday Cake kit.

We have had several birthdays since the first of the year and they have been happily received. One family was having a members birthday, and the wife told Carolyn that she didn't even have a cake for her husband. After supplying a kit she came back and told Carolyn how happy her husband was to have a birthday cake made just for him.

Please keep showing up and showing out for our community. It makes a difference even If we aren't there to bare witness.



## Happy Birthday to you!

August 3st Siri Monroe

If you haven't had a chance, keep your eyes peeled In the playroom/nursery. There are some updates happening.  
(Slowly but surly)





# New News (Continued)

## What is the Lutheran Liturgy?

Every Sunday, we Lutherans join with other Christians around the world and through the centuries to do the "worship of the people," the liturgy. Following a Prelude, the liturgy has four parts: Gathering, Word, Meal, and Sending.

Beginning August 10, we will transition to a different set of musical pieces to celebrate the liturgy. The heart of this liturgical setting was composed by Richard Hillert (1923-2010). It was made familiar to many of you in the Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) hymnal, published by Augsburg Fortress in 1978. This liturgical setting was carried forward into the ELW (2006) hymnal that we use at Messiah today.

It may take a few weeks to get back in the groove of singing ELW Setting Three, so give yourself grace! If this music is new to you, meditate on the words, and soon you will be joining in the chorus.

## BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER GUIDE

*Let us pray for*

08-17 Ease the anxiety of students as they prepare to re-enter school in the coming weeks	08-18 Administrators and Counselors to prepare systems of inclusivity	08-19 Early Elementary School Teachers, seeing new families	08-20 Upper Elementary Teachers to have wisdom and patience	08-21 Middle School Teachers guiding students in this unique time of life	08-22 High School Teachers helping to prepare students for adult life	08-23 Boards of Education to seek wisdom in their decision making
08-24 Special Education Teachers as they meet new students and assist to meet individual needs	08-25 Cafeteria Workers providing the nutritional needs of students	08-26 Custodial workers, preparing for safe and clean environments	08-27 Coaches and Athletes to have fair and safe events, fostering valuable life lessons	08-28 School Art & Music Programs to be a safe place for creativity and joy	08-29 English Language Learners to feel a safe & welcome part of their community	08-30 Bus drivers carrying precious cargo each day
08-31 Christian Teachers to know the Spirit serves alongside them, daily	09-01 Students who come from unsettled homes, may their school be a place of safety and peace	09-02 School finances that they might have stability to support students' needs	09-03 The safety and a non-violent school year.	09-04 Students who feel left out and lonely	09-05 Substitute teachers, filling a vital role each day	09-06 Student and Teacher's Aides, that they may feel valued in their role
09-07 A teacher you know by name	09-08 College Students as they work toward their goals	09-09 Families who homeschool their children	09-10 Parent Teacher and Booster organizations who support our local schools	09-11 Christian Students to stand strong in their faith	09-12 Students who are questioning their identity	09-13 Students who are anxious about new things

THE HOLY SPIRIT *moves* AMONG US





# New News (Continued)

## Blessing Box:

A generous person will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9

Thank you for all the food you have been bringing In for the box. It is greatly appreciated by those we serve. Thank you to Irene Scott for the generous donation of eggs. Those folks that receive the eggs are so excited. One lady told Carolyn “I am going home to bake some cookies which I haven’t done for a long time.”

We are at the point right now that we need either a big food drive or some financial donations. If you give a donation to Carolyn Gartner , you still get credit on your giving report at the end of the year. You can also make a donation directly to church, just mention It Is for the Blessing Box.

## The items needed are:

**Canned soups:** cream of chicken, chicken noodle, cream of mushroom, tomato soup

**Canned Vegetables:** green beans, peas, carrots, whole potatoes, diced tomatoes, corn, spaghetti, ravioli, kidney beans, northern beans, spaghetti sauce, mixed vegetables

**Breakfast foods:** cereal, breakfast essentials, pop-tarts, pancake mix, syrup

**Easy Meals:** Hamburger Helper, taco meals (plus seasonings), dressing mixes, Instant mashed potatoes

These are some of the things we have given In the past. If you think of things outside this list that Is wonderful, just think of things that you and your family like.



# BLESSINGS OVERFLOW



# Messiah Happenings!

## Altar Flowers

Delight in the beauty of seasonal blooms for your celebrations! Reflect on cherished memories or honor those special people in your life with a touch of floral elegance. To reserve your Sunday and craft a memorable experience, contact the office: (937) 653-4110.



### Flowers needed on the following:

September 21  
October: 5, 12, 19, 26  
November: 16, 23, 30  
December: 7, 14, 28

Altar Flowers Donated last Sunday by  
The Wingfield Family!

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## Eggs

Irene Scott dedicates her time to raising chickens and generously donates the eggs she collects to various organizations. Can we come together to help her by gathering egg cartons? Absolutely, yes! Let's turn this vision into reality, family! This is a continuous need, church family, and as always, you're rising to the occasion. I'm incredibly proud of everyone! Let's continue to shine brightly!

If you'd like to buy eggs from her, they are available for \$4.00 per dozen. You can reach Irene by calling or texting (614) 403-3957.



# Messiah Happenings (Continued)

## Teamwork makes the dream work!

### August Worship Leadership Schedule:

~~August 3:~~

~~Emma Helms-Steinmetz~~

~~August 17:~~

~~Emma Helms-Steinmetz~~

**August 31:**

Emma Helms-Steinmetz

~~August 10:~~

~~Messiah Worship Committee~~



~~August 24:~~

~~Pastor Bruce @ First Presbyterian  
Church, Urbana~~



### **Be a part of Holy Cross Day September 14**

This festival, which originated in the fourth century, celebrates the triumph of the cross. Paul reminds us that Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God.

As Moses put a serpent on a pole to be a source of healing for the Israelites, we lift high the cross as the sign of our health and salvation.

### **Liturgical Art Exhibit**

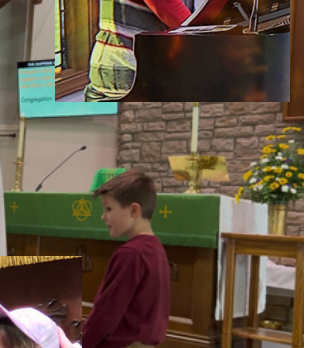
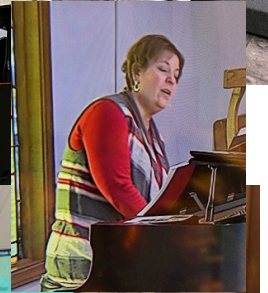
- Share your crosses with the Messiah community for this exhibit.
- Blank exhibit tags will be available by Aug. 17
  - name; year; description
- Bring crosses to the church between Aug. 31 - Sept. 10
- The Liturgical Arts Team will carefully curate an exhibit for display from Sept. 14-28
- Crosses may be picked after worship on Sept. 28
- Questions--see Linda Nichols or Jeni Wiant

### School Supplies for Kids Distribution:

We had a successful distribution of the school supplies on Saturday, Aug 16th! Thank you to everyone who helped with the program this year – for drivers who picked up the order at

Walmart, for the counters who verified the shipment, for the many people who worked sub-assembling and packaging the correct items for each grade into 655 bags, and for the helpers on distribution day! The packaging was completed in four days – which is amazing! We dispersed over 615 bags of school supplies to around 140 cars that went through the line. The remaining bags are being given out to people who have left messages at the church needing supplies, and have been offered to each of the 5 county schools that have started to date. The secretary emails the teachers to see if they have any students who need their supplies, and then email the results back to us and we deliver the grades needed to the schools. The plan is to only have a few left towards next year. Great job Messiah!!







# 2025 Photo Reel (Continued)

