

Dear Messiah Family,

We are writing this letter to share with you a decision made by the MLC Council at our December meeting.

As the Council, we have been looking at the work being done by each and every one of our staff members. We were struck by each person's commitment and passion for the ministry that God has given them at Messiah. They have responded with creativity and energy to meet the needs of the church and broader community during the COVID closure. It has been relentless and demanding work.

In recognition of this, Council voted to provide time for staff to unplug, reflect, and recharge by suspending all Messiah operations and granting our staff two weeks of additional paid leave from Monday, February 1 – Friday, February 12. During that time, the office will be closed. Additionally, we will not have our usual Facebook Live worship services. Instead, these services will be pre-recorded and posted on our website.

The office will be closed beginning February 1 and will reopen on February 15.

- If you have questions related to the office, or to property, or to finance, please call the church office and leave a message. The office phone number is 253-833-5280. The voicemail box will be checked every day and your message will be forwarded to the right person.
- If you have prayer requests or other needs for support, please call.
- If you have questions on finance, please leave a message for Pam Downing. The calls will be returned after February 15.

We believe that stewardship involves caring for all that God has given us, which includes our human needs for rest and renewal after significant exertion. We invite you to join us in thanking our staff for their outstanding work of the past year and praying for them during this time of rejuvenation. If anyone has any questions, they may feel free to reach out to any council member.

Sincerely,

Charlie Radabaugh, President
Dave Carlsen, Vice President
Anne Baunach, Secretary
Janene Nelson, Treasurer
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