

**SUNDAY, MAY 26**

Praise Band Practice: 8 am

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Middle School Hangout: 2:30 pm

Taste of Grace: 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

GIFT (Girls Group): 6:30 pm

Boys Group: 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 30

High School Hangout: 4:30 pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Praise Band Practice: 8 am

UMYF Snack Supper: 5 pm

UMFY: 5:45 pm

END OF THE YEAR PARTY AND \$5 PROM. Sunday, June 9, 5-8 pm in the Youth Center.

WE NEED HOST FAMILIES. Fireproof Youth Choir will be coming to lead an Evening Service on Tuesday, June 18 at 7 pm in the youth center. 31 youth and adults need host homes. They will need to be picked up at 8:30 pm from Messiah and dropped off at Messiah by 7 am on Wednesday June 19. Signup now at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E4AABAE28A75-hosting>

If you have any questions about the youth program or would like to be added to the weekly email, please email Tommy Suh at tsuh@messiahumc.org.

**SUNDAY, MAY 26**

Joyful Noise Rehearsal: 7:45 am

Worship Service: 8:15 am

Worship Service: 9:30 am

Fellowship Hour: 9:30 am

Servicio de Adoración: 9:30 am

Fellowship Hour: 10:30 am

Stephen Minister Available: 10:30 am

Worship Service: 11 am

Risk (Nontraditional Service): 11 am

Parish Nurses Meeting: 11 am

Prayer Service: 5 pm

MONDAY, MAY 27

The Church is closed in observance of Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Curmudgeons' Bible Study: 8:30 am

LAMB Center Lunch Prep: 9 am

Church Council: 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Men's Prayer Group: 8 am

Bible Study: 3 pm

Fellowship Dinner: 6 pm

Pomona College Glee Club: 7 pm

EnrichHer: 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Yahweh Bible Study: 12:30 pm

Chancel Choir: 7:30 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 31

Men's Bible Study: 6:30 am

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

MUMM Bible Study: 6:30 am

Orchestra Rehearsal: 9 am

"Rock, Paper Scissors:" 10 am

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Faith Stories: 12:15 pm

Prayer Service: 5 pm

MESSIAH'S ANNUAL WREATH-LAYING SERVICE IN HONOR OF MEMORIAL DAY is today from 10:40 - 11:55 am outside of the church's main entrance. Please join if you are able.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 9 am - 3 pm

Friday: Closed except by appointment

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**SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019**

We are thankful you chose to worship with us today. Welcome! We are a United Methodist church full of people with many differences, and, we love it that way! We all have one thing in common we all seek to share God's love by loving each other and those in our neighborhood just as we are. So we welcome you today, just as you are. No exceptions! No matter what you believe or who you are, we pray that you experience God's love and presence in a brand new way this morning. We look forward to getting to know you!

If you would like to become a member of Messiah, subscribe to our weekly email, or have any questions about our church, contact Lauren Geraghty, Pastor of Welcoming, at 703-569-9862, LGeraghty@messiahumc.org. Visit the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) to receive a Welcome Bag! Welcome Center workers are also happy to answer any questions you may have or help you find a Sunday school class!

MUSIC AT MESSIAH PRESENTS as part of their annual tour, the Pomona College Glee Club on **Wednesday, May 29 at 7 pm**. Admission is free, and the performance will last about one hour. The Glee Club, directed by Dr. Donna Di Grazia, is Pomona College's elite chamber choir. One of the current singers, Matthew Cook '20, is a member of Messiah. For more information about the ensemble, including the concert set, please visit the choral program's website <http://choral.pomona.edu/about-glee-club/>.

FAITH STORIES, EVERYONE HAS ONE. Come and hear Tommy Suh's faith story Sunday, June 2, at 12:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A free light lunch will be served. All are welcome to attend. RSVP by May 30 to Robin Ringler at ringler@messiahumc.org, or by calling or texting Deb Rowland at 703-304-7964. You may also fill out the RSVP card in the bulletin and drop it in the collection plate or leave it in the basket at the welcome center. Please let us know if you need childcare.

**WEEKEND BACKPACK SUMMER SUSTENANCE CAMPAIGN
CONTINUES TODAY AND RUNS THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 2.**

The goal is to provide each of the 348 families currently served by the WBP with a \$50 Giant grocery gift card to assist with the transition into summer where no free breakfast or lunch is available. Support can be offered in two ways:

1. donating a \$50.00 Giant grocery gift card
2. making a financial donation to Messiah UMC with WBP Summer written in the memo line of the check.

Your donation can be dropped in the Yellow WBP Donation Boxes after each service, placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office. Gift cards will be delivered to each of the four area schools served along with our last food delivery in June. The WBP Team thanks each of you in advance for your support of food insecure families living in Springfield.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND NOAH'S ARK CAMP.

Noah's Ark Camp - July 1 & 2 (Mon & Tues), 9 am – noon – is a mini-VBS for our 3-6 year olds. We'll have fun playing with water outside, participate in music and crafts, and experience God's love!

Vacation Bible School - July 22 – 26, 9 am - noon. Our fun-filled VBS is for 4 year olds through rising 6th graders. This year's theme is "To Mars and Beyond – Explore Where God's Power Can Take You!" Children will discover the wonder of God's universe, exploring where God's power can take them.

Registration for these programs has begun. We have forms available in person and on our web site at www.messiahumc.org. Turn in forms in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays or in the church office during the week. Questions? Contact Robin Ringler at rringler@messiahumc.org or 703.569.9862, ext. 114.

We also need youth and adult volunteers! Please let us know if you can help.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS JULY 7. We're going to try something new at Messiah this summer by changing our Sunday morning schedule. Beginning on July 7, we will offer traditional worship at 8:30 am, a blended worship service and Sunday school at 10 am and our Risk service at 11:15 am. Be sure to spread the word!

JUNE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AT MESSIAH. People who were affected by this spring's floods, or by last year's hurricanes, or by earlier storms or those yet to come, need your help. Here are three ways members of all ages and abilities can help provide the much needed relief.

1. **Sunday, June 9**, Messiah will be assembling 600 cleaning kits (flood buckets). Volunteers are needed to hand out supplies, and to gather them into buckets. If you can tote a bucket, or pass out supplies, or sit and count, you can help. Plan on coming to the fellowship hall after the worship service you normally attend to provide your talents in service to others.
2. Set-up crew members are needed on **Saturday, June 8**, starting at 9 am in the Fellowship Hall. Saturday tasks include bundling 14,400 trash bags into groups of 24; dividing 10,800 cleaning wipes into sets of 18; setting up tables; and staging over 5 tons of supplies for the next day's packing event.
3. In late June, a team will be travelling to North Carolina to help rebuild homes damaged by previous hurricanes. You can help a family get back into their home and back to a "normal" life. Ability to swing a hammer is NOT a prerequisite. Training in many of the tasks needed to reconstruct a home can be provided on site in (usually) 3 minutes or less. More details to follow.

To volunteer, or for more information, reach Tom Dickinson at tom.dickinson@verizon.net.

Did you know, all sermons are available to watch on our website. Visit www.messiahumc.org/see-hear/ to watch.

To submit an item for this publication, email Laura Duhan at comm@messiahumc.org.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED.

Children's Summer Sunday School begins June 30. During the 10 am service, we'll have three pre-school classes, and we'll use a rotation model for our current kindergarteners - 6th graders. User friendly curriculum is provided. Sign up to help on the poster in the narthex, signup online at <https://tinyurl.com/y3tw3ppk> or contact Robin Ringler at rringler@messiahumc.org.

CHILI DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE LAMB CENTER.

Please bring your chili donations to the church by 9 am on Tuesday May 28. Contact Patti O'Neill at pattirn250@hotmail.com with questions.

LOOKING FOR A PRESCHOOL for the 2019 - 2020 school year? Our Child Enrichment Program (CEP) has classes for 17 months up to 4 years old, with small class sizes and plenty of one-on-one time with the children. We currently have many openings in the 2 year old and 4 year classes. Check out our website at www.messiahcep.org. If you'd like to take a tour or enroll your child, please contact Julie Wells at 703-569-3033 or email director@messiahcep.org.

PARTS UNKNOWN will be journeying to the Kreeger Art Museum in Washington DC on **Wednesday, June 19**. We will be leaving the church promptly at 9 am in order to arrive in time for our docent led 10 am tour. We will have time on our own after that and lunch on the way back, hoping to return to the church by 2:30 pm. The cost is \$8 payable that day and the cost of your lunch. To sign up contact Kathy Benton at kb8892@aol.com or 703-455-2073.

THE MESSIAH WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB is currently celebrating a free choice month in book reading. We will meet on Thursday, June 6th, at 7 pm in the church library to hear the brief summaries of all the books that have been read and recommended by each member. Join us with your own book recommendation.