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The Messenger

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Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (w/music)
indoors in sanctuary &
live-streamed on
Facebook

Messiah Vestry:

John P, Treasurer

Elected Wardens: serving until (year)

(2023)	(2024)
Dani P	Debbie B

Elected Members: serving until (year)

(2023)	(2024)	(2025)
Susan O	Julie C	Keith H
Craig R	Kathy K	Pat K
Dave S	Bernadette R	Holly P



We are a part of the
Episcopal Diocese of
Newark, NJ

About Transition—The vestry is in the process of completing our Ministry Profile to submit to the diocese. In addition to 5 essays the profile contains information about our congregation, outreach and inreach ministries, special interests, current programs, expectations for our future, what qualities we are looking for in a rector, our building and grounds and of course our finances.

As with everything else in our society these days anyone interested in our church as a potential rector will be looking at our website. If you haven't checked it out lately I highly recommend that you do- www.Messiahchester.org. It is updated weekly with the upcoming week's activities and any other timely information.

We are currently lining up supply priests for November, December and January. Anyone that has

been here for a long time will be happy to hear that John Mitchell will be covering one Sunday in each of those months. He was here with us for a few years during his training. Father Andrew Calandriello will be here October 16 & 23. Sharon will return on another Sunday.

If you enjoy being outside in the glorious Fall weather please consider spending some time Saturday on our church grounds getting ready to present this gorgeous property to Canon Clark-our neighbors and maybe to potential members!

Our parish picnic will be held on October 9th. We hope that you will be able to join us. As an extra highlight we plan to open up the rectory for tours that day so if you'd like a peek before it gets filled join us.

Dani P & Debbie B, Wardens

In November we celebrate All Saints and All Souls Days. Please tell us about someone who made a positive difference in your life—a teacher, nurse, employer, clergy, librarian? It can even be a fictional character. Please do not submit the name of anyone currently or formerly affiliated with the Church of the Messiah.

Some examples from my own life: Librarian Doris H., school librarian when I was a young teacher. Doris gave of herself so generously, both for the students and for the teachers who worked with her.

Nancy Matthews Edison, who home-schooled her son Thomas Alva Edison. As a child, Thomas did not succeed in the classroom due to a condition which would now be considered

dyslexia. Mrs. Edison was an inspiration to me as I sought to help a learning-disabled son.

Meg Murry, heroine of Madeleine L'Engle's book *A Wrinkle in Time*. This fictional character is an inspiration for courage and family loyalty.

This is not my newsletter, not the vestry's newsletter. It is the parish newsletter. We welcome everyone to contribute. As you think about All Souls Day, please write up and submit a short tribute to someone who inspired you to be your best self.

Carol K, Editor

Homeless Solutions

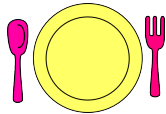
Friday, Oct 7th & Saturday, Nov. 19th

This is an opportunity for “hands-on” ministry: cooking and serving the dinner at the Morris County Homeless shelter called “Homeless Solutions.” We serve there at least once a month (12+ times each year.) Anyone aged 9 years or older is welcome to help. The sign-up sheet is on the board in the parish hall. We will be serving next on Friday, October 7th and on Saturday, November 19th.

If you would like to know more about what is involved, talk to Julie any of the people who have already been there.

At this time due to Covid restrictions all volunteers must be registered.

We intend this ministry to be a way to serve “hands-on” instead of just sending money; **but** serving about 70 people costs roughly \$100 each time. Your financial support is also welcome. If you can sponsor a meal or part of a meal, please mark “Homeless Solutions” on your check.



*In October, a maple tree
before your window
lights up your room like
a great lamp. Even on
cloudy days, its
presence helps to dispel
the gloom.*

—John Burroughs



October Birthdays

05	Bernadette R
10	Dave S
13	Michael O
14	Judy K
16	Hans S
23	Cindy C
30	Bryan F



October Anniversary

12 Cynthia D & Ken M

St. Elsie's Thrift Shop Schedule

Thursdays 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
50% off sales: Oct 7 & 9th
\$1 dollar sales: Oct 14th & 16th

Coffee Hour

After the 10 am service, we will join with our friends for a time of fellowship and conversation. Coffee, tea & wrapped snacks will be available.



“Plus One” Campaign

This is a very simple way to remember families in need. When you go to the supermarket, just add one item to your cart. Your single item, added to everyone else's single item, will make a huge difference.

Answers to Summer issue Rhyme Time

Each clue leads to a 2-word rhyming answer. The numbers indicate the number of letters in each word. For example, “large swine [3,3]” would be BIG PIG. Answers will appear in the September issue of The Messenger.

1. Microsoft mogul Bill glides across the ice [5,6]
2. Course of study taught by fashion designer Bill [5,5]
3. cause “Groundhog Day” star Bill to fret [6,5]
4. “Shake, Rattle & Roll” singer Bill; Sunday through Saturday newspaper [6,7]
5. former U.S. President Bill droppin’ a clue [7,6]

Neighbors in Need

“Neighbors in Need” in October is **North Porch**. Donations of **baby wipes** or large size diapers (especially size 6) are requested. They can be any variety, inexpensive ones are fine too.





St Elsie's Thrift Shop Needs Your Help!

Front sales desk help is needed: Saturdays 12 -.2.
Two other volunteers will be there to help, so this is truly a "no experience needed" situation.

Contact Diane if you are available
Dianecardillo9@gmail.com.

- Our thrift shop provides:
- ▶ vital income for our parish
 - ▶ a "shopping spree" for many who can't afford boutique prices
 - ▶ a resource for filling emergency needs for families in crisis.

What does the church believe on public policy issues?

Make your voice heard.

The Office of Government Affairs of The Episcopal Church represents us on critical public policy issues, advocating for positions taken by our bishops. Follow this link to learn what those positions are: www.episcopalchurch.org. Click on Ministries, then on Office of Government Affairs. There you will find a list of Action Alerts that spell out the church's position on such matters as the Cuban embargo, the Arctic Refuge Protection Act, gun reform, immigration reform, voting reform and police reform. It is easy to add your voice on these issues. On the website, you can find a letter on each issue, add your thoughts, and immediately email it to your representatives in Washington. You can sign up to receive email alerts from the Office of Government Affairs.

Dave S., Vestry member (Social Justice)



*Humankind has not woven the web of life.
We are but one thread within it.
Whatever we do to the web,
we do to ourselves.
All things are bound together.
All things connect.*

Chief Seattle

Many Gifts, One Spirit

God of change and glory,
God of time and space,
When we fear the future,
give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
give us still the grace to praise.

Ref: Many gifts, one Spirit,
one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
from diversity we praise
One Giver, one Lord, one Spirit, one Word
Known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts,
praise, praise, praise!

God of many colors,
God of many signs,
You have made us different,
blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
let your love cast out our fear. Refrain

Freshness of the morning,
newness of each night,
You are still creating
endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart. Refrain

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Senior Resource Center (SRC)

The SRC continues to offer great programs for seniors, mostly held here at Messiah. If you have questions about the SRC please call the Program Director, Liz Wynne, at 908-879-2202.



Just for Fun

Give a try to this “shifting sand” puzzle. The goal is to fill in the blanks, with the correct word at the end of each phrase shifting to become the first word of the next phrase. (See the example at right

Answers will appear in the November issue of *The Messenger*.

shifting sand
sand bank
bank robber
robber baron
Baron von Bismarck

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|---|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | purse _____ | _____ | control of finances |
| 2 | _____ | _____ | conditions required for acceptance |
| 4 | _____ | _____ | home feature appreciated in winter |
| 5 | _____ | _____ | event offering used items |
| 6 | _____ | _____ | special offer |
| 8 | _____ | _____ | <i>offering discounts</i> |
| 3 | _____ | <u>board</u> _____ | useful for chopping veggies |

Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep on choosing it everyday..

— Henri Nouwen

Saint Francis

Francis' [feast day](#) is observed on the 4th of October. Francis is the patron of animals, At the Church of the Messiah, as in many congregations, we honor St. Francis by including a blessing of animals on the first Sunday of October.



Flower Donations for the Altar

Is there a loved-one in your heart who has moved on to Heaven? Perhaps there is a living relative, friend, neighbor, or mentor you would like to honor? Altar flower donations are an excellent way to do so! If you attend church in person, you can sign up on the flower chart, then send your check to the office. You can also sign up by sending your request in via USPS mail, or by emailing it to the office.

You can make a request for the type or color of flowers you would like to have displayed. The suggested donation is \$35.



Good News Gardens: Plant, Pray, Proclaim

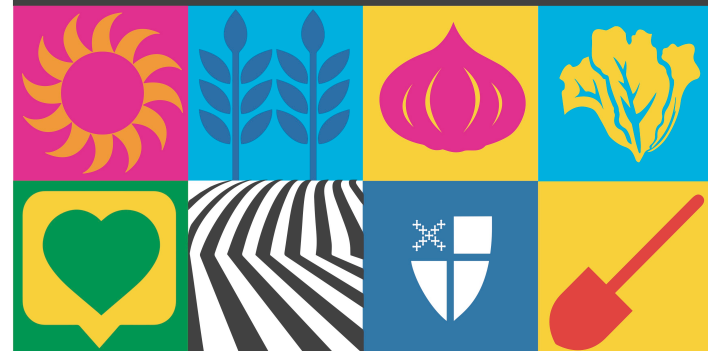
In addition to the on-site Community Garden maintained by Frank H., we have a plot and donation bin at the Chester Community Garden and have assisted with The Garden of Hope at the Community of St. John Baptist in Mendham.

Consider supporting the gardens by volunteering for a service day (or days) or by making either an ongoing or one-time donation. More on the Good News Gardens can be viewed here: [Good News Garden](#)

Julie C, Vestry member (Outreach)

This is a Good News Garden!

Plant, Pray, Proclaim



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