



# Messiah Messenger

## September 2011

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### **Pastors message - No Summertime Blues at Messiah!**

Summer days may have been hazy, but they certainly weren't lazy—at least not here at Messiah! I know most of you have had some vacation time during the past months, so you may not have noticed. So, here's a quick list of only some of the summertime happenings and doings!

Did you know....

- that we had five new families visit with us in the past 2 months?
- that we have a couple getting married in September at Messiah?
- that we have 42 kids we need to involve in Christian Education?
- that we are ahead financially as of the end of July?
- that we were awarded "Most Original Float" in Amherst's July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade?
- that 15 children and almost the same number of adults enjoyed VBS?
- that the first ever "Community Jam" was held at Messiah House in July?
- that our generosity provided food for the hungry, supplies for tornado victims, camp for kids, ministry at UNH, music for mission, and more?
- that funds are rolling in for "25 for 25?" (Have you made your gift yet?)

WOW! That's all good news! And as we gear up for a new program year there's much more going on. Like RALLY DAY (Sept 18<sup>th</sup>), THE WIRED WORD—a new format for Adult Forum, our 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY shin-dig, and our first ever WHOLE CONGREGATION SERVICE PROJECT!

That's blessing upon blessing!

SO:

Have you thanked God....

- for the opportunity to worship together in this wonderful building?
- for the potential for using Messiah House as a mission and evangelism tool?
- for the people of Messiah, who eagerly take on jobs for the sake of ministry?
- For the workers at Messiah, Joanne and Linnea, and all they accomplish?
- For the love of God that shines through Messiah and lights the darkness?

Want to get involved? We need ya! Now's the moment! Now's your chance!

### **Invite! Care! Grow! Share!**



Inviting all to worship, caring for others, sharing our gifts, growing in faith. Proclaiming Christ, crucified and risen Lord of all!



Celebrating God's Faith , Hope and Love.

## In Our Prayers...

**Al DeMello, Barbara Wilson** (B. Wurst's Mom), **Janey Stokes** (rel of the Wurst's), **Perham Family, Ed Burgess** (friend of B. Wurst), **Terry Klecker** (rel. of the Costa's), **Sarah, Pat Sapienza** (Friend's of the Costa's), **Pastor Tom** (Parkinson's Disease), **Mike** (friend of R. Bonfiglio), **Andy Wyliee, Jim & Gen Retelle** (T. Retelle's parents), **Marie Brundage** (R. Brundage's Mom), **Sue Strock** (R. Ball's sister), **Frank Genna** (friend of the Ensinger's), **Judy Johnson, Becky Herlihy** (friend of the Davison's), **Barbara Bonfiglio** (Bob's Mom), **Our military personnel, Peter Chuchul, Annemarie Chuchul, Alan Robinson** (friend of D. Jahns), **Art Palmer, Bill Wurst, Rebecca Peterson, Janell Mensinger** (Doreen Schneller's sister), **Peggy Pulfer** (Doug's Mom), **Arlene Packard** (J. Aunio's Mom), **Tom & Jeannine** (friends of L. Teichmann), **Jean Ahrendt** (Nancy's Mom), **Lois Yensz** (Mike's Mom), **Suzy Atwell**.

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With our 25th anniversary coming up Nov. 20, 2011, we naturally want to have our church looking great! Since we have such a variety of chores that need to be completed, a divided time list will be necessary.

Closer to our anniversary: **Sat. Oct. 15 Workday**

1. Church and Messiah House Power washed
2. Windows washed inside and out; screens cleaned.
3. Benches stored
4. Snow blower tune-up
5. Mold removed from shed and wood walkway to Messiah House.
6. Nursery painted - chair rail
7. Sunday School room painted
8. Clean and organize copy room and shelves
9. Light: road sign facing Bedford, SS room lights, chandelier fixture lights
10. Front doors to church stained
11. Venture Group - leaves

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*Communications Team,  
All of the people of God at Messiah*

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### List of chores to be done anytime!

1. Grill cleaned and tanks filled
2. Messiah House - scraping and painting - trim and windows
3. Measure for screens - have them fabricated, install (16 1/4 x 30 3/8)
4. Clean out Messiah House basement, kitchen, SS rooms. Discard old furniture from basement.
5. Clean out shed - re-arrange items
6. Install banner storage hanger in pulpit side closet in rear of sanctuary.
7. Add crib or playpen for infants. Nursery - clean out shelves, old toys etc.

Thank you for your consideration. Questions? Call Jean Pituck 673-6939 or Pastor Tom

## NEWS FROM ANNE MARIE HOUSE:

Things are happening - good stuff! We have had two families graduate in the past 2 weeks and have gone on to having their own apartments. This week there is a graduation party for another family. They are in the process of purchasing a house in Derry! It has been a long struggle for this wonderful family. They are originally from Kenya and have been working and going to school for the past 2 years they have called Anne Marie House their home. They have two teenage boys and an eleven year old girl. All are very excited.

Thank you everyone who has brought in or contacted me about furnishings for a home and apartment. In the meantime, we have acquired three new families for a total of 4 new adults and 6 children. Our pregnant mom, Kate, had a baby boy last week!

Our next host week is the week of September 25th. Thank you everyone who spent time there our last week. Even with summer and people away we were able to fill all of our spots. Also, thanks to other faith communities.

**FUNDRAISER** : We must have some walkers and/or runners out there. On Sept 18th there will be a 5K race. It will begin at the Baptist Church in Nashua. Sponsor sheets are available-in the narthex. Any questions, please see Marge. Hopefully we will get some participation.

Did you see the article in the Nashua Telegraph? Our own Bob Bonfiglio was instrumental in getting Ameriprise to award a \$5000 grant to AMH. Thanks, Bob!

Volunteers are always needed. If you feel so inclined, please let me know-even if it is to obtain more information.

**SHARE:** THANK YOU to everyone who responded to the urgent call for food pantry supplies. They will definitely help fill the shelves. This is, however, an ongoing need right now.

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### Upcoming....

Return to regular Sunday schedule – 9/18  
Reformation /Confirmation Sunday 10/30  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 11/20

### To Do....

Catch up on summer giving  
Pitch in at workdays in September and October

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### Passed on to the Church Triumphant

Our brother in Christ, Art Palmer, died August 30<sup>th</sup>. His family thanks all of you who visited him in the hospital, sent cards, called, or dropped off food for Art. He will be sorely missed, but in Christ he is at peace and will join the saints come the trumpet call! We celebrate a life well lived, and a faith well placed. Go in peace, thanks be to God!



# hallelpaloozyah

"Hallelujah! The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and give God the glory!"

That **wild word** up there represents the "theme" for our Sunday School program this September through December. Can you decipher it? [Hint: look for the word hallelujah.]

Like the many other "-paloozas," *hallel - pa - loo - z - yah* is a festival! A festival of learning about, and expressing praise and thanks to, God.

What's there to do at hallelpalooz-yah?

there's

singing, creating, reading, sculpting, drawing, constructing.

and

storytelling, playwriting, video-making, performing.

and

growing, stretching, maturing, reaching, wondering, investigating.

and

hearing, understanding, applying, remembering, tasting, seeing.

and

worship, helping others, doing good, caring for creation,  
and it's fun!



hallepaloogyah  
begins 9:01 am September 18<sup>th</sup>  
With...



# Rally Day

be Excited, be Very Excited

## Scheduled events and activities...

- ✚ some **loud** music by Faith, Hope and Love, The Linnea Micciulla Group, and the Messiah Every Kid Percussion Players.
- ✚ There will be **activities** for all ages—including Pin The Pizza on Pastor, Putt-Putt, and **Wii** Carnival.
- ✚ A special “**Micro-Photo Scavenger hunt**” for those older kids.
- ✚ A giant canvas for all to contribute to our **hallepaloogyah** modern artwork.
- ✚ There’ll be a **Skype** audio-video connection to some of our college aged youth..
- ✚ **Information** booths for each of our Ministry Teams. Food and coffee!
- ✚ A totally free **Iron On t-Shirt transfer sheet** with the festival logo.
- ✚ Plus, we will be starting the **Messiah Memories Project**, which will record recollections of our favorite moments as a church family.

***Messiah's Mission and  
Vision Statements***

*We believe in Jesus Christ, who died and was raised for us. Through Baptism we are called to grow in Christ and to proclaim him in word and deed. We gather in worship to celebrate the promise of God's grace, love and forgiveness. In the power of the Holy Spirit we use the gifts that God has given us for the sake of each other, our communities and the world. Messiah's Vision is to invite people to faith, to care for each other with love, to help one another grow in faith, and to share our gifts with others.*

Deadline for the newsletter is the 20th of each month.  
Please submit articles to  
[news@messiahnh.org](mailto:news@messiahnh.org)

**NEEDED!**  
**Sunday School teachers**

**For ages -  
Nursery, 4-6, 7-9, 10-11**

**Sign on for 1 week, a month,  
or you name it.**

**Full curriculum makes  
teaching easy.**

**What could you be doing  
on a Sunday that is  
more important?**

***Catch the Spirit  
at Messiah***



Beginning September 18  
worship will begin with  
Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship Service 10:30 am

Messiah Lutheran Church is located at 303 Rt.101E in Amherst 1/2 mile east of the shops of "Salzburg Square". Contact the church by calling 603-673-2011 or visit us online at <http://www.messiahnh.org>



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