



CHANGE IS COMING!
MAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES

Colfax marathon requires worship change to
Saturday May 19 at 5:30 pm

Regular Sunday worship time changes to 9:00 am on June 3

A Festive Pentecost worship will take place on Saturday, May 19 at 5:30 pm. A reception of Thanksgiving for Paul and MaryAnn Weber's many years of volunteer service to Messiah will follow. Bring a RED GERANIUM to decorate the church for Pentecost and adorn the property through the summer months and a card of thanks for the Webers.

The HEIGHTS church will begin regular Sunday morning worship in our Sanctuary on June 3. Both congregations will change their usual worship times so that we can share this beautiful building and all its resources. **MESSIAH will worship at 9:00 am** and The Heights will worship at 11:00 am. A special coffee hour to welcome members of The Heights will be held at 10:30 am on June 3. Share a smile and a warm welcome to these brothers and sisters in Christ.



Pentecost is May 20. The Colfax Marathon will make it hard to get to Messiah so we will have our festival worship on Saturday evening, May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

Bring a RED GERANIUM to decorate the sanctuary. They will be planted outdoors for the summer months.



After worship there will be a reception thanking Paul and Mary Ann Weber for their many years of service to Messiah. Bring a card of thanks and a treat for the Fellowship Table.



Pastors Corbin Hobbs and Jonathan Hunt and their congregation will begin to worship at Messiah on Sundays beginning June 3. Both congregations will change their worship times to make this possible.

MESSIAH'S WORSHIP TIME WILL CHANGE TO 9:00 AM ON JUNE 3.
To welcome their congregation, Messiah will host a special Coffee Hour on June 3 at 10:30 am to welcome them as they arrive for church. They are very excited to bring their worship into a church building and we are very happy to welcome them as partners in the Gospel for the sake of the world. Welcome Heights!

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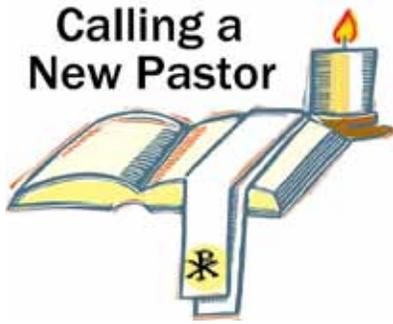
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Calling a New Pastor

Messenger Newsletter Article, May 2018 From the Call Committee Submitted by Barbara Ritchen

We want to let everyone know that the Call Committee has been formed and is off to a rapid start. We had our first meeting on April 17 and selected Barbara Ritchen (me) as chair, Dave Edwards as Vice Chair, Dan Stendahl as Recorder and Jim Bonham and Vice-Recorder. Additional members are Lorin Leslie, Katie Anderson and Diana Wahlstrom. It's a nice blend of long-time and recent members, males and females, people with young children and those with grown children. We had our second meeting on April 24 (after extensive homework) and met with the Council, Transition Team and Pastor Sarah Moening from the Office of the Bishop, along with Janet Philipp from the Synod Office, who will be filling in for Sarah when she's on Sabbatical. Our primary task was to provide input into and complete the Mission Site Profile (MSP), which the Transition Team and Call Committee members had drafted. It describes our congregation, our community, the strengths and opportunities of the congregation, our mission, values, unique features, trends, history and more. It will be submitted to the Synod Office this week. Copies can be made available if you are interested in reading it. Let Barbara or one of the other Call Committee members know if you would like to see a copy.

Following the Synod's receipt of the MSP and a required reference, the Synod office will begin the match-making process. Bishop Jim Gonia himself will be reviewing and recommending candidates for our congregation. We expect this to take at least 4-6 weeks. Then the Call Committee will receive information on candidates that may be interested in Messiah. We will start with short "Skype" interviews with those candidates that seem likely to meet our congregation's needs and then proceed with more in depth interviews, reviews of sermons and reference checks with those candidates that rise to the top. If none seems a good fit, we can always request more candidates. It's hard to predict exactly how long the process will last, but the Call Committee is committed to moving as quickly as possible to find the right match for our congregation. While specific candidate information will be confidential initially, don't hesitate to ask any of the Call Committee members questions about where we are in the process. We always appreciate your input and questions.

League of Hope

We are hoping to host an event with Casa de Paz in Aurora. This organization has helped house and serve immigrants as they await outcomes of their immigration status. Our target is to hold an event in the fall as a fundraiser for this organization. Stay tuned.

Currently, there is unrest in Managua, Nicaragua apparently over the recognition of Ortega. Families of the staff at the US Embassy have been evacuated and service trips through Just Hope have been suspended. We pray for our partner women and all the people of Nicaragua in this very difficult time. We will try to keep you updated on this situation as well.



May Birthdays

Eric L. McClain	May 3
Harper Hargrove	May 5
Susan Anderson	May 12
Paul W. Weber	May 16
April Christine McClain	May 17
Lila M. Loeckle	May 19

Member Contributions

First Quarter Contribution Statements are available for you in the Parlor. If you would like to receive yours by mail, call the church office.

Remember that the financial health of the congregation relies on your generous and regular giving. We are making strides to increase income with outside building users, but every contribution matters. If Messiah is to continue its long and rich heritage of being a church for the sake of the world, member giving must be strong. Income from outside sources does not lessen the need for your financial gifts. It helps to close the gap between the costs of ministry and income from members. Make your contributions go farther: designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to MCC, use an MCC designated gift card when you shop or buy gas at King Soopers and shop through the Smile program at Amazon.com.

Happy Hour will be at Bertha's Baja Bistro at 9th and Jersey. Come join us at 6 pm on Friday, May 18.

May 6

Assisting Minister:	Barb Ritchen
Lector:	
Laity Prayer:	n/a
Greeter(s):	
Communion Server:	
Altar Guild:	Katie and Sue S.
Closer(s):	
Counters:	

May 13

Assisting Minister:	
Lector:	Sue Edwards
Laity Prayer:	Bill Dillon
Greeter(s):	Shirley Karabotsos
Communion Server:	Sharon Lipsey
Altar Guild:	S. Lipsey & L. Peden
Closer(s):	Johnsons
Counters:	Heids

May 19

Assisting Minister:	Sue Edwards
Lector:	Carolyn Smith
Laity Prayer:	n/a
Greeter(s):	Susie Anderson
Communion Server:	Marcia Chuvasky
Altar Guild:	C. Smith & F. Sitone
Closer(s):	tbd
Counters:	tbd Edwards

May 27

Assisting Minister:	Frances Sitone
Lector:	Jim Bonham
Laity Prayer:	Bill Dillon
Greeter(s):	Karen Schimke
Communion Server:	Frances Sitone
Altar Guild:	Katie A. & Sue S.
Closer(s):	tbd



In Our Prayers

We pray for: Betty Berridge, Sue Bomar, John Cain, Pam Farar, Barb Greenfield, Winnie Jergensen, Mira Larson, Eleanor Miller, Susan Porter, Sue Ricci, Karen Rose, Vera Thorne, Jackie West, and Ron White, Sherrill Morris.



Psalms 115:16

The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, But the earth He has given to human beings.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR GREEN TEAM

We all know how important it is to RECYCLE. Given that, it is vitally important that we are aware of what CANNOT be put in recycling. The list given below applies to Denver City & County Recycling. PLEASE PLEASE check on the guidelines for the location of your home/business!

DO NOT PUT THE FOLLOWING IN THE RECYCLING!!

- Plastic Bags
- Styrofoam
- Foil "Yogurt" lids
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Paperback books
- Candy Wrappers
- Plastic Shrink wrap
- Paper cups or plates
- Window glass
- Waxed cardboard
- Yard Waste

LEARN TO BACKYARD COMPOST

Sign-Up for a free composting class!

Sponsored by Denver Recycles and Denver Urban Garden

Organic materials such as leaves, branches, grass clippings and food scraps make up almost 50% of what Denver residents send to the landfill each year. Come learn how to turn these materials into compost in your own backyard. Free composting classes are held at the Gove Community Garden at 13th & Colorado Blvd.

MAY 2018 schedule

Sunday May 6	2-4 p.m.
Wednesday May 9	6-8 p.m.
Saturday May 12	9-11 a.m.
Saturday May 19	9-11 a.m.
Wednesday May 23	6-8 p.m.
Wednesday May 30	6-8 p.m.



Please Be Diligent

Your diligence in the safety and security of the building cannot be understated. Our good neighbor, Matt James, keeps a close eye on our property, especially at night. Last week he noticed an open window that had been closed the night before. Was the window left open or unlocked? Or did someone try to gain entry? Matt called the police to check the building before the PDO children were allowed to enter. Recently windows in the library were left open and the cooling system left on. PLEASE check all windows and doors before leaving the building as well as lights, heating and cooling systems, appliances, etc. If you turn it on or open it, be sure to turn it off and close it. Thank you!

