



Regular Sunday worship time is now 9:00 am.

WELCOME SUMMER!

What you **see** is what you get.
What you **seek** is also what you get.

If you want others to be more loving, choose to love first.
If you want a reconciled outer world, reconcile your own inner world.
If you are working for peace out there, create it inside as well.
If you notice other people's irritability, let go of your own.
If you wish to find some outer stillness, find it within yourself.
If you are working for justice, treat yourself justly, too.
If you find yourself resenting the faults of others, stop resenting your own.
If the world seems desperate, let go of your own despair.
If you want a just world, start being just in small ways yourself.
If your situation feels hopeless, honor the one spot of hope inside you.
If you want to find God, then honor God within you, and you will always see God beyond you. For it is only God in you who knows where and how to look for God.

Richard Rohr, Franciscan Priest



CFCU (COLORADO FAITH COMMUNITIES UNITED TO END GUN VIOLENCE)

CFCU is a coalition of over 35 Colorado faith communities...Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Protestant, Unaffiliated. Pastor Wolfgang declared Messiah an endorsing member.

The purpose of the Coalition is to help end the gun deaths and injuries in Colorado caused by the use of firearms by undertaking at least one unified effort per year in each of the following Strategic Focus Areas:

Advocacy (Legislative) – actively supporting governmental policies and officials that promote policies that end gun deaths and violence.

Action – pursuing strategies likely to reduce gun deaths and related violence e.g. social media campaigns, disinvestment or community organizing strategies

Awareness – increasing public awareness about the need for reducing gun deaths, proven solutions and addressing gun violence as a public health issue.

Thanks to Messiah's Rapid Response Team for contacting legislators in support of or opposition to gun bills during this past legislative session. We made a difference!

Welcome Pastor Leslie Welton on June 17

Pastor Leslie will be your supply pastor on June 17. She joined the Office of the Bishop staff in September 2017. A Colorado native, she came to the RMS from St. John Lutheran in Sacramento. Her portfolio includes Faith Formation for all ages, Candidacy (those preparing for church professions), Outdoor Ministry and Campus Ministry. She has been working on the transfer of Messiah Mountain as part of her Outdoor Ministry work. She is eager to become familiar with the larger Messiah community.

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Messenger Article, June 2018
Call Committee Update
By Barbara Ritchen

Your Call Committee (Dave Edwards, Dan Stendahl, Katie Anderson, Diana Walstrom, Jim Bohnam, Barbara Ritchen and Lorin Leslie) is hard at work trying to find the best possible match for Messiah's pastoral needs moving into the future. We are excited that Bishop Gonia personally has identified four potential candidates for our congregation. We are scheduling initial interviews with each of them by Skype during the month of June. We can either proceed with full interviews with any or all of the candidates or request more names if we don't feel we have the right match. Please keep us in your prayers as we go through this process of discernment. While candidate names are confidential during the process, we will keep you apprised of our progress.

We invite and encourage your attendance at the June 10 worship service, which will feature a "Congregational Conversation with Call Committee Regarding Part-Time Pastor Priorities and Expectations." We hope to both present realities of what it means to call a part-time pastor and obtain input from the congregation on what your priorities are for the pastor, what you are willing to step up and do, and what we can do without. Hope to see you all on June 10 at 9:00 am.

Please don't hesitate to speak with any of the members of the Call Committee regarding your suggestions, questions and concerns; and please keep us in your prayers.

Messiah Potluck Picnic

Where: Johnson Farm 1891 S. Quebec Way
When: June 24 at 12:00
Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks.

Please be sure and sign up in the parlor so the Johnsons will know how many tables and chairs to set up.



Thank you to our many Messiah members who provided, with our family and friends, the potluck dinner, program and gift on May 19th in recognition of our 58 years of service to Messiah

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This is an evening we shall remember forever.

Mary Ann & Paul Weber

June 3

Assisting Minister: Denise Larson
Lector: Marcia Chuvarsky
Laity Prayer: n/a
Greeter(s): Johnsons
Communion Server: Leah Peden
Altar Guild: K. Anderson/
S.Schroeder
Closer(s): Andersons
Counters: Edwards

June 10

Assisting Minister: Sue Edwards
Lector: n/a
Laity Prayer: n/a
Greeter(s): Irene Brock
Communion Server: Dick Chuvarsky
Altar Guild: Sharon Lipsey
Closer(s): Sue Wainess
Counters: Edwards

June 17

Assisting Minister: Sue Edwards
Lector: Karen Knoblock
Laity Prayer: n/a
Greeter(s): Shirley Karabotsos
Communion Server: Leah Peden
Altar Guild: Carolyn Smith
Closer(s): Andersons
Counters: Diana Walstrom

June 24

Assisting Minister: tbd
Lector: Deborah Bonham
Greeter(s): Susie Anderson
Communion Server: Dick Chuvarsky
Altar Guild: L. Peden
Closer(s): tbd
Counters: tbd

*Please note: If you are listed as a Sunday volunteer, and you are not able to do it, please let Suzanne know.

In Our Prayers

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

June Birthdays

Zoe Grace Adams June 1
Francis Tailey June 1
Michael Gordon June 3
Frances A. Sitone June 4
Elvera Thorne June 4
Lora Covrett June 7
Sarah Speicher June 9
Beatrice Amerson June 13
Craig McClain June 13
Amy Wainess June 15
Dan Stendahl J June 16
Christin Nicole McClain June 18
Adrienne Adams June 20
Dave Heid J June 30

Happy Hour will be at Bertha's Baja Bistro at 9th and Jersey. Come join us at 6 pm on Friday, June 22.

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.



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



Encourage your local restaurants to use paper or biodegradable straws in their drinks.

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!



Messiah Women

We will meet for our annual picnic June 9th, 12 noon at Susie's house. Fried chicken will be provided. Ladies may either contribute to the cost of the chicken and/or bring your favorite dish. We will be off for the summer and resume meeting in September.

Messiah Mountain Potlucks

June 24 * **Cancelled. Go to Johnson's Farm instead!**

July 15

August 19

and September 16

All potlucks will start at 1:00.

All are welcome to attend and enjoy the beauty of the mountains.

Dear JustHope Supporter,

At JustHope we use a simple question to help guide our planning, decision-making, and daily tasks: "How does what we are doing 'create global partnerships'?"

As Nicaraguans struggle for their democracy - with huge, peaceful demonstrations, difficult national dialogues, and occasional outbreaks of violence and rage - it's more critical than ever that JustHope intentionally examines our role. What does it mean for those of us in the United States to "create global partnerships" in the midst of Nicaragua's civil unrest and political turmoil? How do we honor our core values of Solidarity, Mutuality, Collaboration, and Sustainability as we accompany our Nicaraguan neighbors in this confusing and painful time? I offer some reflections grounded in JustHope's history and philosophy and invite you to share your thoughts as well.

SOLIDARITY: JustHope defines Solidarity as a mutual commitment to one another's well-being as dreamed and defined by the other.

But... which 'other'? The situation in Nicaragua is very complex, and there are as many interpretations of it as there are Nicaraguans. There is no unified definition of what is happening right now or a cohesive vision for what comes next. So, during this national crisis, JustHope's solidarity must begin with trusting the Nicaraguan people to determine their own future and the path to getting there. Our hope is that we can help share stories and perspectives from the ground, offering different lenses through which the situations can be viewed while encouraging partners to think critically about what they see and hear.

MUTUALITY: At JustHope, Mutuality calls us to work WITH (rather than FOR) our partners, honoring their full integrity. At this time, mutuality means we must practice listening fully to our partners' stories while resisting the temptation to reduce their context to a simple either/or interpretation. This kind of respectful and mutual accompaniment requires flexibility, humility, trust, patience, self-examination, vigilance, and above all, a constant awareness that we can never fully understand their experience.

COLLABORATION: As a JustHope core value, Collaboration recognizes and affirms that we can accomplish far more together than any of us can accomplish alone.

The work of 'combating global poverty' and 'nurturing sustainable communities' continues even as the political ground in Nicaragua shakes and shifts. Community leaders continue to work with JustHope staff to assess and articulate community needs and deploy available resources. Music lessons and teacher support continue in Chacraseca; microcredit banks are still active in LaFlor. The Model Farm staff are planting seeds and plotting harvests; another new house is being constructed and more green stoves are in process. Partner visits are on hold for now, but together we are still accomplishing a lot!

SUSTAINABILITY: Sustainability at JustHope has many facets, but one of the most important in this uncertain season is the capacity for partnerships between communities to be viable over time.

How can each one of us, wherever we are, help ensure that that the partnership we are part of continues to thrive? How do we assure our partners in Nica that they have not been abandoned? AND, how can each of us help ensure JustHope's presence in Chacraseca and La Flor continues not only during this time of struggle, but for years to come? How might those of us on this side of the borders work together to make sure JustHope staff continue to get paid and community programs and projects continue to function? Our staff is ready and willing to help you find creative ways to stay engaged in our vision and work? Could you host a special fundraiser? Gather new supporters? Make a personal donation? Sustainability takes all of us.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts, ideas, and commitments to the ongoing work of "creating global partnerships that combat global poverty and nurture sustainable development" while the people of Nicaragua struggle for resolution and reconciliation.