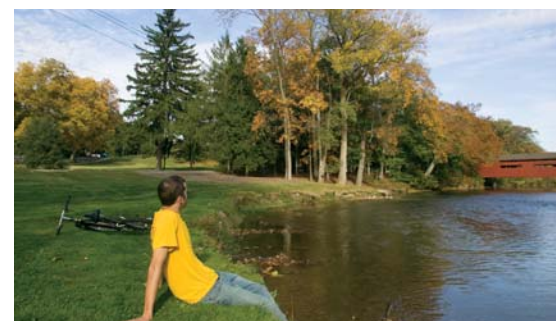


COMMUNITY *connection*

Messiah offers something for everyone this summer



Whether participating in an athletic camp, enrolling in the Curator Club, or simply enjoying a few peaceful moments along the Yellow Breeches, Messiah College offers families a variety of summer activities.

While the summer months at Messiah College provide a reprieve from the busy pace of the academic year, Messiah's campus remains active and vibrant as it hosts a full schedule of conferences as well as a variety of athletic and music camps and academic programs. In addition, the College welcomes families to relax creek side — whether tubing, wading, or picnicking along the Yellow Breeches.

The College invites you to peruse a snapshot of its summer offerings to identify how you and your family might benefit from having Messiah College as neighbor. Perhaps a member of your family will be excited to hone their athletic, musical, or academic skills by taking advantage of one of these opportunities?

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For children and teens

Athletic camps

Intercollegiate athletics at Messiah College are highly respected and competitive regionally and among other NCAA Division III colleges and universities. The College's summer camps for young athletes are based on established successful training programs for volleyball, soccer, field hockey, basketball, wrestling, and lacrosse. Messiah coaches and student athletes will challenge camp participants to further develop their skills and techniques, maintain a positive attitude, and demonstrate their improved skills in competitive play.

Enrollment is limited for each sports camp, so register early to secure a spot for your child. More information about the camps, including registration forms, can be found at www.messiah.edu/athletics under each individual sport's heading.

(Please note: "Resident camps" refer to camps which provide overnight accommodations on campus for camp participants; "day camps" provide an option for participants to commute daily.)

Girls basketball

Dates: June 15–19 for grades 6–12

Fees: \$410 for resident camp; \$280 for all day rate, which includes evening meal and activities; \$240 for day camp which ends at 4:45 p.m.

For more information, contact Coach Mike Miller at (717) 796-5201 or mmiller@messiah.edu.

Girls field hockey

Dates: June 15–19 or July 20–24 for grades 6–12

Fees: \$425 for resident camp; \$315 for day camp

Discounts available for teams and families registering more than one camper.

For more information, contact Coach Jan Trapp at (717) 796-1800, ext. 3120.

Girls soccer

Dates: June 20–22 college prep weekend for high school juniors and seniors who desire to play at the college level;

June 23–27 — day camp for ages 8–12

August 3–7 — resident camp and goalkeeper camp for grades 7–12

Fees: \$200 for college prep weekend; \$225 for June 23–27 day camps; \$410 for

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residents; \$300 for commuters for resident and goalkeeper camp options held Aug. 3–7. For more information, contact Coach Scott Frey at (717) 796-5359.

Girls softball

Dates: June 23–26 junior camp for grades 1–5; June 22–26 senior camp for grades 5–12
Fees: \$150 for junior camp; \$275 for day camp, and \$400 for resident camp for senior camp
For more information, contact Coach Amy Weaver at (717) 766-2511, ext. 2160.

Girls volleyball

Dates: August 3–7 for grades 6–12
Fees: \$390 for resident camp \$300 for day camp
For more information, contact Coach Judi Tobias at (717) 766-2511, ext. 7294, or e-mail jtobias@messiah.edu.

Boy's lacrosse

Goalie school

Date: July 5 for grades 6–11
Fee: \$100

Lacrosse camp

Dates: July 6–10 for grades 6–11
Fees: \$410 for resident camp; \$335 for day camp

Elite camp for rising juniors and seniors

Dates: July 31–August 2
Fees: \$215 for resident only option



Chamber Music in Grantham is an intensive chamber music program and composition workshop held at Messiah each summer.

For more information, contact Coach Geof Weisenborn at (717) 796-1800, ext. 7325 or gweisenborn@messiah.edu.

Boys wrestling

Dates: May 18–23 evening camp for ages 6–9 (space is limited to the first 40 registrants) July 13–17 resident camp for ages 10–18
Fees: \$110 for evening camp; \$360 for resident camp; \$295 for day camp
Discounts available for teams and families registering more than one camper.
For more information, contact Coach Bryan Brunk at (717) 766-2511, ext. 7097.

Boys soccer

Dates: June 27–29 junior/senior advanced camp for grades 11 and 12; July 14–18 day camp for ages 8–12; July 26–July 29 resident camp for grades 7–12; July 30–August 2 resident camp for grades 7–12
Fees: \$215 for junior/senior camp (no commuter option); \$225 for day camp; \$390 for residents and \$310 for commuters for camps July 26–29 and July 30–August 2
Discounts available for families registering more than child for any of the boys' soccer camps.
For more information, contact Coach Dave Brandt at (717) 766-2511, ext. 2690 or dbrandt@messiah.edu.

Summer Academy

Motivated students who have completed grades 7–11 are invited to experience collegiate-level learning in a nurturing, fun-filled environment by participating in Messiah College's new Summer Academy program. The program, designed to cultivate curious minds, encourage budding intellects, and awaken academic passions, will be held in two sessions—June 23–27 and August 4–8. Each course is 90 minutes, and students may take two courses per day.

Messiah College faculty will be teaching a variety of topics, including designing rockets and airplanes; studio art techniques in ceramics and painting; movie-making; adventures with math; and a variety of history courses, to name just a few.

Registration fees vary. For more information, go to www.messiah.edu/academics/summer_academy/, e-mail summeracademy@messiah.edu, or call (717) 796-5219.

Chamber Music in Grantham

Designed to challenge advanced students of violin, viola, cello, piano, and composition, Chamber Music in Grantham is a one-week, intensive chamber music program and composition workshop held on Messiah's campus from August 10–15.

Members of the College's music department as well as guest artists, like the Mendelssohn Piano Trio, coach the students and prepare them for a public performance at the end of the camp. The program is for students 16 years and older, but exceptions will be made for particularly gifted younger musicians.

The application deadline is June 1. Fees vary depending upon individuals' tuition, housing, and meal choices. For more information, visit www.messiah.edu/departments/music/chamber_music_workshop or contact Peter Sirotin at (301) 299-6526.

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Curator Club

Students in third through fifth grades are eligible for the Curator Club, a multifaceted science program at the Oakes Museum, a 10,000 square-foot museum featuring Smithsonian-quality collections and displays, located in the Jordan Science Center on campus. Between June 14 and August 16, the museum will offer six Saturday morning sessions during which participants will study everything from reptiles, to predators of the sky, to the fungus among us!

Sessions take place on Saturdays from 9:45 a.m. to noon. Participants can register for all six sessions for \$50 or pay \$10 per individual session that they attend.

For more information, including the topics for each Saturday session, or to register, visit www.messiah.edu/oakes/curator_club or call (717) 691-6082.

For adults Online classes

Messiah College is delving into the world of e-learning by offering 18 online courses this summer. Each three-credit class will be administered from May 26 to July 18. Course options range from theology and religion, to Spanish, to psychology.

Information about the online summer session, including a complete course listing, credit costs, and the technology is available at www.messiah.edu/online.

For families

The **Stabler Fitness Trail**, a mulched pathway that begins near the covered bridge, is ideal for recreational hiking, biking, and nature walks. The trail, which ends in the parking lot behind Naugle Residence, winds along the Yellow Breeches and showcases a variety of wildlife. A helpful nature guide to the trail can be found at www.messiah.edu/community/connection/fall06/.

The creek side **tennis courts** and **outdoor track** are both available to the community during daylight hours and can be accessed from the Starry Athletic Field parking lot. The **indoor track**, located in the Sollenberger Sports Center, is open from 6–8 a.m., Monday through Friday.

Faculty couple demonstrates teamwork with style

by Kay Ben-Avraham '08

“She brought me here,” says Brian Smith, pointing to his wife, Valerie. She laughs and explains, “We both wanted to teach at a Christian college, and there were some good opportunities here for Brian and me.” And so, after finishing dissertation and master’s work in Boston, the Smiths moved to the Grantham area in the summer of 2000 to start teaching positions at Messiah College: Valerie as an assistant professor in the theatre department, her husband as an adjunct professor for the biblical and religious studies department.

Eight years later, their positions have evolved somewhat. From 2001 to 2005, Brian held a position as full-time lecturer. Now he divides his time between teaching Bible as a senior lecturer and working as a teaching pastor for the College Ministries office. Valerie now serves as co-chair of the theatre department, frequently directing or performing in plays both on and off campus.

Though typical days for this husband-and-wife duo look very different from each other, they both agree that a couple things make their work ideal: sharing in the troubles and joys of their students; being on the same campus together; and having the freedom to bring their young son Jude to the campus Early Learning Center. “Knowing Jude is in the same building is spectacular,” Brian grins. His wife nods and adds sadly,

“This will be the last year of that. Next year: kindergarten!”

Working full-time at the College means that their community involvement centers primarily around church—Christ Church Lutheran in Filey’s parish, to be exact, although “most people just call it Filey’s Lutheran,” Brian says. A self-identified Episcopalian who grew up Plymouth Brethren, married to a wife who loves Taizé services, he confesses that they have “a long history of denominational orphanage.” He muses, “I think this is very helpful for me in my job, since students come from many different denominations at Messiah. It helps me understand them better.”

Valerie finds her primary connection to the Grantham area community through her plays. “With my productions, I connect with local organizations—particularly social activist organizations,” she says. Her show, “Between Two Chairs,” which she wrote, has introduced her to the local Alzheimer’s Association. The play deals with the nature of memory through a woman’s encounter with Alzheimer’s in her father, and the development of memory in her young son.

Between scribbling sermons for chapel services, calling out stage directions, grading papers, counseling students, and teaching classes, the Smiths think longingly of their treks outdoors as a family. Picnics, tandem



bike rides, and hikes are a favorite pastime. But when this isn’t possible, when Valerie’s rushing to Open Stage in Harrisburg to perform, they take Jude and have dinner together on campus. “We’re better at balancing now than we were,” Brian says, looking to Valerie, who nods agreement. “There’s a lot of priority decisions to make,” she says. “The same thing our students struggle with.”

After 18 years of marriage, supporting each other in different pursuits, Brian and Valerie Smith share a busy and rewarding life.



Thespian Valerie Rae Smith shares her list of favorite plays at www.messiah.edu/community.

Alumnus' creative social skills program helps area students excel



Mitch Baum

Like most elementary schools, the hallways of Elmwood Elementary School in Mechanicsburg are brightly decorated with student artwork, projects such as hand-drawn maps of Pennsylvania and creatively illustrated biographies of notable people. Interspersed with the student-created decorations are posters with simple advice for students about how to share, how to ask for what you want, and how to stay on task. These posters reflect a well-developed program spearheaded by Mitch Baum, school counselor at Elmwood Elementary School, as a means to improve student productivity and discourage misbehavior.

Several months ago, a Harrisburg *Patriot-News* article about how Elmwood was teaching students the importance of healthy social skills and peer recognition shone a spotlight on Baum, a 1991 graduate of Messiah College, for his work coordinating and administering the successful programs. While Baum humbly deflects the praise to a whole team of teachers and administrators at Elmwood, he admits that

social skill instruction has made a significant difference at his school.

In a school of nearly 450 students representing a variety of physical, emotional, social, and behavioral needs, Elmwood identified school-wide instruction about a variety of social skills as a means of easing some of the discipline problems that the school was facing. Baum, who helps train new teachers in the district in The Well-Managed Classroom program from which the Social Skill of the Week idea evolved, explains, “When you teach kids social skills, it helps them be more productive in school.”

The Social Skill of the Week is introduced to the students during the Monday morning announcements. The fifth graders responsible for videoing and recording the announcements talk about the skill and why it’s important, and then encourage students to practice the skill throughout the week. Each week a member of the teaching staff is designated as the mystery person responsible for monitoring how well students are practicing the skill. On Friday mornings, the mystery person reveals his or her identity and also announces the names of 3–5 students who they saw excel at demonstrating the week’s skill. Those students are then eligible for tickets, which can eventually earn them a prize.

Baum notes that many students are motivated by the praise of their teachers and the possibility of winning a prize, so they work to demonstrate the Social Skill of the Week. This program, adapted from Girls and Boys Town and explained in the teacher training program, The Well Managed Classroom, is especially successful at Elmwood. And, since being featured in the *Patriot-News*, Baum has spoken with other local counselors and professionals anxious for more information about the positive impact of the program.


In addition to helping administer social skills instruction, Baum also facilitates the Elmwood All-Stars, a peer-recognition

program that provides opportunities for students to publicly compliment classmates by writing individualized, short notes which are posted on classroom doors. Students praise each other for good manners, academic and athletic achievements, and simple acts of kindness. “The program focuses on students’ achievements, attributes, and actions,” says Baum about the All-Stars. Teachers recognize students as well in a separate Local Heroes program.

Baum is the only counselor at Elmwood Elementary School. Daily he interacts with students for a variety of reasons, but, overall, Baum notes his strong desire to be a helper as the impetus to choose counseling as his vocation. His undergraduate work as a behavioral science major with social studies teaching certification, as well as his preceding years as an admissions counselor at Messiah laid a positive foundation for his graduate work at Shippensburg, which has led to 12 years of being a school counselor.

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Baum lives in Mechanicsburg with his wife, Sally, a nurse in the Engle Center for Counseling and Health Service at the College and a ’91 alumna, and their two boys — Nathan, 10, and Jonah, 6. The Baum family actively participates in a variety of programs at West Shore Evangelical Free Church, and they enjoy frequenting HersheyPark in the summer months.

 Mitch Baum offers 10 easy tips for parents to encourage positive social skill development at home. Read his advice at www.messiah.edu/community.

Community calendar

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For a complete list of summer conferences, visit www.messiah.edu/summerconferences.

Construction of College hospitality center and president's residence well underway

Construction of Orchard Hill—the name given to the new president's residence and College hospitality center being built on the Musser farm property along Lisburn Road—is progressing on schedule. The Phipps family will move this summer, and the College will begin hosting campus functions at Orchard Hill in the fall.

Orchard Hill is a gift from the College's board of trustees. Several years ago, the board identified the need for a new residence based on inadequate space at the current residence for comfortably accommodating gatherings of College guests. Members of the board have generously committed their personal funds to building and furnishing this facility for the College.

The property is named Orchard Hill in honor of the College's commitment to plant orchard trees on the site, which will eventually serve as a living environmental lab for students.

Students' educational experiences will also be enhanced through repurposing of the current residence. A campus task force has designated that the residence currently used by the presidential family will, starting in the fall, accommodate the Reconciliation House, a living, learning community of students and educators committed to helping the campus community dialog openly and honestly about the value of individual and collective reconciliation in relationships. The Reconciliation House joins a variety of other College-endorsed, special interest housing programs for students.

You can read more about Orchard Hill as well as view photographs representing the construction process at www.messiah.edu/community.

Messiah College as a community resource

Messiah College strives to be a good neighbor through purposeful communication, resource sharing, and community service. We seek to provide educational and cultural opportunities not only to our campus community, but to our extended local community as well. The College is committed to listen, understand, and respond to community concerns and interests. As friends and family in central Pennsylvania, we warmly welcome you to get acquainted with Messiah College. Visit, learn, and experience all our campus has to offer!

Archives at Messiah

Want to know more about the early years at Messiah College? The Brethren in Christ Historical Library and Archives are hosted in the basement level of Murray Library on Messiah's campus. The archives contain official records of the College's governing boards, administrative and educational departments, and student organizations. The records include photos, minutes, publications, and other related materials from the College's founding in 1909 to the present. The Archives are open to the public from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1 p.m.–3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Appointments are strongly recommended. *For more information, or to schedule a visit, call (717) 691-6048. (Some records, because of their sensitive nature, may be restricted from public use.)*

The Campus Store

Ever seen a Messiah College sweatshirt worn around town, and wondered "How can I get one?" Visit the Messiah College bookstore, The Campus Store, located in the first level of Eisenhower Campus Center, or online at www.messiah.edu/bookstore for a variety of Messiah College clothing, gifts, and collectibles. The Campus Store is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (and always open online!). *For more information, call (717) 691-6024.*

Graystone Bank

Messiah College is home to a branch of Graystone Bank, including an ATM, located on the first level of the Eisenhower Campus Center. Graystone is open 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. during the summer). *For more information, call (717) 766-1365.*

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Neighbor to Neighbor

On May 17, the Messiah College community will celebrate Commencement with nearly 700 graduates and their families.

Graduation signifies the conclusion of a busy, event-filled academic year and the beginning of a family-oriented, vibrant summer at Messiah. Whether you picnic along the Yellow Breeches Creek or enroll your child in one of our sports, music, or academic programs, we hope to see you on campus this summer!

This issue of *Community Connection* highlights the many activities taking place at Messiah College between May and August, including two new initiatives for the College: online courses in a variety of subjects and the Summer Academy for talented middle and high school students

seeking enrichment in areas of special interest. Whether your child is passionate about film-making, basketball, or classical music, I am confident that you will find an activity or camp at Messiah that suits your child's interests.

It is always a pleasure to introduce you to Messiah educators, students, and alumni who are contributing not only to the life of our campus community but also to the enrichment of the broader central Pennsylvania community. As an elementary school counselor, alumnus Mitch Baum '91 is capably spearheading important developmental programs for students attending a Mechanicsburg school. You can read more about his initiatives on page 4. You'll also enjoy reading about husband and wife Brian and Valerie Smith. Though their areas of expertise are very different—Valerie co-chairs the theatre department; Brian teaches

Hebrew and lectures in the religious and biblical studies department—they are each committed to using their talents and expertise beyond the classroom. Valerie, for example, is a gifted performer, and frequently acts on stages throughout the Harrisburg area.

Keep in mind that you can always stay informed of the latest events and happenings at Messiah College by checking the website created just for you, our neighbors and friends—www.messiah.edu/community.

We hope your family enjoys a relaxing summer, and we look forward to seeing you on campus!

Warm regards,

Kim S. Phipps
President