



CAMPUS MINISTRIES

2023-2024

MISSION & OUTCOMES

The Office of Campus Ministries exists to create opportunities for students to engage in meaningful Christian worship, discipleship, and spiritual formation.

OUTCOMES

Being | Students nurture a personal and communal relationship with God.

- Identity | *Students find their identity in Christ and view themselves as image-bearers and children of God.*
- Character | *Students cultivate Christlike character.*
- Community | *Students develop meaningful relationships in Christian community.*
- Practice | *Students learn and engage in practices that foster healthy spirituality.*

Knowing | Students grow in knowledge of God, self, the Church, and the world.

- Scripture | *Students learn the story of God as told in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible.*
- Calling | *Students grow in awareness of their spiritual gifts, skills, and abilities toward discerning God's call on their lives.*
- Diversity | *Students grow in awareness and appreciation of diverse expressions of the Christian faith.*
- Wisdom | *Students grow in wisdom to think and act faithfully in a complex world.*

Doing | Students respond to God's reconciling work in their lives and the world.

- Worship | *Students actively engage in a life of worship and service.*
- Leadership | *Students develop skills and gain experience in Christian leadership.*
- Justice | *Students enact Christ's gospel of peace and justice.*
- Disciple-making | *Students invite others to learn and follow the person and way of Jesus.*

INVOLVEMENT

Whether you are most likely to connect with God through quiet prayer or exuberant worship, through community service or through purposeful study, life at Messiah offers a wide array of opportunities for pursuing spiritual growth.

Student Ministries Council

The Student Ministries Council has a unique opportunity to serve Messiah University's campus through various student-led ministry initiatives. They seek to enrich the spiritual lives of students, encouraging them to passionately pursue the Lord through discipleship ministries, prayer ministries, worship ministries, and ministry training events.

Worship Community

The Worship Community coordinates the liturgies and music for campus worship services as well as other retreats, conferences, and events.

Powerhouse

Powerhouse is a student-initiated service of worship held in Hostetter Chapel on Thursday nights at 8:30 pm. Students join in Hostetter every week to worship through song, prayer, and reflection in a powerful experience of corporate fellowship and praise.

More Ministry Options

This page only begins to describe the rich array of groups and programs that attend to Christian spiritual formation and service on Messiah's campus. Visit our website to discover more about AROMA, the Agapé Center for Local and Global Engagement, and other opportunities to get involved in ministry and service at Messiah.

Local Churches

Students are highly encouraged to be involved in a local church during their time at Messiah. Information on a number of local churches is available through the Campus Ministries website at <http://www.messiah.edu/info/20056/church>, including many that provide a shuttle service from Messiah. The Grantham Church, located near the main campus entrance, has a long-standing relationship with the University.

CHAPEL

Messiah University's chapel program is designed to support students' Christian spiritual formation. It is also a place where members of the Messiah community consistently gather as a worshipping community in expression of our Christian faith. As an educational program of the University, chapel is never intended to replace a student's participation in the life of a local church.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings, many members of the Messiah community gather for a chapel service with prayer, diverse expressions of

musical worship, and a scripture-based message. A smaller chapel service is offered on Tuesday evenings, often developed in collaboration with campus partners, to explore the implications of Christian faith for life and society. Additionally, for a limited series on Thursday mornings, various educator-led small groups convene in smaller venues for Bible studies, book studies, the practice of spiritual disciplines, and an array of discussions regarding Christian life and culture.

CHAPEL ATTENDANCE POLICY

Chapel attendance is an educational requirement for all full-time Messiah University undergraduate students. Residential students are expected to attend 14 approved chapel opportunities each semester. Services and gatherings will be offered in various venues on most Tuesday mornings and evenings as well as on Thursday mornings.

1. Students must tap or swipe their cards at the chapel venues at the conclusion of the service to receive chapel credits. Doors on most venues will be locked five minutes after the scheduled start time. After that, students will not be admitted, and they cannot claim chapel credit. Students can track their chapel attendance on FALCONLink.
2. If a student is a full-time commuting student carrying at least 12 credits, the student's chapel requirement is 7 chapels per semester.
3. If the following conditions apply, a student may request chapel exemption or reduction for a semester:
 - a. The student is engaged in a semester-long internship, clinical, or student teaching experience that directly conflicts with chapel times.
 - b. The student is employed off campus for 25 or more hours per week.
 - c. The student has parenting obligations for their own children that prohibit chapel attendance.
 - d. The student is ill or absent from the university for two (2) weeks or more. This exemption must be accompanied by an excuse from the student's doctor or the Engle Center.
4. The request for chapel exemption or reduction must be completed within the first four weeks of each semester. Offices that coordinate student internships, nursing clinicals, and teacher education may submit a list of students for a semester-long exemption or reduction. Full exemption is automatically granted to students who are

studying with off-campus programs for the semester. No chapel exemption is necessary or available for missing a particular chapel opportunity (e.g. sickness, field trip, on or off-campus obligation).

5. If a student has not completed the chapel requirements as stated above, the student will receive notification that he/she has been placed on chapel probation for the following semester with the following consequences:
 - a. A fine of \$15 will be assessed for each attendance short of the required 14. (Chapel fines support student benevolence funds and spiritual formation opportunities.)
 - b. An active chapel probation status may negatively impact one's eligibility for service in a student leadership position.
6. A student involved in deception regarding any of the chapel attendance policies (e.g. friend swiping, illegitimate exemption request) will incur a fine of \$210 (\$15 for each of that semester's 14 required chapels). The student will also be required to meet with a representative of the Campus Ministries office and will be placed on chapel probation for the following semester.
7. Appeals regarding a student's chapel attendance deficiency or chapel probation status should be made in writing and may be submitted to Campus Ministries (CampusMinistries@messiah.edu) within 10 business days of receipt of the relevant notification from Campus Ministries. Decisions of Campus Ministries may be appealed in writing to the Dean of Students.