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You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

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April 2, 2009

Intercom deadline

The deadline for each issue of the Intercom is 4 p.m. Tuesday. To help us ensure the speed and accuracy of production, please use the Intercom e-mail address, intercom@messiah.edu, or the user-friendly submission form on the Intercom website at www.messiah.edu/intercom/submit.html to send in information. If you have questions, please call the office of marketing and public relations at ext. 7342.

Campus people

Richard Hughes, distinguished professor of religion and senior fellow of the Ernest L. Boyer Center, has received critical acclaim for his soon-to-be released book, “Christian America and the Kingdom of God” (University of Illinois Press). In the book, his fifth for Illinois Press, Hughes argues that the notion of “Christian America” undermines both the integrity of the Christian faith and the integrity of the nation. Nationally respected authors, scholars, and columnists describe Hughes’ work as courageous, persuasive, and vigorously penetrating. Look for it on bookshelves in July.

Michelle Knights, assistant professor of human development and family science, presented two workshops titled “Culture and Personal Responsibility: Actions Needed to Reduce the Gap of Ethnic and Racial Minority Health Disparities” on March 19 at the Stronger Together II – Summit on Minority Health Disparities conference in Dover, Del.

Jonathan Lauer, director of Murray Library, visited Georgian Court University, Lakewood, N.J. March 22 to 25 as an evaluation team member on behalf of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

Jenell Williams Paris, professor of sociology and anthropology, was a guest on WITF Smart Talk TV show on March 20 and WITF Smart Talk Radio on March 23 discussing the ethics of reproductive technology.

“The Hermeneutics of St. John,” an interactive video art installation created by **John Reid Perkins-Buzo**, assistant professor of film and digital media, has been installed at Bethel University’s Olson Gallery. It will be on display from April 2 through June 21.

The department of politics to host Morris Fiorina on April 2

The department of politics invites you to hear Morris Fiorina, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Wendt Family professor of political science at Stanford University, speak on “The Road to (and from) the 2008 Elections” on Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m. in Parmer Cinema, Boyer Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public. A book signing of Fiorina’s book, “Culture War? The Myth of a Polarized America,” which attracted wide attention in the national media, will follow in Howe Atrium. Please see attachment at the end of this “Intercom” for more details.

Fifth Annual Ethics Conference set for April 24

This day-long conference will be held on Friday, April 24 in Hostetter Chapel. Everett Worthington, will speak in the morning about ethical issues of forgiveness and justice in a clinical setting. In the afternoon, he will continue the discussion by focusing his comments on the ethics of forgiveness

and justice in an international setting. Six continuing education hours in ethics are available for social workers, psychologists, counselors, marriage and family therapists, certified family life educators, and PA teachers (Act 48). For more information or to register for this event, contact Tonya Baker, graduate program manager, or visit the conference website at www.messiah.edu/departments/socio/swconference.html. There are discounted rates for Messiah College employees and students, as well as a discount for registering prior to the April 10 deadline. We hope to see you there.

Employee Giving Campaign announced

The Employee Giving Campaign will take place during the month of April. Last year, employees contributed a total of \$169,886.34 to support the Student Impact Fund, the Employee Scholarship Fund, general scholarship aid, missions and service, athletics, approved college and departmental scholarships, initiatives, and much more. In the coming weeks, you will receive more information about making your gift and how your gift makes a direct impact in the lives of our students. Please prayerfully consider your support of Messiah and our students!

“Why I Give” testimonial: “Last year, I marked the appropriate box to invest in the Employee Giving Campaign. It seemed like a small and simple act. It was relatively painless and truthfully I did not notice the difference in my paychecks. However, I can say with confidence from first hand experience with students, some of them would not be able to continue at Messiah College were it not for our relatively painless acts of giving. It’s rare that something so simple can have such a significant impact. Your giving does make a difference for some students who desperately need our support to continue their education at Messiah College. It is a gracious act to invest in the minds and lives of our students. I invite you to join me this year by marking the box that allows a payroll deduction to make a real difference in the life of a deserving student.

— *Eldon Fry, College Pastor*

Computer classes offered to community

The students of the Business Information Systems 230 class will be offering hands-on classes to people in our community who work or volunteer at non-profit organizations. This semester features two classes in Excel 2007, Microsoft’s popular spreadsheet package. One class is designed for beginners new to the package; the second is intended for those who wish to enhance their Excel skills. Both classes are free with just a \$5 charge for a book. They will be held Thursday, April 23 (Service Day) from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. All Messiah colleagues, friends, and family members are invited to take advantage of this opportunity. For more information on these classes or to enroll in one of them, contact Deborah Sweaney, adjunct instructor in the department of management and business, by e-mail at dsweaney@messiah.edu. All those enrolled will receive additional details before the class.

Field trips announced

The following art education students visited Carver Center for Art and Technology in Towson, Md. on April 1.

Shannon Forney	Elizabeth Pazdersky	Mara Sousa	Emily White
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On Wednesday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the students listed below will attend a half-day field trip as part of their course work for manufacturing methods (ENGR 384). If you have any questions, please contact Tim Van Dyke, associate professor of engineering, at ext. 3986.

Matthew Ayre	Daniel Barlow	William Bellows	Andrew Betteridge
Timothy Bourgeois	Brant Copen	James Davis	Jonathan Hollinger
Nicholas Horst	Elizabeth Komline	Levi Mattas	Eldon Miller
Clement Miller	Charity Oresic	Timothy Stocker	



HUMAN RESOURCES

Employees able to maintain emergency contact information through MC Square

► **Positions available**

Electrical/Computer Engineering Technician
Student Employment Coordinator

► **Birthdays**

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A recent addition to Self-Service functionality via MC Square added the ability for employees to maintain emergency contact information for themselves. Employees can add, modify, or delete emergency contacts at any time by logging into MC Square and proceeding to the “Employee Details” link in the Employee QuickLinks Channel. Then select “Personal Information,” “View and Maintain Emergency Contacts,” and follow the instructions.

Positions available

Electrical/Computer Engineering Technician — The department of engineering in the School of Math, Engineering, and Business currently has an opening for the position of electrical/computer engineering technician. This is a full-time, 12-month, administrative position which actively supports the mission and vision of the department in the electrical and computer areas by maintaining working relationships with faculty and students and providing hands-on course, laboratory, and project support. This position maintains, repairs, and recommends laboratory equipment. Education required includes an associate’s degree in electronics; BS in electrical/electronics preferred. Also must have three to six years of experience in engineering project work including electronics service and repair. Other requirements include: ability to use and troubleshoot a variety of electronics test equipment; solid verbal and written communications skills; computer proficiency including internet literacy and familiarity with spreadsheet and word processing software; working knowledge of computer aided design applications; and ability to supervise students workers. To apply, please submit a letter of interest and resumé to Messiah College, Human Resources, Box 3015, Grantham, PA 17027 or e-mail

humanres@messiah.edu. (Letters of interest and resumes are preferred via e-mail.) Application materials will be reviewed upon receipt and will be accepted until the position is filled. A job description is available in human resources or on the College website at www.messiah.edu/offices/hr/job_opportunities/admin/elect_comp_engr_tech.html. Job-related questions should be directed to Carl Erikson, search committee chair, at ext. 3300. Deadline for application materials is Friday, April 10, however they will be accepted until the position is filled.

Student Employment Coordinator — The Business Office currently has an opening for the position of student employment coordinator. This full-time, 35 hours-per-week, band 7E position functions as the primary coordinator of multiple aspects of the student employment process. This position is responsible for coordinating advertising, hiring, terminating, reporting, and payroll processing for all student employees, as well as summer camp workers. The payroll portion of the position includes the responsibility to disseminate, collect, compile, and process employee payroll items including time sheets and leave reports. The student employment coordinator also works closely with the financial aid office regarding student work assignments. Required education includes a high school diploma or the equivalent. Experience includes two years of payroll processing experience preferred; experience in a human resources-related function or as an office coordinator a plus. Necessary skills include the ability to communicate and work with multiple individuals in various departments across campus via various mediums; ability to develop plans and procedures to facilitate an efficient process; fastidious attention to detail; excellent customer service skills; ability to work independently; ability to work discreetly with sensitive and confidential information; strong computer skills with a developed working knowledge of Word and Excel; and experience working with payroll systems software

(especially Banner) preferred. To apply, please submit a letter of interest and r sum  to Messiah College, Human Resources, Box 3015, Grantham, PA 17027 or e-mail humanres@messiah.edu. (Applications are preferred via e-mail.) A job description is available in human resources or on the College website at www.messiah.edu/offices/hr/job_opportunities/staff/student_empl_coord.html. Job-related questions should be directed to Don Lerew, HRIS and compensation manager, at ext. 2030. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and will be accepted until the position is filled.

Happy birthday!

- 04/11: Jan Slabaugh
- 04/12: Brian Hager
- 04/13: Dawn Gearhart
- 04/14: Brian Frank, Tom Hale
- 04/15: Maria Diaz, Heidi Shultz
- 04/16: Elaine Henderson, Aleisha Wildon
- 04/17: Carol Lerew, Debra McHugh, Ariela Vader, Lisa Weaver
- 04/18: Jeff Erikson, Mary Holloway, Anne Reeve, Frank Sneeringer
- 04/19: Patricia Reyes, Helen Vaughan

Announcements

For rent:

House — Less than one mile from Messiah College. Large 1,560 sq. ft., completely rehabbed ranch house on 2.6 acres in Bowmansdale. Three bedrooms, one bath, oil forced air heat with central air, first floor laundry room with washer and dryer Available immediately. All major appliances except microwave provided. Amazing views of mountains and Ski Roundtop, large yard, and small creek. No smoking, small pets negotiable for additional monthly amount. \$1,100/month plus utilities, except trash and sewer. Security deposit and \$35 application fee required. E-mail jparrish01@hotmail.com or call Josh Parrish for more information or to schedule a showing at (717) 919-1686.

House — Available Aug. 1 through July 31, 2010. Four bedroom, three bath home for rent in rural Dillsburg. Living room, family room, eat-in kitchen, dining room, and two-car attached garage. House sits on six quiet acres of woods, trails throughout and a swing set in the backyard! Northern York School District, 4.5 miles from Messiah College. Call Ron or Roseann at 432-3880, evenings, or e-mail Roseann at rsachs@messiah.edu.



Vacation cabin — Several weeks in August are available to vacation in our log cabin in the Adirondacks in New York. The cabin has three small bedrooms and one large loft bedroom, great room, front porch. Property backs up to river for canoeing and kayaking. Cabin is located a short walk from Christian Resort, Camp of the Woods. More details and photos if interested. Cost \$800 per week. Cabin sleeps seven in beds, and four more in sleeper/sofas. No cable. Contact bsyverts@messiah.edu.

For sale:

Black futon — With new material on the mattress, \$30; **Coffee table** — Red/brown wood coffee table with a V-shaped drawer on one side, not too old, \$35. **Rocking chair** — Black, \$20. Call 432-3487 or e-mail ives@messiah.edu.

House — Three bedroom, 1.5 bath, newly renovated in a superb neighborhood/schools, near shopping, college, and has a fenced yard. \$144,900. Call 243-7209.



2006 Nissan SE — Charcoal, sport seats, moon roof, new Michelins, always hand washed, garaged, 56,000 miles, \$15,500. Contact Dave Lesko at ext. 7049; home 610-4185; cell (215) 872-4255.

Outside organization announcements:

A combined Taizé/Tenebrae service will be held at the Grantham Church — All are invited on Good Friday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. for this reflective service of sung prayers and scripture in light to darkness.

Organ Plus concert set for Sunday, April 26 — The final program sponsored by the Harrisburg Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) in the International Year of the Organ will be held on Sunday, April 26, at 4 p.m. in the Grantham Church. The selections will feature the organ plus other instruments. Participating in the event are the Grantham Chancel Choir (Sara Donovall, soloist), the Grantham Brass, and the Grantham Ringers. AGO participants will be Charles Yocum, Donald Golden, Ronald Sider, Suzanne Klinedinst, Timothy Koch, Kenneth Kline, and Lois Paine, organists, plus Karen Appel, soprano, and Ruth Brommer, mezzo-soprano. They will be joined by Charles Yocum III, violin; Donald Roeder, trumpet; Beth Sider, flautist; Hilary Zirkle, clarinet; and Timothy Koch, piano. A reception follows with an art exhibit in celebration of the 100th anniversary of The Grantham Church. All are welcome.

Reflection

A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.

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Dr. Morris Fiorina

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The Road to (and from) the 2008 Elections

Thursday, April 2

7:00 p.m.

Parmer, Boyer Hall

"Culture War?" book signing to follow in Howe Atrium

An expert on elections, public opinion, and the U.S. Congress, Dr. Fiorina's research focuses on legislative and electoral processes with emphasis on the ways in which political institutions and procedures facilitate or distort the representation of citizen preferences. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

His 2004 book, "Culture War? The Myth of a Polarized America," attracted wide attention in the national media. His next book, "Disconnect: A Breakdown of Representation in the United States" will appear in 2009.

