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Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

May 7, 2009

—DEUTERONOMY 5:16 (NRSV)

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.

Remembering one another

Katharine Gulde, adjunct professor of the department of music, and her husband Ingo are the proud parents of a baby girl. Liliana Elizabeth was born on April 29 weighing 9 lb., 11.6 oz., and measuring 22 in. Everyone is doing very well.

We would like to express our sympathy to **John Harms**, assistant professor of biological sciences, on the recent death of his mother on May 3. Please keep John and his family in your prayers during this difficult time.

Campus people

Messiah College welcomes the following new employees: **Laura M. Miller**, assistant director of institutional research; and **Todd E. Staub**, student employment coordinator. Welcome to the community!

Gene Chase, professor emeritus of mathematics and computer science, was the advisor for a master's thesis in higher education "Non Trivial Natural Inclusion of Faith in Mathematics." by Jonathan Dent of Geneva College. Jonathan is son of Messiah College's Rick Dent, chief information officer. Gene also was an advisor for a senior honors thesis in computer science, "Automated Interpretation of Arithmetic in First-Order Theories" by Richard Rast at Dickinson College. During this academic year Gene taught Calculus I and Theoretical Foundations of Computer Science at Dickinson College, and will be a guest mathematics teacher at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, Md. on May 15. His topic will be "Why Topologists Can't Tell the Difference Between a Coffee Cup and a Donut."

Dwayne Magee, director of college press and postal services, was invited by the Association of College and University Printers to be one of their featured presenters at their annual conference. He presented on motivation through work design with a particular emphasis on connecting the significant work of colleges and universities with the work of the college print shop.

David Pettegrew, assistant professor of history, delivered a public lecture titled "Strolling the Promenade: the Isthmus of Corinth in the Roman Mediterranean" as part of the Central Michigan Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America at Michigan State University on April 21.

Cynthia A. Wells, Boyer Fellow/assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies/director of the Core Course, gave a paper titled "A Confession and the Classic Question" addressing Tolstoy's spiritual autobiography at the annual Association for Core Text and Courses in Memphis, Tenn. on April 19.

2009 Commencement information available for employees

The Commencement Planning Committee is pleased to announce the 2009 Commencement schedule of events is attached. Faculty, staff, and administrators who are participating in the ceremony will soon receive additional details regarding their roles from the president's office and provost's office. However, the schedule, along with employee parking information, which is attached to the end of this issue of the "Intercom," provides a helpful overview of the weekend's events for the entire campus. Additional details are available on the Commencement website at www.messiah.edu/commencement. If you have any questions regarding Commencement, please contact Carla Gross, co-chair of the Commencement Committee, at ext. 6940, or the conference and events services office at ext. 6009. Thank you to all campus employees who have been planning and working diligently for the past several months to make Commencement 2009 a wonderful experience for graduates and their families!

The Martins to perform concert on May 21

Award-winning and Grammy-nominated Christian recording artists, The Martins, will be performing on Thursday, May 21. This talented trio has broken stylistic barriers and enjoyed success in varying Christian music genres, from Southern gospel, to inspirational, to adult contemporary. The group has been featured on the highly successful Gaither Homecoming Concerts and videos in addition to crusades with renown evangelist Billy Graham, and also enjoyed performances at such prestigious places as Carnegie Hall and the White House. Tickets for the show are \$30 each. Ticket price includes an outdoor hors d'oeuvres reception at 7 p.m. with the concert in Miller Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m. Seating is limited. For tickets, call the ticket office at ext. 6036.

27th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Outing set for June 1

Join us for a day of golf on Monday, June 1 at the Blue Ridge Country Club in Harrisburg. There will be a morning and afternoon flight with prizes for the flight winners and runners up. Specialty contests include longest drive, hole in one, straightest drive, closest to the pin, golf team challenge, and longest putt. You can choose your foursome or allow us to place you with a group. In addition to prizes, the day will include a luncheon, give aways, refreshments, cart use, and fellowship with friends. For more information, registration, and sponsorship opportunities, visit the alumni web page at www.messiah.edu/offices/alumni/alumni_services/events/golf/index.html.

Dining services posts summer hours

Beginning May 18, the Falcon Express will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Extended evening and weekend hours will be posted at the Falcon Express weekly and on our website at www.messiah.edu/offices/dining/falcon/. Check out our great breakfast and lunch specials as well!

The C-Store will close on Monday, May 11 at 11 p.m. Check out the reduced prices on many of the snack items during the last few days that the C-Store is open.

The Union Café will close for the summer on Tuesday, May 12 at 2 p.m. We look forward to serving you again in the fall!

Faculty services office posts summer hours

Faculty services' summer hours will begin Monday, May 18. The office will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If necessary, the after hours drop box is available for faculty to deposit their work. Please contact Diane Hunsinger, faculty services supervisor, at ext. 3895 if you have any questions or concerns.

BJ's Wholesale Club membership drive open until May 29

BJ's Wholesale Club is once again offering a special membership rate to Messiah College employees. The membership cost is \$35 (\$10 off the normal \$45 fee) plus three additional months at no charge for a total of 15 months. Your membership will allow you to purchase name-brand merchandise at low, wholesale prices. This is a limited time offer and is not available online or at any BJ's Club location. If you enrolled last year, your current card may not be due to expire. We are running this early to reach those who leave for the summer. The 15 months will be added to your expiration date. To join, or renew an existing membership, pick-up and return your application to Gretchen Banks, purchasing department, Hoffman room 304. Payment must accompany application; checks made out to BJ's Wholesale Club or credit card. NO CASH PLEASE. The offer ends Friday, May 29. For more details, call the purchasing office at ext. 2100.



HUMAN RESOURCES

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Hersheypark ticket announcement

Hershey Park has made special arrangements with Giant Food Stores to sell sharply discounted tickets in May and June. These tickets, which include free parking, will be more cost effective than the group tickets we would be able to purchase and make available here at Messiah. The Giant tickets must be used in the month of purchase; we will be re-evaluating whether to offer tickets on campus at the end of June.

2008-09 performance review schedule outlined

Performance appraisals for all administrative and staff employees, with the exception of employees in the operations department and some in athletics, are due on Monday, June 15. If an employee is leaving campus prior to June 15, the performance appraisal is due before they depart. Operations will review their employees during the month of their hiring anniversary; athletics has established a schedule that more closely supports the athletics calendar. Customized appraisal forms have been established to better support the environment and requirements of different areas of the College. Other areas of the College will use the standard appraisal forms found in the forms section of the human resources website at www.messiah.edu/offices/hr/. If you have any questions regarding the review process, please contact Kathy Castonguay, human resources project manager, at ext. 7086.

Happy birthday!



5/18: Chris Bittinger

5/19: Michelle George, Joanna Matlak, Alex Quigley, Scott Scaramuzzino

5/20: Larry Mylin, Debbie Owen, Geof Weisenborn

5/21: Jennifer Billman, Sherry Dearnorff, David Owen, Deborah Tepley

5/22: Carol Hall, Holly Myers

5/23: David Hietala, Glen Pierce, Sheila Rodriguez, Ann Rohrbaugh

5/24: Shirley Groff, Steven Kennedy, Nancy Luley, John Meyer

5/25: Bob Barrett

Announcements

Wanted:

Baskets for Basset Hound Rescue — If you are spring cleaning and need to get rid of items, I am making raffle baskets for our basset hound rescue's big fundraiser, the BROOD Ramble. Visit www.brood-va.org/ramble/rambleinfo.htm for more information. I need baskets (at least 12 in.) and other decorative containers. Examples: pretty bowls, pails or buckets, or hat boxes, etc., anything that would be good to use to hold raffle items. You can e-mail me at ekielley@messiah.edu. Thank you for supporting homeless hounds.

Security safe — The ticket office is in need of a small security safe. Before buying a new one we wanted to try to recycle/reuse first. If anyone has one, either personally or in their office, that is no longer needed, please contact Shelby Bittinger at the ticket office at ext. 6036.

For rent:

House — Available Aug. 1, 2009 to July 31, 2010. Four bedroom, three bath house for rent in rural Dillsburg. Living room, family room, eat-in kitchen, and dining room. 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. \$1,100 a month, plus one month security deposit. Call Ron or Roseann at 432-3880, evenings or e-mail rsachs@messiah.edu.



House — Single-family, ranch with finished basement in Mechanicsburg adjacent to Messiah College. Approximately 1,800-plus sq. ft. Three bedrooms upstairs; three baths; one-car garage; kitchen with all new appliances; large living room connected to dining room with bay window; fireplace; and screened in porch. Large, finished basement with room for storage; washer/dryer use. Brand new carpeted floors; oil heat. Large one-acre yard in Mechanicsburg School District; great neighborhood. \$1,275 per month plus utilities and a one-month security deposit. Available from July 29 through Aug. 1, 2010. To schedule a showing or for more information, contact Erik or Molly Lindquist at (717) 697-3220 or e-mail quist@messiah.edu.

Outside organization announcements:

Grantham Women's Club to meet May 11 — The Grantham Women's Club will meet Monday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grantham Church, 421 Grantham Road. Jim Hoover will be talking about "Bees, Bees." Ladies, including non members, are invited to attend. Bonus Books will be available at the meeting or by calling 697-0486.

Reflection

Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length.

ROBERT FROST

U.S. poet

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2009 Commencement Schedule of Events

Friday, May 15

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Baccalaureate Service

Brubaker Auditorium, Eisenhower Campus Center

Baccalaureate requires tickets for entry to give priority to graduates and their families in Brubaker Auditorium. More details are available at

www.messiah.edu/commencement/2009/bacc_ticket_info.html

8:45-10:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate Reception for Graduates and their Families

Hitchcock Arena, Sollenberger Sports Center

All members of the Community of Educators are strongly encouraged to attend the Baccalaureate reception, and to meet and congratulate graduates and their families near their academic department flags.

Saturday, May 16

7:00-8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast for Graduates

Lottie Nelson Dining Room, Eisenhower Campus Center

8:30 a.m.

Commencement Field Opens to Guests

8:15-8:45 a.m.

Student Lineup for Processional

Hitchcock Arena

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Platform Participants Briefing

Climenhaga 134

9:00-9:15 a.m.

Community of Educators Report for Lineup for Processional

Climenhaga Fine Arts Center Courtyard

10:00 a.m.-noon

Commencement Ceremony

Shoemaker Field, Starry Athletic Complex

Noon

Creekside Reception for Graduates

Starry Athletic Complex

Inclement Weather

The Commencement ceremony is planned as an outdoor activity, and the College's strong preference is to hold the ceremony outside at the scheduled time. In the case of mildly inclement weather, the ceremony will proceed as scheduled. If the inclement weather is severe, an alternative schedule according to one of the below options will be followed:

Option A: If the inclement weather is severe, but of a passing nature, the College will postpone the ceremony until 1:00 p.m. At that time, the ceremony will be held at the outdoor athletic complex as planned.

Option B: If the inclement weather is severe and is NOT of a passing nature, the College will hold two abbreviated indoor ceremonies—one at 11 a.m. (Arts, Education and Social Sciences; Mathematics, Engineering, and Business) and the other at 2 p.m. (Humanities; and Health and Natural Sciences) —both in Brubaker Auditorium. In the event this option is enacted, seating will be limited inside the auditorium, and some guests may need to be directed to view the Commencement ceremony live via closed-circuit television in Lottie Nelson Dining Room, located on the second level of Eisenhower Campus Center. **Tickets will be required for both indoor venues.** Details on graduates' guest tickets for the indoor ceremony option are available at www.messiah.edu/commencement/2009/rain_ticket_info.html.

A decision regarding any potential changes to the schedule will be made by 6:00 a.m. on Commencement day. Announcements regarding the schedule—**and any resulting instructions for ceremony participants**—will be posted on the College's phone hot line, (717) 691-6084, and on the College's website at www.messiah.edu/commencement.

Employee Parking

Prior to the Baccalaureate service and reception, traffic personnel will direct guests to designated parking areas on campus. **College employees do not receive reserved parking for Baccalaureate.** The Department of Safety asks that all guests walk from where Traffic Control directs you to park. (Shuttle service will *not* be provided Friday evening.) To avoid safety hazards, please do not stop in the middle of the roadway to drop off your party. If you have questions regarding parking or drop-off locations for guests with a disability, please contact Parking Officer Stephen Smith at ext. 6753.

For Commencement day, members of the Community of Educators and other employees who are marching in the processional or participating in the Commencement ceremony will receive a reserved parking pass via campus mail. **Employees must show their parking pass to park in a reserved area such as the Old Main/Climenhaga lot.** All other employees who will be working the Commencement ceremony should ask their supervisor where their designated parking area will be that day. A shuttle service will transport all other guests between their parking areas and the athletic complex both before and after the Commencement ceremony. Special transportation, however, will be available for those guests requiring assistance between the shuttle drop point and the ceremony site.

Due to the significantly increased volume of traffic on campus for both Baccalaureate and Commencement, all employees are asked to arrive on campus early to ensure that they can get where they need to be on time. Any questions regarding parking for Commencement weekend may be directed to Parking Officer Stephen Smith at ext. 6753.