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He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going  
out and your coming in from this time on and for  
evermore.

**October 2, 2008**

—PSALM 121:7B-8 (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](mailto:intercom@messiah.edu), or the user-friendly submission form on the Intercom website at [www.messiah.edu/intercom/submit.html](http://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.

**Editor's Note:** There will be no Oct. 9 issue of the Intercom. The next issue will be Oct. 16.

### ***Campus people***

Messiah College welcomes the following new employees: **Scott D. Douville**, cook II; and **Mandy Summers**, campus events worker I. Welcome to the community!

History Professors **John Fea**, **Jim LaGrand**, **David Pettegrew**, and **Anne Marie Stoner-Eby** attended the biennial meeting of the Conference on Faith and History held at Bluffton University on Sept. 18 to 20, and gave presentations on, respectively, "Microhistory in Early American History," "Preaching Through History," "The Christianization of Ancient Corinth," and "The Growth of Christianity in Africa."

### ***President Phipps to host Open Door Days***

President Kim Phipps will host "open door" days to meet with students and employees on issues that are important to them. Stop by her office on the second floor of Old Main from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. on the following days during the 2008-2009 academic year:

**Monday, Oct. 27, 2008**

**Monday, Dec. 8, 2008**

**Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009**

**Monday, April 20, 2009**

### ***Business office to adjust hours on Oct. 7***

The business counter and offices will open at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

### ***Campus office to close on Oct. 10***

The office of campus events and conference services will be closed on Friday, Oct. 10.

### ***Card Services and ticket office to close on Oct 9 and 10***

The card services office and the ticket office will be closed on Thursday, Oct. 9 and Friday, Oct. 10 for fall break. The offices will return to normal hours on Monday, Oct. 13. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

### ***Philadelphia Campus registration deadline is Oct. 14***

Just a reminder that the deadline for Philadelphia Campus registration is Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 3 p.m. Please plan to meet with your advisees earlier than advising week.

## Department of education to host educational research forum on Oct. 21

Please see complete details in attachment at the end if this “Intercom.”

### Will you know what to do when the fire alarm sounds?

In order to inform campus faculty and staff of their roles in the event of a fire emergency in any of our facilities, the department of facility services and the department of safety urge you to please review the attachment at the end of this “Intercom.” It is highly recommended that you print out this page, post it in a conspicuous location in your office, and review it periodically. If you have any questions regarding this or any other fire-related issues, please contact John Fite, fire and safety systems coordinator, at ext. 6022, or Skip Benson, supervisor of safety training, at ext. 5082.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### ► Positions available

Temporary Administrative Assistant to Teacher Education Program/Director of Teacher Education

### ► Birthdays

**Temporary Administrative Assistant to Teacher Education Program/Director of Teacher Education** — The department of education has an immediate opening for the position of temporary administrative assistant to teacher education program/director of teacher education. This is a temporary, part-time, 2008-09 academic year, 10 hours-per-week position. This position will provide temporary additional support to the work of the director of teacher education and the Messiah College teacher education program. Through this position services are offered to approximately 500 to 550 teacher certification students, 15 certification programs (students, departments, and faculty), the Teacher Education Committee, and various public school interfaces. Education required includes a high school diploma; some college work preferred. Must have one to two years of experience in an administrative assistant capacity; experience working with college students a plus. Other requirements include: excellent human relations and interpersonal skills; genuine understanding of college-age population; outstanding organizational skills, time awareness, and management; understanding of priorities and multi-tasking; attentive to details; strong computer skills (Microsoft Office Suite, etc.); effective verbal and written communication skills; capable phone communications skills; collaborative nature; willingness to work as a team member; flexibility of schedule is necessary to coordinate work hours with existing part-time support person. Additionally, a single work space will be shared and, thus, organization and neatness of work area are as essential as the good communication needed between persons sharing the space. Hours are flexible within these parameters: Monday and Wednesday, between 12 and 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 8 a.m. and noon, and Fridays between 11:30 and 5 p.m. To apply, please submit a r sum  to Messiah College, Human Resources, Box 3015, Grantham, PA 17027 or e-mail [humanres@messiah.edu](mailto: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/admin.html](http://www.messiah.edu/offices/hr/job_opportunities/admin.html). Job-related questions should be directed to Suzanne Fennell, director of teacher education, at ext. 2680. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and will be accepted until the position is filled.

### Happy birthday!

10/02: Barry DeRoos

10/03: Pat London, Norma Miller, Beth Stimpert

10/04: Christopher Barnett, Frank Coffey, Christy Hanson, Martha Solomon

10/05: Craig Gephart, Rebecca Kasparek, Heidi Lee

10/06: Kathy Hettinga

10/08: Beth Coulson, Fred Klunk, Linda Nye, Sianglerd SaengDuangChan, Gail Sands

## **Announcements**

### **For sale:**

**Annual youth ministry pumpkin sale** — On Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., the youth ministry students will be selling pumpkins, gourds, and corn bundles in the Eisenhower Campus Center Commons. All pumpkins and gourds are home-grown and hand washed on the Gallaher farm. Prices range from \$2 for a small pumpkin to \$8 for an extra-large pumpkin, with all proceeds benefiting youth ministry activities on campus. There will be students on hand to transport pumpkins to your office or your vehicle if needed.

**House** — Two story country charmer situated on a cul-de-sac in Dillsburg. Nicely landscaped yard with mature maple trees. Three bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, open floor plan with sunken living room, a gas fireplace, and skylights. Family room, eat-in kitchen, dining room, large laundry room, and two-car oversized garage with storage above. Master bedroom has a dressing area and walk-in closet off of the bathroom. Large backyard that is fully fenced in. It has a two-level deck, storage shed, and swing set. Much larger than it appears! Offered at \$223,900. If interested contact Jeff Krimmel, Re/Max Realty Associates, at 329-9620 or e-mail [jkrimmel@earthlink.net](mailto:jkrimmel@earthlink.net).

### **Outside organization announcements:**

**NASCAR fans, ever been in the pit area before?** — Well here's your chance. The Big Spring Holiday Classic, boys/girls holiday basketball tournament held at Big Spring High School has two pit/garage area passes for the spring and fall Dover races and also for the June Pocono race for the 2009 season. Passes are good for the entire weekend and include seats for the races. Raffle tickets are a donation of \$5 each or five for \$20 with the proceeds being donated to the Children's Miracle Network at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center. The winning tickets will be drawn prior to the boy's championship basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009. You must be 18 to play and you do not need to be present to win. For information on obtaining tickets, contact Wes Bower at ext. 3561 or [wbower@messiah.edu](mailto:wbower@messiah.edu).

## **Reflection**

*The most profound statements are often said in silence.*

**LYNN JOHNSTON**

*Canadian cartoonist of "For Better or For Worse"*

**Scroll down for attachments**

# EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH FORUM

*Department of Education  
Messiah College*

## **Curriculum Development in Northern Ghana**

*In this forum, I will share “my tales from the field” about the contextual nuances and curriculum development of a complementary education program in Northern Ghana*

**Obed Mfum-Mensah**  
*Department of Education  
Messiah College*

**Recent debates on curriculum theorizing have brought into question the utility of the “Tyler rationale” model of curriculum development instead of the “critical model” in this era where decentralization, empowerment and “grassroots participation” are the buzzwords. Contrary to the curriculum debates, I discovered how the context shaped the curriculum development process. The fundamental question that I pose in this presentation is how might educational practice in the developing world offer a new perspective to educational policy and practice in the western world in this age of globalization? – or does it?**

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**October 21, 2008  
Parmer Cinema (Boyer Hall)  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

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*Reception and Refreshments  
Boyer Hall Atrium  
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.*

*All faculty, staff, students, and visitors are welcome.*

# Messiah College

## Campus Buildings

### Fire Alarm Response Instructions

#### **Role of Faculty/Staff during a Fire Alarm:**

1. Upon activation of the building fire alarm system (audible and/or visual signals), **remain calm**. Each building that has a fire alarm system reports directly to **Dispatch Services** via our campus' Central Alarm Monitoring System. However, all fire alarms should still be individually reported to **Dispatch Services at extension 6565**, advising Dispatch of any known fire conditions that may be present in the building, e.g., the presence of smoke and/or actual fire.
2. The **Department of Safety Dispatch Services** will contact 911, if this is necessary, according to current established response protocols.
3. **ALL CLASSROOMS/OFFICES/LABS MUST BE EVACUATED. NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO REMAIN INSIDE OF THE BUILDING FOR ANY REASON.** Grab only the necessary clothing (coats, etc.) for existing weather conditions. Do not delay evacuation while attempting to salvage other personal belongings.
4. Turn "**OFF**" all unnecessary classroom/office/lab appliances and equipment, including **lab/classroom gas valves**. Also, turn off room lights upon evacuation. **DO NOT LOCK ANY CLASSROOM/OFFICE/LAB DOORS UPON EVACUATION.**
5. Feel the inside of your classroom/office/lab door with the back side of your hand before attempting to open the door to the hallway. If the door is "**COOL**" to the touch, then open the door to the hallway slowly. Immediately observe the hallway for any visible signs of danger, such as smoke and/or fire.
  - a. If the hallway is clear, then proceed quickly to the nearest exit and evacuate the building.
  - b. If there is a light to moderate smoke condition in the hallway, then stay low to the floor and/or crawl to the nearest exit; evacuate the building immediately.
  - c. If there is heavy smoke and/or fire in the hallway and you have no way to escape safely, then close your hallway door immediately and remain inside of your classroom/office/lab.
6. If the door or lock is "**HOT**" to the touch, then do not open the door for any reason. **Remain calm**. Seal the door cracks with wet paper towels or clothing. **Immediately phone the Department of Safety Dispatch Services at extension 6565** (or 911, if Dispatch can't be reached), give your location (room number, if known), and state that you are trapped by fire/smoke. Go to the window in your classroom/office/lab, and **signal** to anyone outside that you need assistance. If your classroom/office/lab begins to fill with smoke, lie down on the floor to avoid breathing any smoke/toxic fumes. The Fire Department will search the building and evacuate you as soon as possible. If you are physically-disabled and unable to safely use stairs, and your building has a Rescue Assistance System callbox on your floor, activate the push button if you can access it safely. **DO NOT USE ELEVATORS!** You may become trapped if power becomes interrupted, or the elevator is automatically called to the fire floor because of heat-damaged hall call buttons.
7. After exiting the building, all persons should remain clear of the building by at least **50 to 100 feet**; move beyond sidewalks if necessary, but **never** stand in fire lanes, on roadways, or parking lot aisles.
8. **Never re-enter the building for any reason**. Every effort will be made to return evacuated persons to the building as soon as it is safe to do so. However, if it appears that the incident will require an extended evacuation period, then all evacuated persons will be directed to an adjacent facility.
9. **Faculty/Staff** shall assist the Departments of Safety, Facility Services, and Campus Events with crowd control by keeping evacuated persons away from building entrances, clear of fire lanes, roadways, and parking lot aisles.
10. **ALL CLEAR**. Wait until permission is granted by the Department of Safety or the Township Fire Chief before re-entering the building.