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Intercom deadline

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Remembering one another

I would like to thank the Messiah community for the lovely bouquet during my hospital stay. Your prayer support, cards, and other acts of kindness toward Jerry and me have been most appreciated and encouraging during my long ordeal. Thank the Lord, I now am on the path toward total healing.

— *Jan Hess*

Congratulations to **Chris Staecker**, assistant professor of mathematics, and wife Jennifer on the birth of their first child. Jocelyn Olivia arrived Oct. 24 weighing 6 lbs., 12 oz. and all are doing very well.

Campus people

Congratulations to senior Bible major **Melanie Bair**, whose essay “Life Is in the Blood: Envisioning Atonement with Regards to Levitical Theology” has been accepted for publication by the “Princeton Theological Review.”

Debra Berke, professor of family science and women’s studies, was the keynote speaker at the Delaware Association of Family and Consumer Sciences annual meeting in Newark, Del. on Oct. 25. Her talk, “Finding Balance: Academics’ Perceptions of Work and Family Through the Life Course,” was based on research conducted during her sabbatical in the fall of 2005 and was partially funded by a grant from Messiah College. She also distributed information about the family and consumer sciences major in the department of human development and family science at Messiah College.

The Building Strong Families Conference, co-sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Council on Family Relations, was held Oct. 11. **Debra Berke**, professor of family science and women’s studies, co-chaired the conference planning committee which included the following committee members from the department of human development and family science: **Raeann Hamon**, distinguished professor family science and gerontology, **Abraham Hwang**, associate professor of human development and family science, and **Erin Boyd-Soisson**, assistant professor of human development and family science, along with **Marti Derr**, assistant professor of nursing, and **Vicki Root**, former member of the social work program. Hamon co-presented “Using Genograms to Assess Family Health” with **Jessica Debrah** (HDFS senior). Boyd-Soisson’s session was “Supporting Mothers in Their Decision to Breastfeed: An Ecological Approach.” Derr presented “Mental Illness and Family Caregiver Burden.” **Heather Hostler**, adjunct member of the department of psychology, presented “Introduction to the Recovery Model: Empowering Clients and Families Struggling with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness.” Hwang, vice president of the Mid-Atlantic Council on Family Relations, presented the Distinguished Service to Families Award to Patricia Tanner Nelson of the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension for her work on behalf of families.

— *Debra L. Berke, Ph.D., CFLE, interim chair, department of human development and family science*

Faculty tenure announcements from the office of the Provost

Please see attachment at the end of this "Intercom."

Results of Campus Climate Survey to be presented on Nov. 7

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Choral Arts Society auditions posted

The Messiah College Choral Arts Society is auditioning members for its upcoming 62nd season. Auditions are Nov. 15, 6 to 9:30 p.m. and Nov. 16, 4 to 7:30 p.m. in the Climenhaga Fine Arts Center. Call 691-6027 to schedule and audition time. Conductor Linda Tedford would like you to bring a prepared piece of any style of music that shows your voice range. An accompanist will be provided. Those auditioning will also be asked to sight-read some music. Choral Arts rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7 to 9:15 p.m., beginning Tuesday, Jan. 22. The choir will sing a Vaughan Williams work and Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony" with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6. They will also present their own concert of J.S. Bach's Cantata 140, Sleepers Wake, and Buxtehude's "Jesu Meine Freude" on Sunday, April 27.

Relay for Life 2008 set for April 25 and 26

Don't miss the chance to help fight cancer by joining Messiah's second annual Relay For Life and newest club "Colleges Against Cancer." Come to Larsen 237 (upstairs at the Union) Monday, Nov. 5 at 8 p.m. to sign up and hear about new opportunities.

Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated. During the 12-hour overnight event, teams of people gather and take turns walking or running laps. Each team keeps at least one team member on the track during the event. There will be plenty of food, fun, and relay prizes, so don't miss out. Save the date for Relay 2008 – Friday, April 25 to Saturday, April 26 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. For more information, e-mail Jennifer Myhre at jm1442@messiah.edu.

Nominate students for "USA Today's" All-USA College Academic Team

An opportunity has presented itself that is very much in keeping with the College's efforts to increase its national visibility and highlight in the media the academic accomplishments of our students.

Each February, "USA Today" publishes the names and photos of 20 students as part of its "All-USA College Academic Team." Award criteria include the student's academic achievement, campus and community involvement and leadership, and an essay reflecting on the student's most outstanding intellectual endeavor as an undergraduate. The nomination process includes the student essay, two letters of recommendation, and a nominator separate from the letter writers. The student must be a full-time undergraduate. Messiah may nominate as many students as it considers eligible. Students selected by "USA Today" for this honor will receive \$2,500 and a trophy. (You can read more at <http://allstars.usatoday.com>.) The nomination deadline is Thursday, Nov. 30.

You are welcome to nominate a student by following the instructions provided at <http://allstars.usatoday.com>. If you intend to make a nomination, please notify Beth Lorow, office of marketing and public relations, at blorow@messiah.edu or ext. 7361.

Bagel Lovers Café offers discount to Messiah employees

With the crispness of fall in the air, what's better than curling up with a nice hot drink and a yummy bagel? Check out Bagel Lovers Cafe on Strawberry Square or on Oakhurst Blvd. near Linglestown for a

15 percent discount off any menu item when you show your employee ID card.

Remember, you can view the full list of Messiah's Employee Discount Program participating businesses on our website www.messiah.edu/discount. Questions about the program can be directed to John Cooker, director of purchasing services, at cooker@messiah.edu or Melissa Rotz at climenhagahomestead@messiah.edu. We are always looking for your feedback and ideas on how to make the program serve you better.

Business office to adjust hours on Nov. 7

The business counter and offices will be closed between 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 for employees to attend the Campus Climate Survey meeting. We will open again at 3:30 p.m. on our regular schedule.

Field trip announced

Please excuse the following students who will be on a trip to New York City with the department of visual arts all day Thursday, Nov. 1. The group will visit various art museums and galleries.

Josh Abro	Kendra Adams	Cindy Agoncillo	Kenneth Bayne
Brian Behm	Letitia Bellows	Hannah Bernstein	Rachel Bingaman
Ben Bond	Megan Byers	Lillian Caracci	Sarah Carapezza
Kelly Carmack	Amy Chow	Tiffany Chupko	Stephany Coddington
Matthew Coldsmith	Megan Comrey	Melinda Cook	Courtney Cope
Emily Cope	Michael Craig	Joanna Crosley	Timothy D'Agostino
Genna D'Aleandro	Emily Davidson	Jocelyn Davie	Gregory Deddo
Amanda Dirksen	Katie Ehly	Peter Erickson	Gwyneth Evans
David Ferguson	Adam Fenstermacher	Shannon Forney	Aftan Francis
Kelinda Ganow	Laura Goodling	Reuben Graham	Jessica Grim
Monica Groff	Bethany Haizlett	Marissa Hanker	Matthew Hannigan
Andrew Hawk	Emily Heidel	Ginny Heidel	Sarah Helm
Megan Hobbes	Jeremy Hollinger	Anna Howard	Sarah Huber
Fred Jarrett	Justin Johnson	Lydia Johnson	Stephanie Jury
Sam Kahler	Ashley Kaye	Brandon Kerr	Hong Khuc
Matt Kiehl	Patrice King	Laura Klinefelter	Alanna Koll
Michelle Kowalczyk	Lauren Kroh	Carolyn Lambright	Rachel Landis
Ross Lehman	Mackenzie Martin	Andrea Martinez	Philip Masincup
Megan McKone	Erin McManness	Erin McRae	Lindsay Mehringer
Maria Mendez	Sarah Micklewright	Monica Mika	Becky Miller
Katelyn Miller	Elizabeth Monachello	Whitney Moore	Kelsy Myers
Shauna Myers	Kelly Neibert	Katie Ness	Amy Newton
Stephanie Nitschke	Amanda Owens	Nicole Owens	Dale Pagenkopf
Steve Palmer	Liz Pazdersky	Ammon Perry	Matthew Pfeiffer
Meredith Pilling	Marisa Porter	Emily Powell	Emily Pratt
Joshua Rayner	Patti Rother Bennett	Charles Rowdon	Daniel Rudisill
Katrina Sampson	Katherine Sas	Dana Scannapieco	Kristen Seda
Kelly Sefter	Lauren Sell	Laura Shambaugh	Jessica Shuster
Melissa Siegfried	Lindsey Simmons	Alison Smith	Eli Smith
Heather Smith	Charlene Snader	Mara Sousa	Megan Specht
Amy Stoltzfus	Brittany Tasch	Holly Tate	Natalie Tier
Alison Vacek	Kathryn Underwood	Carrie Vaisman	Lisa Vanarsdale
Andrew Vriens	Allison Walden	Melanie Walters	Crystal Weaver
Emily White	Larissa White	Shelby White	Charley Wilkinson
Kelsey Wolf	MaryBeth Worley	Lenora Wright	Elena Yamamoto
Daniel Yoder	Christine Zanolovic		



Your United Way dollars at work

Throughout our employee pledge drive we plan to highlight issues important to Messiah employees that are addressed by organizations funded by the United Way. We reported on domestic violence in a mass e-mail last week; this week you heard about childhood obesity from our Wellness Director Doug Miller. Our intent is to let you know how your donations to the United Way are helping others. At the same time, we will provide information on resources that may be relevant to you or others in your life. In addition to employee donations of time and money, our students are making a difference in programs supported by the United Way! We will highlight two organizations – the Salvation Army and the Joshua Group – that benefit from the involvement of Messiah students and alumni. Look for upcoming mass e-mails. If you have any questions about the United Way employee pledge drive, please contact Kathy Castonguay, human resources, at ext. 7086.

Happy birthday!

11/01: Laurie Schenhals, Anita Voelker

11/02: Rhonda Good, Gloria Hile, Alex Lemmon,

11/03: Susan Jaycox

11/04: John Beaney, Mike Blount, Robert Brown, David Kasperek, Susan Smith

11/05: Teri Rader, Robert Sipe

11/06: Brent Good

11/07: Shawn Gingrich, Brooke Good

Announcements

For sale:

1994 Prowler travel trailer — 26 ft., ducted A/C and heat, stereo, cable ready, spare tire, leveling jacks, microwave, sleeps six, very good condition. Asking \$5,900 obo. Call 432-4758 or ext. 5053.

1988 Honda Accord LX-I — Asking \$900, Kelly Blue Book \$1,200. Top of the line model for the year. Five-speed, 192,000 miles, new battery/alternator, muffler, and spark plugs. Great interior/good exterior, well taken care of over the years. Call 691-8241 and ask for Chris.

Reflection

Education is not the piling on of learning, information, data, facts, skills, or abilities— that's training or instruction— but it is rather making visible what is hidden as a seed.

THOMAS MORE

English Statesman, and Chancellor of England

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To: All Messiah College Employees and Students
From: Campus Climate Task Force
Date: October 24, 2007
Subject: Campus Climate "Town Meetings"

Last spring, the Messiah Community participated in a Campus Climate Survey. On Wednesday, November 7, Sue Rankin from Rankin & Associates Consulting, will be on campus to present a summary of the results of this survey. Separate presentations will be made to Senior Administration, Educators, Students, Staff and Administrative Employees, and the Campus Climate Task Force.

Below are the times of these Town Meetings. If at all possible, please plan to attend the meeting designated for your group. The presentations are designed to address some of the concerns and issues pertinent to each specific group. However, if you cannot attend the meeting designated for your group, please feel free to attend any of the other presentations.

Time	Group	Location
10:00-11:15	Educators	Hostetter Chapel
12:30-1:45	Students	Hostetter Chapel
2:00-3:15	Staff/Admin	Hostetter Chapel
3:30-4:45	Educators	Hostetter Chapel

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

I am pleased to announce that **Christopher E. Simmons**, assistant professor of communication and film, has been approved for term tenure for the five-year period, Aug. 1, 2008 to July 31, 2013:

I am pleased to announce the following faculty members have been approved for term tenure renewal for the five-year period, Aug. 1, 2008 to July 31, 2013:

John A. Beaney, Professor of Modern Languages; Chair, Department of Modern Languages

Michael R. Cosby, Professor of New Testament

John W. Eby, Professor of Sociology

Gary Emberger, Professor of Botany Biology; Interim Chair, Department of Biological Sciences

Christine A. Forsythe, Professor of Art; Chair, Department of Visual Arts

Donald J. Forsythe, Professor of Art; Distinguished Professor

David K. Foster, Associate Professor of Biology and Environmental Science

H. Scott Kieffer, Associate Professor of Exercise Physiology

James B. LaGrand, Associate Professor of American History

James V. Makowski, Professor of Biology

Douglas K. Miller, Professor of Exercise Physiology

Timothy J. Peterson, Professor of Urban Studies; Program Director, Philadelphia Campus

Theodore L. Prescott, Professor of Art; Distinguished Professor

I am pleased to announce that the following retired faculty members have been award emeriti status:

Gene B. Chase, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics and Computer Science

J. Barry DeRoos, Associate Professor Emeritus of Computer Science

Kay L. Huber, Associate Professor Emeritus of Nursing

Joseph K. Sheldon, Professor Emeritus of Biology and Environmental Science