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Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

**November 6, 2008**

—I CORINTHIANS 2:12 (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 Nov. 13 issue of the *Intercom*. The next issue will be Nov. 20.

### ***Campus people***

Messiah College welcomes the following new employees: **Louise A. Morgan**, adjunct instructor in interdisciplinary studies; **Valerie Weaver-Zercher**, adjunct instructor in interdisciplinary studies; and **Michael M. Zummo**, Collaboratory project manager (biodiesel). Welcome to the community!

### ***American Chemical Society meeting set for Nov. 18***

The department of chemistry and biochemistry is hosting the American Chemical Society meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 18. Come hear our own David Foster speak on "Edible and Medicinal Plants." The Oakes Museum will be open at 5 p.m. and dinner is available at 6 p.m. in the Hollinger Atrium in the Jordan Science Center (\$20 ACS members and guests, \$10 students). The lecture starts at 7 p.m. in Kline Hall, room 106. A limited number of free tickets are available for students to attend the dinner. Registration is required. Contact Beth Aumen, administrative assistant to the department of chemistry and biochemistry, at ext. 7060 or [baumen@messiah.edu](mailto:baumen@messiah.edu) by Wednesday, Nov. 12 to reserve your spot.

### ***Retirement reception for employee on Nov. 21***

The department of facility services invites all employees to a retirement reception for Jerry Sheetz, lead residence technician. This event will take place in the Private Dining Room on Friday, Nov. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. Be sure to stop by as you are able to wish him well.

### ***Mark the beginning of Advent with the annual Celebration of the Light***

All students and employees are invited to attend and celebrate the traditional start to the Christmas season on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 4:45 p.m. Carol-singing, prayer, scripture readings, and the lighting of the campus Christmas tree will all be a part of this year's advent celebration. Hot chocolate, cider, pumpkin cookies, and other seasonal treats will be served.

*Supervisors are asked to provide release time as able to those non-essential employees who would like to attend.*

### ***Campus project updates available***

For current information concerning ongoing projects, please refer to the facility services department website [www.messiah.edu/offices/facility\\_services/](http://www.messiah.edu/offices/facility_services/) for updates on projects around campus. These can be found under the "Projects" page, "Current Projects" or "Completed Projects," links. This page will be updated monthly. If you have any questions, contact Russ Ehrich, projects manager, at ext. 3550.

## **Reminder to faculty that Phonathon is hiring**

Please share with your students that Phonathon is hiring. Now earning **\$10/hour** plus bonuses, including a \$20 gift card hiring bonus. Students who work for Phonathon are among the highest-paid students on campus. Phonathon is a great r sum -builder, providing students with experience in marketing, public relations, and interpersonal persuasive communication skills. And, students who work for Phonathon can feel good knowing that their important work is benefitting the entire campus community by raising support for the Student Impact Fund. Please ask your students to contact Erin McManness, coordinator of annual giving, at [emcmanness@messiah.edu](mailto:emcmanness@messiah.edu) or ext. 3640. Just in time to earn some extra Christmas shopping cash!

## **Field trip announced**

The first-year seminar class titled “The ‘Religion’ of Football in America” will be traveling on a class-sponsored field trip to NFL Films, located in Mount Laurel, N.J., on Friday, Nov. 7. Departure from campus is 6 a.m., arrival back on campus is expected to be 2:45 p.m. Please excuse the following first-year students:

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|------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Zachary Adams          | Patrick Ausel | Matt Bookman   | Brynne Hall      |
| Christopher Hardenberg | Joshua Harris | Ryan Hibbard   | Jacob Johnson    |
| Zachary McArdle        | Cody Powis    | Philip Ribbens | Kilee Rosenberry |
| Jordan Sands           | Lauren Seneca | Luke Speers    | Tyler Wenger     |



## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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## **United Way pledge packets distribution to employees this week**

Group captains will be distributing the United Way pledge drive packets this week to all employees. Throughout the two weeks of the campaign, we will be focusing on the joint efforts of the United Way and our Agap  Center. Funding from the United Way fuels many of the programs our students help to drive (with Messiah alums navigating as program directors in many instances!)

In these tough economic times, the needs will be even greater in our local community. If you have not donated in the past, please consider a gift this year. If you have been a United Way donor, and are able, please consider a small increase in your gift to help cover the increased demands on our local community service organizations. Questions about the United Way employee pledge drive can be directed to Kathy Castonguay, human resources project manager, at ext. 7086.

## **Education assistance reminder to eligible employees**

The end of the year is quickly approaching and those of you with students eligible for the educational assistance benefit (who are attending an institution other than Messiah) may receive bills for winter or spring terms in the near future. Due to year-end tax issues, all requests for educational assistance that need to be processed prior to Wednesday, Dec. 31, must be submitted to Su (Pottiger) Deitch, manager of benefits in human resources, along with the bill from the institution no later than **Friday, Dec. 5**. Requests for educational assistance received after Friday, Dec. 5 will not be processed until the first check run in January 2009. Contact Su (Pottiger) Deitch at ext.7085 if you have any questions.

## **Positions available**

**General Maintenance Technician** — The department of facilities currently has an opening for the position of general maintenance technician. This is a full-time, 12-month, band 7D position. This position provides maintenance in and on all Messiah-owned buildings and interacts with students, faculty, staff, and administrators. This position requires interaction with contractors and vendors and gives input on projects. Education required includes a high school diploma or equivalent. Formal training program through a vocational school, technical college, apprenticeship, or certified training program in general facility maintenance is preferred. Three years of experience in general building maintenance is required, including experience with carpentry, painting, roofing, ceilings, and doors. Also, must have advanced knowledge in building maintenance; excellent organizational, time management, interpersonal skills; ability to work independently or in a team setting; and ability to problem solve. To apply, please submit a r sum  and letter of interest 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.) Job-related questions should be directed to Dan Smith, manager of facility maintenance services, at ext. 7151. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and will be accepted until the position is filled.

**Phonathon Callers, Temporary** — The department of development currently has immediate openings for Phonathon callers. Phonathon callers are responsible for soliciting gifts to Messiah College via the College's automated phonathon fundraising program. Education required includes a high school diploma; prefer some classes taken from Messiah College. Experience in telemarketing and/or sales preferred. Other requirements include: genuine enthusiasm for Messiah College and the ability to express that to others; strong telephone skills, including the ability to speak clearly; ability to ask for a specific gift amount; willingness to be persistent with asking for financial support; good listening skills; ability to respond positively and openly to instruction and evaluation; willingness to become a vital part of the team and encourage fellow callers; attitude that reflects responsibility for attendance and punctuality; basic knowledge of computers and the ability to learn new applications; desire to make a difference in the lives of Messiah students. Phonathon hours available are Monday through Thursday 5:45 to 9 p.m; Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or 2:15 to 5:15 p.m. The fall Phonathon runs from mid-September to mid-December; the spring Phonathon runs from mid-February to early/mid May. (A minimum of three shifts-per-week is preferred.) To apply, please submit a Messiah College application ([www.messiah.edu/offices/hr/forms/General\\_Empl\\_Appl.pdf](http://www.messiah.edu/offices/hr/forms/General_Empl_Appl.pdf)) or r sum  and letter of interest to Messiah College, Human Resources, Box 3015, Grantham, PA 17027 or e-mail to [humanres@messiah.edu](mailto:humanres@messiah.edu). 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 Erin McManness, coordinator of annual giving, at ext. 3640 or Inger Blount, assistant director of human resources, at ext. 3941. Applications will be reviewed upon receipt and will be accepted until the position is filled.

**Happy birthday!** 

**11/09:** Greg Gearhart, Michael Rice

**11/11:** Van Banh, Rick Bentz, Gary Emberger, Diane Kanode, Cathy Poiesz, Joe Sheldon

**11/13:** Ken Mark

**11/14:** Shawna Raymond, Karen Sapp, Tammy Soles

**11/15:** Creta Bieber, Glen Brubaker, Heather Hostler

## **Announcements**

### **For rent:**

**Walk-in basement apartment** — Within ten-minute walk of campus, available immediately. One bedroom, kitchen, dining area, and living room. Includes stove, refrigerator, washer, and dryer. Utilities include oil heat, sewage, and garbage collection. Call 766-4937 in the evening or ext. 3370 during the day.

### **For sale:**

**Living room set** — Including double reclining leather couch, leather recliner, oversized chair, solid oak end tables, coffee table, and matching lamps. All in new condition. Moving, must sell. Asking \$1,000 obo; **Kenmore full-size top-loading washer and dryer** — \$75 each. E-mail Karen at [khelm@messiah.edu](mailto:khelm@messiah.edu).

## **Reflection**

*Time stays long enough for anyone who will use it.*

**LEONARDO DA VINCI**

*15th- and 16th-century artist, inventor and scientist*