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For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

December 18, 2008

—II CORINTHIANS 8:9 (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.

Editors Note: There will not be an issue of the *Intercom* published on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. The next scheduled issue is Jan. 8.

Remembering one another

I would like to thank the campus community for the flowers, cards, and food. It was very uplifting to feel the love of so many caring people during my recovery from surgery.

— *Deb Boyer, Falcon Card Services manager*

Campus people

Messiah College welcomes the following new employee: **Christopher S. Doemland**, assistant swimming coach. Welcome to the community!

Library posts hours for winter break

Beginning Thursday, Dec. 18 the Library's hours will be adjusted for winter break. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Murray Library!

Thursday, Dec. 18, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 19, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 20 and Sunday, Dec. 21, Closed

Monday, Dec. 22 through Wednesday, Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 25 through Sunday, Jan. 4, Closed

Monday, Jan. 5 through Tuesday, Jan. 6, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, resume normal hours at 7:30 a.m. (J-term classes begin)

Recycling contest to begin Jan. 18

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 18 through Thursday, March 26, the College is participating in a recycling contest against Elizabethtown College. The contest is called "Recycle Mania." We are collecting brown paper grocery bags, that are in good condition, to be distributed to the 170 apartments on campus during the first week of J-term. See the following link that describes the competition, www.recyclemaniacs.org/overview.htm.

The hope is that if the students have an easy way to collect their paper that can be recycled, then there is a better chance that unwanted paper will be recycled rather than thrown in the regular trash. Hopefully, each apartment on campus will be given a brown paper grocery bag to be used to collect paper that can be recycled. Please contact Lynn Brown, acquisitions technician in Murray Library, at ext. 7073 or e-mail lbrown@messiah.edu to collect the bags.

Falcon Card Services and ticket office post hours for holiday break

The Falcon Card Services office and the ticket office will be close on Wednesday, Dec. 24 at 11:30 a.m. and will remain closed until Monday, Jan. 5. If you have an immediate need, please contact the department of safety or dispatch office at 691-6005.

Facility services outlines snow removal procedures

The following is a list of procedures in order of priority for all snowstorms, regardless of the amount of snow. Note: All student residences have extra snow shovels, and any help would be most appreciated.

Emergency and life safety vehicle access: Our first priority is to clear streets and roads for emergency and life-safety vehicle access to the campus.

Sidewalk, steps, and paths traveled by disabled students: Concurrent with opening the roadways, we clear sidewalks, steps, and paths which disabled persons travel. Disabled students can call facility services at ext. 6011 or dispatch at ext. 6005 if path is not clear.

Parking lots and spaces: Knowing the need for access to and from parking lots, at least a single pass is made through each aisle; and subject to interferences from vehicles already parked, curb spaces are also plowed.

Assist stuck or disabled vehicles: Students can sign out shovels with RDs, ALCs, or dispatch to clear personal vehicles. Grounds can be contacted for additional assistance. Students are responsible for digging out their own vehicles and are encouraged to do so within 24 hours of a snowfall.

If you have any additional questions about snow or ice removal, please feel free to call facility services at ext. 6011.

Reminders for environmentally-smart tips during the holidays

While the winter holiday season brings good cheer for most people, it also brings a lot more solid waste to the landfill, harm to the environment, and additional debt to the average American family. Attached at the end of this “Intercom” are some environmentally-smart tips for a less wasteful holiday this year. Also, before you leave for break, please turn off and unplug all electronics/appliances in your rooms and offices.

Reminders for holiday deadlines for accounts payable

The accounts payable department would like to announce the adjusted schedule for the week of Christmas (Dec. 22). Please make a note of the adjusted payment schedule. We will operate on an urgent basis check run these weeks. All requests that need to be paid for the week of Christmas (Dec. 22) are due in accounts payable department, Hoffman room 302, by 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22.

Please keep in mind if you are paying someone an honorarium, stipend, etc. for the calendar year of 2008, we must pay them no later than the week of Dec. 22 to meet IRS compliance. Note that a W9 form is always needed to prepare a payment like this. Please see the attached form at the end of this “Intercom” to accompany your request. The accounts payable department appreciates your dedicated cooperation.



**HUMAN
RESOURCES**

► Birthdays

Happy birthday!



12/23: Jean Corey, Leonard Frankovich, Obed Mfum-Mensah
12/24: Amy Binkoski, Dan Bisbee, Joan Sotherden
12/25: Streeter Stuart, John Zimmerman
12/26: Michele Baker, Kenneth Heck
12/27: Fonda Steele
12/28: Michelle Knights, Toni Michael, Susan Shannon
12/29: Charles Turnock
12/30: Duane Bernard, Erik Lindquist
12/31: Donna Fink, Larry Lake, Lynne Orner

Announcements

Free:

Clothes hangers — The Campus Store has 72 plastic, children's (infant/toddler) clothing hangers available on a first come first served basis. Please e-mail Aleisha at awildon@messiah.edu with the quantity you are interested in. If we can't supply your needs this time around, we will keep your name on file for the next time we get a shipment of these hangers in our clothing order.

Wanted:

Pedometer — If anyone has a pedometer (from the 10,000 steps program) that they no longer use, can you please pass it on to me? Contact hkreider@messiah.edu, box 3001, or ext. 3560.

For rent:

Two-bedroom apartment — Living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room (with washer and dryer), and one-car garage. \$750 monthly. Includes oil heat, sewer, and garbage collection fees. Only a ten-minute walk from campus. Quiet neighborhood. Available Thursday, Jan. 1. Call 766-4937.

For sale:

Firewood — Locally cut and split, nice mix of cherry, locust, and oak. \$80/half cord. All locust-\$110/half cord. Call 329-1938. Prefer Dillsburg/Mechanicsburg area.

Harvard brand foosball table — Three years old, in great condition, very sturdy. \$200 obo (paid \$400 new). Contact Teheresa at 268-1498.

Reflection

*Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in
the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.*

WASHINGTON IRVING
American author

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Tips for a “Green” Holiday Season



While the winter holiday season brings good cheer for most people, it also brings a lot more solid waste to the landfill, harm to the environment and additional debt to the average American family. Here are some environmentally-smart tips for a less wasteful holiday this year:

****Please do not bring items from home to recycle at Messiah. Look on your local municipality website to find your local recycling resources. Go to: <http://earth911.com/recycling/> to find recycling information in your area.****

REDUCE - REUSE – RECYCLE

REDUCE

- 🍎 Americans throw away about 25% more trash between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve. That's an additional 5 million tons of garbage!
- 🍎 Are there several catalogs in your mail everyday? Call the 800 number on the back of the catalog and ask to be removed from their mailing list. Or, sign up for the free service at <http://www.greendimes.com>. Magazines and catalogs can be recycled with our paper recycling.
- 🍎 Reduce spending: it takes an average of 6 months for a credit card user to pay off their holiday debt.
- 🍎 Reduce your energy use: installing only 6 compact fluorescent light bulbs will save the average American family \$60 per year.
- 🍎 Turn down the thermostat, lowering the temperature five degrees can take 10% off your energy bill.
- 🍎 Do you hate throwing away batteries when they die? Use Rechargeable Batteries that can be used over and over and then recycled: a great gift that keeps giving even after the holidays.
- 🍎 Over the holidays, turn off and unplug all items from your outlets in your rooms and offices. In the average home (and office), 75% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the products are plugged in and turned off.

REUSE



- 🍎 Every year, there are 2.65 billion holiday cards sold in the U.S. That's enough to fill a football stadium 10 stories high! Please look for cards that contain recycled content or recycled materials. You can make your own cards out of scrap paper found around the house. Cut up old cards to use as name tags on gifts or as decorations.
- 🍎 Wrapping paper is often used once and thrown away. Try using colorful pages torn from magazines to wrap small gifts, old maps, or the Sunday comics for larger boxes. Avoid using paper entirely: decorative tins, baskets or boxes will enhance your gift. If you do buy wrapping paper, look for ones made of recycled paper. Reusable cloth ribbons can be used in place of plastic bows. Finally, un-wrap gifts carefully and save wrappings for reuse next year. If every American family wrapped just 3 presents in re-used materials, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.
- 🍎 Use and reuse gift bags to wrap gifts.



- Look for gifts with an environmental message: a nature book, a refillable thermos bottle, a canvas tote bag, a battery charger or items made from recycled materials. Choose solar powered instead of battery powered products.
- Take a reusable bag when you go shopping: keep a basket full of bags in the back of the car and grab it as you run into a store.
- Other environmentally-smart gifts include homemade ones: home baked cookies, bread or jams, a plant or tree. Ones that don't create any waste at all: concert or movie tickets, dinner at a restaurant, or an IOU to help rake leaves, babysit, or repair a leaky faucet.

RECYCLE



- Tree Cycle, by recycling your Christmas Tree, you are doing your part to reduce the amount of material in the landfill and help the environment by giving your holiday tree a second life as compost, mulch or wood chips.
- For tree trimmings, try edible or compostable items like popcorn or cranberries on a string, gingerbread cookies or items made from "found" objects around your home.
- If you send holiday cards, look for ones made of recycled paper. Recycle your cards with your local municipality or Messiah paper recycling. Send "electronic cards" or make a phone call instead!
- Recycle your cardboard boxes: flatten and drop off at any of the locations on campus. Or, look for the drop off locations in your municipalities by calling your municipality or viewing their website.
- Include organic and local foods to your holiday meals and support local farmers who grow sustainable meat and produce. Several supermarkets carry local products so check with your grocer or look at the labels.
- Be an e-waste recycler and collector: if you get a new computer, digital camera or cell phone for Christmas, make sure your old one gets reused or recycled. Computer monitors, televisions and other electronic equipment should **NOT** be disposed of with regular garbage. Working TVs, monitors, computers and other consumer electronics can be sold or donated to extend their useful life. Nonfunctioning TVs, computer monitors and other obsolete electronics should be recycled by an organization equipped to handle them. Staples, Home Depot, and Lowes are a few retailers who will take your personal (not Messiah) property. Or find a recycling drop-off location near you. Messiah also recycles e-waste and there are several drop-off locations on campus. At this time, Messiah is **not** able to recycle TVs.
- Recycle your batteries. Look for a local drop off location or drop them off in the bin in the entryway at the Murray Library.

With careful thought, it is possible to reduce waste, conserve resources and promote environmental protection during this busy season. If you have any questions pertaining to Messiah's recycling program, please contact Wes Bower (WBower@messiah.edu) or Hilary Kreider (HKreider@messiah.edu).

Have a safe and sustainable Holiday Season!!