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O Lord God, you have only begun to show your servant your greatness and your might; what god in heaven or on earth can perform deeds and mighty acts like yours!

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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 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

Please keep **Gerald Hess**, interim dean of the School of Health and Natural Sciences, in your prayers. Jerry is presently in Holy Spirit Hospital recovering from surgery for a subdural hematoma. He is doing well but will be convalescing for several weeks. During his absence, **Ray Norman**, dean of the School of Mathematics, Engineering, and Business, will assume Jerry's responsibilities.

Campus people

The National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) Conference was held in San Francisco, Ca. Nov. 11-14. **Raeann Hamon**, distinguished professor of family science and gerontology, was conference program chair, responsible for much of the conference planning. Raeann also presided over the three plenary sessions. **Michelle Knights**, assistant professor of human development and family science, served as presider for the special session on religion and families. **Njoroge Mbito**, assistant professor of human development and family science (and co-author Julia Malia), presented a poster titled "The Value to Kenyan Kikuyu Parents of their Adolescent Sons' Circumcision." Njoroge is also chair-elect of the international section of NCFR. Four human development and family science students also attended the conference.

We regret to announce that at the end of December, **N. Ryan Wilson**, director of community life at the Philadelphia Campus, will be leaving Messiah College Philadelphia Campus (MCPC) to join his wife, Sarah, who is in the midst of her medical residency in Omaha, Neb. Ryan who has been at MCPC for more than three years, and with the College for more than seven, contributed in significant ways to the strength and development of our educational programming. His presence as a colleague and friend will be greatly missed, and we pray the Lord's blessing as he pursues work in the field of mental health.

At the same time we are pleased to welcome **Meg Jones** ('01), bachelor in sociology and master's in counselor education and student affairs from Penn State University, into the position of director of community life. Meg has been at the College for six years serving as the residence director of Hess Hall, coordinator of the residential first-year experience program, and, most recently, in the office of admissions as the coordinator of telecounseling. She brings a variety of gifts and abilities to this position, and will contribute to our combined pedagogy of applied curricular and cocurricular education at MCPC. Prior to beginning this new role she will marry **Brandon Hoover**, 2008-2009 S.A.L.T. House director. We look forward to having him be an active participant in our living-learning community as well.

— **Randy Basinger, provost**

“Influencing Like Jesus: 15 Biblical Principles of Persuasion,” by **Michael Zigarelli**, associate professor of leadership, was recently translated into Korean by SOD Communications of Seoul. The book examines the life and ministry of Jesus, as well as the scientific research on influence, to present practical ways to lead with excellence and integrity.

President Phipps to host open door days

President Kim Phipps will host six “Open Door” Days during the 2009-2010 academic year to meet individually with students and employees on topics that are important to them. “Open Door” Day is an opportunity for you to meet with the President in her office on the second floor of Old Main. The President’s conference room adjacent to her office is used as a waiting room. A schedule for these dates and times may be found on the president’s web page at messiah.edu/offices/president. Please call the president’s office at ext. 2000 if you have any questions. The dates are:

Thursday, Dec. 10, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 1, 1 – 4 p.m.

Friday, March 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Monday, April 12, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Business office to host soup and sweet sale to benefit needy families

Each year the business office holds a homemade soup sale to raise funds so a family in need may have a meaningful Christmas. Earlier in the year we held an ice cream social and those funds are being added to these monies so that we can bring Christmas to two families.

We will again sell soup for \$3 per bowl and wrapped cookies, fudge, etc. for \$2 each in the business office lobby on Thursday, Nov. 19 between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., or until the soups and desserts are all sold. Come enjoy a warm bowl of soup or a homemade sweet and support our effort to make two families’ Christmas holidays special.

Vernon L. Asper to speak at seminar on Nov. 23

The department of biological sciences will host a seminar on Monday, Nov. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in Parmer Cinema. Vernon L. Asper (’78) will present a talk titled “Exploration of Gas Seep Communities on the Seafloor of the Gulf of Mexico.” Asper is professor of marine science at the University of Southern Mississippi but is currently teaching environmental science this fall at Messiah College. See attachment at the end of this “Intercom” for more information.

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 Tuesday, Dec. 1 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.

Weight training wellness workshop offered Dec. 2

Come join Matt Hunter, national and international service and mission director, Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 12 to 12:45 p.m. in Boyer 137 as he presents weight training methods that are time-efficient and effective for everyone. And remember, employees who are accumulating wellness points during the year will receive 15 wellness points for attending the workshop.

School of Health and Natural Sciences to host symposium on Dec. 10

The School of Health and Natural Sciences will hold its ninth annual Fall Senior Research Symposium Thursday, Dec. 10 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. in the Kline Hall of Science and the Jordan Science Center. Seniors will present talks and/or posters summarizing the results of advanced research projects. The students will deliver formal oral platform presentations in Kline 120 and the Hollinger Lounge, and will subsequently attend posters displayed in the Hollinger Atrium of the Jordan Science Center. Refreshments will be provided for participants and guests. Contact Larry Mylin, associate professor of biology, at lmylin@messiah.edu for further information. A detailed list of presentations will be provided closer to the event.

Development Update: Messiah College Trustees present Alumni Centennial Challenge

The Messiah College Board of Trustees has recently joined together to fund a **\$100,000 Alumni Centennial Challenge** during Messiah College's Centennial year. This Challenge is being offered to encourage alumni to make new and increased gifts to Messiah College during our Centennial year. Here's how the Challenge works:

- New gifts to the annual fund from alumni will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$100. Should the alum give more than \$100, the first \$100 will be matched.
- Increased previous-year or current-year gifts to the annual fund will also be eligible for the Challenge. The increased portion of the gift will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$100.

The successful completion of this Challenge will provide an additional \$200,000 or more for the annual fund, which will make a powerful and immediate impact at Messiah. For more information, contact Rachel Pease, director of annual giving, at ext. 7319

Dining services announces hours of operation for Thanksgiving break

Lottie Nelson:

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 4:45-6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Saturday, Nov. 28, closed

Sunday, Nov. 29, reopen at dinner regular hours

Falcon Express:

Wednesday, Nov. 25, close at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 26 through Sunday, Nov. 29, closed

Monday, Nov. 30, reopen regular hours

Union Café:

Tuesday, Nov. 24, closing at 4 p.m. (line closes at 2 p.m., limited menu, Grab N Go open until 4 p.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Saturday, Nov. 28, closed

Sunday, Nov. 29, reopen at 6 p.m. (limited menu)

Facility services policies available on department website

For current information concerning facility services policies and procedures, please refer to the facility services department website messiah.edu/offices/facility_services. These are located under the policies and procedures link. This link will be updated as policies are reviewed and signed yearly. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Markley, director of facility services, at ext. 3500.

Field trips announced

Both sections of Larry Lake's First Year Seminar Frontier Encounters will be on a fieldtrip from 10:20 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 to participate in the World Vision Experience, at West Shore Evangelical Free Church. Lake's students are currently reading "The Poisonwood Bible" and studying issues in cross-cultural adaptation to college and elsewhere. The students on the trip are:

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| Adair, Amber K. | Alexander, Spencer W. | Berry, John H. | Birol, Allen H. |
| Cochran, Frederick R. | Fulton, John P. | Gonzalez, Vanessa E. | Horvath, Emily A. |
| Johnson, Gilbert E. | Karlson, Lena M. | Power, Justin D. | Sanchez, Hugo |
| Riethmuller, Daniel G. | Salcedo-Tavarez, Janice J. | Santos, Amanda M. | Weisel, Sarah A. |
| Bjorkman, Rachel J. | Cann, Erika L. | DeHaas, Larri J. | Delancey, Joel D. |
| Earl, Daniel S. | Fleischman, Sarah E. | Haffey, Spenser J. | Hogan, Patrick R. |
| Hostetter, Luke B. | Kio, Paul R. | Lyons, Erika P. | Murray, Kylie A. |
| Myer, Daniel S. | Ostrander, Ryan J. | Townley, Michael | Smith, Stephen A. |
| Schmalbach, Jennifer A. | Wormald, Elizabeth A. | | |

The following students will implement a math fair Nov. 19 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at a Harrisburg Elementary School. Contact Velma Yoder at ext. 7053 with questions.

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| Kate Beiler | Janelle Blauch | Krystyne Clark | Hannah Cruger |
| Kendra Dykes | Emily Ellis | Abigail Forrest | Bryanna Gederberg |
| Rebekah Gehman | Delia Hynes | J. Ryan Johns | Megan Kilmer |
| Sarah Kovacs | Maria Mendez | Samantha Micciche | Amber Miller |
| Katelyn Miller | Mary Nucifore | Brittney Polinka | Amber Rhine |
| Erica Samuel | Marla Sensi | Amber Shank | Ashley Sim |
| Katie Sollenberger | Sandra K. Wilhelm | Megan Archer | Ashley Bailey |
| Sarah Brubaker | Shannon Barthelmess | Kristen Chen | Nicole Cortes |
| Leah Deputy | Mollie Knauss | Miranda Kutz | Kimberly Leininger |
| Alyssa Lengel | Caitlin Listor | Danielle Liu | Eilzabeth Miller |
| Rachel Moore | Kerilee Nickles | Emily Olson | Nicole Pelletier |
| Travis Pinci | Megan Robinson | Amanda Starner | Melissa Walters |
| Alyssa Waryck | Anne Watson | Jaime White | Amy Willis |
| Ashley Morgan | | | |



HUMAN RESOURCES

► Birthdays

Happy birthday!

- 11/22: Gene Chase, John King, Robin Lauermann, Bryan Leaman, Jeremy Stolfus, Evie Telfer
- 11/23: David Brown, Carol Good, Charlotte Knudsen, Colleen McCallus, Pete Powers
- 11/25: Roaseann Sachs
- 11/26: Tashya Dalen, Dwayne Keiffer, Sandy Kline, Shaun Turner, Amy Yeatts
- 11/27: Kelly Athey, Susanna Caroselli
- 11/28: Scott Stoner-Eby
- 11/29: Arlene Bosserman, Sherri Wolgemuth, Kristopher Yoder
- 11/30: Jenny Dose, Crystal Downing, Joe Holtzinger, Eric Seibert, Gary Troxell

Announcements

Free:

Aquarium — 29-gallon aquarium set-up, in box, never used. E-mail dfoster@messiah.edu.

For rent:

House — Three bedroom, 1.5 bath, furnished, two story located at 929 Herman Drive, Mechanicsburg. Wifi and cable-ready. Pergo/ceramic tile throughout except bedrooms which are carpeted. Fully equipped eat-in kitchen with new energy-star appliances, first floor laundry room, family room

with energy efficient fireplace, front porch and screened in back porch, one-car garage, private fenced-in back yard. Six, nine, or twelve-month lease available. Sewer, water, and trash included. Available Jan. 2010. No smokers or dogs. Contact Shirley, who assists faculty with housing, at ext. 6013.

Room — Furnished bedroom with private bath is available for rent in a house off the Rossmoyne exit of Rt. 15. Contact Shirley, who assists faculty with housing, at ext. 6013.

Reflection

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.

MARK TWAIN

U.S. humorist and novelist

Scroll down for attachment

Department of Biological Sciences Seminar!

***Exploration of Gas Seep
Communities on the
Seafloor
of The Gulf of Mexico***



Vernon L. Asper, Ph.D.

**Adjunct Instructor in Biological Sciences, Messiah College
Professor of Marine Science, University of Southern Mississippi**



**Monday, November 23, 4:30 PM
Boyer 137 (Parmer Cinema)**