

**Church of the Messiah  
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Greetings in Christ to you and your family:

The Vestry is looking forward to seeing you on "Consecration Sunday" November 22nd. This will be an important day to give us an opportunity to be together in Christ's fellowship, to hear some exciting things about our parish mission and ministry and to encourage us to become involved in this work. This is also an opportunity to solicit your participation during the coming weeks, as we discuss this year's Stewardship program. Specifically, we have two requests: first, that you pray and plan to be with us for the Stewardship presentations taking place on the first three weeks of November, and, second, that you attend one of the services on Consecration Sunday. We are convinced that we have the capability of fulfilling our mission in this place. We believe that our church deserves our support and hopefully you feel the same way.

During the next several weeks, our Stewardship Campaign will help us become as fully informed about the joys and responsibilities of Christian giving and the ways that our generosity supports the Church's ministry and mission at all levels.

This year the vestry has decided to do away with pre-printed pledge envelopes. Many parishioners do not use them, some checks are sent by banks directly to the Church and some use PayPal. Accordingly we encourage you to put your assigned number on your check or just put your pledge in a blank envelope with your assigned number and place it in the offering plate. For those of you who mail your pledges to the Church directly, just put your assigned number on your check.

Enclosed is a calendar of dates to assist you in keeping track of your pledges, special offerings, and the Messiah in Mission designations for each month. Also enclosed is your personal pledge card with your assigned number. Please pray about your commitment over the next four weeks and fill out the card and bring it to Consecration Sunday on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each of you should pledge what the Lord has inspired you to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

This year has been a tremendous challenge in so many ways for individuals, families, churches, the nation and of course, our world. While the Messiah family has seen challenges along the way as we have been dealing with the Covid situation, we know that God is always present. He has proven Himself over and over again. Through the faithful, consistent giving of our church family members we have been able to keep the doors open and pay our bills. We realize, of course, there are some whose finances have been affected by the pandemic. Some have been unable to give their tithes and offerings like they regularly do. We pray that God will "open the floodgates of Heaven" in a powerful way very soon. We are in this together, but more than that, God is walking through the fire with all of us, and we believe we will come out the other side in victory!

We are excited about the future of this parish as we move forward together.

Sincerely yours in Christ's Name,

Anthony LaPointe, Warden  
Janet Papa, Vestry Member  
Kathy Bentley, Vestry Member  
Art Bemis, Vestry Member

Pennie Davidson, Warden  
Mark Morin, Vestry Member  
Mike Burke, Vestry Member  
Lydia Aitcheson, Vestry Member