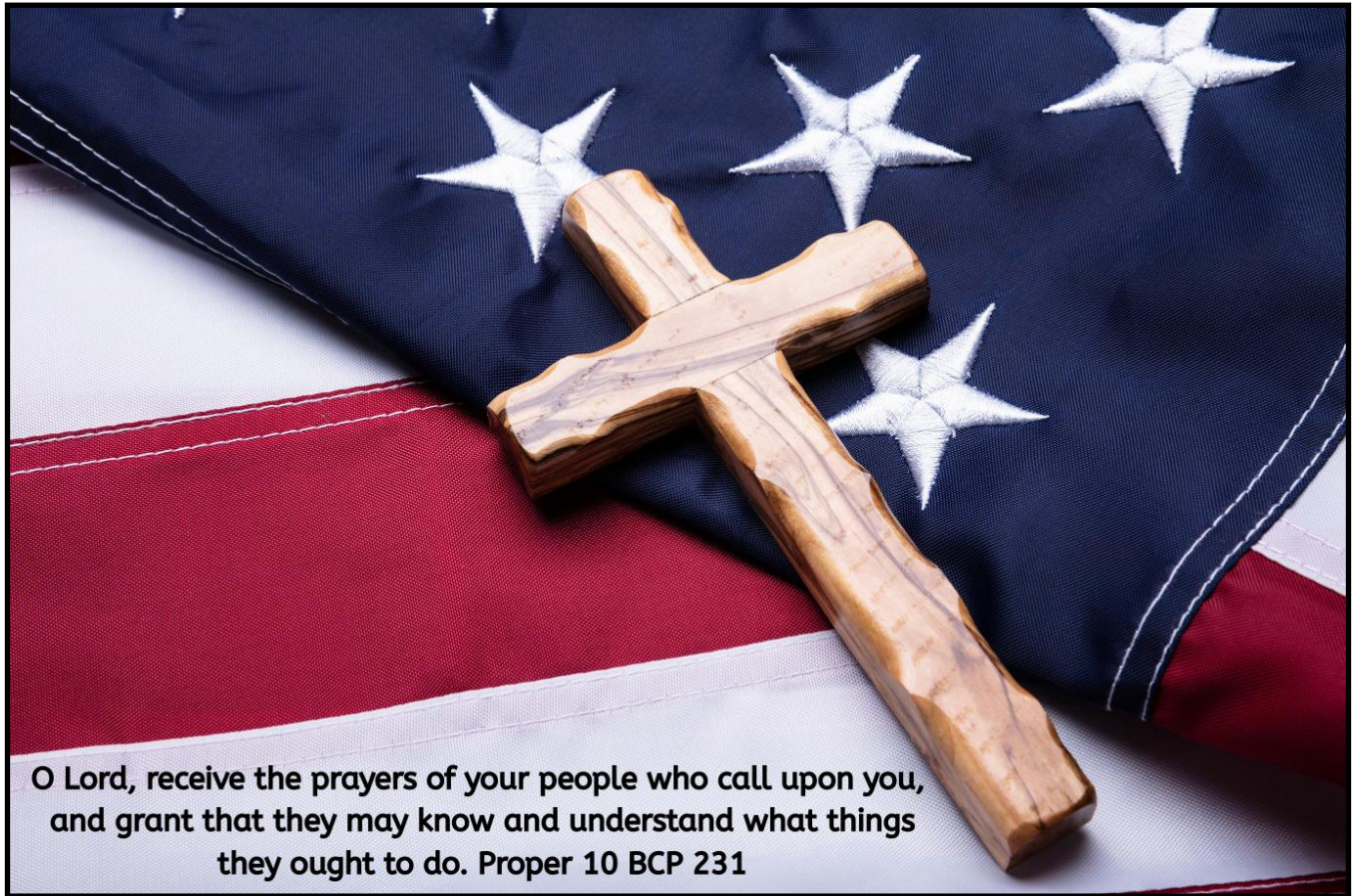


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# THE MESSENGER

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O Lord, receive the prayers of your people who call upon you,  
and grant that they may know and understand what things  
they ought to do. Proper 10 BCP 231

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### Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) in the Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Contemporary) in the Parish Hall  
4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (French & Creole) in the Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Diving Deeper (Adult Study) with Fr. Tom  
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite III-Casual) in the Sanctuary

### Wednesday Service:

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Library

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## Compassionately Changing the World with Jesus, 79 Children at a Time.



Compassion International is a non-profit ministry that is lifting 2.3 million children out of poverty by partnering with thousands of local churches in 29 countries around the world.

Compassion is funded by donors who give \$43 a month to sponsor a child. That \$43 provides the basic needs of that child in their community and situation, which may include food, clothing, education, and/or medical care. It always includes loving care and the Good News of Jesus.

Every year, we host Compassion Sunday to educate the Messiah family about the ministry and invite our folks to sponsor a child... or two... or more!

This year, Compassion Sunday was May 25, and, as a result of that day, the Messiah family currently sponsors 79 children. 17 of those children were new sponsorships! 10 of those 17 children went to people who'd never sponsored a child before, 3 were replacement children for kids that moved out of the program or aged out, and 4 were additional children to people who already sponsored one or more children.

Debbie and I have sponsored a child through our whole marriage. We choose gangly teenaged boys, because they're not "cute" and often get overlooked for sponsorship. A special aspect of our sponsorship is that our guys go to church and school in a building in the Dominican Republic that my youth group built on a mission trip in 1985! And I'm personal friends with the pastor of the church and his wife, who is the director of the school.

In 2017, Debbie and I went to the Dominican Republic to visit Rando, the first child we sponsored, and meet his family and worship with my friends in that church. Rando has since aged out of the program and is an adult living on his own. After Rando, we sponsored Guerry for several years, until his family moved away to another town, and now we sponsor Yeferson, who is 16.

On Compassion Sunday this year, Debbie and I perused the table of pictures of children needing sponsorship, and there was a teenaged boy in Haiti named "Rutherford." We couldn't help but believe the Lord had him for us, and now we have two Compassion guys we pray for daily and write to about every month.

The Mission of the Messiah family is to Change the world with Jesus: One child, one person, one family, one community at a time. Through Compassion, and the \$40,764 a year our folks give to sponsor children, we're changing the world with Jesus, 79 children at a time! THAT'S AMAZING!

THANK YOU to all of our Compassion sponsors and to you who pray for children waiting to be sponsored!

To find out more about Compassion or to sponsor a child, visit [www.Compassion.com](http://www.Compassion.com)

You, too, can change the world with Jesus.

I love you all.

*Rutherford*



# Messiah's Missionaries

*We are representing our Church of the Messiah family and sharing the love of Jesus wherever we go!*

Marcia Haye attended Saint Clement's Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 11th.

Nancy Barber, Frank & Ellie Chase, Elise Bradford, Don Greer, Janice Hull, Wendy King, Tom Rutherford, and George Spigener attended the Celebration for the Life of Jerry Chicone at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in College Park on June 6th.

Steve and Amy Raetz attended the Thankful Memorial Episcopal Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee on June 8th.

Soner Alexandre and Tom Rutherford were presenters, and Mike and Wendy King, Wally and Karen Stewart, Linda Gold, Susan Kiehm, Debbie Rutherford, Mary Kay Predmore, and the whole Haitian congregation attended the Ordination to the Priesthood of Wesny Dubic at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke on June 8 - Pentecost!

*If you visit another church, please pick up a copy of the bulletin and drop it in Wendy's mailbox.*

*Don't forget to add a note letting us know who you are and the location of the church.*

*If you can, please send pictures to: [Office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com](mailto:Office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com)*

**B. A. M. M. (Being a Messiah's Man)** Gathering around the B.A.M.M. fire pit, Brothers in Christ create a space for fellowship, reflection, and shared faith. Around the fire pit we recount the teachings of scripture, and support one another in life's challenges. We share favorite albums, concerts, trips, and foster a bond that goes beyond mere friendship. Pictured l to r: Steve Borst, Bob Tope, Paul Buzzonetti, Steve Tippet, Fr. Andrew Lazo, and Bob Tate.



# 2025 June Vestry Minutes

Sunday \* June 15, 2025 \* 2pm

**Present:** Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Joyce Taylor, Junior Warden Lamar Powers, Clerk Don Grimes, Chris Brown, Laura Buckner, Don Greer, Jean Pinder, Sandy Sparks, Wally Stewart, Marie Tassy, and Lionel Williams; Treasurer Bob Tate, Apprentice Rector Andrew Lazo..

**Absent:** Tom Headley (with family for Fathers' Day)

- i. **FORMATION:** Lamar Powers led Noonday Prayer. Based on *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate*, chapters 2 & 3, pages 8-30, we discussed "Why do people give?" and "What is our Mission in the Messiah family?" and how best to communicate that to the parish. Tom Rutherford asked each vestry member to write a less-than-one-page testimony about how the Messiah family has changed their world with Jesus, and he will write more "Thank You's" to our faithful donors.

## II. **INFORMATION:**

### A. **Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

1. **Senior Warden Joyce Taylor** reports: The Messiah family currently sponsors 79 Compassion International Children. This includes 17 children who were picked up during this year's event. 10 of those 17 children went to new sponsors, 3 were replacement children for kids that had moved out of the program, and 4 were additional children to people who already sponsored one or more children. Thank you to all of our Compassion sponsors and those folks who prayed for the children waiting to be adopted! Together we are changing the world with Jesus, one child at a time!
2. **Junior Warden Lamar Powers** reports:
  - a) Automated Mechanical Service said the chiller is on its last legs. They will try to keep it running for another year or two. A new chiller costs \$100,000, and it takes three or four months to get one. We have had a lot of problems with this chiller. If it fails, we may switch to a DX (direct expansion) system.
  - b) Del Air quoted \$21,219.50 for the youth hall package A/C units. One had the compressor replaced a year ago. The other had a fan replaced recently. The one with the compressor has leaks in the coils. Both of them should be replaced at the same time, so the two new units will talk to each other. The old Daikin unit we have now and a new Carrier unit will not talk to each other.
  - c) A new gutter has been ordered for the pre-school. The old one was damaged by a storm last year. The work will be done while the school is closed.
  - d) The painting is complete. It will be inspected next week.
  - e) A parishioner is donating solar powered lights to go under the eaves above the stained-glass windows, so they're illuminated from the outside at night. That project will proceed, now that painting is complete.
  - f) We had a donor offer to replace the signs on the street corners with digital signs. Research discovered, however, signs would cost \$50,000, and running new electricity would cost about another \$15,000. The donor elected instead to get the current signs refurbished.
  - g) Donated cabinets for the youth hall are out of stock. We are waiting for them to restock. We will get one for approval before we order all twenty.
  - h) The hot water leak in the parish hall mechanical room has been fixed by parishioner and plumber Bill Adams.

- i) Ceiling can lights in the library and the parish hall have been replaced with LEDs. Track lights in the church will be fixed. The timer for the parking lot lights will be replaced with a photocell.
  - j) A new ice maker has been delivered for the parish hall. The old one has been repaired several times by Harry Hull. Parts are no longer available.
  - k) Burned out bulbs in the parish hall hanging fixtures will be replaced.
3. **Laura Buckner reports:** By the time of our vestry meeting, I hope to have the Labyrinth finished except for the permanent sign. Of course, that depends on supplies being available and deliverable, and I have manpower and money to finish. On Saturday, May 31, I fertilized, topsoiled, and mulched the hedge and cut down soil to have a sharp edge for the log-shaped edging sections that form the barrier between the Labyrinth and the hedge. I bought three sections which is just under 4 feet as test samples. I think they will work and provide a finished edge that holds in the dirt and mulch. The barrier groundcover arrived and has been laid out. The log edgers will hold the groundcover in place along the south and west edges. I also installed edgers along the space going to the steps up to the red doors.

## **B. Staff Ministry Reports**

### **1. Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports:**

- a) Got a refund for a \$600 children's curriculum, after I found one equally good, and a bit more advanced for half of that price. It is a bit more labor intensive on my part, but I believe the children will enjoy it. The first few lessons have been from the book of James. We are learning how Christ followers are to talk and act different and why it is important.
- b) Vacation Bible School has been super labor intensive this year, and I am remembering why I don't love this publisher. I have rewritten scripts for opening, and closing each night, come up with new crafts and scripts for the station leaders, created slide shows for some of the rotations, selected all new music, written choreography for it, and come up with new games to not only avoid having wet kids coming through the church, but also making sure they connected to the daily Bible point and verse in some way.
- c) I went to Sanford to pick up the t-shirts to save the couple hundred dollar shipping fee, since we are local. The shirts were the most economical of all the companies, but they did not offer free or reduced shipping on any size order. I prefer a custom shirt to the ones made by the curriculum publisher, so it was worth the extra work to get them.
- d) In SHINE we have been doing picture stories to help understand Bible verses. I divide the paper into a variety of box sizes, depending on the way I plan to break down the scripture. After we read and discuss each line, they draw a picture that helps them understand and remember what the scripture means. I have been selecting one of the readings for the day.
- e) There are several No SHINE days in the summer due to holidays. Because of that and sporadic attendance due to vacations and ball tournaments, we are taking it easy and will get back into regular curriculum in August when school is back in session.
- f) Safe Church: I just received a new outline of the required courses for each type of volunteer, clergy and staff. It is much easier to read and understand than the previous matrix. I will have copies on the children's table after VBS. For anyone who is still struggling, I have a work around for getting you into the system if you are not receiving Praesidium's emails due to restrictions from your email provider. Please email me and I will get you squared away.

## 2. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:

- a) Met with Music Minister Ricky Jackson and his longtime friend and mentor, Richard, to assist with adjusting our sound boards in the Parish Hall and Sanctuary. Richard is a professional sound engineer. Sound in both rooms and for the livestream are much improved!
- b) I am trying to research a solution for somehow locking up the charging cables/station in the Sanctuary as the tablets that we need to use to adjust the sound board are frequently not charged because the cables and charging blocks get removed from the room. Other times they are just removed from the devices and not plugged back in. It is of course not an issue if someone needs to borrow a charger, however I have had a sign near the cables explaining that devices must be charged for about a year now and that sign does not seem to help me. I am open to solution suggestions! A plexiglass lock box would be about \$60-100 IF I can find one that will fit our needs. However, a lockbox then creates an issue of how to communicate to volunteers etc. how to get into the box when there is a legitimate need.
- c) Volunteer teams for 9:30am, 11am, and 7pm are all going well! Thank you to those volunteers!
- d) The website "rehaul" should be up and running by the time the July *Messenger* publishes! The website will still be churchofthemessiah.com it will just look updated!
- e) A couple of our Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) stations had batteries that failed. I went to Jower's Battery for my first time, they were helpful, and it was only \$15.99 for a new battery vs. \$85+ for a new UPS. We need UPSs instead of normal surge protectors in several locations on campus to ensure that if we lose power briefly, our computer workstations and networking equipment do not shut down.
- f) Helping Children's Minister Angela Lopez with her media needs for VBS. Excited for that, as always!
- g) Social Media Minister Yesika King is going to be working on the 75th Birthday Party photo slideshow as part of her duties. I am project managing by supplying her with the photos, logos, etc. and some guidelines but she is going to unleash her creativity to create something amazing for us!
- h) We need photos for the 75th Birthday photo slideshow! So far no one has responded to our call for photos from the ads and bulletin insert. Please help spread the word to share any pictures from church events!
- i) I worked on a special project that is super secret until the evening of the Vestry meeting.
- j) With Fr. Andrew's time with us ending, I am taking back the creation of the weekly Sunday service PowerPoint slide decks.

## 3. Music Minister Ricky Jackson reports:

- a) Over the past six months, the Music School has been a tremendous success. We currently have 10 students, 3 of whom are from outside the church community, which speaks to the ministry's growing reach and impact.
- b) We've been blessed with the generous donation of guitars—both from members of the parish and from Miami Music Ministries, an organization I was formerly part of before joining Church of the Messiah. These gifts have helped equip our young musicians and enhance their learning experience.
- c) As we transition into summer, the Music School will be going on break and will resume the week before the new school year begins. When we return, I will also be opening up

paid private lessons for adults who are interested in learning an instrument, creating even more opportunities for musical and spiritual growth.

- d) Thanks to the donations and support from the congregation, we are looking forward to student performances in the upcoming year, which will showcase the progress and passion of our musicians.
- e) I want to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported the Music Ministry this year. Your generosity, prayers, and encouragement have made all of this possible, and I'm excited for what lies ahead as we continue growing together in faith and music.

#### **4. Office Minister Wendy King reports:**

- a) Update on the Ministry Brand-Amplify church management software. Paulette Isaacs continued to help with Servant Keeper data clean up. That project was completed this week. Finance Minister Jane Cartelli, Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna, and I have an appointment with our Amplify Project Manager on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. More to come.
- b) I held our first 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday planning meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come and participate.
- c) Vita and I worked with Martha Ficquette to advertise her dad's book series, the Bath Pond stories. Thank you, Martha, for sharing your dad's treasure with us.
- d) I joined Joyce Taylor at the Compassion table on Compassion Sunday. Thank you, Joyce, for leading this ministry.
- e) The painting of the exterior of the buildings is complete. I met with Lamar to walk the property to label areas that needed touch ups. We found a few. Will Dugger joined us on the walk. The painters have returned today to finish touch-ups.
- f) At the end of May, our Maintenance Minister fell while on the job and has been out of work due to injuries. I've been checking in with him, and working with Worker's Comp. Please pray for Matthew.
- g) The company that cleans our facility on Saturdays has agreed to clean two extra days a week until further notice.
- h) The sensors at the chiller finally quit working. We knew they were failing and the parts were on order. AMS installed the new sensors the following morning. So we were without AC for just a day. The second water pump still needs to be replaced at the chiller. It is on order. Thankfully we can run on one pump for a short period of time. Please pray that the chiller will continue to work long enough for the debt to be paid off and until we have the funds to replace it.
- i) The Preschool AC unit that was replaced a year ago started rattling. Glenn from R&R suggested a reset of the system. That didn't work, so he came out to assess. The bearings in the motor are going. Thankfully the parts are under warranty and the AC is still working. A new motor has been ordered. The 1-year labor warranty ended in March.
- j) I helped the Fun & Fellowship team by printing Father's Day cards. The Office Angels cut, folded, and prepped them for the Father's Day gifts. Our French service Youth Group chose the scriptures for the cards.

k) Vita found Father's Day banners on her adventures last year, and donated them to the church. Our Office Angel, Becky Gossett, created a back-drop for families to take photos with their dads.

l) Fr. Andrew's Farewell party is on Father's Day at 5:30 p.m. Office Angel, Becky Gossett, made the table centerpieces and helped with the decorations.

**5. Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe** reports the financial report emailed separately.

**6. Father Andrew Lazo** reports: The three years I have spent at Church of the Messiah have proven so incredibly helpful and enriching. Christin and I will always be grateful to God for our time here. As we go, I hope that the Lord will allow our relationship to continue over the years, wherever we land. The worst part of all of our time here is leaving. Christin and I both pray that the Lord will continue to bless the Church of the Messiah, its leaders and its people, long after all of us go home to heaven. Looking back, four things in particular about this church will continue to stay with me and challenge me to grow as a priest.

a) I have learned so much about the *Book of Common Prayer*. Fr. Tom and I went through it page by page the first year. Learning the contents, patterns, rubrics, and resources provided me a guide that will sustain my priestly life for the rest of my career. Taking on making the PowerPoint slides for Sunday worship has taught me almost more than I can describe. Because of Fr. Tom's deliberate use of all six Eucharistic prayers, all three Post-Communion prayers, all six forms of the Prayers of the People, and the different service music options, I feel as though I have better preparation and understanding about how to put together a service than most of my classmates at seminary would have learned, and maybe more than most priests without the benefit of this training. The BCP is the essential tool of this vocation, and I know it so much better because of the opportunities and tasks Fr. Tom has given me.

b) I've also seen firsthand for countless hours how to be a Rector. From the beginning, Fr. Tom would come into my office to join him in doing "Rector Stuff", anything from, as he has noted in the Messenger, digging a grave, changing a pew bracket, to planning a wedding, baptism, or funeral—and everything in between. I've learned about running a Vestry meeting, dealing with staff issues, requests for financial benevolence, dealing with vendors, and being part of a local community—and dozens of other things. I can hardly think of a situation that might come up wherever I land that I haven't at least touched on here.

c) I've also learned how to love a community of people. Messiah folks are so loving and supportive that this has proven an easy task, but Fr. Tom has shown me by example and instruction and conversation whenever I needed how to wisely love people with the love of Christ. One great way he models that is through what I call the Grace of Interruptibility. As most of you have experienced, he's always ready to turn from whatever task at hand to whatever someone might need—and this is true of everyone, clergy, staff, and parishioners. He maintains boundaries, but he also practices a ministry of presence in a way that welcomes everyone. I've also learned to love a community from each of you. From our initial welcome Palm Sunday weekend of 2022 straight through, the legendary welcome of Messiah folks has been a consistent and daily blessing. I came here as a lay person and leave as a priest, and I have been so loved and encouraged at every step by the good people here. I cannot thank you enough.

d) And finally, I've learned what it means to be a priest. To pray with and for a congregation, to preach and celebrate, both here and around the Dio, to start ministries of my own and to participate in ministries led by other clergy and all of the lay people here has been eye opening and instructive. The volunteer numbers, the way this church takes our mis-

sion so seriously, the things we do to honor Christ and to make him know to all—these all too have been lifelong lessons. I love how everyone takes their place in Christ’s church here, and gives so much love. Jesus called us to let our lights so shine before people that they see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. I thought I knew what “Church” means before I arrived; I leave knowing so much better because of Church of the Messiah.

- e) I’ve accepted a call to a church “on one of the coasts of Florida” and will disclose which one, when the Bishop approves the call.

### **III. DISCUSSIONS (to help make a decision next month):**

- A. Building Fund vs. Ongoing Maintenance:** Last month, Vestry tasked the Finance Committee to make a recommendation for what expenses may be paid from the Building Fund and which ones should be paid from the “Maintenance” budget. They recommend any repairs costing under \$10,000 be paid from the Maintenance Budget and anything over that amount will be eligible to be paid from the Building Fund. Vestry added, “Or if the replacement will last for many years.”
- B. Paying off the mortgage early:** Tom Rutherford emailed Vestry on June 4 giving an itemized list of the breakdown of the \$100,291.45 of our Cash & Brokerage Account that are designated funds. Though there are enough Unrestricted Funds left in that account to pay off the mortgage, doing that would leave us without enough cash to cover ongoing expenses or with adequate funds to cover an unexpected emergency expense. Since we are not in agreement to change what we’re doing now, we’ll keep paying the extra \$10,000 a month toward the principal and praying for God to provide the \$160,000 we’ll need next March to pay off the mortgage when it comes time to renegotiate the terms.

- ### **IV. DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month): Youth Hall HVAC units:** Out of several vendors, Del Air gave the lowest quote of \$21,219.50 to replace both Daikin package units with Carriers. One one Daikin the compressor was replaced a year ago. The other had a fan replaced recently. The one with the new compressor now has leaks in the coils. Junior Warden Lamar recommends replacing both of them at the same time, because the current Daikin unit won’t talk to a Carrier. After much discussion, Lamar volunteered to pay for the replacement out of the regular Maintenance Budget.

### **V. MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT – (10 MINUTES):**

- A. Minutes from last month’s meeting:** APPROVED.
- B. Financial Report from Treasurer Bob Tate:** APPROVED.
  - 1. Operating Income** last month was LESS than expenses, INCREASING our Year-to-date DEFICIT to \$75,364.05. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING.
  - 2. Building Fund Income** was LESS than needed to pay the \$11,996.00 mortgage, other expenses, and the extra \$10,000 a month on the mortgage, DECREASING our SURPLUS for the year to \$11,787.73. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING.
  - 3. Balance on the Mortgage** as of May 31 was \$371,034.78, and the Cash & Brokerage Account balance was \$564,606.30, over \$100,000 of which are restricted funds. Please keep praying.

Respectfully submitted:

The Rev. Tom Rutherford, Acting Clerk

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## 2025 Financial Report

(as of May 31, 2025)

Operating Income.....	\$311,224.20
Operating Expenses.....	\$386,588.25
NET.....	(\$75,364.05)
All Building Fund Income.....	\$125,267.26
All Building Fund Expense.....	\$113,479.53
NET.....	\$11,787.73

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## Vestry Door Duty for July

Opener at 7:30 a.m. ~ Don Greer  
Closer after 1:00 p.m. ~ Don Greer  
Vestry Meeting Host ~ Jean Pinder

# Who Ya Gonna Call?

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# JULY

3- Renee West

4- Angela Lopez

5- Susan Adams

Carleen Turnock

6- Douglas Dupenthaler

Melissa Rosengarten

7- Ricky Jackson

David Teter

9- Iris Sandoval

10- Steve Brueggeman

11- Marie Dubic

Jackson Groenendaal

Deborah Grunder

12- Karen Williams

13- Brighton Davis

14- Frank Chase

Abigail Griffin

Ron Lancioni

15- Wilna Brown

20- Amy Raetz

21- Rajdai Teeka Singh

22- Steve Raetz

23- Bob Tate

25- Leo Henry

Joyce Taylor

28- Jessica Brueggeman

30- Beth Ann Carr

Patti Williams

31- Kelsey Beck

John Cairns

Melissa Cottle



6- Edward and Josie Weiss

9- Colby and Stacey Beck

12- Mike and Linda Ogata

14- William and Carola Pearce

27- Steve and Jacque Dunegan

30- Derek and Rita Cho-Sam











Please pray for our expectant moms, Claudia Bernal & Julie Griffin.

“I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born.” Jeremiah 1:5

*We want to celebrate you! Please share birthdays, anniversaries, and new arrivals with us.*

*Call the Office at 407.656.3218 or drop a note in Wendy's Office mailbox.*

# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     Tuesday– Fr. Tom’s Day Off                      Office Hours:                      Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.                 </div>		1  6:30 p.m. Ladies’ Dinner Parish Hall Men’s Supper Youth Hall	2	3	4  Happy Independence day! (church office is closed)	5
		6	7	8	9  6:30 p.m. meeting for 75th Party	10
13	14  5:00 p.m. Parish Hall	15	16 7:00 p.m. B.A.M.M Fire Pit 	17	18	19
20 2:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting  5:30 p.m. Dinner and Ice Cream Social 	21	22	23	24 7:00 p.m. Book Club 	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

<p><b><u>Sunday’s Schedule</u></b></p> <p><b>8:00 a.m. Rite I</b>  <b>9:30 a.m. Rite II</b>  <i>Nursery and Children’s Church</i>  <b>11:00 a.m. Rite III</b>  <i>Nursery and Children’s Church</i>  <b>4:00 p.m. French Service</b>  <b>4:30 p.m. Shine Kid’s Club</b>  <i>in the Youth Hall</i></p>	<p><b>5:00 p.m. Youth Band</b>  <i>in the Youth Hall</i>  <b>5:00 p.m. Diving Deeper</b>  <i>with Fr. Tom in the Parish Hall</i>  <b>6:00 p.m. Simple Supper</b>  <i>in the Parish Hall</i>  <b>7:00 p.m. Rite III</b></p>	<p><b><u>Monday:</u></b> 5:15 p.m. Men’s Bible Study</p> <p><b><u>Tuesday:</u></b> 10 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday:</u></b> 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion                      11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Library                      6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal                      7:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal</p>
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The preschool opened for our “Created to Create” summer camp in June. The children had a wonderful time making every sort of creation. They built buildings, created beautiful art-works, and even some recipes. We explored everything that we could create with the amazing minds God gave us. It was a joy to watch the children experiment, and develop new skills as we learned all the things we could create.

In July, our camp theme is Into the Woods. During this session of camp, we will be talking about all the beautiful wildlife the Lord created that lives in the forest, camping, and hiking. This camp will take place July 8-24.

Barbara Ellerbe  
Preschool Director

**Upcoming Dates:**

- July Camp – July 8-24
- Teacher Staff Meeting – August 4, 9:00 am  
in the Library
- Teacher preplanning – August 4-7
- Meet the Teacher – August 8, 9-12
- First Day of School &  
Boo Hoo Breakfast – August 11 and 12



# CREATED

to Create



For questions or to volunteer to serve, please contact Mary Kay Predmore at [predmoremarykay@gmail.com](mailto:predmoremarykay@gmail.com).

If you see an opening that you can fill, please email Mary Kay or call the office at 407-656-3218.

### Sunday Servants 8:00 a.m.

8:00 am	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Lector	Alex Hujik	Sandy Sparks	Aliena Gaye	Tom Headley
LEM 1	Joyce Taylor	Diane Donaldson	MK Predmore	Frank Chase
LEM 2	Maureen Farrar	Tom Headley	Aliena Gaye	Joyce Taylor
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Wayne Sparks	Diane Donaldson	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers & Greeters	Jay Predmore Alex Hujik	Joyce Taylor Dan Kem	Wayne Sparks Jay Predmore	Dan Kem Alex Hujik
P. Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Sandy Sparks	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope

### Sunday Servants 9:30 a.m.

9:30 am	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Lector	Mary Beth Moss	Patti Range	Joe Eiden	Jay Williams
LEM 1	Chris Brown	Vince Truglia	Stacey Beck	Rodger Watson
LEM 2	Mary Lynn Levine	Tom Buckner	Chris Brown	Don Grimes
Ushers & Greeters	Beth Anne Carr Don Grimes	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	John Puchein Ken Miller	Jay & Patti Williams
Altar Server	Lily Levine	Melanie Field	Taylor Smith	Melanie Field
Crucifer	Jenny Hernandez Franco	Beckett Taylor	Melanie Field	Donny Grau
Torch Bearer 1	Donny Grau	Calvin Lambeth	Preston Smith	Jenny Hernandez Franco
Torch Bearer 2	Rafael Grau	Sloan Taylor	Reese Smith	Rafael Grau
P. Intercessor	Elise Bradford	Susan Kiehm	Linda Gold	Karen Stewart
Tech Slides	Laura Buckner	Wilna Brown	Sam Lynn	Jim Farrar
Tech Sound	Vita Mazzaluna	Chris Brown	Aaron Abney	Maureen Farrar

### Sunday Servants 11:00 a.m.

11:00 am	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Lector	Steve Borst	Patty Tate	Paul Buzzonetti	Paul Buzzonetti
LEM 1	Lionel Williams	Mary Kay Predmore	Lionel Williams	Vita Mazzaluna
LEM 2	Karen Williams	Vita Mazzaluna	Karen Williams	Steve Borst
Altar Server	Ana Switzer	Jackson Groenendaal	Logan McRae	Jackson Groenendaal
Ushers & Greeters	McRae Family	Mary Katulic Jay Predmore	Borst Family	Lionel & Karen Williams
Tech Slides	Christopher Borst	Josie Weiss	Evie Duggar	Lily Groenendaal
Tech Sound				

### Sunday Servants 7:00 p.m.

7:00 pm	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Lector	Nancy Gordon	Cindi Shaffer	Larry Cartelli	Odé Mendoza
LEM	Wendy King	Amy Raetz	Chris Brown	Steve Raetz
Altar Server				
Usher/Greeter	Bob Greene	Cindi Shaffer	Terry Kraft	Amy Raetz
P. Intercessor				
Tech Slides	Mike King	Jane Cartelli	Jane Cartelli	Jane Cartelli

### Lay Eucharistic Visitors

LEV	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
Visitor	Lionel & Karen Williams	Janice Hull	Don Stanton	Chris Brown

### Readings

Readings	July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27
1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Isaiah 66:10-14	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Genesis 18:1-15	Genesis 18:16-32
Psalm	Psalm 66	Psalm 25	Psalm 15	Psalm 138
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Galatians 6:1-16	Colossians 1:1-14	Colossians 1:15-28	Colossians 2:6-19
Gospel	Luke 10:1-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13

**Happy Father's Day to all the Messiah Men.** Did you take family photos on Father's Day? We would love to see them, and display them on the narthex billboards. Please send your photos to [WendyKing@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:WendyKing@churchofthemessiah.com) or bring your photo to the church office.



HAPPY  
*Father's Day*



### **Church of the Messiah has an amazing library.**

With over 1,400 books! The church library books are mainly focused on religion with an extensive reference section for religious research. This includes an area for the history and study of the Episcopal Church. We have multiple Bible versions for people desiring to compare various Bible translations. There are sections to study Christian living, spirituality, devotions and meditation, addiction and recovery, grief care, biographies, religious theology, and church doctrine. We also have a large fiction collection and numerous books for children and teenagers. For persons who still possess a DVD player, we have a large collection of DVD's and audiobooks.

Checkout is quite easy. Browse the section of your interest and select a book. Then simply fill out the form in the notebook on the counter of the library. To return the book, leave it on the counter and fill in the return date on the same form used to checkout the book. Please, do not return the book to the stacks, the librarian will do that for you.

We are happy to take book donations. With the limited space, we prefer books of a religious nature. Additionally, we generally keep only one volume of a book, so donations of books we already possess are not added. Donated books that are not used are frequently taken by the librarian to local public libraries for donations to those libraries.

With such an impressive collection, we encourage everyone to visit the library and take advantage of the library's offerings. The library also offers a quiet peaceful place to sit and enjoy some solitude.

By Gene Correll, Messiah Library Leader

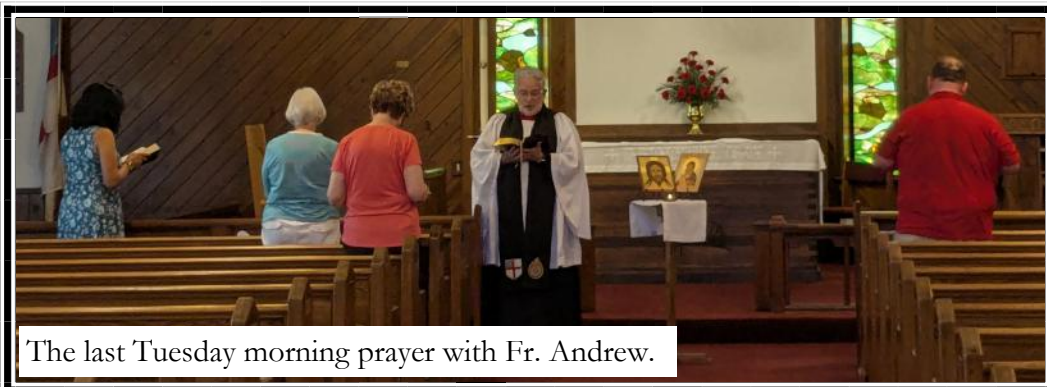




On Father's Day we said "Farewell" to our three year apprentice Rector Fr. Andrew Lazo and his wife Christin. We celebrated with Fr. Andrew's favorite food. The taco bar had chicken, beef, chorizo, all the toppings. Of course we had lots of dessert. Connie Kraft made Fr. Andrew's favorite Strawberry cake with a creamy strawberry icing and Ellie Chase made a Peach Pound Cake. Yum! Fr. Tom presented Fr. Andrew with an Aslan statue thanking him for the three years he spent learning and loving us Messiah folks. Vita Mazzaluna put together a slide show with many photos showing the adventures we've had with the Lazos and included the Priestie Boys video. It was a good time.

If you missed the presentation and video, you can view them on the church website.

<https://churchofthemessiah.com/>



The last Tuesday morning prayer with Fr. Andrew.



# Youth Mission Trip

The “Rooted in Jesus” youth group of the Haitian Congregation of the Church of the Messiah traveled to Atlanta, Georgia for a mission trip earlier this month. The mission trip consisted of volunteering at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. While there the children packed, sorted, and boxed food supplies for the needy community. They were able to foster enough supplies to feed 15,000 people!! They learned that there are people right here amongst us in the United States, who need our help and who need to know God’s love. After a long day of hard work the youth enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens where they saw an array of Gods beautiful gifts in nature. This was an exciting way to let off some steam from all the hard work. Being able to help was very rewarding. All in all the trip was educational, fun, and fulfilling. We hope to be able to do it again soon!



## Bath Pond Book Series Available in the Narthex!

Do you need a Summer Book?

The Bath Pond Series are books written by Winter Garden native Lowell Teal.

The four books from the series will be available on the following dates:

*Bath Pond, Book 1: June 1st - June 15th*

*Fortunes Crossing, Book 2: June 22nd - July 6th*

*Inherited Journey, Book 3: July 13th - July 27th*

*Promise to Poppy, Book 4: August 3rd - August 17th*

Please leave a donation in the jar and take home a book to enjoy!

All donations will go towards the Church of the Messiah.  
Clergy Discretionary Funds.

Thank you for your generous donations!



Through the Valley  
of the  
Shadow of Death

### Grief Group

August 10 —September 14, 2024

Sundays from 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

#### What is this program about?

“Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death” bereavement program is a Christ-centered format to provide small group conversations about life, death, grief, and hope.

#### Why is this program important?

This small group setting of six or seven participants provides a safe environment of trust by:

- ✦ Sharing stories of loved ones.
- ✦ Listening to our feelings, thoughts, actions, and beliefs.
- ✦ Learning from each other.
- ✦ Providing tools for personal growth, coping skills, and moving forward in our lives.
- ✦ Bonding with and supporting each other through the journey

#### Who is this for?

This program is for people who have suffered the death of a loved one in the recent past (three or four months ago), or as long as 25 or 30 years.

**Call Jill Brown if you have questions**

(407) 656.5776 Please leave a message.

## FIT Books welcomes novelist Odemaris Mendoza

Saturday, July 12, 2025

11am-3pm

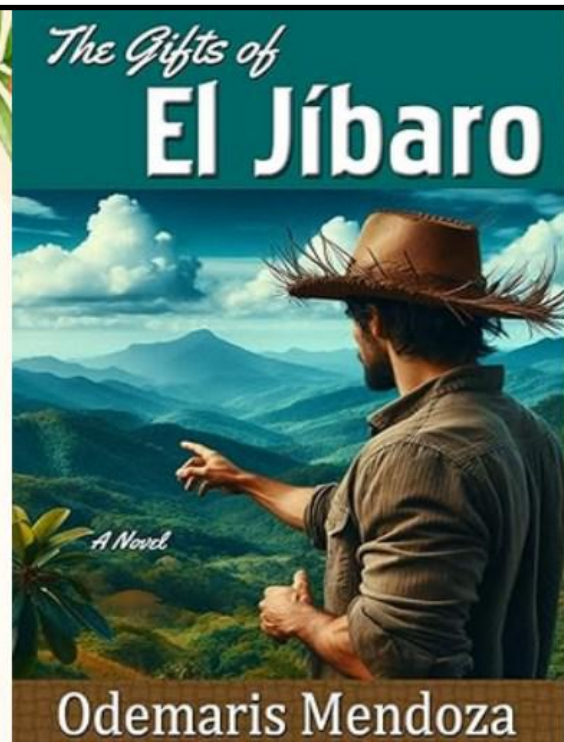
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Come by and meet her as she introduces her novel set in the lush island of Puerto Rico, Paris, Korea and New York, *The Gifts of El Jíbaro*.

Get your copy signed by the author! Find out all about the novel's endearing characters and ponder what your own legacy looks like.



*Live generously! Live jíbaro!*

## Come Fellowship with your Messiah Family and Friends

The First Tuesday of  
every month at 6:30 p.m.



**UPDATE!! Ladies' Dinner**  
wear **Red, White, and Blue**  
in the Parish Hall.

**Men's Supper** in the  
Youth Hall.



Sign-ups for both are in the Narthex!

## Being a Messiah's Man B.A.M.M

### Men's Fire Pit!

Wednesday, July 16

at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Chris Brown  
407-864-1708



## HAPPY NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY!

### SUNDAY, JULY 20



**5:30 P.M. DINNER**

**6:00 P.M. ICE CREAM**

**7:00 P.M. EUCHARIST**



Bring a friend or neighbor  
and come fellowship with your Messiah  
family and friends. Meal provided.  
All are welcome. Sign-up in the Narthex.

## BOOK CLUB

Book for July

Theo of Golden  
by Allen Levi

Thursday

July 24th at 7pm  
in the Parish Hall



## Cursillo Ultreya Friday July 25, 2025

Evening begins 6:30 p.m.  
with pot-luck meal

**Church of the Messiah Parish Hall**  
An evening of Spiritual Renewal, Fellowship  
Praise Music and good eating!  
*Musicians bring your instruments!*

For more information contact:

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You are cordially invited to Tea Time  
with Daughters of the King



benefitting  
Good News Jail Ministry

Saturday, 26 July 2025  
NOON TO 2 PM

Ticket on sale now!

\$15 for adults and  
\$10 for children



See bulletin insert for more details.