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Join Us for Worship:

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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*From the
Rector*



Thank you, Angela!



Angela Lopez was our Children's Minister for 11 years. In that role, she:

- ✦ Envisioned and launched SHINE Kids' Club, a youth group for elementary aged children that served herds of kids – and their families.
- ✦ Led Children's Church during the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services every Sunday.
- ✦ Led a Vacation Bible School every summer: recruiting volunteers, publicizing the event, gathering children from the community, researching curricula, building stage sets, decorating rooms, making schedules, orienting and overseeing the volunteers, making menus, procuring food, soliciting donations of stuff and money, MC'ing the nightly gatherings, and collecting pictures for videos of the week to show on Sunday morning.
- ✦ Hosted cooking camps on days Orange County Public Schools were out to foster fellowship among our children and help working parents, who had no one to watch their kids during the day.
- ✦ Wrote, produced, casted, and directed most of the Christmas Eve Children's presentations.
- ✦ Threw seasonal events in the fall, and at Christmas, Easter, and other times.
- ✦ Won an award from Orange County Public Schools for her ministry at Dillard Street Elementary School as a Partner in Education: assembling backpacks for low income students, providing Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for families, judging speech contests, and treating the teachers several times a year.
- ✦ Interacted with the Edgewood Children's Ranch to throw an annual Christmas Party for the residents there.



- ✦ Recruited, oriented, and oversaw the childcare workers in the nursery for the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services.
- ✦ Rode herd on EVERY volunteer and staff person in the parish family who had any interaction with children, procuring background checks and seeing they took the Safe Church training to ensure we are a safe church for children.
- ✦ Studied and received certification as a professional children's minister.
- ✦ Consulted with several other churches to improve their children's ministries.
- ✦ Was our Acolyte Wrangler: recruiting, orienting, and scheduling our youngest servants at the altar.
- ✦ Studied and worked to be ordained a Deacon in the Episcopal Church... a role she will continue in our parish family.

All I can say is: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

And I urge you to express your gratitude for her years of loving and serving our children and their families.

Welcome, Megan!

Because our children are too important to let our ministry with them slide, I've called Megan Adlam to succeed Angela as our Children's Minister. She started August 1.

Megan and her husband Connor came to the Messiah family last year after they got married and settled into the 8 a.m. service.



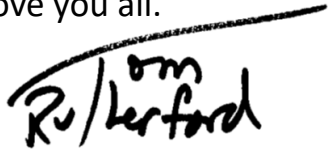
They are both Canadian. Connor moved here in high school with his family and holds dual citizenship, but went back to Canada for college, where he met Megan, and they grew their relationship into marriage. Megan moved down after the wedding; and they looked for a church to attend together. Connor grew up in the Anglican Church of Canada, which is a sister church to the Episcopal Church; and Megan was willing to accompany him here, and we're glad she did!

Megan is a 1st grade schoolteacher at 4 Corners Charter School and has an extensive background in children's ministry and education. She was a camper, then counselor, then life-guard, then camp director for Adullam Camps in Canada, which served children of all ages in several locations around Ontario, Canada.

Since moving here, Megan has been a constant volunteer with Angela in cooking camps, Vacation Bible School, and other events; and she's ready to continue the great work Angela began changing the world with Jesus: one child and one family at a time.

Please welcome her, and please pray for her and our children.

I love you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Rutherford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line above the name.

Messiah's Missionaries

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

Steve and Amy Raetz attended Trinity Parish in St Augustine, Florida on Sunday, June 22.

Wally and Karen Stewart attended All Saints Episcopal in Winter Park, Florida and heard Rev. Laura Cook give the sermon on June 29.

Bob and Gretchen Tope attended St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church in Charlotte, North Carolina on June 29th.

Marlene Cambridge McCarthy is attending St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Roosevelt, New York for the summer. (See photos at the back of the Messenger)

Chuck and Deborah Grunder attended Church of the Messiah in Fredericksburg, Virginia on July 6.

Ken and Bonnie Miller attended Church of the English Martyrs in London, United Kingdom on July 6.

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



YOU ARE
CALLED

Is this the sign
you've been waiting for?

Every Christian is called to minister,
some to ordained ministry,
all to faithful service.

CONFERENCE ON MINISTRY

Saturday, August 23, 2025 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Church of the Messiah, 241 N. Main Street, Winter Garden
\$15/Person (Includes Lunch)

Presented by the Commission on Ministry, this day is for anyone exploring how God might be inviting them to serve, whether through the priesthood, the diaconate, or lay ministry. You'll leave with resources, contacts, and a clearer sense of calling.

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2025 July Vestry Minutes

Sunday * July 20, 2025 * 2pm

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

Absent: None

I. FORMATION: Jean Pinder led Noonday Prayer. Based on the book *Not Your Parents' Offering Plate*, we discussed how to respond and appeal to people, based on their history of giving, and how to support the rector in his role as fund-raiser.

II. INFORMATION:

A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:

1. Junior Warden Lamar Powers reports:

- a) The chiller continues to have problems. It is nineteen years old. A pump was replaced on the chilled water system. A contactor (switch) failed and damaged a fan motor. Repairs have been made, but it is getting expensive to keep it running.
- b) Two new package units have been installed for the youth hall air conditioning. Del Air has to install a relay so one is primary and one is secondary. They also have to do additional work on the pads sitting on concrete block. A quote will be requested from AMS to tie them to the building automation system. This would allow them to alternate use and spread the wear evenly.
- c) New quotes will be obtained for the preschool gutter. The contractor wanted half the payment up front, and those are not acceptable terms. Too many times, contractors take the deposit and never return to finish – or sometimes even start – the job.
- d) All of the cabinets for the youth hall kitchen have been assembled. Four have been installed. Thanks to Wayne Sparks, Paul Buzzonetti, and Wally Stewart. Sixteen remaining will be installed over the next couple of weekends.
- e) The hot water leak in the parish hall has been fixed by Bill Adams. There is a circulating pump for hot water to the nursery and bathrooms. He will finish the work when he gets out of the hospital.
- f) Replacing can lights in the parish hall with LEDs, repairing track lights in the church, and installing a photocell for the parking lot lights is on hold until Mike King recovers from a medical procedure.
- g) Bulbs have been ordered for the parish hall hanging fixtures.

2. Laura Buckner reports:

- a) Labyrinth work is on hold pending dirt removal and concrete fines delivery. As both of these tasks depend on other parishioners' help and availability, I am pushing the completion date out to end of summer - and that's a guesstimate. I have prepared an updated cost for the project and will provide to vestry separately. I have found a sign maker who can do the work, and I am waiting for his estimate on the two signs we need. I was asked if I had considered turning the project over to a professional team. I had considered this and spoke with two different experts. The estimate was around \$10,000. Once I get the area dug out another 4 inches and leveled, the work will go quickly. I will publish the date for a path workday as soon as I can get to that point. Then it will be all-hands-on-deck for placing the stones/gravel.
- b) I am working out a flyer for the young adult group. I am looking at a 4-5ish p.m. on Sundays at the Crooked Can outside space or a similar locale. My opening approach is "What am I here

for? Who is my tribe?" Tom Wolfe, Morgan Buckner, and perhaps Andrew Bruggeman and Osni Alexandre are my "seeds". This is just a step toward a more structured group. I am also looking for advice from the Diocesan Young Adult team.

- c) I noticed that Deacon Angela is listed six times on the "Who to call" list. Let's look at recruiting more help in those six areas in the Messiah's Way this year, and after the mortgage is paid off, perhaps adding staff to cover those areas.
- d) I haven't started the clergy "Wall of Fame" yet, and I'll share my vision for it at the meeting.
- e) I am enjoying being a vestry member. It's really interesting!

B. Staff Ministry Reports

1. Children's Minister Angela Lopez resigned her staff position as of July 30.

- a) She is also taking time off from her Sunday Deacon duties. She anticipates starting those back up in Advent. Deacons serve as volunteers, and what she's done as a Deacon (oversee Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Outreach Team, Partners in Education with Dillard St School, etc.) are not part of her duties as paid Staff, and she's still considering what to do with those. She is continuing leading a women's Bible Study and the Daughters of the King.
- b) We're throwing her a Thank You Party Sunday evening, July 27 on her last Sunday on Staff. Please come and please express your gratitude for her decade of loving our children and their families.
- c) Tom Rutherford is diligently seeking her successor and hopes to have that person in place by August 1, so nothing slows down with our children and their families. The prime candidate is shadowing Angela this weekend to allow her to experience the job and for our people to experience her.

2. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:

- a) Parishioner and tech volunteer Mike King assisted me with some troubleshooting when we had display issues in the Sanctuary on June 22nd. He was able to get the projector to display again by swapping some cables around, but we lost the VGA monitor for the Music Minister.
 - 1. During the week, I did additional troubleshooting and was able to get the Music Minister VGA monitor to display again.
 - 2. Mike and I then met again on Wednesday July 2nd to discuss options for upgrading the HDMI to wireless display and/or running network cables to do an HDMI to Network conversion, either as replacement or backup.
 - i. An upgraded HDMI Wireless bridge setup would cost about \$180.
 - (i) They are readily available on Amazon so I do not feel it is necessary to purchase one as a backup since we would not be able to do an emergency swap if the existing unit suddenly stopped (i.e. if we are setting up at 9 a.m. for 9:30 a.m. service and the wireless device is not working, the backup is to use BCPs and Hymnals - we couldn't swap the equipment in 15 minutes)
 - (ii) Therefore, I recommend waiting until we need to replace it since it would arrive quickly and could be replaced during the week and ready for a subsequent Sunday.
 - ii. We also discovered a slide switch on some of the equipment that had been changed to a different option (TV instead of STD). When put back on STD, the VGA monitor was able to receive the signal without the workaround I had done previously.
 - 3. Vestry Member Chris Brown helped measure the vertical and peak distance of the sanctuary, and I have purchased two 100 ft lengths of CAT6 cable. It was on sale during Prime Day and cost right around \$30 total. The CAT6 is also thin enough that we could run it under the carpet instead of up and over so I will be discussing that with Fr. Tom and inspecting the carpet

to see if that is an option with existing seaming, etc. If we ran it right in front of the front pews, I think it would actually be quite easy.

- b) I am back on Sunday Service Slides duty! I missed doing them!!!
- c) My Sunday Slides/Livestream volunteer team is still going strong! As always, a huge thank you to all of those volunteers!
- d) I will be out of town on vacation with my husband and family August 3rd-August 6th. My August 3rd volunteers are aware that I will not be in the area and are ready! Please pray for the technology to work as it should since no amount of preparation seems to save us from unexpected and unexplainable failures from time to time!
- e) Our new website is up! We have a new look, some new menu navigation, and some other upgrades. I'm very pleased with the job that WorshipTimes did on the conversion! Part of the conversion did require me to do some cleanup of our Messenger/Newsletter files as the naming structure was not working well with the new Publications module. That has been squared away!
- f) Office Minister Wendy King, Social Media Minister Yesika King, and I are continuing to utilize our Google Doc planning sheet to coordinate our advertising campaigns. It's going well!

3. Music Minister Ricky Jackson had no report.

4. Office Minister Wendy King reports:

- a) The church records have been downloaded and uploaded to the new church management software, Amplify. We did not have a digital file for the preschool records. Heather Fraya, one of the preschool aides, created one and manually entered the information. That file was shared with the Amplify team, and the Preschool records were uploaded too. Things are moving along. The next step is to get our Messiah team set up for training.
- b) At the end of May, our Maintenance Minister Matthew Barrett fell while on the job and is still out of work due to injuries. Jane Cartelli and I continue to work with Workers' Comp, and Matthew is keeping us abreast of his progress. Please continue to pray for Matthew.
- c) The company that cleans our facility on Saturdays has continued to clean our campus on extra days, while Matthew is recovering.
- d) Worked with Angela Lopez to ensure the paper supplies were stocked for Vacation Bible School.
- e) Automated Mechanical Services completed the quarterly service on July 1st. The dying water pump and flow switch were also replaced at the chiller. Unfortunately, something else broke, and the chiller is going into an alarm state every day. On a positive note, the system is still running and cooling. Please pray for the equipment on campus to work properly, and for God to stretch the life span of the equipment.
- f) Worked with Lamar to order light bulbs for the kitchen, Library, and Parish Hall.
- g) The Children of the Messiah Preschool was nominated for Best of Florida 2025. Please vote daily for the preschool.
- h) We received a fire sprinkler system inspection notice from Winter Garden Fire Department. The annual service was completed in February. I'm working with the tech who completed the service to submit the reports online.
- i) On July 8, my husband, Mike, had major surgery to remove thyroid cancer. Thank you for the prayers and thank you, Office Angels Maureen Farrar, Janice Hull, Paulette Isaacs, Jean Pinder, Mary Kay Predmore, Ron & Sharon Lancioni and Melanie Field, for covering the office duties while I was out caring for my husband. Mike is healing well, praise be to God.
- j) j)National Ice Cream Day is July 20th. We will have our 3rd annual Ice Cream social and simple supper at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This is one of my favorite events. Office Angel Becky Gossett made centerpieces for the tables and swapped out the bulletin board decorations with

patriotic decor. In June, I started making the homemade ice cream: six batches of strawberry, six batches of vanilla, and two batches of chocolate. Volunteers have donated toppings and B.A.M.M (Being A Messiah's Man group) is grilling hot dogs for dinner.

5. Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe's financial report was emailed separately.

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

With **Children's Minister Angela Lopez's resignation**, Tom Rutherford is seeking Angela's successor.

- A. Tom reduced the position from $\frac{3}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ time (12 hours a week), with a commensurate reduction in cost, which will help our parish financial bottom line.
- B. The new Position Description is attached, which includes the compensation amount of \$15,000 per year, which is \$24/hour. During events that require more than 12 hours per week, such as VBS, the Children's Minister will be compensated for that extra time at \$24/hour.
- C. Laura Buckner, Don Grimes, and Sandy Sparks volunteered to be an Interview Committee with Tom as we consider candidates.

IV. DECISIONS (based on the Discussion last month):

- A. **Building Fund vs. Ongoing Maintenance:** Finance Committee recommends any repairs under \$10,000 be paid from the Maintenance Budget, and anything over that amount is eligible to be paid from the Building Fund. Vestry APPROVED.
- B. **Paying off the mortgage early:** Because we are not in agreement whether to pay off the mortgage now or quit prepaying the extra \$10,000 a month, we'll continue doing what we did agree to a couple of years ago: Paying the extra \$10,000 a month and praying and asking God to provide the \$160,000 we'll need next March to pay off the mortgage when it comes time to renegotiate the terms.
- C. **Jeremy Adams needs our endorsement for Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate.** Vestry unanimously APPROVED, and everyone signed the endorsement.
 1. Jeremy's ordination to the Transitional Diaconate will be sometime this fall.
 2. He just accepted a job at his Field Education Parish to supervise the Youth Minister. If that works out, his job will expand to fulltime when he graduates this coming spring, and he can work there while his wife Garine completes her seminary education, which will take another year.

V. MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

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 \$86,872.02. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING.
2. **Building Fund Income:** Since we paid for painting the campus out of Building Fund, the income this past month was LESS than needed to pay the \$11,996.00 mortgage, other expenses, and the extra \$10,000 a month on the mortgage, turning our SURPLUS for the year into a DEFICIT of \$18,811.69. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING.
3. **Balance on the Mortgage** as of June 30 was \$351,167.73, and the Cash & Brokerage Account balance was \$510,173.37. Please keep praying.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Don Grimes

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Vestry Door Duty for August

Opener at 7:30 a.m. ~ Tom Headley
Closer after 1:00 p.m. ~ Marie Tassy
Vestry Meeting Host ~ Don Greer

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AUGUST

1- Cherie Greene
Dawn Sylvia

2- Colby Beck

3- Laura Cook
Donny Mazzaluna

4- Steve Dunegan
Patty Smith

5- Will Clark

6- Brooke Palmeseno

7- Wendy King

8- Martha Ficquette
Ski Hutchinson

10- Vita Mazzaluna

11- Elijah Greene

12- Mike Warren

13- Betty Stanton

15- Mary Margaret Correll

16- Joseph Bailey
Romeo Mazzaluna
Jay Predmore

17- Robyn Leschinski

18- Patty Range
Sarah Sookchan

19- Anne Bailey

20- Liam Gold
MaryLynn Levine

21- Jennifer Roper
Dawn Wirbel

23- Mike Girone

24- Dwight Cho-Sam

25- Bettye Chatham

29- Nat Remington



4- Charlie and Julie Griffin

5- Bob & Patty Tate

7- Ron and Sharon Lancioni

10- Stuart and Linda White

15- Marc and Nikki Imes

16- John and Marit Cairns

18- Jim and Maureen Farrar

19- Tom and Doreen Stachowski

20- David and Jeanne Teter

21- Monty and Greer McBryde

23- Bill and Kathy Barrett

26- Jean-Claud and Francia Jean Baptiste
Steve and Dawn Sylvia

27- John and Martha Ficquette

31- Ricky and Eileen Warder



Please pray for our expectant mom Julie Griffin.







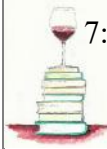
Congratulations Claudia Bernal and Mateo Gomez on the birth of their son Jose Mateo.

“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.

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> Tuesday– Fr. Tom’s Day Off Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. </div>					1	2
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10  75th Birth- day planning meeting. 2:00 p.m. in the Library.	11   5:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16
17  2:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting	18	19	20  7:00 p.m. B.A.M.M Fire Pit	21	22	23  10:00 a.m. Diocesan Conference on Ministry
24 31	25	26	27	28  7:00 p.m. Book Club	29	30

Sunday’s Schedule

8:00 a.m. Rite I
9:30 a.m. Rite II
Nursery and Children’s Church
11:00 a.m. Rite III
Nursery and Children’s Church
4:00 p.m. French Service

5:00 p.m. Youth Band
in the Youth Hall
5:00 p.m. Diving Deeper
with Fr. Tom in the Parish Hall
6:00 p.m. Simple Supper
in the Parish Hall
7:00 p.m. Rite III

Monday: 5:15 p.m. Men’s Bible Study

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Library

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal



Our July camp “Into the Woods” was full of fun activities for the children. They went on nature walks and created craft projects from all the treasures they found. Rainy weather did not dampen the children’s excitement for learning about all God’s creatures that we find in the woods.

The Preschool teachers will return from summer break on August 4 to prepare for the new school year. We will welcome our new students on August 8 at our Annual Meet the Teacher event.

The first day of school for the children will be August 11, and parents are invited to attend our annual Boo-hoo, Yee-Haw breakfast to begin the school year. Our School Advisory Council Members will be there to welcome new families into our school community.

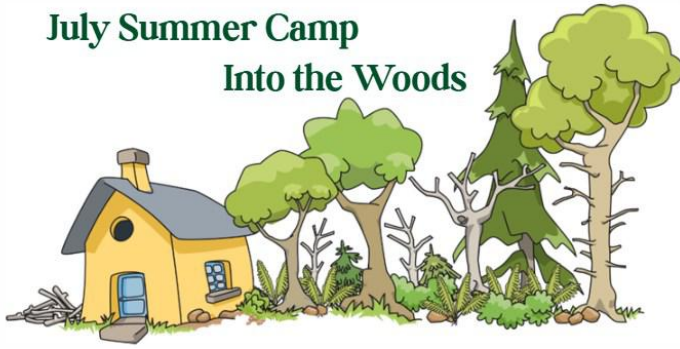
Barbara Ellerbe
Preschool Director

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Teacher preplanning meeting – August 4 @ 9 am in the library
- ◆ Meet the Teacher – August 8 @ 9 am
- ◆ August 11 – First Day of Preschool
- ◆ School Advisory Council Meeting August 20, 9:15 am in the library
- ◆ Parent Curriculum Night – August 27@ 6-7 pm



July Summer Camp Into the Woods



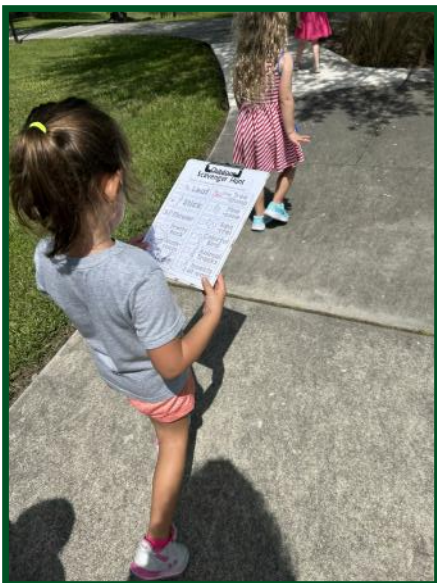
The
ADVENTURE
begins



Catapults &
Beading



In these pictures the children are painting a campfire, painting with marshmallows, and going on a scavenger hunt.



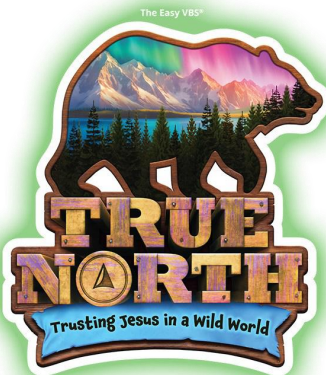
VBS Crews

Thank you to our amazing Crew leaders for pointing all these kids to Christ, all week while we explored why Jesus is our “TRUE NORTH”



TOP- Liam Gold, Sophie and Yolwenn Alexandre with the Ponder Otter crew.

Left- Raul Lopez, Ava Hawthorne and Addi Wise with the Kody Bear crew



Above- The Claudia Crab crew leaders were Vita Mazzaluna, Melanie Field and Alexa Jean Giles. (not pictured)

Left- Miss Laurie, Jackson G., Beowulf Rutherford and Tom Buckner with the Eagle crew





SING

PLAY



**LAUGH
LEARN**



LOVE



VBS 2025



For questions or to volunteer to serve, please contact Mary Kay Predmore at 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	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Lector	Tom Headley	Maureen Farrar	Joyce Taylor	Alex Hujik	Aliena Gaye
LEM 1	Maureen Farrar	Tom Headley	Deborah Alleyne	Wayne Sparks	Joyce Taylor
LEM 2	Deborah Alleyne	Frank Chase	Dianne Donaldson	Joyce Taylor	Tom Headley
Altar Server	Dianne Donaldson	Mary Kay Predmore	Wayne Sparks	Dianne Donaldson	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers & Greeters	Wayne Sparks Alex Hujik	Jim Farrar Jay Predmore	Dan Kem Joyce Taylor	Alex Hujik Jay Predmore	Jim Farrar Wayne Sparks
P. Intercessor	Sandy Sparks	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope	Sandy Sparks	Gretchen Tope

Sunday Servants 9:30 a.m.

9:30 am	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Lector	Jay Williams	Lynn Redmond	Patti Range	Jennifer Excaliber	Jay Williams
LEM 1	Mary Lynn Levine	Vince Truglia	Tom Buckner	Chris Brown	Vince Truglia
LEM 2	Rodger Watson	Chris Brown	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck	Tom Buckner
Altar Server	Lily Levine	Melanie Field	Lily Levine	Taylor Smith	Melanie Field
Crucifer	Jenny Hernandez Franco	Becket Taylor	Donny Grau	Melanie Field	Jenny Hernandez Franco
Torch Bearer 1	Donny Grau	Sloan Taylor	Calvin Lambeth	Preston Smith	Calvin Lambeth
Torch Bearer 2	Rafael Grau	Reese Smith	Rafael Grau	Reese Smith	Rafael Grau
Ushers & Greeters	John Puchein Ken Miller	George & Anida Daniel	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Jean Pender Beth Anne Carr	Jay & Patti Williams
P. Intercessor	Elise Bradford	Susan Kiehm	Karen Stewart	Doreen Stachowski	Elise Bradford
Tech Slides	Maureen Farrar	Sam Lynn	Maureen Farrar	Sam Lynn	Wilna Brown
Tech Sound	Jim Farrar	Aaron Abney	Jim Farrar	Vita Mazzaluna	Chris Brown

Sunday Servants 11:00 a.m.

11:00 am	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Lector	Jennifer Groenendaal	Bob Tate	Giada Mazzaluna	Steve Borst	Paul Buzzonetti
LEM 1	Lionel Williams	Steve Borst	Vita Mazzaluna	Mary Kay Predmore	Lionel Williams
LEM 2	Karen Williams	Vita Mazzaluna	Mary Kay Predmore	Vita Mazzaluna	Karen Williams
Altar Server	Jackson Groenendaal				
Ushers & Greeters	McRae Family	Lionel & Karen Williams	Mary Katulic Jay Predmore	Borst Family	McRae Family
Tech Slides	Lily Groenendaal	Lionel Williams	Christopher Borst	Josie Weiss	Lily Groenendaal
Tech Sound	Do you have an ear for music and sound? We need you! See Music Minister Ricky Jackson to volunteer.				

Sunday Servants 7:00 p.m.

7:00 pm	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Lector	Jason Eaton	Nancy Gordon	Larry Cartelli	Cindi Shaffer	Ode' Mendoza
LEM	Amy Raetz	Wendy King	Steve Raetz	Susie Marshall	Chris Brown
Usher/Greeter	Bob Greene	Terry Kraft	Amy Raetz	Cindi Shaffer	Bob Greene
Tech Slides	Jane Cartelli	Jane Cartelli	Jane Cartelli	Mike King	Jane Cartelli

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

LEV	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Visitor	Lionel & Karen Williams	Chris Brown	Don Stanton	Chris Brown	Lionel & Karen Williams

Readings

Readings	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
1 st Lesson	Ecclesiastes 1:2; 12-14; 2:18-23	Genesis 15:1-6	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm	Psalm 49	Psalm 33	Psalm 82	Psalm 103	Psalm 112
2 nd Lesson	Colossians 3:1-11	Hebrews 11:1-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29	Hebrews 13:10-17
Gospel	Luke 12:13-21	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Messiah's Way

It's about that time again. This year the theme of Messiah's Way is "CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF CHANGING THE WORLD WITH JESUS: ONE CHILD, ONE PERSON, ONE FAMILY, ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.



Think about it. Church of the Messiah has been serving Jesus and Changing The World for 75 years. What a legacy! My prayer is that this continues as we prayerfully consider how we, as a church and individually will serve Jesus and Change The World in 2026.

The opportunities are vast. We have new opportunities for folks to step up and lead a ministry and for you to join a team you may not have considered before. More to come in the next few weeks, but start praying now about how Jesus is calling you to serve Him.

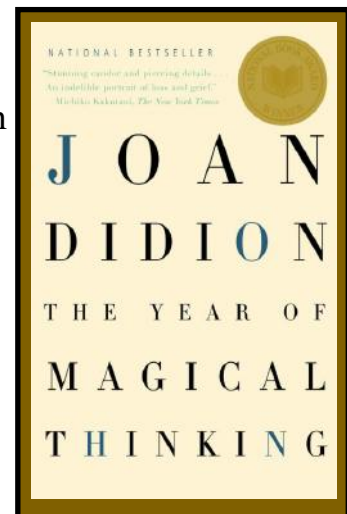
Thank you for offering yourself.

Mary Kay Predmore

Book Review by Patty Tate

The Book Club read "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion

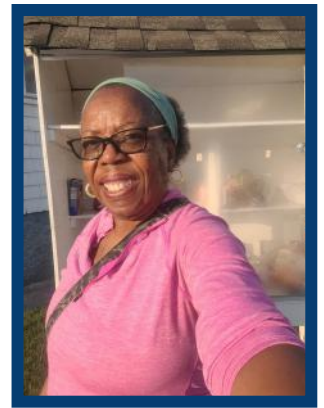
The book is a true story by Joan Didion, an American Essayist and novelist. She is married to John Gregory Dunne, an American writer. She and John lead an interesting life of working together on writing projects and enjoying the social scene. The story begins as John has a heart attack and dies at the dinner table in their home. It follows her journey over the next year in coping with his death, the severe illness of their only daughter, and adjusting to the life of a widow. She shares her thoughts and experiences during this difficult time.



We all enjoyed a lively discussion of the book. We shared our own feelings about death and how we had dealt with losing a loved one but in general thought the book was lacking something. As Joan was an Episcopalian, we had hoped she would have a spiritual story about how God had held her hand and guided and inspired her to continue her life without John. But that's not how the story ended. If you want to read it and form your own opinion, check it out in the COTM Library.

Hello Messiah Family, I'm missing every one of you, my COTM family. However, I'm trying to be busy up here practicing my rule of prayer, service, and evangelism. I'm volunteering my services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church Roosevelt NY breakfast program and helping to alleviate food insecurities in the community by assisting with their non-perishable free food exchange stand. Hope you and your family are doing well. See you guys in the fall, my regards to all.

Marlene Cambridge-McCarthy.



We had an Ice Cream Social on National Ice Cream Day, July 20th. Thank you volunteers who scooped the delicious treats Amy Raetz, Becky Gossett, Steve Raetz, Jeanne Teter, Jean Pinder, and Mary Orwick. Thank you to all who donated toppings and sides and to the Mazalunas for cleaning the dishes. Thank you Becky Gossett for making all of the decorations.



Congratulations to Claudia and Mateo on the birth of their son Jose Mateo!





Thank you

**Thank you , Angela, for 11 years
Leading Children's Ministry.**





Outreach News

Look at all of those boxes! The Church of the Messiah Outreach donated \$5,000 worth of hygiene products for the Maxey Center Back to School hygiene bags. Thank you to our Messiah Outreach team. Patty Tate, Jean Pinder and Bob Tate assembled the 100 hygiene and school supply bags for the Maxey Center children.

THANK YOU!

We are so thankful for our Messiah Handymen! Thank you Doug Ellerbe for fixing the Nursery buggy for Mel and for filling up the Preschool sandboxes.



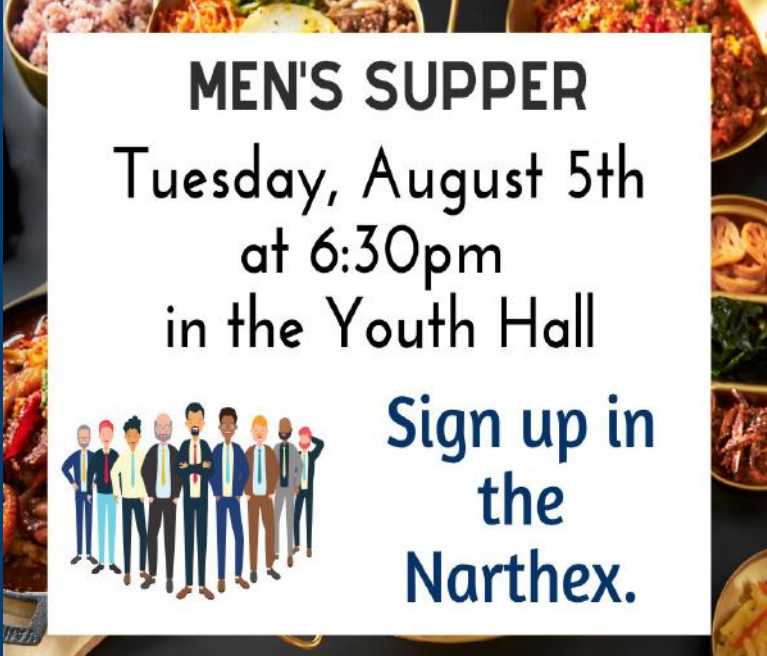
A generous parishioner donated funds to purchase new cabinets for the Youth Hall kitchen. Thank you CW Abel, Paul Buzzonetti, Lamar Powers, and Wayne Sparks for assembling and installing them. Great Job!



Women's Supper
Tuesday, August 5th
6:30pm in the Parish Hall

Breakfast at
~~Tiffany's~~
Messiah

Sign up in the Narthex



MEN'S SUPPER
Tuesday, August 5th
at 6:30pm
in the Youth Hall



Sign up in
the
Narthex.

**Blood
Drive**

oneblood 

August 17

8:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.



Give the gift of life!

Join us at our upcoming blood
drive and make a vital difference
for patients in need.

Your donation can save lives.



Our 75th Birthday is upon us!

Party Planning meeting

August 10 at 2:00 p.m.

**in the Library. Please come and
help plan the party.**



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

Men's Fire Pit!

Wednesday, August 20
at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Chris Brown
407-864-1708



BOOK CLUB
August Book

Love Like That
by Dr. Les Parrott

Thursday
August 28th at 7pm

in the Parish Hall

