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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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YOUR Part in a Successful Succession



Last month I outlined the succession plan for finding our next rector, as I inch toward retirement by April 10, 2027.

Informing you was MY part of a successful succession. As I promised, I dropped out of the process to give the Vestry and the Profile Team freedom to pray, think, discuss, research, and listen to God and you with no interference or distractions from me.

The Vestry is doing THEIR part: appointing a Parish Profile Team, led by former Senior Warden Mary Kay Predmore and with the current Senior Warden Joyce Taylor and several other former Senior Wardens and vestry members from each of the 5 Sunday worship services: Chris Brown, Mildred Dubic, Jason Eaton, Sandy Sparks, Wally Stewart, and Patty Tate.

The Profile Team is doing THEIR part: they formulated a Parish Survey, are facilitating Focus Groups this month, will compile all your input into a Parish Profile in November, present the Profile to the Vestry in December, and to you in January.

Now it's time for YOUR part.

If you have not yet filled out a Parish Survey and turned it in, there's one on the next page. Please tear it out, fill it out, and return it to the box on the Welcome Table in the Narthex or Parish Hall.

You have two more parts.

Most important: PRAY!

PRAY for this whole process as the Messiah leads us to the person he is raising up to be our next rector. PRAY for the Lord to ripen us for that next priest and ripen that priest for us.

But ALMOST as important: give your input.

The survey was the first crack at that.

The next bits are Focus Groups meeting this month to let you express your thoughts, dreams, concerns, and suggestions.

Chris Brown is facilitating those groups, and they are on these dates and times:

Sun	10/12	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Youth Hall West
		10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Youth Hall West
		5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Parish Hall
Mon	10/13	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Parish Hall
Wed	10/15	11:00 AM	Noon	Library

Sun	10/26	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Youth Hall West
		10:45 AM	11:45 AM	Youth Hall West
		5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Parish Hall
Mon	10/27	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Parish Hall
Wed	10/29	11:00 AM	Noon	Library

PLEASE, attend one and offer your thoughts; because, if you don't, your voice will go unheard.

I'm excited about what – and whom – the Messiah has for us as he leads, guides, protects, and provides for us as His family.

I love you all.

Parish Profile Survey

How long have you been coming to Church of the Messiah? _____

1. What attracted you to the Church of the Messiah and why did you stay?
2. How did you get involved in the life of the Church and why?
3. Who or what do we hope to become as a Church?
4. What could we do better?
5. What key qualities do you desire in a new Rector?
6. Essentials you wouldn't compromise in a new Rector?
7. What do you most cherish about the Church of the Messiah and what is the best thing that ever happened to you here?

Additional Comments:

*Please return this survey by September 28.
There will be a collection box by the front entrance.*

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
Psalm 32:8 NIV

2025 September Vestry Minutes

Sunday * September 28, 2025 * 2pm

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Joyce Taylor, Junior Warden Lamar Powers, Clerk Don Grimes (by phone), Laura Buckner, Don Greer, Tom Headley, Jean Pinder, Sandy Sparks, Wally Stewart, Marie Tassy, and Treasurer Bob Tate

Absent: Chris Brown (recovering from surgery) and Lionel Williams (traveling with family)

I. FORMATION: Laura Buckner led Noonday Prayer. Based on Philippians 4:19, Fr. Tom shared how the budgeting process impacts our ability to change the world with Jesus: one child, one person, one family, one community at a time.

II. INFORMATION:

A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:

1. Junior Warden Lamar Powers reports:

- a) We are waiting on parts for the chiller. The fan and the contactor delivery are still two or three months out. We are running on partial capacity. Pray something else does not break. The chiller is almost twenty years old and should be replaced.
- b) The new units at the youth hall will be added to the Building Automation System (BAS). Currently one is primary, and one is secondary, so the primary gets more wear. The BAS would allow them to alternate extending the life. A proposal from AMS was accepted for \$2,755. A fence will be installed to screen the units.
- c) New cabinets were installed in the youth hall kitchen. Missing floor tiles have been replaced and the walls have been painted at the cabinets and counter top. The space between the cabinets and the ceiling will be enclosed with a soffit.
- d) The roof of the preschool storage building was damaged by a tree limb. It has been repaired thanks to Sunshine State Roofing
- e) Hot water for the nursery and bathrooms near the office is off. A new circulating pump will be installed thanks to Bill Adams. There is hot water in the kitchen.
- f) The window unit in the preschool storage building died. A new one has been installed by Donald Hubert.
- g) Burned out bulbs in the parish hall hanging fixtures were replaced thanks to Father Tom on the scaffold, Paul Buzzonetti, Don Grimes, and Tom Knappman moving furniture and rolling the scaffold.
- h) Ceiling lights in the parish hall, lobby, library, and office have been replaced with LEDs, and emergency lights have been replaced with self-contained LED units by Florida Power Serve. The parking lot lights will be converted from a timer to a photocell, and the track lights in the church will be replaced soon.

2. Laura Buckner reports: The Labyrinth is complete! Please walk it.

3. History Book Team leader Sandy Sparks reports: The books are at the printer and should be delivered to us soon.

B. Staff Ministry Reports

1. Children's Minister Megan Adlam reports:

- a) I've temporarily changed my mind about ordering curriculum from StoryMakers until our numbers at Kids' Club increase. We're going to continue on with the (paid for) Fruits of the Spirit for the time being.
- b) Children's Church at 9:30am continues to have about 9-12 children present. Children's Church at 11am and Kids' Club have fewer children, but some is better than none!
- c) I wrote the Treasure Hunt for the Parish Birthday Open House. It was a hit!
- d) The Birthday Weekend made me think of the future of this church, and I want to continue developing the Children's Ministry by inviting those who have aged out of Kids' Club and Children's Church, to be part of a leadership program. The leaders would come to Kids' Club from 1-2pm, and after Kids' Club, I would meet with them and/or other volunteers for 30 minutes to do a Bible Study, leadership lesson, and discuss what they may want to lead next week. When they are ready, they'll lead a game, craft, lesson, or activity the following week

at either Kids' Club, Children's Church, and/or an upcoming Children's Ministry event. If no children show up to Kids' Club, I could do the normal Bible Study with the Leaders, the leadership lesson, the meeting for what they'll lead next week, and then do something fun with them during that extra time.

- e) Stephanie Abell pitched the idea of "Trunk or Treat" to me, and we're going with it. "Trunk or Treat" is when congregation members decorate the open trunks of their vehicles, and hand out candy on Halloween. Winter Garden isn't doing a Halloween festival this year, which gives us opportunity to step into that gap. It's also a great way for our congregation to connect with the rest of the community. We will advertise our Children's Ministry and Children of the Messiah Preschool through flyers we hand out with the candy.
- f) I am going to create a volunteer sign-up sheet to recruit Children's Church helpers. I'll make one for Kids' Club, once numbers increase, and for other children's events.
- g) I'm still having trouble getting into Praesidium's admin portal to administer the Safe Church courses, but am working on ironing out that wrinkle.
- h) I'm thinking of having Vacation Bible School next summer from June 22nd-26th and keeping it at the same time of 5-8:30pm, so adults can volunteer after work.
- i) The Children's Ministry Christmas Party is on December 19th.
- j) The Children's Ministry office is moving into the Youth Hall by the Western side, and I'm going to paint it soon. I included decorating that office in the Children's Ministry budget request for 2026.
- k) I'm working with Father Tom on a Kid's Club adventure to visit the Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive. More about that as plans solidify.

2. Finance & Facility Minister Jane Cartelli reports: We have a steady stream of rental inquiries, most of which result in a rental!

3. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:

- a) I continue to assist with the Amplify Church Management Software change over by learning how to use some of the modules as well as by saving the training videos to a staff shared drive, and I am attending the next Teams Meeting to learn the Service Planning Module. That module will allow us to have the option to handle our Sunday Servants Scheduling through the module, eliminating typos and the need to track people's availability, as the volunteers will be able to block off their dates in the app/on the website so that Ministry Leaders won't have to roll the dice (or hunt for emails, texts, notes, etc.). Since that meeting has not occurred yet, I don't have specific feedback on the process yet. Ideally, I am hoping that Ministry Leaders may have the ability to manually enter blocked out dates for volunteers as well. Prayers for that so that we have as many options and as much flexibility as possible!
- b) I have been serving as project manager with Social Media Minister Yesika King on the 75th Birthday photo montage slideshow. She has done an amazing job, as we knew she would, and are very excited to display that video at the party. It will be running during the Sunday party, I will have it posted on YouTube and linked from our homepage, and Yesika will add it to social media.
- c) Parishioner Don Stanton shared information about BLESS Orlando and the BLESS app, which will send people the names of their 50 closest neighbors, so they can pray for them by name. Based on that information, I discovered Vision Orlando was sponsoring local churches for a free one year premium membership with the BLESS app/website. I signed us up for that, and the details are posted in the hallway on the bulletin board. We will do more to promote that after Messiah's Way, the Birthday Party, and some of the other current ministry pushes that we have going on right now. We don't want it to get lost in the shuffle! But feel free to check out that poster in the hallway to learn more and to sign up and begin exploring on your own!
- d) Otherwise, business as usual with lots of ads and flyers since "There's always something happening at Church of the Messiah!" (Praise the Lord!)

Music Minister Ricky Jackson has no report.

5. Office Minister Wendy King reports:

- a) Amplify Church Management software training day 5 focused on Planning Services. This part of the software will be used in the future by our Sunday Servants and volunteers. They will be able to

post their availability and see the dates and times that they are scheduled to serve. Paulette, one of our Office Angels, also attended the training. She has been helping me by checking and cleaning up the records before we invite the parish to join. Our next training session is September 25th. We will learn how to create groups, add and remove people from the groups, and how we can communicate to folks listed in the various groups.

- b) We extended our Servant Keeper subscription through September. Jane and I are working to end it by or before September 30.
 - c) Our Maintenance Minister, Matthew Barrett is still out recovering from injuries he sustained a work on our campus, but hopes to be cleared to return to work in early October. His replacement Altagracia has been doing a great job cleaning and deep cleaning our facility during the day on Mondays and Thursdays. I've received many compliments that the facility looks and smells clean. Alti has her own carpet and tile cleaning equipment, and we hired her to clean the carpet and tile in the Library, Sanctuary, Narthex, and restrooms.
 - d) The 75th Birthday weekend celebrations went off well, and our Office Angels were a big help. I am thankful to all of them, especially Becky Gossett, who did a beautiful job with the decorations and let us borrow her nautical items for free! A special shout out to her assistant Taylor Smith. Becky also created the large boat for the History team's cart, and Sandy Sparks printed the logos for the boat. Paulette Isaacs and Regina Knappman helped create the scripture and boat signs for Jill Brown's talk. Paulette made the bulletin with the scriptures for Jill's talk. Cindi Shaffer, Sandy Sparks, and Dawn Wirbel helped make some of the Anglican Prayer Beads, and they cut and rounded the corners on the prayer cards. Janice Hull and Mary Kay Predmore wrapped silverware for the Shrimp Boil. It was a big team effort, and I am so grateful for that amazing team that we have. I worked with Stephanie Abel to schedule the party planning meetings and helped to create and print the itinerary for the event with a map of our campus on the back.
 - e) Messiah's Way packets have been handed out, and we are now collecting the forms to start entering the information into our new church management software. Great job, Mary Kay Predmore and assistant Paulette Isaacs, who updated the catalog, printed forms, stuffed and addressed envelopes, etc. Jay Predmore helped too.
- 6. Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe's** financial report was emailed separately. In addition, teacher's aide Angelina Wilson resigned, I am searching for her replacement, and Amy Seifer has joined our staff as a music teacher, since Helen Farnsworth died.

D. 2026 Budget process:

- 1. Please bring your Budget Requests to the September Vestry meeting or email it to Treasurer Bob before the meeting.**
2. Bob will compile all the requests into a Wish Budget, and the Finance Committee will peruse the requests to make their recommendations toward the end of September.
3. Bob will email both the Wish Budget and the Recommended Budget to you before the October meeting.
4. We'll discuss the Budget at the October meeting and think and pray over it for a month.
5. Ideally, we'll decide on the numbers at the November meeting. If we are unable to come to agreement in November, that gives us another month to adopt a final Budget at the December meeting... so we can...
6. Publish the 2026 Budget to the congregation in January, so they can ask any questions at the Parish Annual Meeting on January 25, 2026.

E. Jeremy Adams will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on Saturday, November 15 at 1pm at the Cathedral Church of St Luke in Orlando. All are invited.

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

A. Diocesan Convention Delegates: Convention is Friday and Saturday, January 23 & 24 in Orlando. We get 3 Lay Delegates and 3 Alternate Lay Delegates. Canons require that at least one of our Delegates is a member of the Vestry. All of our Clergy (including Jeremy Adams, who will be a Deacon then) are automatically Delegates.

1. Laura Buckner will be our Vestry representative.
2. Tom Rutherford will recruit for any remaining slots and bring those names next month for us to choose our Delegates.

B. Vestry Nominees:

1. We were requested to suggest names of folks to invite to stand for election to Vestry for the 2026-29 term to replace the four members rotating off (Sandy Sparks, Wally Stewart, Joyce Taylor, and Lionel Williams). Vestry suggested several people, and Tom Rutherford will ensure they meet the criteria for Vestry membership, which are:
 - A. Living the promises of their Baptismal Covenant (BCP 304-305)
 - B. Active in a ministry in the parish family
 - C. Willing to lead a ministry team or support a staff member
 - D. Tithe or be on a trajectory to be tithing by the end of their term.
 - E. Be available for the Vestry Retreat
2. Tom will bring a slate of nominees to the October meeting, and the off-going Vestry members will contact them to see if they'll agree to stand for election.

C. Capital Campaign to cover the \$160,000 mortgage payoff in March, 2026: Tom Rutherford recommended we do this to ensure we can pay off the mortgage in March.

1. At the Diocesan Stewardship Conference, the speaker said we need to raise 70% of the needed amount before going public with the campaign. That would be \$112,000.
2. To raise that amount, the rector goes to potential donors and says, "We need \$160,000 by March. Debbie and I are giving (and tell the amount). Will you match that or do better?"
3. Tom and Debbie are selling their Ocoee home soon and will tithe the profit from that sale to this effort.
4. 2 parishioners have already given \$15,000 toward the \$160,000 we need... reducing that amount to \$145,000!
5. If we choose to do this, Tom will approach our donors in the next month and shoot for going public with the campaign in November.
6. In the initial discussion, Vestry is for it. We'll make a final decision next month.

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

- A. Rector Succession:** With Tom Rutherford hitting mandatory retirement at age 72 on April 10, 2027, and with the Bishop's blessing, Tom initiated planning for that transition now, so the congregation doesn't go 12-18 months without a rector. Tom publicized that plan in the *Messenger* and Sunday Bulletins, and Vestry unanimously approved that plan and timeline. Tom now drops out of the process, and the Vestry picks it up.
- B. Garine' Adams' discernment process:** Vestry unanimously endorsed Garine' for Postulancy and signed the written form indicating that.

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 \$122,366.45. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING.
2. **Building Fund Income** 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, INCREASING our DEFICIT for the year to \$34,308.12. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING.
3. **Balance on the Mortgage** as of August 31 was \$309,154.97, and the Cash & Brokerage Account balance was \$416,442.71. Please keep praying.

VI. Anything else for the good of the order? Vestry expressed their gratitude and admiration for the 75th Birthday slide show Vita Mazzaluna and Yesika King made.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Grimes, Clerk

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Vestry Door Duty for October

Opener at 7:30 a.m. ~ Wally Stewart
Closer after 1:00 p.m. ~ Wally Stewart
Vestry Meeting Host ~ Joyce Taylor

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1- Sheena Calloway
Mary Fowler
Robert Tope
3- Chuck Grunder
Aria McRae
5- Addison Lynn
Edward Weiss
Sarah Wolfe
6- Madison Abney
Ken Anders
Alex Babcock
7- Anida Daniel
Terry Kraft
Aiden Morrison
Tina Sydnor
9- Cindi Shaffer

12- Nancy Munholland
13- Jayden Franco-
Hernandez
14- Caleb Abney
Phoenix Calloway
15- Jonsie Dowdy
16- Janice Hull
18- Shelby Beck
Michelle Taylor
19- Nadia Henry
20- Katherine Mendoza
21- Tina Buchanan
Lisa Headley
Scott Roberson
23- Gemma Bailey
Calvin Lamberth

24- Marcia Collins
25- Jane Cartelli
Pilar Ivory
Naveen Singh
26- C.W. Abel
27- Daphne Gossett
Lily Levine
28- Horace Williams
Jacqueline Williams
29- Jacque Dunegan
Sam Lynn
30- Tim Arnold
Chris Brown
31- Elaina Page



6- Frank & Ellie Chase
7- Ken and Cindy West
8- Mike and Marta Girone
17- Travis and Rachel Smith

18- John and Sharon Puchein
21- Peter and Jenna Gold
22- Larry Kulchar and Livia Fulvi
26- Harry and Janice Hull
27- Alex and Kristi Hujik



Please pray for our expectant mom 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.*

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Tuesday– Fr. Tom’s Day Off Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.			1	2	3	4
Office Minister, Wendy King, is on vacation Sunday, September 28th thru Sunday, October 5th						
5 4:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals 	6	7  6:30 p.m. Ladies’ Dinner Parish Hall Men’s Supper Youth Hall	8	9	10	11  11:00 Celebration of life for Matt Reusch
12 	13   5:00 pm	14	15  7:00 p.m. B.A.M.M Fire Pit 	16	17	18
19 2:00 pm Vestry Meeting 	20	21	22	23  7:00 p.m. Book Club	24	25
26 	27 	28	29 	30	31 5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat at Messiah 	

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
4:30 p.m. Shine Kid’s Club
in the Youth Hall

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

Weekly Schedule

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



Preschool Messenger - October 2025

This month the preschool staff and children will say goodbye to Angelina Wilson. Angelina was the aide in our toddler classroom. Angelina has worked for the preschool since 2021. Angelina will be missed by students and teachers alike.

Ansa Du Toit will be on campus to take school pictures on October 7 and 8. Ansa has taken photos for local dance studios as well as other schools in the past. We look forward to working with her this year.

On October 16, the preschool will take its first field trip of the year. We are visiting the newly re-opened Green Meadows Farm in Kissimmee. Green Meadows is a petting farm where the children can ride ponies, pick pumpkins, hold baby ducks, and chickens. We even get to have a hay ride.

On October 23, the preschool will host our annual family night. The children are invited to dress in costume for a fun night of games and food. The teachers will have ring toss, pumpkin golf, bowling, a scavenger hunt and pumpkin cornhole games. The children will win prizes. We will serve pizza, salad, and of course, ice cream. The families will also create a personalized gift together.

Upcoming dates

October 7 & 8 – Picture Days



October 13 – NO SCHOOL
Staff Meeting
9 am in the library

October 15 – School Advisory
Council Meeting
9:15 in the library

October 16 – Green Meadows

October 23 – Fall Family Night
6:30-8:00 pm
in the Parish Hall



Sondra Ryan dressed as an apple for Johnny Appleseed day. Phoenix and Clair are holding homemade apple turnovers that they and their classmates made.



Music with Ms. Amy



Having Fun and Hanging Out on the Playground



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	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Lector	Wayne Sparks	Alex Hujik	Sandy Sparks	Joyce Taylor
LEM 1	Wayne Sparks	Deborah Alleyne	Tom Headley	Dianne Donaldson
LEM 2	Dianne Donaldson	Mary Kay Predmore	Joyce Taylor	Frank Chase
Altar Server	MK Predmore	Dianne Donaldson	Wayne Sparks	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers & Greeters	Jim Farrar Jay Predmore	Dan Kem Alex Hujik	Jay Predmore Jim Farrar	Joyce Taylor Wayne Sparks
P. Intercessor	Sandy Sparks	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope	Sandy Sparks

Sunday Servants 9:30 a.m.

9:30 am	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Lector	Pattie Range	Jennifer Excaliber	Beth Ann Carr	Jay Williams
LEM 1	Rodger Watson	Vince Truglia	Chris Brown	Tom Buckner
LEM 2	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck	Rodger Watson	Chris Brown
Altar Server	Lily Levine	Melanie Field	Taylor Smith	Kendall Gilmore
Crucifer	Reese Smith	Becket Taylor	Addison Lynn	Donnie Grau
Torch Bearer 1	Raffi Grau	Sloan Taylor	Preston Smith	Calvin Lambeth
Torch Bearer 2	Donny Grau	Jenny Hernandez Franco	Raffi Grau	Ainsley Gilmore
Ushers & Greeters	Anida & George Daniel	John Puchein Ken Miller	Beth Ann Carr Jean Pender	Jay & Patti Williams
P. Intercessor	Susan Kiehm	Karen Stewart	Doreen Stachowski	Elise Bradford
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	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Lector	Giada Mazzaluna	Steve Borst	Bob Tate	Jennifer Groenendaal
LEM 1	Lionel Williams	Marc Boese	Marc Boese	Lionel Williams
LEM 2	Karen Williams	Vita Mazzaluna	Vita Mazzaluna	Mary Kay Predmore
Altar Server	Anna Switzer	Logan McRae	Jackson Groenendaal	Logan McRae
Ushers & Greeters	McRae Family	Borst Family	Mary Katulic Jay Predmore	Lionel & Karen Williams
Tech Slides	Christopher Borst	Evie Dugger	Josie Weiss	Marc Boese
Tech Sound				

Sunday Servants 7:00 p.m.

7:00 pm	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Lector	Amy Raetz	Amy Raetz	Jason Eaton	Larry Cartelli
LEM	Steve Raetz	Amy Raetz	Wendy King	Susie Marshal
Altar Server	Cindi Shaffer	Steve Raetz	Terry Kraft	Bob Greene
Usher/Greeter				
P. Intercessor	Jane Cartelli	Mike King	Jane Cartelli	Mike King
Tech Slides				

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

LEV	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Visitor	Lionel & Karen Williams	Chris Brown	Marc Boese	Don Stanton

Readings

Readings	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
1 st Lesson	Habakkuk 1:1-5, 2:1-4	2 Kings 5:1-19a	Gensis 32:22-31	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Psalm	Psalm 37:1-8	Psalm 111	Psalm 121	Psalm 84
2 nd Lesson	2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-14

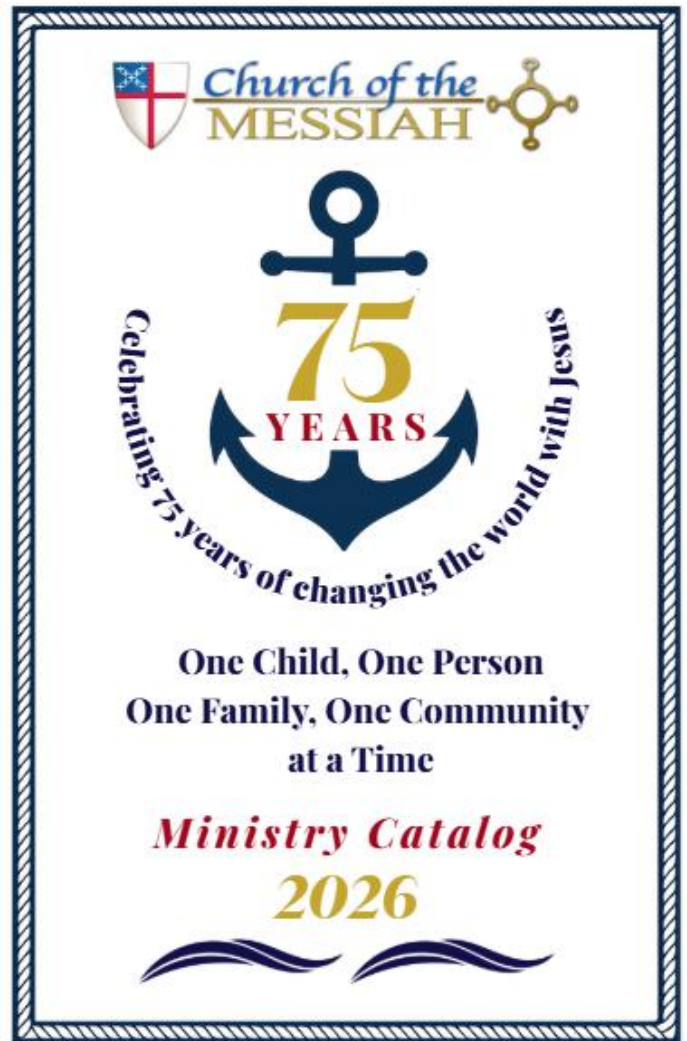
Messiah's Way and Parish Profile Survey

by Mary Kay Predmore

Messiah Family, thank you for claiming your seat in God's kingdom. For those who have volunteered through Messiah's way, thank you. For those who have let your voice be heard by completing the Parish Profile survey, thank you.

There's still time. Prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve. Prayerfully consider how you can speak into the future years of Church of the Messiah. We just celebrated 75 years, and we are just getting started!

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Paulette Isaacs for her part in rolling out Messiah's Way. It wouldn't have happened without her. As always, thanks to Wendy King, who always so tirelessly supports us all.



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 visited the Christ Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Saturday, September 6th. The church was established on November 15, 1695 and the church was built in 1744. The church is rich in history.

Sue Riley attended Faith Lutheran Church in Merritt Island on September 21.

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

Book Review by Patty Tate
Love Like That

Is that possible to Love like Jesus? This book gives the reader five ways to do that in our daily living here on Earth. I felt the book was filled with ideas; many of which the Book Club group believed as Christians we were doing but we enjoyed sharing examples and reminding each other and ourselves to continue.

As the author states, three steps Jesus recommends are BLESS those who curse you, DO GOOD to those who hate you, and PRAY for those who mistreat you.

I highly recommend this book, but read it in stages because there is a lot to ingest and think about! You can borrow this book from the CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH LIBRARY. Enjoy!



INTRODUCTION

LOVE LIKE JESUS?

*Love one another the way I loved you.
This is the very best way to love.*
—Jesus

I'm not a softhearted poet. I'm not a people-pleasing idealist. I live with full-throttle ambition and no shortage of self-interest. I'm impatient and sometimes insecure. I jockey for position and I like exclusive privileges. I can be judgmental, insensitive, petty, and resentful. Oh, and I can be cheap and stingy.

But I want to love like Jesus.
Why? Because I know it's the best way to live. When we love like Jesus, we are lifted outside ourselves. We



Fr. Tom Rutherford, Chris Brown, Don Grimes, and Lamar Powers attended Stewardship Conference.

St Francis of Assisi



Join us on Sunday,
October 5th,
at 4:30pm for the
Blessing of the Animals!
Meet at the corner of
Tilden St. and Main St.



Come Fellowship with your Messiah Family and Friends

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



Ladies' Dinner
Oktoberfest
in the Parish Hall.

Men's Supper in the
Youth Hall.



Sign-ups for both are in the Narthex!



Co-Rector

Focus Group Meetings

10/12, 10/13, 10/15,
10/26, 10/27, 10/29

See inside page of this Messenger
to view times and locations.

Being a Messiah's Man B.A.M.M Men's Fire Pit!

Wednesday, October 15
at 7:00 p.m.

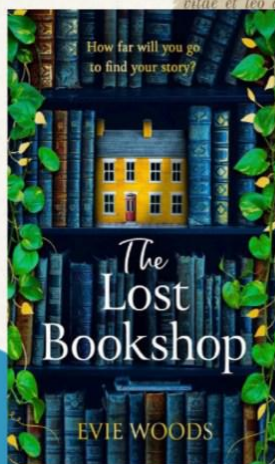
Contact Chris Brown
407-864-1708

BOOK CLUB

October Book

*the Lost
Bookshop*
by Evie Woods

Thursday,
October 23rd at 7pm
in the Parish Hall



TRUNK-OR-TREAT



Children's Minister
Megan Adlam is
planning a
Trunk-or-Treat
and is seeking
volunteers and candy
donations.

More details to come.