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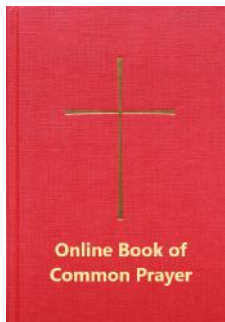
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Each of you should use whatever
gift you have received
to serve others,
as faithful stewards
of God's grace
in its various forms.
1 Peter 4:10



The Messiah's Way

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Sunday Services:

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8:00 am.....Traditional Communion

9:30 am.....Family Communion
(Livestreamed)

9:30 am.....Sunday School

11:00 am.....Contemporary Communion

4:00 pm.....French Service
(Livestreamed)

5:00 pm.....Diving Deeper Bible Study
with Rev. Andrew Lazo

7:00 pm.....Casual Communion

Wednesday Service:

10:00 am.....Casual Communion

11:00 am..... Bible Study

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Sit One, Serve One

LONG TIME, MESSIAH FOLK, you know the joy of volunteering and plugging and serving the Messiah and his family through the Messiah's Way. Skip the next paragraph for an invitation to change the world even MORE!

NEWBIES IN THE MESSIAH FAMILY, unlike other Churches that recruit you to serve in some job till Jesus comes back, we invite you to volunteer to serve for a year in the Messiah family and/or out in the wider community, doing what you like and what you're good at. If you like what you did, next fall you may re-up for another year. If you didn't like it or would like to try something else, we say, "Thank you!" and let you retire gracefully. Please look through the Ministry Catalog to see what the opportunities are.

NOW FOR ALL OF US: As you pray, read through the Messiah's Way Ministry Catalog, think, pray some more, listen to God, and talk with your family and friends, I invite you to **SIT ONE, SERVE ONE**.

I invite you to pick one of our weekly worship opportunities and come **SIT ONE** and worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness with your Messiah family.

Then I urge you to **SERVE ONE**: to volunteer to serve at least an hour a week. That may be on Sunday, but it can also be any other day of the week. There are a plethora of opportunities beyond just on Sunday.

You could worship at 8am and rock babies at 9:30, or run the livestream computer at 9:30 and worship at 11, or help with Children's Church at 9:30 or 11 and worship at 8 or 11, or worship in the morning and come back at 4:30pm or 5 to help with SHINE Kids' Club or ACTIVATE Youth Group or at 7pm to sing in the Band or run the PowerPoint.

You catch the drift!

Or... whenever you worship on Sunday, you could serve during the week as an Office Angel, on Altar Guild, or some other ministry. There are over 30 ministries to choose from! PLEASE SEE "WHO YA GONNA CALL" ON THE NEXT PAGE OF THIS MESSENGER.

However it works for you, I urge you to SIT ONE, SERVE ONE.

You will change the world with Jesus – starting with you! – as well as that one child, one person, one family, or one community you serve.

I love you all.

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Vestry Door Duty for September

Opener at 7:30am: Beth Ann Carr

Closer after 1:00pm: Beth Ann Carr

Vestry Meeting Host: Ron Lancioni

2023 Financial Report

(as of July 2023)

Operating Income.....\$460,662.97

Operating Expenses.....\$557,366.57

NET.....\$(93,703.60)

All Building Fund Income....\$183,793.25

All Building Fund Expense...\$185,269.68

NET.....\$(1,476.43)

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August Vestry Minutes

Sunday * August 20, 2023 * 2pm

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Ron Lancioni, Junior Warden Mike King, Marci Babione, Steve Borst, Anida Daniel, Joyce Taylor, Lionel Williams, and Sarah Wolfe; and Treasurer Bob Tate and Apprentice Rector Andrew Lazo.

Absent: Beth Ann Carr (with family).

I. **FORMATION:** Marci Babione leads Noonday Prayer. Based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Tom Rutherford will talk about how the Messiah's Way helps the Messiah family be a healthy Body of Christ, and he will ask us, "Which parts of our parish body are doing their parts well? Which parts of our parish body are not doing as well, or are missing?" So we can pray for the Lord to raise up people to fill those gaps.

II. **INFORMATION:**

A. **Vestry Ministry Team Reports:** None submitted

A. **Staff Reports:**

1. **Children of the Messiah Preschool:** The Financial Report is the same as last month's, since the preschool was closed until this week. We lost 3 families to the brand new 1st Baptist Preschool at Main and Newell Streets, but most classes are full, and several have waiting lists.

2. **Children's Minister** Angela Lopez reports:

- a) It has been a wild ride in Children's Ministry over the summer! We had several day camps, with our highest numbers ever in attendance. While they were fantastic opportunities for outreach, fellowship, and fun, they also served as a reminder of how much we need volunteers in this area! I had a new "volunteer" at Edible Science camp, and she was amazing! The only downfall, she is 12... While helpful in many ways and a delight to be around, she does not count as an extra adult. Especially when there were participants in the camp her age. I am encouraging her to continue to volunteer and I will put her with younger children. The great news is that she had such a blast, her older brother would like to volunteer as well. So, for my fall camp, I have 2 youth volunteers lined up.
- b) The themes for our camps were Let's a Gogh, Mario and Van Gogh mash-up art camp. We painted Van Gogh style, learned about him, and made several Mario-themed crafts. We ate pizza, played Mario games on the Switch, played Mario Bro. Monopoly, and made a Super Daddio Father's Day card for our dads.
- c) We had retro camp, with an 80's vibe. Unfortunately, the AC was out that day and we could not do some of our activities like Shrinky dinks, and baking cookies and pizza. We had water fights, watch Bob Ross and did some watercolor art, ate McDonald's happy meals, made plastic canvas art, played 4 square, 4 corners, heads up 7 up. We played outside and then cooled off with Bomb pops. We also played a lot of patty-cake games like Lemonade and Miss Mary Mack.
- d) We had Winnie the Pooh cooking camp. We always make 3 meals and 2 snacks. The kids get to take home dinner and dessert. We made Pooh and friend puffball crafts, had a drawing contest, and talked about life lessons we can learn from each of the friends in the 100 Acre woods.
- e) Our final camp was Edible Science. We started out with intergalactic doughnuts and milk. Then we divided into groups to build solar ovens. We assembled s'mores and found the sunniest places on campus to place our oven. We made butter in a jar, bread in a bag, ice cream in a bag and 2 kinds of edible slime. We also made hard candy geodes. Every experiment we made; we ate! We watched an episode of Bill Nye on Atoms and an episode of the Magic school bus on saving bees!

g) Beginning August 6, I changed the Children's Church curriculum. Some of the content was getting a bit cheesy and taking away from the message so I switched to something cheaper, but more labor intensive to adapt. I am waiting for a program I am interested in to appear in December, then I will do a trial run of that on our kids to see how it fits. For our back-to-school Sunday we talked about packing our spiritual backpacks and what virtues we should clothe ourselves in every day. We discussed Joseph and his coat of many colors—had multicolored popcorn for a treat and received a new tag for our backpacks that had been prayed over.

h) SHINE Kids' Club is taking a break for a month. With so many of our kids being on vacation and weekends away it was hard to stick to a plan. And where there is no plan, there is chaos! I am making some changes and seeking some extra adult hands to serve from 4:30-6 on Sundays. We will kick off again on September 10 with Games, Goodies and Grandparents night!

3. **Facility Minister** Soner Alexandre is learning the job and overseeing our new Maintenance Minister, Yolwenn Alexandre.

4. **Messiah School for the Arts** has closed, due to a lack of anyone to lead it. We need volunteers to help clean it out and give input so we can re-examine the space and the best ways to use it?

5. **Music Minister** Sergei Kossenko reports:

a) I started as Music Minister on July 16.

b) Father Andrew Lazo has been teaching me Anglican history and liturgy.

c) Former Music Minister Linda Ellison and Father Tom are also mentoring me on planning music.

d) I planned and performed the service music for the Wednesday morning Communion during Father Tom's trip to the Holy Land.

e) The choir is on summer recess until September, so no choir rehearsals were held.

f) The Worship Bands' rehearsals were held at regularly appointed times.

g) The Office Angels are compiling a database of the hymns and songs the Messiah family know and like, which will help me plan music that will be meaningful for the family.

6. **Office Minister** Julie Altenbach reports:

a) Along with Fr. Andrew and Angela Lopez, I attended an event at Advent Health and heard from representatives from various non-profit organizations in our area that can provide services and resources.

b) I prepped for services while I was away for 14 days in the Holy Land. I am grateful for the Office Angels and staff that took care of everything so I could be away. The trip was amazing, and I am happy to share about my experiences with anyone who wants to hear about the closeness I felt with God and the Messiah folks who went on the trip.

c) I met with a representative from Church Pension for insurance purposes.

d) I continue to plan for Angela Lopez's ordination to the Diaconate and reception on August 30th.

e) Angela Lopez and I provided lunch during pre-planning for our preschool teachers.

f) I ordered new handicapped parking signs, as the old ones were crumbling.

7. **Tech Minister** Vita Mazzaluna reports:

a) I am covering the livestream sound monitoring/adjustment at each Sunday 9:30 am service. I have covered this duty approximately once per month while Jeremy took his monthly service music shift but covering weekly is quickly allowing me to better "get" how the sound management works. Definitely a work in progress as sound is not my strong suit at all! Osni Alexandre has been very helpful since he has been managing the house sound for the 9:30 am, 11 am, and 4pm services for several years now. Hoping to work with Music Minister Sergei Kossenko to iron out our sound needs over the next couple of weeks.

- b) Helped cover some of the cross-over duties for Office Minister Julie Altenbach while she participated in the Holy Land pilgrimage.
- c) Recorded, edited, and inserted a commercial by Janice Hull for Ladies' Dining.
- d) With Office Minister Julie Altenbach, helped Parishioner Katherine Reusch do a first run of Staff Photos and a small group of parishioner photos for the photo directory. We will move forward with more scheduling soon!
- e) Continuing to supervise Tech Intern Yolwenn Alexandre. She is now serving as an additional weekly slides "checker" so that she learns the formatting and can serve as backup if ever needed. She is doing great!
- f) Continued to produce other specialty multimedia content as needed.
- g) Setup Music Minister Sergei Kossenko's laptop with necessary software and access (Google Drive, Office 365, various share access).
- h) Created several additional "How To" documents for sound management, including app setup on new devices.

8. **(Interim) Youth Minister** Tom Rutherford is meeting with ACTIVATE on Sundays. He's negotiated with Father Soner to start ACTIVATE at 5pm, so the Haitian teens don't miss church. He's polled the teens to see what topics and activities they're interested in, and he's begun focusing the weekly meetings on the topics they chose. He's also still praying and looking for whom the Lord might have to lead that group... not in a hurry to hire anyone, since we have such a large financial deficit.

C. **Angela Lopez will be ordained a deacon** here on Wednesday August 30 at 7pm. This will increase the retirement benefits we pay her to 18% of her compensation, starting September 1.

III. **DISCUSSION:**

A. **Classroom Building Air Conditioner:** The air handler, which was installed when we renovated that building in 1998, is on its last legs. Coolant technology has changed, so we can't replace only the air handler; we'd have to replace that and the outside units. R&R A/C, who takes care of all of our A/C, except the chiller for the Parish Hall patched it together as a temporary fix, and they are researching to tell us our options to replace the entire system. Those numbers will be reported as soon as they come in.

IV. **DECISIONS:**

- A. **Video Cameras for the Preschool area:** Director Barbara Ellerbe would like to have cameras, and got a bid to procure them and have them installed. It's \$3,102.56, which the preschool will pay, if we approve their getting the cameras. The vestry approved the request to move forward with this project to purchase the camera system.
- B. **HVAC Controls:** In June we decided to spend \$52,445 to upgrade the entire control system, pending finding out the amounts in the Building Fund, and if there's plenty to do this capital improvement. Last month we decided to pay for it from \$26,598.81 in "Memorials" and from our Investment accounts.
- C. After that meeting, however, Office Minister Julie Altenbach and Finance Minister Jane Cartelli urged us to seek another bid for the job, because CES has been slow in providing numbers and bids and profoundly poor in communication and customer service. They no-showed for 2 appointments with Julie and Junior Warden Mike King, and, when the service guy showed up for the regularly scheduled maintenance, he told Julie, "I don't know why I'm here."
- D. Before we drop \$52,000 and tie ourselves to them for the next 10 years, Tom Rutherford called several other pastors to see what A/C companies they use, and several A/C companies to get bids for the same scope of work – which he's discovered is quite specialized, and not every A/C company does chiller plant controls.

E. 1st Baptist Winter Garden has done several major construction projects and have a campus bigger than ours, and they recommend Apple Air here in Winter Garden. Tom called them, and their guy came out this past Thursday to see what we have and to determine what we need. He will report to Tom when they have a proposal.

F. Tom recommends waiting until we hear from Apple before proceeding. The vestry agreed to wait before moving forward.

V. MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. Minutes from the 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 \$96,703.60. PLEASE PRAY.

2. Building Fund Income was LESS than we needed to pay the \$11,996.00 mortgage and other expenses, turning our year-to-date SURPLUS to a DEFICIT of \$1,476.43. PLEASE PRAY!

The meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Taylor, Clerk

Messiah's Missionaries



**Changing the world for Jesus:
one child, one person, one family,
one community at a time.**

Ken and Bonnie Miller attended Trinity Church in Saint John, New Brunswick on July 30th.

Julie Altenbach and Angela Lopez attended the Ordination of Colleen Rutherford to the Sacred Order of Deacons on August 9th at St. George Episcopal Church in The Villages.

Chuck and Deborah Grunder attended St. Paul's Church of Epleyanna in Davis, Illinois on Sunday, August 13th.



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Father Tom and Debbie led the following people on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from July 22nd–August 4th;

Julie Altenbach, Paul Buzzonetti, Laura Cook, Bradford Fisher, Nancy Gordon, Jennifer Hepker, Mike & Wendy King, Glen Ledford, Jay & Mary Kay Predmore, Nancy Pruim, Pattie Range, Timothy & Amie Rutherford, Cindi Shaffer, Wally Stewart, Joyce Taylor, and Karen & Lionel Williams.

The group celebrated Eucharist on Sunday, July 23rd at our hotel in Tel Aviv, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and at Christ Church on Sunday, July 30th. Fr. Tom, Rev. Laura and Fr. Timothy helped serve Eucharist, Wendy King and Lionel Williams served as lectors and Deacon Julie led the Prayers of the People.

Pilgrims pictured below with our bus driver, Boulos and Shores Tour Guide, Yoyakim Figueras.





David Spa Hotel at the Dead Sea



With Soldiers at the Tomb of the Patriarchs



Lunch in Bethlehem



Masada



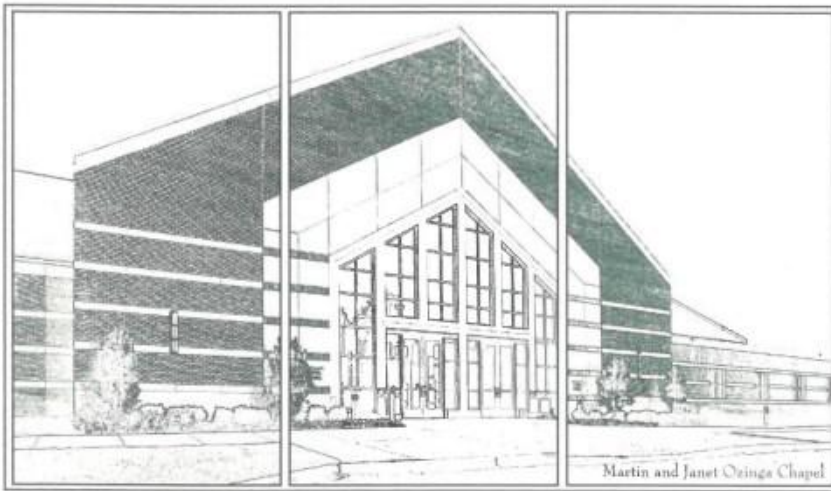
Shiloh



Renewing Baptismal Vows at the Jordan River



Roof of Christ Church in Jerusalem



A note from a non-Messiah person who went on the Pilgrimage to Israel.

"In him the whole kingdom is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the LORD."

- Ephesians 2:21

Jeremiah 29:11

Thank you doesn't begin to describe how thankful I am that you graciously allowed me to be part of the travel group to Israel. From the onset I felt part of your traveling family church. I have been a member of different churches in my life and you are one of the most loving, accepting and caring church families I've met. I thank God for allowing me to meet such wonderful examples of God's love through His people. I look forward to seeing you again.

for Him,
Nancy D.





The preschool year is off to a wonderful start. We welcomed parents into the classrooms on August 29th for our annual Curriculum Night where information was presented about all of the resources available to them through Frog Street Curriculum. We have welcomed many new families this year. We are excited to get to know these new families and look forward to many fun new memories we will have with their children.

On September 5 & 6, we will once again have Picture Me Perfect staff on hand for Fall pictures of the children. Our families treasure these keepsakes of their children. We thank the Picture Me Perfect staff for the time they take with our children to make wonderful portraits.

The preschool has one opening in our 3-year-old room. If you know someone who is interested, please call the preschool office for information 407-654-8451.

Preschool Director

Barbara Ellerbe



September 4th



NO SCHOOL

September 5 & 6



Picture Days

September 20th— SAC

MEETING



Ms. Stacey's Class



Please join me in praying for our school kids and their teachers! *I pray for [this child] and that You will guide the hands, mouths and actions of everyone who comes into contact with [insert name] in the schools. Lord, You always provide, and I ask that You would give us the strength and courage to navigate whatever comes our way in the school system. In Jesus' name, Amen.





EDIBLE SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS



Look what
we made!

CAMP DAY WITH
Ms. Angela



Science is fun, and yummy!



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A Note from Seminarian Jeremy Adams

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Hello Messiah Family!

We're missing you all! Thank you for the letters and kind words of support since we've moved. We officially finished unpacking a few weeks ago and have been settling in well. Everyone on campus has been so welcoming and Yester is making fast friends with other seminarians' kids.

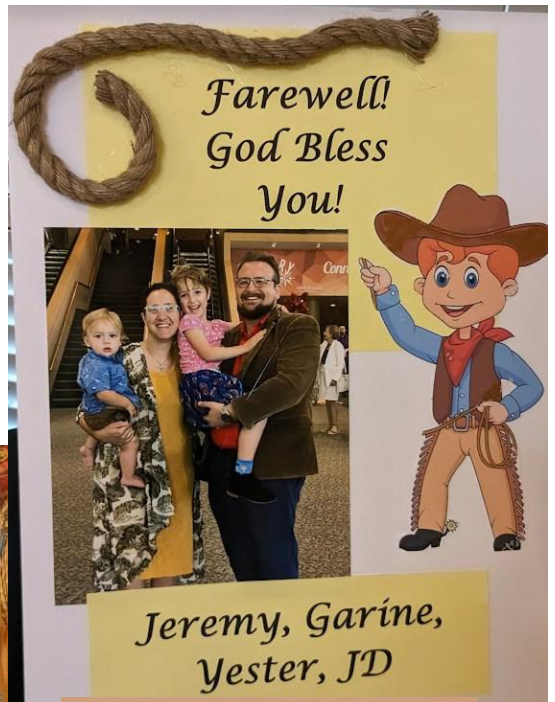
August has been a season of new beginnings. Garine started her new job as the parish administrator for Church of the Holy Cross Dunn Loring on August 8th. She's learning the ropes and adjusting to the rhythm of a different parish, and of course they all love her. JD started preschool on campus at the Butterfly House. It's such a blessing to the students that they have a preschool on campus. He's been having some trouble adjusting with his allergies, though it hasn't been too bad. Yester had her first full day of school at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School on August 21st. She loves her teacher, Mr. Jackson, and is excited to officially be in school. Classes for me started on August 14th. The first few weeks are an introductory course on Practical Theology and I love the material being covered. The fall semester starts in full September 5th. In addition to my classes, I'll be working for the campus computer lab. Thank you for the continued prayers and for being a loving parish family.

In Christ,

The
Adams
Family



**Farewell Hoedown Party
for Linda Ellison,
Jeremy, Garine, Yester, & J.D. Adams
Wednesday, July 19th at 6pm
in the Parish Hall**







The COTM Outreach Ministry helped fund a Backpack Gift Program at Orange County Maxey Center that was titled, “Back2School Bash!” The event included a meal, games and prizes.

Pictured below: Jeanne Teter, Beth Ann Carr, and Bob & Patty Tate. Doreen & Tom Stachowski also helped with the event that assembled and distributed 100 backpacks and hygiene bags.



Thanks to the Parish Family for bringing non-perishables for Bag Sunday. We were able to fill a whole cart for the Christian Service Center food pantry!



Book Reviews by Helen Farnsworth



In looking over what I wrote last month, I discovered a slight mistake. I said the title of the book I intended to read was **Think Small.** Actually, the title is **Dream Small: The Secret Power of the Ordinary Christian Life** by Seth Lewis.

Basically, it's an excellent book, the only problem being that the author seems to think that if saying a thing once is a good thing, saying it 50 times is even better. But his basic idea is

excellent, which can be summed up in a few sentences:

1. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Everything else will perish and therefore pales in comparison. He also points out that this can and should be our focus regardless of where we are on mankind's ladder of success.”
2. God doesn't use the same measuring tape that we do to measure success. He cites the time Voyager 1 took a picture of the earth, and it looked like a speck of dust in a sunbeam!
If that is true of our planet, how tiny are we? How small our “big dreams” seem in that light! And yet our Creator loves us so much that He became one of us in order to make it possible for us to spend eternity with Him.
3. Our focus should be giving others a hand up instead of on our own climbing the human ladder of success.
4. Those whom human society deems worthless are immeasurably precious to God. (All of us are.)
5. Because of this, we don't have to chase the wild goose of achieving value for ourselves—we are already valued by God.

I personally relate a lot to that last one. As a teenager, I couldn't figure out why God had bothered to create me, so I worked hard at academics and music to justify my existence; but it didn't work. Part of it was that I was trying to be Bob (my older brother), who always succeeded remarkably at whatever he tried. (Nobody else gave me this idea—it was my own foolishness.). Fortunately, when I went to college, God informed me that if He had wanted two Bobs, He would have created two Bobs—He wanted me to be me! And if He had never created me, there would be a me-shaped hole in His universe. And the same is true of everyone.

I think you will find this encouraging and inspiring.

*Parish Birthday Party and Ministry Fair &
Potluck Supper
Sunday, September 17
at 5:30 pm
in the Parish Hall.*

*Please bring a dish to share and
celebrate our Parish as you check out
ways to serve and plug in next year.*



[Dr. Christin Ditchfield Lazo](#) will facilitate a guided prayer walk through a labyrinth for the Church of Messiah Family.

Participants will have opportunity to, as Lazo likes to say, “meet God at every turn.”




Friday, September 29th
at 6:30 pm
and/or
Saturday, September 30th
at 8:30 am
Look for details to come in
Church Bulletin

To learn more about a Prayer Labyrinth Check out Christin's
website at

<https://www.christinditchfield.com/>

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Tuesday– Fr. Tom’s Day Off Friday– Rev. Andrew’s Day off Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00-5:00					1	2
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10	11  5:00 PM in Parish Hall	12	13	14	15	16
17  Potluck Parish B’day Party & Ministry Fair @ 5:30	18	19	20	21  5:15 in Library	22	23
24 Turn in Messiah’s Way Packets 	25	26	27	28	29	30 Prayer Labyrinth with Christin Lazo 

Sunday’s Schedule

Monday: Men’s Bible Study at 5:15 PM

Tuesday: Morning Prayer at 10 am in Sanctuary

Wednesday:

10:00 am Holy Communion

11:00 am Bible Study in the Library

6 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:15 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

8:00 am- Rite 1

9:30 am- Rite II Nursery
and Children’s Church

11:00 am- Rite III Nursery &
Children’s Church

4:00 pm- French Service

4:30 pm - Shine Kid’s Club in
Youth Hall

5:00 pm -Activate Youth
Group in Youth Hall

5:00 pm-Diving Deeper with
Rev. Andrew in Parish Hall

6:00 pm -Simple Supper in
Parish Hall

7:00 pm Rite III

HAPPY BIRTHDAY


1– Kelley McCrae
Regina Seguin
4– Susie Marshall
Ken Miller
5– Nadia Ismael
Addison Wise
7– Iris Smartt
8– Marie Felix
Bradford Fisher
Beattice Hosten
9– Anna Clare Wilkinson
12– Jenna Gold
Guervens Saint-Louis

13– Alice DeRosa
Richard Leschinski
Edzor Pierre
15– Connie Craft
16– Rachel Smith
17– Linda Gold
Sharon Puchein
19– Doug Ellerbe
20– Jahhel Jean-Baptiste
21– Marsha Dymond
Sandra Lopez
23– Roni Pavan

Samuel Saint-Louis
24– Holly Matzelle
25– Eileen Ford-Gilbert
26– Mary Pounds
27– Daniel Puterbaugh
28– Mary Ann Collings
Jorge Sandoval
Jessica Winters
30– Bill Bradford
Richecarde Pierre

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6th– Tom & Debbie Rutherford
10th– Don & Sue Grimes
Joe & Amy Eiden
12th– Sam & Mary Katulic
17th– Larry & Jane Cartelli
18th– Mike & Wendy King
24th– Ansel & Ina Haughton



**We don't want to miss your
anniversary or birthday. Please make
sure we have your information by
calling the office or email at
Office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com**

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 AM

8:00 Service	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Lector	Joyce Taylor	Alex Hujik	Maureen Farrar	Sandy Sparks
1st LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Joyce Taylor	Aliena Gaye	Don Greer
2nd LEM	Gretchen Tope	Don Greer	Deborah Alleyne	Maureen Farrar
Altar Server	Wayne Sparks	Katherine Reusch	Mary Kay Predmore	Katherine Reusch
Ushers/ Greeters	Joyce Taylor Marsha Dymond	Alex Hujik Jay Predmore	Bill Crawford Joyce Taylor	Jay Predmore Wayne Sparks
Prayer Intercessor	Sandy Sparks	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Lector	Jay Williams	Bill Bradford	Beth Ann Carr	Joe Eiden
1st LEM	Stacey Beck	Tom Buckner	Rodger Watton	Chris Brown
2nd LEM	Mary Lynn Levine	Vince Truglia	Rachel Smith	Stacey Beck
Altar Server/ Crucifer	Melanie Field	Francesco Fulvi	Taylor Smith	Melanie Field
Torches	Reese Smith Lily Levine	Taylor Smith Reese Smith	Reese Smith Lily Levine	Francesco Fulvi Taylor Smith
Ushers/ Greeters	Jay & Patti Williams	George & Anida Daniel	Don Grimes Beth Ann Carr	Alex & Katie Babcock
Prayer Intercessor	Doreen Stachowski	Elise Bradford	Wally Stewart	Susan Kiehm
Worship Tech	Laura Buckner	Sam Lynn	Wilna Brown	Yolwenn Alexandre



September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
Alexis Whitted	Anna Clare Wilkinson	Jeanne Teeter	Iris Sandoval

Sunday Servants 11:00

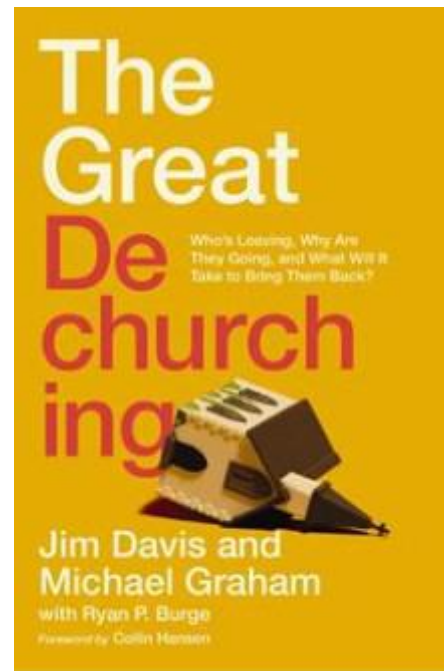
11:00 Service	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Lector	Bob Somers	Giada Mazzaluna	Paul Buzzonetti	Bob Tate
1st LEM	Vita Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth	Mark Boese	Vita Mazzaluna
2nd LEM	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth	Mark Boese
Altar Server	Giada Mazzaluna	Jackson Groenendaal	Caleb Abney	Giada Mazzaluna
Usher/ Greeter	Kelley, Richard & Logan McRae	Mary Katulic	Kelley, Richard & Logan McRae	Iris & Jorge Sandoval
Worship Tech	Alexis Whitted	Noah Abney	Aaron Abney	Romeo Mazzaluna

Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	September 3	September 10	September 17	September 24
Lector	Christin Lazo	Bradford Fisher	Nancy Gordon	Cherie Greene
LEM	Chris Brown	Wendy King	Susie Marshall	Wendy King
Usher/Greeter	Terry Kraft	Raul Lopez	Cindy Shaffer	Bob Greene
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Wendy King	Christin Lazo
Worship Tech	Jill Brown	David Peterson	Cherie Greene	David Peterson

Readings

LEV	September 3 Angela Lopez	September 10 Don Greer	September 17 Wendy King	September 24 Angela Lopez
1st Lesson	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Genesis 50:15-21	Jonah 3:10—4:11
Psalm	Psalm 26 BCP 616	Psalm 119:33-40 BCP 766	Psalm 103 BCP 733	Psalm 145 BCP 801
2nd Lesson	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel	Matthew 16:21-28	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16



On Saturday, August 19th, Father Tom, Father Andrew, Christin Lazo, Mary & Sam Katulic, Wendy & Mike King, Bob Greene, and Julie Altenbach attended an event at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke. Authors, Jim Davis and Michael Graham discussed their recently published book, *The Great Dechurching*. Bishop Justin Holcomb led a discussion panel.

