

THE MESSENGER

August 2023

A Publication of the Episcopal Church of the Messiah

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

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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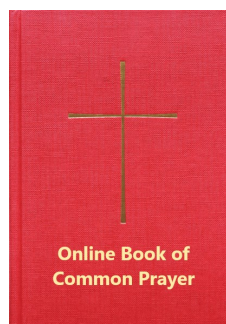
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Online Book of
Common Prayer



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Time to PRAY!

It's time to PRAY.

As of June 30, our Operating Expenses are \$87,124.69 MORE than our giving.

As of that same date, our Building Fund gifts are only \$446.56 ahead of expenses.

So, what do we do?

It's time to PRAY.

Throughout our parish family's history, when we're diligent and faithful in prayer, God moves: He keeps us healthy as individuals, in our own families, and as the Messiah family, and he provides all we need – both the human and material resources necessary to change the world with Jesus.

When we get busy with life and preoccupied with our own personal stuff and neglect or forget to pray, people get sick, our own families suffer want, and our parish family finances get tight... or sink into a deficit.

When that happens, someone usually comes to me and says, "You need to tell our people to give more."

I refuse to do that.

NOBODY likes it when preachers harangue them about money, and that tends only to drive folks away instead of drawing them in.

That's why my promise to you is this: I will NEVER ask you to GIVE more. I WILL ask you to PRAY more.

Because when we pray, God moves, and acts, and provides.

It's time to PRAY.

And though I will never ask you to give more, the Holy Spirit might.

If he does, please do what he says.

But whether or not the LORD nudges you to give more, please PRAY more.

Because THAT'S what prompts God to move, act, and provide.

I love you all... and there's a sample prayer below my signature.

11. For the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. [*Father, you know our needs and the human and material resources it will take to meet those needs;*] Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Book of Common Prayer, 817 [plus a sentence I added. TR)

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Vestry Door Duty for August

Opener at 7:30am: Sarah Wolfe

Closer after 1:00pm: Sarah Wolfe

Vestry Meeting Host: Marci Babione

2023 Financial Report

(as of June 2023)

Operating Income.....\$388,094.22

Operating Expenses.....\$475,218.91

NET.....\$(87,124.69)

All Building Fund Income....\$173,621.75

All Building Fund Expense...\$173,175.19

NET.....\$446.56

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July Vestry Minutes

Sunday * July 16, 2023 * 2pm

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

Absent: Mildred Dubic, Sandy Sparks (traveling) and Mary Kay Predmore (family event).

I. **FORMATION:** Sarah Wolfe led Noonday Prayer. Based on Matthew 20:25-28 and Neal Michele's book *Beyond Business as Usual*, pp. 69-70, Tom Rutherford talked about "The People Pyramid," how leaders give up rights and accept responsibility, and how we all carry around with us two buckets: water and gasoline.

II. **INFORMATION:**

A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:

1. **Outreach Team** leader Doreen Stachowski reports; The next Outreach Meeting will be in September to plan the year end activities in our budget. That will include finding who would like to help for each category:
 1. Harbor House funds
 2. Thanksgiving food baskets and gift cards: Decide if we should ask the Maxey Center and Hope Center for candidates
 3. Christmas food baskets and gift cards: same as above
 4. Edgewood Children's Ranch Christmas party
 - a) Gifts for the cottages
 - b) Food for the night
 - c) Activities
 - d) Music in Chapel
 - e) Volunteers
 - f) New ideas are welcome! The children love the pizza party, crafts, and music, but we are open to change.

B. Staff Reports:

1. **Children of the Messiah Preschool:** The Financial Report was emailed separately.
2. **Children's Minister** Angela Lopez reports: Vacation Bible School was a HIT!
3. **Facility Minister** Jeremy Adams reports:
 - a) Facility rentals continue to trickle in. Currently, we have a gross total of roughly \$17,000 contracted in rentals for 2023. This means we're well on our way to hitting the rental goal of \$25,000 in gross rental income. Our rental clients represent a mixture of non-profit organizations, community organizations, parishioners, and non-parishioners. A noticeable trend this year is an increase in parishioner rentals. It's great to see our hall being used for a variety of celebrations, from baby showers, to graduation parties, to banquets, to funeral receptions. This month, I will be working with Father Soner, who is succeeding me as Facility Minister, to ensure a seamless transition for our staff and rental clients. I will also help orient our new Maintenance Minister before I leave.
 - b) In other news, this is my last time sending in a report as a Church of the Messiah staff member. The Messiah Family has been an immeasurable blessing in my life. The opportunity to serve the church has taught me much about how the body of Christ should function and I am grateful for it. Thank you!

4. Messiah School for the Arts Co-Director Garine Adams reports:

a) This current chapter of Messiah School For The Arts is coming to an end, but we are still searching for Jeremy's and my replacement to continue the school. We have ended our private music lessons and prepared the school for whoever comes next. We're looking forward to the changes to come and praying for our replacement diligently. We know God will provide the right person or persons.

5. Office Minister Julie Altenbach reports:

- a) With the help of lots of Office Angels and other Messiah folks, I helped prepare and assist at the consecration of our new Bishop, Justin Holcomb.
- b) I met with Fun and Fellowship Ministry Leader, Wendy King to plan the retirement/going away Hoedown for Linda Ellison and the Adams' family.
- c) I continue to order supplies for our different ministries
- d) One of my responsibilities is to prepare Baptism Certificates and Prayers for parents and godparents. I was happy to create many of these as we baptized seven people.
- e) I volunteered at Vacation Bible School.

6. Tech Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:

- a) I really enjoyed working with Fr. Tom and Fr. Andrew to make Children's Minister Angela Lopez's vision of "the Priestie Boys" lipsync a reality! If you haven't seen it, visit our YouTube channel! I had purchased editing software for a personal project and was excited to get to use more features and expand my skill set while editing that video, The Chosen videos used during VBS, and the VBS photo slideshow shown during the Services on July 2nd.
- b) I have been continuing to make website alterations and updates to keep the information fresh. If anyone comes across outdated information, please feel free to contact me via email with the link to the page with incorrect or expired information. vitamazzaluna@churchofthemessiah.com
- c) Office Minister Julie Altenbach and I have had several meetings with parishioner Katherine Reusch regarding the photography needs for creating an inhouse photo directory. We are so excited she is willing to volunteer to assist with this integral parish project!
- d) I am holding off on purchases for any equipment to make further campus internet improvements due to budget concerns.
- e) The computer equipment has been doing great with just the general updates and upkeep! Please pray this continues!
- f) I'm always happy to provide assistance with any parishioner tech questions or support! I'm generally in the office each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoon from about 2pm-5pm.

7. Youth Minister Garine' Adams reports:

- a) The current line up of the Youth Band had our final rehearsal together in June, and we were able to worship for an entire evening with our favorite songs praising God. We said goodbye to our drummer Kenlee and one of our vocalists and violinists Kenora DeCamps soon after. They will be missed greatly. I will miss playing with this group as well. I know they can go on in the fall with the talented people who are left in the group. Sophie, Yolwenn, and Giada or a good core group, very capable of continuing to play together and lead worship for the youth group.
- b) High School Worship Arts Camp at North Florida Christian Service Camp was amazing. Our kids worked hard serving and had a fun time enjoying the interdenominational games and worship.
- c) We're also joining the diocese youth again the last week of July for Soul in the City in Mount Dora for a week of service where I'll be leading worship for the week. If you would be able to sponsor one of our youth, please email me at garineadams@churchofthemessiah.com

C. Music Minister Sergei Kossenکو starts his job with us today! Linda Ellison and Jeremy Adams will work out the rest of this month to overlap with Sergei to orient him to our music and liturgy.

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

Video Cameras for the Preschool area: We decided that the existing security measures and policies are sufficient, and we will re-address the issue if/when Barbara Ellerbe, the Preschool Director, alerts us to the need for additional security equipment.

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

A. According to the report on Designated Funds we got last month, there is \$26,598.81 in "Memorials." That would cover half the cost of the upgrade. The balance would come from our cash account.

B. The vestry decided to move forward with the project to upgrade the entire system.

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 SURPLUS to \$87,124.69. DEFICIT. PLEASE PRAY.

2. Building Fund Income was LESS than we needed to pay the \$11,996.00 mortgage and other expenses, DECREASING our year-to-date SURPLUS to \$446.56. PLEASE PRAY!

VI. **MEETING ADJOURNED** with prayer at 3:20 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.**

Chuck and Deborah Grunder attended St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia on Sunday, July 9th.

If you visit another church, please put the bulletin,
or information in Deacon Julie's mailbox.
If you can, please send pictures to:
Office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

WOMEN OF ST. LUKE'S 'MEET GOD AT EVERY TURN' IN PRAYER LABYRINTH EVENT



Dr. Christin Lazo with the portable prayer labyrinth. (Article from CFE Digital Digest, June 29, 2023)

Prayer is an opportunity to commune with God and lay burdens at his feet, and a recent event at Orlando's [Cathedral Church of St. Luke](#) represented this process in a tangible, emotional way. On May 19, [the Rev. Canon Patricia Orlando](#) hosted and [Dr. Christin Ditchfield Lazo](#) facilitated a guided prayer walk through a labyrinth in which participants had the opportunity to, as Lazo likes to say, "meet God at every turn."

Orlando, who had prior experience with prayer walks, sought out Lazo, author of more than 80 books and a certified labyrinth facilitator. Approximately two dozen women received instruction in the various aspects of the walk, which included the laying down of burdens.

"[Dr. Lazo] had a basket of stones, and she said, 'If you want, before you start your walk, you can pick up this rock, and it can represent your anxiety, any burdens you have, any prayers, whatever is on your heart,'" Orlando explained.

The participants then carried their rocks through the labyrinth until they reached its center, which represented where God was. Lazo invited them to lay their stones there – as if placing them on the throne of God – before making their way back out.

"I could feel the women praying; I could feel their hearts, and I could feel their burdens," Orlando said. "As the priest, I wanted to be the last, so I went and looked at this pile of rocks, and it just came to me that these are the burdens and prayers of the women who were all around me represented there. I stood there and blessed the rocks before I left."

Lazo, who first encountered a prayer walk at a retreat where she spoke years ago, has witnessed many spiritual breakthroughs during such experiences. Her family gave her the portable labyrinth she used at St. Luke's, which her husband, [the Rev. Andrew Lazo](#), apprentice rector at [Church of the Messiah, Winter Garden](#), and Orlando dedicated before the evening's prayer walk.



Canon Patricia Orlando prays as she transverse the labyrinth.

“[Walking the prayer labyrinth] is always such a deeply meaningful experience,” Dr. Christin Lazo said. “Some share specific insights – spiritual ‘aha’ moments – that come as they walk and pray. Often there are tears, as participants find themselves releasing worry or fear, processing grief and pain or expressing their gratitude to God for all that he has brought them through, trusting him to lead them step by step through whatever the future holds. And almost everyone says immediately, ‘I want to do this again!’ It’s just such a powerful way to pray, a powerful way to experience the presence of God.”

Lazo said that during her own journey, the labyrinth has become a “profound practice,” one that goes back at least a thousand years and is firmly rooted in scripture. She even designed a series of labyrinth-themed workshops and retreats as her project for her Doctorate of Specialized Ministry.

“It’s a spiritual discipline that really helped me through many transitions in my own life, reminding me to trust God and His leading through all life’s twists and turns,” she said. “Lots of people use the labyrinth in lots of different ways, but we use it as a place to encounter the risen Jesus – to walk with him and talk with him (Luke 24:13-35). And like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we often find our ‘hearts burning within us’ [v. 32] as He meets us there. I was thrilled to have the privilege of sharing it with the women at St. Luke, and I look forward to sharing it with others.”

Orlando, who witnessed how the spiritual exercise affected the women who participated, also mentioned the deep personal impact the walk had on her.

“You get to a point where you don’t know where you’re at, because you’re looking down, and all you can see is the path,” she said. “There are these big green lines, and you don’t really know how long it takes to get to the middle. ... I was a little nervous.

“And the Lord spoke to my heart and said, ‘I’m leading you every step of the way, and I’m leading you right to myself,’” she said. “And I took in that when God talks that way, it’s not just on that prayer walk, but in my life. As I shared that, another woman said, ‘Oh, that’s what he was saying to me, too.’ So it was pretty incredible.”

Christin will be offering a special night for
the Church of the Messiah.
Details coming soon!



Hello Messiah Family!

The Adams family is officially off to Alexandria, VA to live and study at Virginia Theological Seminary. July has been filled with many emotions, packing, going away parties, packing, making arrangements for the move, packing, training new staff, and more packing. We are so blessed by the Messiah Family in more ways than I can count. Garine starts her new job as Parish Administrator at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in the second week of August, which she was able to get thanks to her experience co-directing Messiah School for the Arts and ministering to our youth. Yester is starting kindergarten at Douglas MacArthur Elementary school at the end of August. JD is enrolled at the Butterfly House, the on campus preschool at VTS. And I've been working diligently through my required summer readings for seminary, classes start on August 9th. We'll be living on campus in the Murray apartment building, apartment 102. Our mailing address is below for anyone that would like to reach us through snail mail. This has been a month of transitions and new beginnings for us, but, as scary as times like these can be, I am reminded of the journey of the fathers of the Old Testament who began amazing works by following God's call towards the unknown. I pray for faith even a fraction as strong as that of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. We love you all and thank you all for the amazing support and comfort you've been to our family over the years.

In Christ,

Jeremy, Garine, Yester, and JD Adams

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**1ST
EVER!!**

Men's Burn-Your-Own BBQ Night!!!

July 11th

6-8pm in the Parish Hall





Miss Addison has been a VBS participant for the last 8 years! As soon as she aged out as a child she started volunteering. Each year she not only serves as a crew leader or co leader but also sets up and cleans up, & arrives early to assist in the kitchen! Miss Yolwenn has been a VBS helper for 5 years! She loves the little ones and will serve in any area that I need her too. She also helps with set up and tear down every year!

VBS is about service! These two have a servant's heart and I could not do VBS or many of my other activities without them!

VBS is about engaging and exciting the next generation!

We use song, videos, games, crafts, science projects, skits, food, and storytelling to bring Jesus and tough biblical concepts to life on the kids level. This is where YOU come in. We need YOU and the gifts God has given you to continue to put on quality programming for not only our children, but those in the community! **VBS is about all of us and how Jesus has saved us and changed**



In this last picture, some of our kids are RSVPing to the invitation to FOLLOW JESUS. **VBS is about making memories and life changing decisions.**

I hope that you will say YES to this invitation to join the VBS team for summer 2024 as we hop on board a Jungle Cruise through the Bible. Contact Ms. Angela or sign up in the Messiah's Way book to be a part of this important ministry!

Vacation Bible School is obviously about the bible— About how much Jesus loves you, but here at Messiah, it is about so much more!

These three have come to VBS together for years and are close friends who are growing together!

VBS is about friendship.



Justinh, Asher, Francesco; quick, competitive, gifted and loved!



VBS is about our youngest kids knowing they are chosen and perfectly loved by an awesome God! VBS is about learning to not be afraid to sing and dance for our King and Savior!



Jaiden grew up going to Children's church and VBS, this year he was leading and coaching younger kids on memory verses, working on positive behavior reinforcement and leading by example.

VBS is about mentoring and leadership!



Father Matt from All Souls volunteered as a crew leader every night of VBS. Children from COTM, All Souls, Mosaic, First Baptist WG and many un-churched came together as one family for the week to sing, dance, learn, grow and serve together.

VBS is about community!

Let's a Gogh



SUPER MARIO, VAN GOGH MASH UP ART CAMP



Children's Ministry is more
than Sunday mornings!



WE DIDN'T REALISE WE WERE
MAKING MEMORIES, WE JUST KNEW
WE WERE HAVING FUN

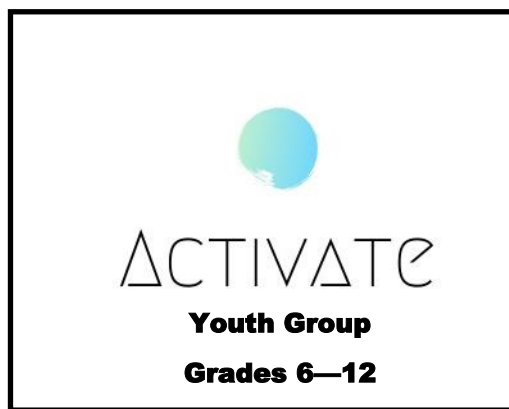


Winnie the Pooh cooking camp with Ms. Angela



18 kids made 3 meals, 1 snack, 1 dessert, crafts and had an art contest. On the menu: honey waffles, 100 acre berries, Piglet in a blanket, Kanga's pouches, rabbits veggies, Roo's ranch, Tigger tail pasta salad, Gopher's mud balls, Rabbit's tators, Eeyore's punch, "hunny" buns, and Pooh's nana parfaits. We also sampled 8 different flavors of honey and made honey-comb cereal treats. ***Children's Ministry is not just on SUNDAY! We need you to help us make memories all the time!





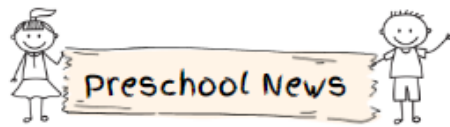
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Summer camp was so much fun for the children that participated. The second camp's theme was Pirates and Princesses. We read stories about both Pirates and Princesses. Our wonderful teachers used their creativity to help the children create parrots, pirate ships, telescopes, crowns and castles, as well as many other fun projects. I would like to thank Lily Gold, Addison Duppenhalter, and Kaelyn Peavy for helping the teachers in the classrooms this summer. We would not have been able to have such a successful camp without you.

The preschool staff will return on August 7 to begin the new school year. The children will return on August 11 for Meet the Teacher. Classes will begin on August 14. We are excited to welcome new friends into our preschool family and begin a new school year with our wonderful returning families. We will once again begin the school year with all of our classes full.

We are welcoming a new teacher this year. Kristin Bruggeman is joining our staff to teacher a 3-year-old class. Kristin comes to us from South Carolina where she earned a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Thankfully, most of our wonderful staff is returning this year. Sandra Lopez and Melody Wise will return to care for our infants. Therese Duhon, and Angelina Barrett will be in our toddler room, Noemi Gonzalez and Kathy Szymanski will teach our two year olds, Missy Cottle and Natali Gonzalez will teach a 3-year-old class. Stacey Duppenhalter and Sondra Ryan will teach our Pre-K class. Kaelyn Peavy will join us as a part time aftercare aide.

Barbara Ellerbe

Preschool Director



AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Tuesday– Fr. Tom’s Day Off Friday– Rev. Andrew’s Day off		1	2	3	4 Return from Pilgrimage Trip to Holy Land 	5
6  Bag Sunday for Christian Service Center	7	8 Ladies’ Dinner @6:30 in Parish Hall & Men’s Supper 6:30 in the Youth Hall	9	10	11	12
13	14  5:00 PM in Parish Hall	15	16	17	18	19
20  VESTRY Meeting at 2:00 pm	21	22	23	24 	25	26  Diocese Conference on Ministry
27 <i>Messiah’s Way</i> Packets available to be picked up in the Narthex	28	29	30	31		

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

Sunday’s Schedule

8:00 am- Rite 1

9:30 am- Rite 2 Nursery and Children’s Church

11:00 am- Rite 3 Nursery and 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 the Library

6:00 pm -Simple Supper in the Parish Hall

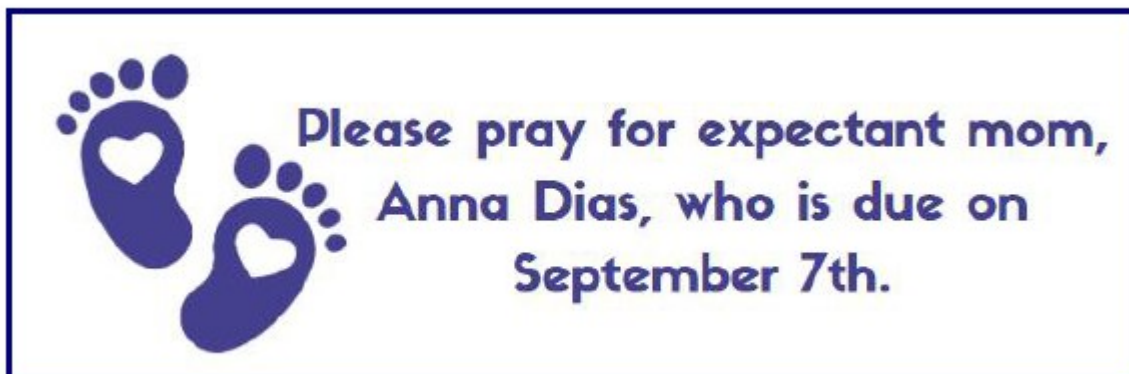
7:00 pm Rite 3



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| 1– Dawn Sylvia | 16– Joseph Bailey | 23– Addisyn Duppenthaler |
| 2– Colby Beck | Romeo Mazzaluna | Mike Girone |
| 3– Donny Mazzaluna | Jay Predmore | 24– Dwight Cho-Sam |
| 4– Patricia Smith | 18– Pattie Range | 25– Bettye Chatham |
| 5– Will Clark | 19– Helen Farnsworth | 29– Kelly Brown |
| 7– Wendy King | Bobby Field | |
| 8– Martha Ficquette | 20– Liam Gold | |
| Ski Hutchinson | Mary Lynn Levine | |
| 10– Clara Duppenthaler | 21– Alyse Duppenthaler | |
| 12– Mike Warren | Anna Puterbaugh | |
| 13– Betty Stanton | Jennifer Roper | |
| | Dawn Wirbel | |



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| 4th– Charlie & Julie Griffin | 19th– Tom & Doreen Stachowski |
| 5th– Bob & Patty Tate | 20th– David & Jeanne Teter |
| 6th– Brian & Regina Seguin | 21st– Monty & Greer McBryde |
| 7th– Ron & Sharon Lancioni | 23rd– Bill & Kathy Barrett |
| 10th– Stuart & Linda White | 26– Steve & Dawn Sylvia |
| 11th– Becky & Gloyce Fulmer | 27th– John & Martha Ficquette |
| 15th– Marc & Nikki Imes | |



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	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Lector	Alex Hujik	Maureen Farrar	Deborah Alleyne	Christin Lazo
1st LEM	Sandy Sparks	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope	Don Greer
2nd LEM	Deborah Alleyne	Don Greer	Mary Kay Predmore	Aliena Baye
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Wayne Sparks	Katherine Reusch	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/ Greeters	Jay Predmore Bill Crawford	Marsha Dymond Alex Hujik	Wayne Sparks Jay Predmore	Bill Crawford Joyce Taylor
Prayer Intercessor	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope	Sandy Sparks	Christin Lazo

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Lector	Jay Williams	Ginger Sirola	Don Grimes	Joe Eiden
1st LEM	Vince Truglia	Rodger Watson	Stacey Beck	Rachel Smith
2nd LEM	Rachel Smith	Mary Lynn Levine	Chris Brown	Tom Buckner
Altar Server/ Crucifer	Francesco Fulvi	Melanie Field	Taylor Smith	Reese Smith
Torch	Annalisa Puchein	Lily Levine	Reese Smith Melanie Field	Taylor Smith Francesco Fulvi
Ushers/ Greeters	Jay & Patti Williams	George & Anida Daniel	Don Grimes Beth Ann Carr	Chuck & Deborah Grunder
Prayer Intercessor	Doreen Stachowski	Wally Stewart	Susan Kiehm	Elise Bradford
Worship Tech	Sam Lynn	Wilna Brown	Laura Buckner	Yolwenn Alexandre



August 11th	August 18th	August 25th
Iris Sandoval	Tina Sydnor	Sam & Heather Lynn

Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Lector	Patty Tate	Bob Somers	Ralph Groves	Giada Mazzaluna
1st LEM	Lionel Williams	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna	Lionel Williams
2nd LEM	Vita Mazzaluna	Lionel Williams	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna
Altar Server	Caleb Abney	Jackson Groenendaal	Giada Mazzaluna	Jackson Groenendaal
Usher/ Greeter	Kelley, Logan & Richard McRae	Mary Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams	Iris & Jorge Sandoval
Worship Tech	Noah Abney	Aaron Abney	Alexis Whitted	Noah Abney

Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Lector	Bradford Fisher	Cheri Greene	Christin Lazo	Nancy Gordon
LEM	Susie Marshall	Wendy King	Susie Marshall	Wendy King
Usher/Greeter	Bob Greene	Terry Kraft	Raul Lopez	Bob Greene
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Christin Lazo	Jill Brown
Worship Tech	Jill Brown	David Peterson	Cherie Green	David Peterson

Readings

LEV	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
1st Lesson	Exodus 34:29-35	I Kings 19:8-18	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm	Psalm 99 BCP 728	Psalm 85 BCP 708	Psalm 67 BCP 675	Psalm 138 BCP 793
2nd Lesson	Phil 2:5-11	Acts 10:34-43	1 Cor 1:1-9	1 Cor 1:10-18
Gospel	Luke 2:15-21	Matt 3:13-17	John 1:29-42	Matt 4:12-23



*We welcomed into the Church of God
through the sacrament of Baptism
at 8 am on Sunday, July 16th,
Carter Bailey, son of Joseph and Gemma Bailey.*



WELCOME SERGEI KOSSENKO

our new Music Minister!



Sergei comes to us with over 45 years of musical experience.

In 1993, he earned his Advanced Degree with Honors in Music Composition from the Moscow State Tchaikovsky Conservatory, which, since 1866 has educated some of the finest musicians in Russia.

Soon after that, he came to the U.S. on scholarship to study Electro-Acoustic Music at the Ivy League Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, where he earned a Master of Arts in 1995.

Since then, he's been in Florida, where he added music and sound to video games with Electronic Arts, worked on websites for N.A.S.A., taught music privately and with Orange County Public Schools, and played piano and keyboard and designed sound in various venues, including the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra and the Villages Philharmonic Orchestra.

Most importantly, he served as Music Minister at a church in Lake Mary for over 20 years, where he encountered Jesus and grew in faith, hope, and love.

Now he's with us, where we hope to grow together in faith, hope, and love as he leads our Choir, Worship Bands, and congregation in worship through music.

Please welcome and pray for Sergei.

Book Reviews by Helen Farnsworth



I got a bit more done this month: I almost finished ***Dream Big*** by Bob Goff and completed another—***America Is a Christian Nation*** by Dr. Robert Jeffress, senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas and the voice of “Pathway to Victory,” which airs Monday through Friday at 12:30 P.M. on WTLN, AM 990. He proves through

documents and quotes, not only of the founding fathers, but even more recent quotes from people such as Earl Warren, appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by President Eisenhower, who was far from a radical right wing extremist. His point is not that all of our founding fathers were Christians, because clearly they all were not, though many were. But his point is that our founding document was actually the Bible, not the Constitution, which was based on Judeo-Christian principles. Pastor Alan Jackson has written a similar book—***God Bless America—Again***, where he points out how blessed America has been. Why? Because we’re better or smarter than anyone else? On the contrary, the argument could be made that we are the rejects of the world. Capitalism? Not really, though it does provide incentive to do one’s best. What then? We were unapologetically governing ourselves according to Christian principles, and recognized that our success was totally a blessing from God, not our own doing. And the majority conducted their lives accordingly. Remember what our legal currency states (taken from the 2nd verse of “The Star-Spangled Banner”): “In God we trust.” I haven’t read Pastor Jackson’s book, but it’s on my agenda.

Dream, Big was pretty good, but I found it a bit long, and not nearly as captivating as ***Sensible Shoes***, but I did get some good ideas from it. For next month I hope to read ***Think Small***, a book I learned about on “Truth For Life,” with Alistair Begg.

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Sunday, July 16th

