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# THE MESSENGER

A Publication of The Episcopal Church of the Messiah

O Lord our Governor,  
how exalted  
is your Name  
in all the world!  
Psalm 8:10



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### Sunday Services:

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

### Wednesday Service:

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

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*From the  
Rector*



## Please PRAY, Think, Vote, and PRAY Some More



In this election season, please **PRAY!**

God says in 2 Chronicles 7:14, “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear them, and I will heal their land.”

Our land NEEDS healing. Our “United” States are divided – pretty much half and half – on a plethora of issues and in our opinions of whom we want to run the country... or whom we DON’T want to run it!

Therefore, **please PRAY:** Pray for our nation, pray for peace – here in our country and in the Middle East and eastern Europe. Pray for truth to emerge from the heated charges and countercharges of candidates for every level of elected office. And pray for wisdom, guidance, and discernment for which candidates the Lord would have you support.

**Please THINK.** Please listen and read what candidates say and write. Please consider their promises... and track records. Please read the Platforms from the different parties to determine which one(s) mesh most closely with what you understand to be how Jesus would have us act as a community and nation.

**Please VOTE.** The right to vote that we enjoy in this nation is a gift from God – a gift many others around the globe only dream of.

Please don’t ignore that gift, thinking, “My vote doesn’t count.” As we saw locally in the results of a recent election that had two candidates separated by only 2 votes, your vote DOES count!

Please pray, think, and cast your vote wisely.

Early voting starts soon. Mail-in voting does, too. And Election Day is Tuesday, November 5.

If you want to vote on November 5 and need a ride to the polls, Deacon Tim Wetherington will take you. Please call the parish office at 407-656-3218 and let us know, and Tim will pick you up.

After you vote and after the results of the election come in, **please PRAY some more.**

No matter who wins the presidency, half the country is going to be disappointed.

If you’re among the half that’s disappointed, no one needs your prayers more than the bum who got elected!

If you’re among the half that’s elated, the winner needs your prayers just as much.

In our Sunday worship, we pray for our elected officials EVERY week. That's because we understand those officials are God's agents to care for our communities and nation, and how our leaders lead effects each of us – for better or worse.

Please pray, think, vote, and pray some more.

But no matter who wins or loses, God is still ultimately in charge, and let's trust HIM to get us – and our nation – through, because, no matter which person or party is in office, they are NOT God. As we prayed a couple of Sundays ago in Psalm 146:2&3:

“Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*  
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, \*  
and in that day their thoughts perish.”

Whoever gets elected will either rotate out of office or die in it.

Jesus, on the other hand, is our Eternal Ruler, Guide, Friend, and Brother. Let's trust him to get us through this election and the results thereof.

Please Pray, Think, Vote, and Pray some more.

I am!

I love you all.

*Tom  
Rutherford*

## Messiah's Missionaries



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

Wally and Karen Stewart attended Starke Lake Baptist Church in Ocoee, Florida on August 18th.

Harry and Janice Hull attended Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Manchester, New Hampshire on August 25th.

Aliena Gaye attended St. Bonaventure Catholic Parish Church in Davie, Florida on September 8th.

Wendy King attended Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Tryon, NC. on Sunday, September 15th.

Michael and Wendy King attended Christ Church in Bradenton, Florida on Sunday, September 22nd.

Chris Brown attended Trinity Episcopal Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas on September 22nd and he attended Christian Worship Thirty Minute Chapel Service at O'Hare International Airport Chapel in Chicago, Illinois on September 24.

*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*

# 2024 September Vestry Minutes

Sunday \* September 15, 2024 \* 2pm

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Mary Kay Predmore, Clerk Joyce Taylor, Chris Brown, Beth Ann Carr, Mildred Dubic, Wally Stewart, Marie Tassy, and Dawn Wirbel; and Treasurer Bob Tate and Apprentice Rector Andrew Lazo.

**Absent:** Junior Warden Lamar Powers (on a family trip) and Sandy Sparks (out of town guests), Jean Pinder and Lionel Williams

- I. **FORMATION:** Marie Tassy led Noonday Prayer. Based on *Building a Killer Team Without Killing Yourself or Your Team*, by Shawn Lovejoy, Chapter 11 (pp. 147-158), we discussed how to structure our team for health.

## II. **INFORMATION:**

### A. **Vestry Ministry Team Report: Junior Warden Lamar Powers** reports:

1. The bulletin board was moved in the office. The leak at the Music Minister's office was caulked. One compressor on the Parish Hall chiller is down (\$24,405.45). One compressor on the Youth Hall air conditioner is down (\$3750).
2. Youth Hall and Classroom door sweeps, rotten paneling in the Music Minister's office, Good Shepherd window lights and other items will be scheduled when I return. Please let me know if you have any questions.

### B. **Staff Ministry Reports**

1. **Children's Minister Angela Lopez** has no report.
2. **Facilities Minister: Nadia Ismael** reports: the new cleaning service is doing well and saving us several hundred dollars/month over a second Maintenance Minister.
3. **Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna** reports:

a) **Yesika King has been onboarded as the Social Media minister!** She and I communicate in conjunction with Wendy King, Office Minister, in order to ensure that all areas in which we advertise are covered!

1. Part of her job that Fr. Tom and I discussed is that we needed greater engagement on Facebook. Also to create inspiring posts using scripture and/or prayers. So far, they have been well received.
2. Our Instagram audience is still very small. If you use Instagram, we'd love for you to follow us there, too! @cotm\_wg

b) I have revamped the **Advertising Request Form**, found at [churchofthemessiah.com/advertising](http://churchofthemessiah.com/advertising), so that Wendy, Yesika, and I receive all advertising requests.

1. Even if something will not be included in one of our particular areas, it is much more helpful for us all to be looped in from the beginning rather than try to play catch up later.
2. While we do still have a paper advertising request form in Wendy King's office, **we are asking that all requests come through the web Advertising Request form** whenever possible.

3. This ensures that each of us receives the information as quickly as possible.
4. The paper form may go away once I can setup a device that can provide easy access to the form for drop-in requestors.

c) After evaluating the ROI (return on "investment"), the decision has been made to **discontinue offering the filming and editing of commercials.**

1. After speaking to a cross-section of our church population, it seems that a lot of people were not seeing/hearing/noticing the commercials when they would play and that they were more likely to remember when people did in-person commercials for events/projects.
2. If a ministry would like to provide a video commercial instead of doing in-person commercials for events and projects, the ministry leaders can provide a 20 second ready to use commercial to Fr. Tom and I. I will insert the commercial in our weekly slides once he has approved the commercial.

d) **I am very grateful to have Music Minister Ricky Jackson on staff!** As a musician and singer, he is a joy to listen to. Beyond that, he knows sound engineering!

1. **He has already helped fix some glitches** that have been happening on the sound board that were evident several Sundays in the livestream. He is going to work to continue ironing those out. (I will assist as necessary, as the tester, since I do not know how to fix it! It had to have been God's hand that kept things from getting glitchy before he came on board!)
2. **He will also be taking over the training of sound volunteers.**
3. Scheduling is still up in the air, but I may continue to handle that part along with the livestream volunteer scheduling. That will be decided soon.

e) **The Messiah's Way digital landing page** is up as of Monday, Sept 9th. There are no digital forms BUT everyone can view the catalog and letter online as well as view some of the other breakdown of opportunities on that page. <https://churchofthemessiah.com/messiahs-way/>

4. **Music Ministry: Ricky Jackson** began August 1 and is working through the learning curve of our liturgical year and 4 liturgies. His wife is due with their 5<sup>th</sup> son anytime, and he gets 4 weeks paternity leave when that son arrives. Ricky will still direct rehearsals and play for the Sunday liturgies during his leave, but will have the rest of those weeks off.

5. **Office Minister Wendy King** reports:

- a) We still have updated photo directories. If you would like to get an updated one, please bring us your old one, and we will give you a new one.
- b) We have had more termite activity in multiple Preschool classrooms. Massey has been out at least three times in the last month and a half. The building will be tented November 25-27 while the Preschool is out for Thanksgiving.
- c) Annex Pest Control came out to spot treat some areas for what looked like termites, but were ants.

- d) Our phone system is intricate, and I took a couple of Vonage classes last month to try and master it. Music Minister Ricky Jackson's phone is set up.
- e) While Fr. Tom was in Israel, he sent photos of him and Tim's adventures. I worked with Yesika to get them added to our Social Media pages.
- f) Fr. Tom asked me to help him with the Mosaic project that is hanging in the Narthex. Tom picked out the picture of Jesus, and I collected the directory photos from Katherine Reusch, who took the photos. Yolwenn Alexandre helped by going through the 588 photos to crop some and delete fuzzy ones.
- g) I supervised a volunteer who cleaned our glass doors inside and out to work off community service hours.
- h) Last month our printer fritzed. I called the tech who came and fixed it.
- i) Assisted with Deacon Sam Katulic's funeral.
- j) Worked with Mary Kay Predmore to make the labels and sign-up sheets for the prayer candles for while Tom and Tim were in Israel.
- k) I am in contact with Automated Mechanical Service for H-VAC repairs. When they were updating our system, they found issues beyond the original plan. Those projects were completed in July. This past Sunday evening we had water dripping out of an air return vent in the Narthex. I called, and they fixed what appears to be a condensation issue and not a roof leak.
- l) Our bin for recycle paper out behind the Preschool playground used to garner us \$17 every time it filled up. That company went out of business, and the current company is paying us nothing. To save our parishioners the hassle of bringing their paper to our campus for no monetary gain, and to get rid of an unsightly dumpster, we're going to let them have it back.
- m) Prior to the Preschool returning from summer break, we had the Youth Hall floors cleaned, sealed, and the parish hall carpets cleaned.
- n) The new cleaning crew (DBS) believes they can do a better job on the Youth Hall floors and parish hall carpet. They are going to give us a price for cleaning them every 6 months.
- o) One of the compressors went out at the chiller plant in July. AMS by-passed the broken compressor until it could be replaced in September. The chiller will be turned off while the work is completed. The work will take 6-8 hours. During that time, the Nursery crew will be moving to the Activate room to keep cool.
- p) The compressor on one of the two Youth Hall units went out about two weeks after the chiller compressor went out. R&R Air by-passed the dead one. To replace the compressor was \$3750 with a 1-year warranty. To replace the unit is \$12,950. We're replacing only the compressor.
- q) The Pitney-Bowes postage meter was returned in July. We are using stamps for letters and Pirate Ship for shipping packages. Finance Minister Jane Cartelli says we are already saving on shipping.
- r) Earlier this year a toilet in the ladies' room malfunctioned. Fr. Tom cleaned parts and got it working again. A few months later another one fritzed. Parishioner and plumber Daniel Puterbaugh came to the rescue this time. He temporarily fixed the

issue, gave me a list of parts to order, and he'll install them. Daniel fixed the Pre-school water fountain that wouldn't stop running. Thank you, Daniel.

- s) I'm working on the 2025 Office budget requests.
- t) Our annual back-flow preventer inspection was overdue. We have 5: 4 by Main Street and 1 in the chiller enclosure. Three need to be rebuilt. Junior Warden Lamar Powers is looking for someone who can do that.
- u) Our annual fire alarm inspection showed the back-up batteries in our alarm system need to be replaced. We can do that ourselves.
- v) Messiah's Way is here, and I'm helping Senior Warden Mary Kay and Deacon Julie finish this year's campaign.
- w) Don Hubert installed new A/C units in the Youth Hall offices of Facility Minister Nadia Ismael and Music Minister Ricky Jackson. Thank you, Don.

**6. Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe:** The financial report was emailed separately. Barbara also reports the good news that the playground structure does not have termites—yay. The preschool shed has ants but not termites. These areas have been treated. The preschool staff is preparing for the termite tenting in November during Thanksgiving break.

**7. Interim Youth Minister Tom Rutherford** is still overseeing ACTIVATE. He interviewed a prospect on August 17 who is not our person.

**C.It's Budget Season:** Treasurer Bob Tate will email a Draft Proposed Budget for us soon, as not everyone had given him their 2025 Budget Requests.

**D.It's Vestry Nomination season,** and Vestry suggested names of people to invite to stand for election. Tom Rutherford will vet them to ensure they meet our criteria for nomination.

**III. DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month): Budget presentation and discussion.** Treasurer Bob Tate will continue to receive and compile budget requests and will send that out via e-mail for vestry review.

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

**A. Roofs and Repainting:** Lamar Powers recommends we:

1. Replace the roofs on the Church and Parish Hall as soon as possible (estimated costs are \$21,500 and \$75,600 respectively).
2. He also recommends we paint the exterior, since the last time it was painted was in 2002. It should be caulked and painted to prevent further damage. Estimated cost is \$46,500.
3. Due to our current financial situation, and the fact that the roofs are not leaking, in spite of the recent heavy rains, Vestry decided to hold off on this for now.

**B. Gariné Adams feels called to the priesthood.** She's already at Virginia Theological Seminary with her husband Jeremy, who finished the first of his 3 years there. She started classes last week toward a Master of Divinity (the usual degree for a priest). VTS is well-endowed, and she has a full-ride scholarship, including housing and meals. Vestry signed the Letter of Support for Garine to continue with the Discernment Process, and we will



interview her in December when they come to Florida for the holidays.

## **V. MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**A. Minutes from last month's meeting:** APPROVED.

**B. Financial Report from Treasurer Bob Tate:** APPROVED.

- 1. Operating Income** last month was LESS than expenses, DECREASING our DEFICIT for the year to \$127,723.80. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING.
- 2. Building Fund Income** was LESS than needed to pay the \$11,996.00 mortgage, other expenses, and the extra \$10,000 of month we're prepaying on the mortgage, turning our SURPLUS for the year into a DEFICIT of \$2,110.31. PLEASE PRAY.
- 3. The remaining mortgage balance** is \$552,972.08, and our Cash and Brokerage accounts total \$490,630.65.

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk



Dear Messiah Family,

The month was busy preparing Messiah's Way and the Ministry Celebration with Mary Kay Predmore. I will have more to report on this in next month's Messenger.

COTM hosted the Conference on Ministry on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Angela helped organize students from The Institute for Christian Studies to help with hospitality. Tech Minister Vita Mazzaluna was on hand to help with tech and in a million other ways.



On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, I attended St. David's By-The-Sea in Cocoa Beach to commemorate the retirement of Deacon Carla Rhodes.

In His Service and Yours,  
Julie







Episcopal Diocese  
— OF CENTRAL FLORIDA —  
*The Right Reverend Dr. Justin S. Holcomb*

September 4, 2024

The Reverend Tom Rutherford  
Church of the Messiah  
241 North Main Street  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Dear Tom,

Thank you for hosting the annual Conference on Ministry at Church of the Messiah on Saturday, August 24th. This year's event drew the largest attendance ever!  
The word is out - Church of the Messiah really knows how to make people feel welcomed and cared for.

I am grateful to you, to your staff, and to your volunteers for your tireless efforts to help make this Conference succeed. You all are a powerful witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in your ministry of hospitality.

It is indeed a joy to serve alongside you in this diocese.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin S. Holcomb".

Justin S. Holcomb  
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## 2024 Financial Report

(as of August 31, 2024)

Operating Income.....	\$541,173.09
Operating Expenses.....	\$668,896.89
NET.....	(\$127,273.80)
All Building Fund Income.....	\$148,437.98
All Building Fund Expense.....	\$150,548.29
NET.....	(\$2,110.31)

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## Vestry Door Duty for October

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

# Who Ya Gonna Call?

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The preschool welcomed new staff members Nicola Hill and Tiffany Cavaliere. Nicola and Tiffany will be joining our staff as teachers aides for additional coverage when teachers are out. Angelina Wilson, our aide in the toddler classroom will welcome her new little girl this month. We are praying for the health of both baby girl and mom.

Picture Me Perfect was on campus on September 30 and October 1 for school pictures. All of the children brought their best smiles to school. These images become treasured keepsakes as the years pass.

On October 24 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 for them to play to win treats and prizes. We will serve pizza, salad, and of course, ice cream. The families will create a family craft of a fall personalized dishtowel.

Barbara Ellerbe  
Preschool Director

Upcoming dates:

September 30 and October 1 – Picture Days

October 14 – Staff Meeting 9 am in the Library – NO SCHOOL

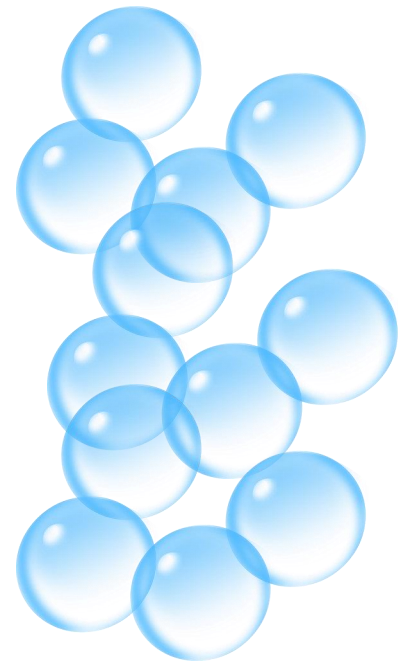
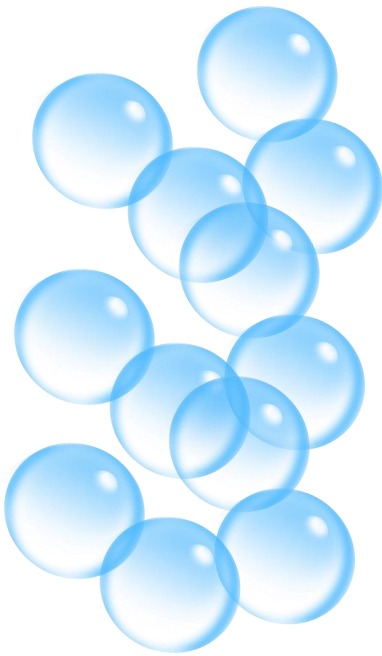
October 16 – School Advisory Council Meeting 9:15 in the Library

October 24 – Fall Family Night 6:30-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall

October 25 - No School









# OCTOBER

1– Sheena Calloway  
Mary Fowler  
Bob Tope

3– Chuck Grunder

5– Addison Lynn  
Bob Somers  
Sarah Wolfe

6– Madison Abney  
Ken Anders  
Alex Babcock

7– Anida Daniel  
Terry Kraft

Aiden Morrison

Tina Sydnor

9– Cindi Shaffer

12– Nancy Munholland

14– Caleb Abney  
Pheonix Calloway

15– Jonsie Dowdy

16– Janice Hull

18– Shelby Beck  
Michelle Taylor

19– Nadia Henry

20– Katherine Mendoza

21– Tina Buchanan

Scott Roberson

23– Gemma Bailey

24– Marcia Collins

25– Jane Cartelli  
Pilar Ivory

26– C.W. Abel

27– Lily Levine

28– Jacqueline Williams  
Horace Williams

29– Jacque Dunegan  
Sam Lynn

30– Chris Brown

31– Elaina Paige



6 - Frank & Ellie Chase

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



Philip and Anna Clare Wilkinson welcomed their baby girl Valerie Magnolia on August 28, 4:52pm. She was 7 pounds 11 ounces, 21.25 inches.








Ricky Jackson and Alexis welcomed baby boy Sage Pheonix Brightstar on September 18. He was 5 pounds 11 ounces.

*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
		1  6:30 p.m. Ladies' Dinner Parish Hall & Men's Supper Youth Hall	2	3	4	5
6  5:30 p.m. St Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals 	7	8	9	10	11 3:30 p.m. Ann Revelle's Funeral	12
13  Clergy Appreciation Day	14  The Order of the Daughters of the King 5:00 pm Parish Hall	15	16	17	18	19
20 2:00 pm Vestry Meeting 	21	22	23  7 p.m. B.A.M.M. Men's Fire Pit	24  5:15 p.m. Book Club	25	26 11:00 a.m. Bill Crawford's Funeral
27	28	29	30	31  6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat	Tuesday– Fr. Tom's Day Off Friday– Fr. Andrew's Day Off Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	

## 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. Activate Youth Group**  
*in the Youth Hall*  
**5:00 p.m. Diving Deeper**  
*with Fr. Andrew in the Parish Hall*  
**6:00 p.m. Simple Supper**  
*in the Parish Hall*  
**7:00 p.m. Rite III**

**Monday:** 5:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday:** 10 a.m. Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

**Wednesday:** 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Library  
 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
 7:15 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

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

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

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

8:00 am	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Lector	Aliena Gaye	Christin Lazo	Sandy Sparks	Alex Hujik
LEM 1	Joyce Taylor	Don Greer	Wayne Sparks	Maureen Farrar
LEM 2	Frank Chase	Mary Kay Predmore	Gretchen Tope	Deborah Alleyne
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Wayne Sparks	Steve Borst	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers & Greeters	Wayne Sparks/ Jay Predmore	Alex Hujik/ Jay Predmore	Jay Predmore/ Mary Kay Predmore	Joyce Taylor/Alex Hujik
P. Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Christin Lazo	Sandy Sparks	Gretchen Tope

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

9:30 am	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Lector	Beth Ann Carr	Joe Eiden	Jay Williams	Bill Bradford
LEM 1	Rodger Watson	Vince Truglia	Mary Lynn Levine	Vince Truglia
LEM 2	Chris Brown	Stacey Beck	Tom Buckner	Stacey Beck
Altar Server	Reese Smith	Melanie Field	Francesco Kulchar	Taylor Smith
Crucifer	Melanie Field	Francesco Kulchar	Addison Lynn	Reese Smith
Torch Bearer 1	Taylor Smith	Allegra Kulchar	Kendall Gilmore	Francesco Kulchar
Torch Bearer 2	Allegra Kulchar	Addison Lynn	Ainsley Gilmore	Allegra Kulchar
Ushers & Greeters	Beth Anne Carr/ Tom Buckner	Alex & Nicole Babcock	Jay & Patti Williams	John Puchein/ Ken Miller
P. Intercessor	Linda Gold	Susan Kiehm	Elise Bradford	Linda Gold
Tech Slides	Wilna Brown	Sam Lynn	Jim Farrar	Laura Buckner
Tech Sound			Maureen Farrar	

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

11:00 am	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Lector	Bob Tate	Patty Tate	Bob Somers	Paul Buzzonetti
LEM 1	Marc Boese	MK Predmore	Marc Boese	Steve Borst
LEM 2	Vita Mazzaluna	Giada Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth	Giada Mazzaluna
Altar Server	Anna and Logan	Giada Mazzaluna	Jackson Groenendaahl	Giada Mazzaluna
Ushers & Greeters	Lionel & Karen Williams	Mary Katulic/ Jay Predmore	Richard & Kelley McRae	Marc & Karen Boese
Tech Slides	Lionel Williams	Marc Boese	Aaron Abney	Christopher Borst
Tech Sound	--	--	--	--

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

7:00 pm	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Lector	Ode'Mendoza	Nancy Gordon	Larry Cartelli	Steve Raetz
LEM	Steve Raetz	Wendy King	Susie Marshall	Chris Brown
Altar Server				
Usher/Greeter	Cindi Shaffer	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Terry Kraft
P. Intercessor	Wendy King	Susie Marshall	Wendy King	Susie Marshall
Tech Slides	Mike King	Cherie Greene	Jane Cartelli	Jane Cartelli

### Lay Eucharistic Visitors

LEV	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Visitor	Marc Boese	Angela Lopez		Don Greer

### Readings

Readings	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Genesis 2:18-24	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Isaiah 53:4-12	Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm	Psalm 8	Psalm 90	Psalm 91	Psalm 126
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 0:35-45	Mark 0:46-52

## Pastoral Care: What, Why, How and Who?

So what exactly is “pastoral care,” and why will Messiah’s Way have a new category and call for team members? Glad you asked!

Pastoral care, simply put, are those things we at Church of the Messiah want to do for our members in need. A “pastor” is a shepherd, caring for the flock. That’s what we already do around here, and hope to do more of.

**What** is pastoral care? It’s the way we care for each other—visits, praying for one another, and helping our members in a wide variety of ways. Usually that means a pastoral visit or a call from the clergy. Your clergy always want to hear from you if we can help in any way—praying for you, talking in person or on the phone, visits, notes. If you need that kind of care and encouragement, Fr. Tom, Fr. Soner, Fr. Andrew. Archdeacon Julie and Deacon Angela always want to help if we can—Please let us know!

**Why** pastoral care? Because, simply, Jesus says that when we care for anyone, we care for Him. St. Paul reminds us to let no debt remain outstanding but the continual debt to love one another (which is the Second Great Commandment).

**How** does pastoral care happen? In a LOT of ways, including: prayer chain, LEV visits, casserole patrol, grief group, note writing, rides for those in need, visits, and several others—and of course anything your clergy can do when you need us. We also hope to expand pastoral care, reaching out to folks we haven’t seen in a while, checking in to see how we can share the love of Jesus with them.

**Who** does pastoral care? Maybe YOU! We’ll have roles of all sizes. It’s a great way to work for the Lord and to love His people behind the scenes, with a call, a text, a card, a visit—lots of ways. So please consider volunteering, but mostly, please let us know how we can share the care of the Good Shepherd with you!

Pastoral Care Team ([pastoralcare@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:pastoralcare@churchofthemessiah.com))

## Occasional Opportunities to Serve

Messiah Family, I wanted to highlight **two of the Messiah’s Way opportunities: Pastoral Care and Occasional Event Volunteering**. BOTH of these ministries allow you the chance to serve according to your schedule and style.

We administer **Pastoral Care** in a number of ways you can help with, even from home: these include sending notes, making calls, and sending texts. Some of the Pastoral Care opportunities are relatively occasional, including a visit. We’ll categorize the help we need, so we’ll only ask you to do something you want and are willing to do!

**Occasional Event Volunteering** is just like it sounds—if you sign up, we \*may\* call on you when we need help with something out of the ordinary: a Conference or Quiet Day, a chance to paint or help with occasional service around the church, etc.

The goal for BOTH of these ministries is simply to assemble a list of folks who don’t mind being approached to help—and **you of course can always pick when and how to serve, and can always say “no” when you’re not available** without hurting anyone’s feelings! We’re trying to develop a large-ish list for both of these. We’re trying to avoid adding flyers to bulletins and doing commercials to raise support for these ministries. If you say “yes” now, it doesn’t obligate you—just lets us know that you’ll help how and when it works for YOU from time to time!

Please let me know if you'd like to be part of either (or both) of these lists, and if you have any questions!  
[AndrewLazo@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com](mailto:AndrewLazo@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com)

Fr. Andrew Lazo

## Sergei Kossenko performs at the Russian Embassy

On September 13, the Russian Embassy in the United States opened its doors to connoisseurs of Russian classical piano and its heritage. Virtuoso Sergei Kossenko performed an original program in honor of the 180th birthday of Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov.

Visitors from Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America, and Russian journalists and compatriots plunged into the world of the beloved compositions of the "musical marine artist", including overtures from the opera "The Tale of Tsar Saltan". Works by Sergei Prokofiev, Igor Stravinsky and Frederic Chopin were also performed.

The event clearly confirmed Russia's invaluable contribution to the formation of the world cultural treasury and the unifying power of Russian art.





## Come Fellowship with your Messiah Family and Friends

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



**Ladies' Dinner** in the Parish Hall.

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



Sign-ups for both are in the Narthex!

## St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 6th at 5:30 p.m.

Bring your creatures great and small on a leash or in a container. Meet up on the corner of Main and Tilden Streets.

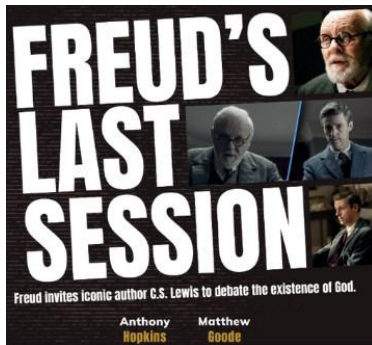


## Join us for a movie event

at Aloma Cinema Grill  
Wednesday, October 16th  
at 6:00 p.m.

See the bulletin flyer for more details.

\$10 tickets  
MUST be purchased online.



## Being a Messiah's Man

### B.A.M.M

### Men's Fire Pit!

Wednesday, October 23  
at 7:00 p.m.

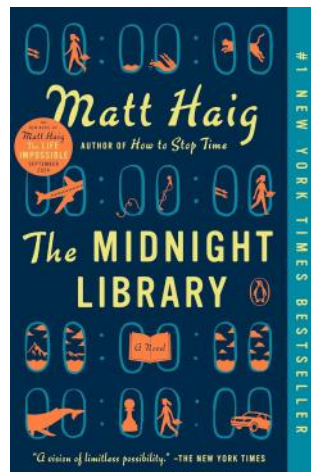
Contact Chris Brown  
407-864-1708

## Messiah Book Club

Will meet on  
October 24  
at 5:15 p.m.  
in the Library.

We will discuss:

*The Midnight Library*  
by Matt Haig



Join us here at Messiah  
on Halloween night, October 31st

5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

in the Main

Street Parking lot.

