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THE MESSENGER

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For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.
1 Timothy 4:4-5

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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

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11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Library

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*From the
Rector*



OUR FATHER ...



Every day I use the Lord's Prayer as the outline for my daily prayers, because it covers all the bases of a healthy prayer life:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. I start out praising God for who he is and thanking him for what he's done, what he's doing, and what he's going to do.

Thy Kingdom come. I urge Jesus to "come again in glory to judge the living and the dead" – to end all evil and make all things new and right.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. I pray for you, our parish family, my family, our Vestry, my fellow clergy, our Staff, our community, our diocese, our state, the Episcopal Church, our nation – especially in this election season – the worldwide Anglican Communion, and the world.

Give us this day our daily bread. I ask God to provide all I need in my family and all we need in this parish family. I thank him for doing so... even before I see it. And I remain alert to what he might want me to give to provide "daily bread" for the Messiah family or someone else.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. I confess any sin and selfishness that come to mind, and forgive anyone who's hurt me or anyone I love.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. I ask God to lead and guide me, to nudge me where he wants me to go, to do what he wants me to do, and say what he wants me to say TODAY.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. I end like I began: with praise and gratitude for who God is, what he's done for me and us, what he's doing, and what he's going to do.

I use this outline daily, because it keeps me focused on God's goodness FIRST, the needs of

others second, and my own needs third – trusting God to “supply all our needs according to his riches in Christ Jesus in glory” (Philippians 4:19).

It reminds me to keep short accounts with God and to confess my mistakes and faults as soon as I recognize them and not let them fester or accumulate, and to quickly forgive others as I have been forgiven.

It gives God permission – and offers my co-operation – for any course correction he might want to make in the direction of my day.

And it reminds me that I live in GOD’s kingdom and not my own. I operate in GOD’s power and not my own, and I exist for HIS glory and not my own.

The Lord’s Prayer is not just a great all-purpose prayer to pray ANYTIME. It’s an outline to help us stay healthy in our ongoing conversation with God ALL THE TIME.

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!



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

Cindi Shaffer and Ray Trueblood attended Catholic Church of the Holy Sprit in Overland Park, Kansas on October 20th

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:

2024 October Vestry Minutes

Sunday * October 20, 2024 * 2pm

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Mary Kay Predmore, Junior Warden Lamar Powers, Chris Brown, Beth Ann Carr, Mildred Dubic, Jean Pinder, Sandy Sparks, Wally Stewart, and Dawn Wirbel; and Treasurer Bob Tate.

Absent: Marie Tassy (death in her family), Clerk Joyce Taylor (traveling), Lionel Williams (traveling)

I. FORMATION: Jean Pinder led Noonday Prayer. Based on *Building a Killer Team Without Killing Yourself or Your Team*, by Shawn Lovejoy, we discussed how to avoid obstacles to building our team.

II. INFORMATION:

A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:

1. Junior Warden Lamar Powers reports:

- A. The air conditioner in the music minister's office was replaced by Don Hubert.
- B. The chiller yard was pressure washed by Eric Excalibur.
- C. The dead trees in the Memorial Garden were removed.
- D. Leaking windows in the narthex were caulked.
- E. Batteries were installed in the fire alarm panel.
- F. The backflow preventers were tested, and three failed. Repair would cost \$1,075.
- G. One of the youth hall air conditioning compressors has been replaced for \$3,750.
- H. One of the compressors for the parish hall chiller plant failed. It was replaced for \$25,000.
- I. After Hurricanes Helene and Milton, many shingles are missing on the roofs. There were leaks in the Parish Hall, Library, the Vesting Room, and Youth Room. Finance Minister Jane Cartelli and Office Minister Wendy King filed a claim with our insurance company. An Adjuster visited on Saturday October 12th, and parishioner Larry Kulchar, who is a state licensed roof inspector and a roofer, inspected the roofs on the 13th. Larry will give a report to the insurance company, and get numbers to us soon.
- J. Replacing bulbs in the hanging fixtures and lights in the Good Shepherd window will be scheduled after we recover from the storms.
- K. Other items will be scheduled when funds are available.

2. Outreach Team: Deacon Angela Lopez reports:

- a) The outreach team has been meeting the needs of Careportal families by installing locks in a home to prevent an autistic child from escaping, supplying a bike, basket and bungee cords to a veteran who had no transportation, paying the enrollment fee and 2 months of childcare for a mom so she could work and keep her children safe. We are also contributing to the Fiona Jackson Center for Pregnancy's Walk for Life. We hope some of you will join us for the walk on Oct. 19th. Sign-ups are near the name tags and on the Children's Table near the nursery. We are contributing enough for a team, but you are invited to give as the spirit prompts through the QR code on the form.

- b) A generous parishioner has offered to host a Messiah Family Thanksgiving here at the church. Anyone who doesn't have family in the area, who doesn't have the space or means to cook, or that just wants to try something new is invited to attend the dinner and bring a dish to share if you can. You can RSVP to me.
- c) The team is hard at work preparing for the Edgewood Ranch Christmas party. It will take place on Dec. 7th at 5 p.m. Please let an Outreach Team member know if you would like to volunteer. We will be serving them a meal, making an edible craft, singing Christmas songs and sharing the love of Jesus to the children who call the ranch home.

B. Staff Ministry Reports

1. Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports:

- a) In Children's church we have been exploring how God shows himself through regular people and the things that He helps them do. We started with God is good and we had a "Camping Under the Stars" theme. The other topics are: God determines what is good; God's goodness will never end; God's promises are good.
- b) We just finished up with God gives us hope. The series theme was "Masterpiece, How God Turns a Mess into a Masterpiece". The topics were: God gives us hope: Jacob and Esau; God gives hope: Joseph; God is unstoppable: the birth of Moses; God is in control: the plagues; God makes a way when things seem hopeless: Red Sea
- c) At the end of each lesson, we do a review, and I have been so delighted that many of the children can give correct answers. We circle back to POINT TO JESUS in each lesson and have been learning extra tidbits to store in our hearts.
- d) Twice we had so many children in attendance I had to use an extra table and have 2 kids on the floor. It was a wonderful "problem" to have. None of the kids minded where they sat, and we also amazed at how many there were!
- e) We are moving on to "God is Mighty," and in the first lesson my youngest little guys really locked in. We talked about Joshua becoming the leader after Moses, how Rahab lived in the wall of Jericho and saved the spies. The POINT TO JESUS moment was that Rahab was saved and later became the great grandmother of Jesus. They loved the Jenga wall of Jericho and how each piece removed became a person in the story.
- f) In SHINE we have been following Jesus through the church year. We focused one week on the Lord's Prayer to help them earn an award and bonus Messiah money. We talked about Holy Cross Day. We stuffed goodie bags for the kids who came by for Trunk or Treat. We celebrated a mini-Michaelmas on Sept. 29. We had black berry jam on berry waffles that we made in our mini waffle maker. We had HUGE fresh blackberries and learned about St. Michael the archangel.
- g) For October we will have "spooky" stories from the Bible to go along with the "spooky" vibe of the season. We're talking about King Nebuchadnezzar and his pride, Elisha and the She bears, having a plague party with edible plagues and a dry bones dance party.
- h) I have the theme picked and have begun planning the next Cooking Camp, but I need to see what Orange County is doing for makeup days due to the hurricane closures.
- i) At the ministry celebration I scored a few new volunteers. I am excited about that. I also secured a few more TRUNK OR TREAT volunteers, but still have space for more! If you decorate a trunk, you get to promote your ministry to the families who pass through. We had over 200 people the last year we did this!

- j) Planning is progressing for the Children's Christmas Party, and supplies are coming in. Family ADVENTure nights in Advent are planned, publicity done and ready to launch. We are using Eventbrite to gather registrations to help us with supply quantities as some of them are quite tedious to reproduce, and we will be having a full dinner on the kick off. Please RSVP and encourage your friends and pew mates to do the same!
- k) I received a letter of thanks from Children's Hunger Fund, the organization we supported through the kids VBS donations. The Church of the Messiah has been recognized as an "Incredible Investor" and will be featured on their website for recognition. We worked together to do something great – donating \$1,100. That is enough to provide 4,401 meals and the Gospel to children and families facing food insecurity! Our kids are amazing!!! The letter will be in my outreach binder along with other notes of thanks from other community partners we support.

2. Facilities Minister Nadia Ismael resigned. Tom Rutherford is searching for her successor.

3. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:

- a) Social Media Minister Yesika King and I are rolling well with workflow for social media. She and I do a Zoom call once to twice a month, both to catch up and to have some team building time.
 - 1. We have noticed that posts to Facebook and Instagram with photos get more interaction so she is focusing on that
 - 2. With that in mind, she would like to post photos of our parties and events, which prompted the Photo Release form (see other bullet).
- b) Fr. Tom approved for me to create and run as a bulletin insert a Photo Release form. There will be an ad this week. I will do live commercials before the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services and will try to recruit someone for 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. over the next couple of weeks. We will run the Release for several more weeks. Anyone who does not turn one in, we will err on the side of caution and consider them a "do not post" pictures of them or their family.
- c) I helped cover a few tasks that are related to media distribution while Office Minister Wendy King was on vacation.
- d) Participated in the annual Servant Keeper Messiah's Way data changeover with Deacon Julie Altenbach and Office Minister Wendy King.
- e) I continue to provide livestream sound coverage 3-4 Sunday's a month until Music Minister Ricky Jackson can get any new volunteers trained and launched in Advent.
- f) Did a website link and page check so that everything goes where it should and to clean up a few areas with position/name changes. It's looking pretty good!
- g) I'm am working with Children's Minister Deacon Angela Lopez on a Family Advent series of events in November. Flyers and ads coming soon!
- h) I will be working with Office Minister Wendy King on Christmas planning in the coming weeks.

4. **Music Ministry: Ricky Jackson** was on paternity leave for the last month after the birth of his and Alexis' 4th son Sage. He graciously agreed to play and sing on Sunday mornings during his leave. He's back to fulltime now.
5. **Office Minister Wendy King** reports:
 - a) Five memorial plaques were ordered in early May from Quality Vaults; we were quoted an 8-10 week window for arrival. I looked for another vendor that could make these at a cheaper cost and improved with communication. Trophies Unlimited makes our nametags and they were willing to take our business, but they didn't have a vendor that could make the same size plaques. After many phone calls to Quality Vaults our plaques were finally ready for pick up on October 4. The plaques were given to me in the shipping box with the shipping address of the manufacturer. I put on my Nancy Drew hat and found the company name, website and email. I reached out to their Florida rep, and they are working on setting up an account for us. More to come next month.
 - b) The church's postcards were ordered and picked up. We are stocked for a year.
 - c) I took time off in September to attend a funeral in North Carolina and a Florida beach trip with my husband to celebrate our 25th anniversary. For the first week in October, I had planned on attending the DOK retreat in Hendersonville, NC with Karen Stewart, but the retreat was canceled due to hurricane Helene. I canceled three days of vacation and took two days to work on projects at home. I am thankful to the staff and Office Angels that covered the office duties, so I could get away.
 - d) Any Messiah's Way packets that were not picked up were mailed out.
 - e) Julie updated the Messiah's Way Servant Keeper reports. I shadowed her to learn the online system.
 - f) If you returned your Messiah's Way packet, Thank you! Thank you to Office Angels Mary Kay Predmore and Dawn Wirbel for entering the information in Servant Keeper.
 - g) I set up one of our volunteers with a project to work off service hours of Community Service and submitted their hours. Thank you, Lamar Powers, for working with our volunteer to clean up the chiller plant.
 - h) I helped Julie by setting up the Perfect Potluck for Fred Wilcoxson's funeral.
 - i) With Nadia's resignation I volunteered to take over some of the Facility Minister responsibilities until we hire a new Facility Minister. I will order supplies, schedule events on the church calendar, send out the weekly calendar to staff and ministry teams, and be the point of contact for our maintenance minister and new cleaning crew.
 - j) Fr. Soner's home had a roof leak prior to the storm. I reached out to our ministry leaders and Fr. Tom to get details about Fr. Soner's roof and found that we have a 10-year warranty on the roof. Jane helped track down the invoices and I reached out to Stanley Roofing prior to Milton arriving. They were unable to come out before the storm, but they were here the day after to investigate and do some repairs.
 - k) We had some damage to our property from Milton. Jane opened a claim with our insurance company. Kevin Smith, our Insurance adjuster, came out two days after the storm to tour our property and to take pictures. We had roof leaks in the Library, Parish Hall, Vesting Room, Youth Room, and Church. The Preschool gutter fell down by the AA trailer. There were no leaks in the Preschool classrooms.
 - l) Thank you to our clean up crew after Milton. Thank you, Fr. Tom, for being here on Thursday to clean up the leaks and to add a fan and dehumidifier to dry up the damp carpet

in the library; and for all the other things that you do behind the scenes that we don't see. Chris Brown and CW Abel came on Thursday to clean up the major branches. C.W. returned on Friday and worked all day to clean up the parking lot on Tilden Street. The Preschool teachers came on Friday and cleaned up the preschool playground and the parking lot next to the P.H. Kitchen. One of the preschool dads cut down the hanging gutter so it would be safe for the kids to return. There is still a lot of debris, but it looks much better. Thank you, volunteers. I appreciate you!

6. Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe: The financial report was emailed separately.

7. Interim Youth Minister Tom Rutherford is still overseeing ACTIVATE.

D. Vestry Nominations: Last month, we suggested nominees for the Vestry term of 2025-27. Tom Rutherford email-invited each of them to stand for election, and Don Greer has agreed. The 4 "retiring" Vestry members (Beth Ann, Mildred, Mary Kay, and Dawn) will contact the others to answer any questions and see if they'll agree to stand for election.

II. DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month): None

IV. DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month): Budget presentation and discussion. Treasurer Bob Tate emailed worksheets with the 2025 Budget Requests approved and recommended by the Finance Committee (Rector, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Don Greer, and Stephanie Abell). Vestry APPROVED the Budget as recommended.

V. MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

B. Financial Report from Treasurer Bob Tate: APPROVED.

- 1. Operating Income** last month was LESS than expenses, INCREASING our DEFICIT for the year to \$146,213.30. PLEASE KEEP PRAYING.
- 2. Building Fund Income** was MORE 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 of \$4,322.04. THANK YOU, JESUS!
- 3. The remaining mortgage balance** is \$533,101.33, and our Cash and Brokerage accounts total \$471,695.11.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS: Campaign to pay for roofs and painting: With roofs for the parish hall and church costing \$115,000 and painting the whole facility projected to cost \$47,000, we will communicate those numbers to the parish and ask for prayer for God to provide for those needs. We'll wait until after the insurance claims for the hurricane before we make that appeal, since insurance might cover some or all of the roof damage.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rutherford, acting in Clerk Joyce Taylor's absence



FAMILY

ADVENTURE

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER AT 4:30PM

IN THE PARISH HALL

December 1st, 4:30pm-6:30pm

This is our kick-off evening!

Learn about and make a family Christingle -
dinner will be provided as part of the celebration!

Please grab your FREE tickets from Eventbrite
using the code below or
from the link on our homepage - Deadline is 11/24!

December 8th, 4:30pm-6pm

Advent Manger Craft, Music, & Snacks!

December 15th, 4:30pm-6pm

Shepherd's Light the World Activity, Music, & Snacks!

December 22nd, 4:30pm-6pm

Jesse Tree Project, Music, & Snacks



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2024 Financial Report

(as of September 30, 2024)

Operating Income.....	\$606,888.78
Operating Expenses.....	\$753,102.08
NET.....	(\$146,213.30)
All Building Fund Income.....	\$176,726.48
All Building Fund Expense.....	\$172,404.44
NET.....	\$4,322.04

2024 Vestry

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Vestry Door Duty for November

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

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I am pleased to report that the preschool staff and families made it through Hurricane Milton with very minimal damage to both our homes and the classrooms. Our wonderful teachers spent the morning after the storm cleaning up the classrooms so that the children could return to school safely.

On November 21 and 22, the preschool children will celebrate Thanksgiving with a feast prepared by their parents. The children will dress as Pilgrims, Native Americans, and turkeys to recreate the first thanksgiving.

During our Thanksgiving break, the classroom building will be tented for termites. The tenting should be over before the students return to school on Monday, November 25.

Barbara Ellerbe, Preschool Director

November Upcoming Events

School Advisory Council Meeting – November 20, 9:15
in the library

Thanksgiving Feasts – November 21 and 22 in the Parish
Hall

Thanksgiving break - No School – November 25-29



Archdeacon Julie Altenbach, Barbara Ellerbe, and Rev. Lo Cook attended the Central Florida Episcopal School Association meeting at the Diocese office last month.



Some cute pictures from Pre-school Picture Day.



The Winter Garden Fire Department visited the Preschool on October 3rd and 4th.





October SHINE Activities:

King Nebuchadnezzar's pride: Daniel 2

Elisha and the She bears: 2 Kings 2:23

Plague party: Exodus 7-12 and Revelation

Ezekiel's dry bones dance party: Ezekiel 37:1-28



Crazy She bears

And home-made bear claws!



Guess the plague!





Share Jesus Initiative

As part of our series on *always being ready to give an answer for the hope they have*, the children were challenged to read The Gospel according to Mark over two weeks and given a mini Jesus figure to carry to school with them. They were told that whenever someone asks them about it, or someone is having a bad day to share a “lil Jesus” with them. They can get a new one Sunday at church after sharing the story of how they shared Jesus! We will continue this through the school year. Everyone needs a little Jesus!

Michaelmas



In SHINE we celebrated the Archangel Michael by reading Revelation 12:7-12, learning the legend of the blackberry and making berry waffles with blackberry jam, berry juice, and eating fresh blackberries! They were HUGE!

Michael, the greatest of all angels, defeated the angel Lucifer in a huge battle and banished him from heaven, as the lore goes. At that point, Lucifer became the devil. When Lucifer bounced onto the floor of hell, he landed in a thorny blackberry bush. (Naturally when you land in hell, you land end-first in a bunch of thorns.) This made him so mad that he [spit on the bush and cursed its fruit](#). So tradition is to eat all of the blackberries by Sept. 29!



NOVEMBER

Happy
Birthdays
To You

2– Marlene Cambridge-McCarthy
Lamar Powers
Debbie Rutherford
3– Julie Altenbach
5– Soner Alexandre
Elijah Roberson
7– Linda Ellison
8– Nancy Gordon
Joshua Lopez
10– Steve Borst
Bailey Imes
William Pearce
12– John Peacock
13– Ellie Chase
Cody McClanahan
Doreen Stachowski
14– Derek Cho-Sam
Amy Eiden
15– Bob Finney
Sean Wise

16– Dan Kem
Susan Kiehm
Johanna Watson
17– Bibi Cho-Sam
Jean Abner Dubic
18– George Daniel
Alexa Jean-Giles
19– Marta Girone
20– Lionel Williams
21– Minette Roberson
22– Violet Eaton
Rodger Watson
23– Tori Eaton
24– Sophie Alexandre
Kathy Quesenberry
25– Bob Greene
Linda Ogata
30– Isma Davidson










Happy
Anniversaries

3– Jason and Tori Eaton
9– Fred and Kathy May
11– Wayne and Sandy Sparks

16– Tom and Dawn Wirbel
22– Marc and Marcia Collins
25– Tom and Laura Buckner

*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.*

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px;"> Tuesday– Fr. Tom’s Day Off Friday– Fr. Andrew’s Day Off Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. </div>					1  11 a.m. All Saint’s Day service & Potluck lunch	2
3	4	5  6:30 p.m. Ladies’ Dinner Parish Hall & Men’s Supper	6	7	8	9
10	11  5:00 p.m. The Order of the Daughters of the King Parish Hall	12	13	14	15	16
17 2:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting 	18	19	23 7 p.m. B.A.M.M. Men’s Fire Pit 	21 5:15 p.m. Book Club 	22	23 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Lay Weeders Work Day 
24	25	26	27	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px;"> Office is Closed Have a Happy Thanksgiving </div>		30
						

Sunday’s Schedule

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

If you see an opening that you can fill, please email Mary Kay Predmore or call the Church Office at 407-656-3218. For questions or to volunteer to serve, please contact Mary Kay Predmore at predmoremarykay@gmail.com.

Sunday Servants 8:00 a.m.

8:00 am	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Lector	Aliena Gaye	Joyce Taylor	Christin Lazo	Alex Hujik
LEM 1	Frank Chase	Deborah Alleyne	Joyce Taylor	Wayne Sparks
LEM 2	Don Greer	Gretchen Tope	MK Predmore	Maureen Farrar
Altar Server	MK Predmore	Wayne Sparks	Steve Borst	MK Predmore
Ushers & Greeters	Jay Predmore/ Alex Hujik	Joyce Taylor/ Jay Predmore	Jay Predmore/ Wayne Sparks	Jay Predmore/ Alex Hujik
P. Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Sandy Sparks	Christin Lazo	Joyce Taylor

Sunday Servants 9:30 a.m.

9:30 am	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Lector	Lynn Redmond	Christin Lazo	Jay Williams	Joe Eiden
LEM 1	Mary Lynn Levine	Tom Buckner	Vince Truglia	Stacey Beck
LEM 2	Rodger Watson	Stacey Beck	Tom Buckner	Chris Brown
Altar Server	Kendall Gilmore	Melanie Field	Taylor Smith	Francesco Kulchar
Crucifer	Lily Levine	Taylor Smith	Reese Smith	Melanie Field
Torch Bearer 1	Ainsley Gilmore	Reese Smith		Allegra Kulchar
Torch Bearer 2	Addison Lynn	Emma Hayes		Emma Hayes
Ushers & Greeters	Beth Ann Carr/ Tom Buckner	Alex & Nicole Babcock	Jay & Patti Williams	John Puchein/ Ken Miller
P. Intercessor	Linda Gold	Christin Lazo	Elise Bradford	Susan Kiehm
Tech Slides	Sam Lynn	Jim Farrar	Laura Buckner	Wilna Brown
Tech Sound	--	Maureen Farrar	--	--

Sunday Servants 11:00 a.m.

11:00 am	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Lector	Jennifer Groendaal	Bob Somers	Ginger Sirola	Paul Buzzonetti
LEM 1	Marc Boese	Lionel Williams	Marc Boese	Vita Mazzaluna
LEM 2	Steve Borst	Karen Williams	Helen Fansworth	Giada Mazzaluna
Altar Server	Jackson Groenendaal	Giada Mazzaluna	Logan McRae	Giada Mazzaluna
Ushers & Greeters	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams	Borst Family
Tech Slides	Josie Weiss	Aaron Abney	Christopher Borst	Marc Boese
Tech Sound	--	--	--	--

Sunday Servants 7:00 p.m.

7:00 pm	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Lector	Wendy King	Ode' Mendoza	Larry Cartelli	Nancy Gordon
LEM	Steve Raetz	Wendy King	Susie Marshall	Chris Brown
Altar Server	Violet Eaton	Violet Eaton	Bob Greene	Violet Eaton
Usher/Greeter	Cindy Shaffer	Raul Lopez	Terry Kraft	Cindy Shaffer
P. Intercessor	Wendy King	Susie Marshall	Wendy King	Susie Marshall
Tech Slides	Jane Cartelli	Mike King	Jane Cartelli	Jane Cartelli

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

LEV	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
Visitor	Marc Boese	Lionel & Karen Williams	Janice Hull	Don Greer

Readings

Readings	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
1 st Lesson	Deut 6:1-9	1 Kings 17:8-16	Daniel 12:1-3	Daniel 7:9-14
Psalm	Psalm 119:1-8	Psalm 146	Psalm 16	Psalm 93
2 nd Lesson	Heb 9:11-14	Heb 9:24-28	Heb 10:11-25	Rev 1:1-8
Gospel	Mark 12:28-34	Mark 12:38-44	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37



Welcome Melissa, Mary Kay and Wilna, the 3 newest Daughters to the Messiah chapter!

The
Order
of the
Daughters
of the King
Church of the Messiah Chapter



Pictured: Sandy Sparks, Deacon Angela, Nancy Gordon, Karen Stewart, Gretchen Tope, Mary Pounds, Mary Kay Predmore, Melissa Rosengarten, Wilna Brown, Jacqui Arthurs, Deacon Julie and Christin Lazo.

Missing: Jane Cartelli, Cherie Greene, Marsha Dymond, Dianne Donaldson, Wendy King, Carleen Flood, Laura Buckner, Janine Faughnan, Debbie Rutherford



Fall Assembly



Every year each Chapter nominate a daughter to be placed in the drawing to wear the Bishops cross. This year we nominated Laura Buckner for her deep quiet faith, the way she is always willing to serve with a smile and the way she loves people. Her name was drawn By Bishop Holcomb. Laura shared that she was incredibly humbled and felt unworthy. She will wear the cross for a year and give update as to how it has aided her spiritual walk, evangelism opportunities and other significant details. Congratulations Laura!



Jacqui our former president who helped reestablish our chapter, Dr. Karen (Deacon Angela's mentor) and Deacon Angela our current chapter president.



Marsha, our longest serving daughter, was selected to carry our banner in the procession.

Diocesan President Nadine Craig,
Fr. Andrew and
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Holcomb
at the instillation.

COTM was, as usual well represented in the diocese. In addition to Laura being selected to wear the Bishops cross, our own Father Andrew was installed as the Diocesan Chaplain for DOK! He is now tasked with praying for all daughters, providing pastoral care and counseling, act as HR, address theological concerns and offer moral and ethical aspects of concern. The Messiah chapter is blessed as we have a chapter Chaplain as well, The Venerable Julie Altenbach. Who does all those things at a chapter level.

FOR HIS SAKE... I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?



Dear Messiah Family,

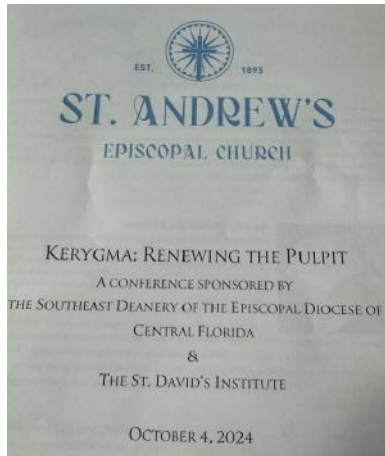
We had a wonderful Ministry Celebration and Picnic Potluck on September 15th. Mary Kay Predmore and I are so appreciative and in awe of the ways you all change the world with Jesus: One Child, One Person, One Family, One Community at a Time as you serve.



On Saturday, September 21st, I was able to serve at the Eucharist of the Daughters of the King's Fall Assembly where Father Andrew was inducted as the DOK Chaplain for our Diocese.



On October 4th, I attended a Preaching Conference at St. Andrew's in Ft. Pierce. On October 5th, I accompanied Bishop Justin to Holy Trinity, Bartow where I got to visit with a deacon who was in my ordination class at ICS.



On Saturday, October 12th, The Institute for Christian Studies met for classes. ICS is the where people who are discerning a call to either the diaconate, or Licensed Lay Ministry attend as part of their formation.



In His Service and Yours,

Julie

Updates from the Media Minister!

Hello, Messiah Family! A few updates in the realm of Media!

First, we have welcomed on board Yesika King as our Social Media Minister! She will be working with Office Minister Wendy King and myself to make sure our updates and advertisements are finding their way to our social media channels (Facebook and Instagram). Welcome, Yesika! We are so grateful to have you helping us pave our way on social media! (See below for directions on submitting advertising requests.)

Video Commercials Update

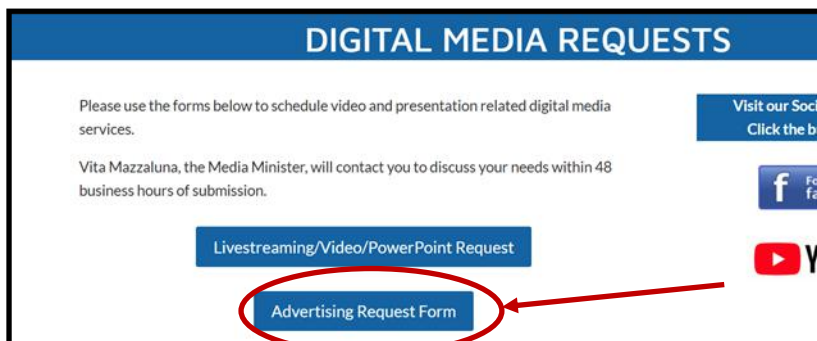
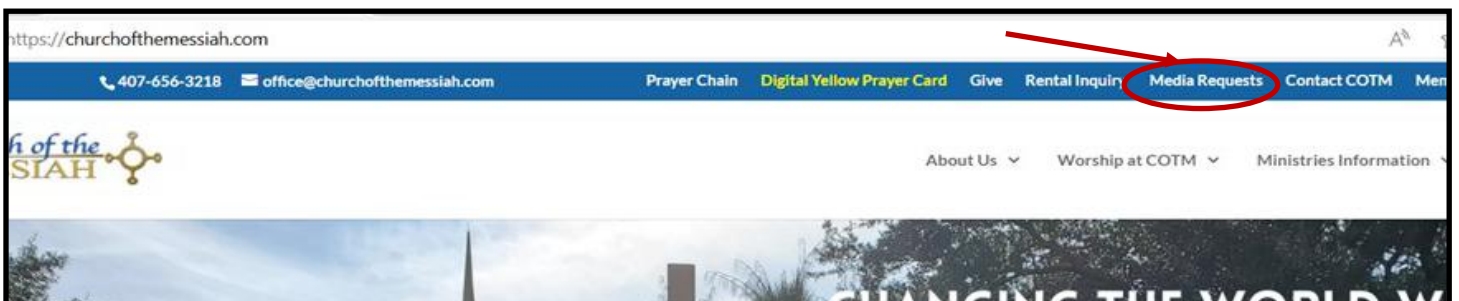
In other media news, we have made the decision not to offer commercial recordings going forward. If you have an event or opportunity that you would like to advertise via a commercial, you may reach out to Fr. Tom regarding delivering a live commercial before each service, like we have done in the past (and some folks still have been doing). If you would like to submit a ready to insert MP4 commercial, you can submit those to Fr. Tom (TomRutherford@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com) and Vita (VitaMazzaluna@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com). Commercials should be a max of 20 seconds in length.

How to Submit an Event or Ministry Project for Advertising

If you are in charge of a church event, ministry project, or anything else that you would like us to advertise, we are ready to help! The direct link for our digital request form is

www.churchofthemessiah.com/advertising

You can also navigate to the form from our homepage **www.churchofthemessiah.com** by clicking on the **Media Requests** link in the top bar, then select **Advertising Request Form**. When you submit the form, an email is sent to the Advertising Team: Wendy, Yesika, and me! If we have any questions, we will reach out within 48 hours. Whenever possible, please provide ample lead time—1 week is ideal! **We may not be able to accommodate requests made with less than 3 business days lead time.** Please feel free to reach out to Wendy (WendyKing@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com) or Vita (email above) with any questions!



Avoid Scams This Season!

As the holiday season gets closer, scams tend to increase! I wanted to make sure my Messiah Family is aware of some of the common text, email, and phone scams so you can avoid them and have a peaceful season through the holidays and beyond!

PRO TIPS

- If you don't recognize a phone number, let them leave a message!
- If a caller or message states that they are calling from the IRS, Social Security, United Postal Service, or any other agency, it is a SCAM. Those agencies do not call individuals. **They send letters and generally not even emails.**
- Text messages about packages, seized property, tax debt, etc. are also going to be scams (see below for my favorite examples).
- ONLY ever speak to someone at a bank or credit card if YOU have called THEM! And ALWAYS use the number shown on the back of your credit/debit card or on your statement.

Email Me or Stop In—I'm Happy to Help!

If you are really unsure that something is a scam and would like help, contact me to make an appointment or forward the concerning message to my email at VitaMazzaluna@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

I'm also usually on campus Wednesday afternoons from 2pm—5pm if you'd like to stop in!

Sample Scam Text Messages AND How I Know!

Since the package does not have a house number, the package transportation is interrupted, please update <https://urehq.com>

This one is more low key but still a scam. That website is not a mainstream delivery company website. When in doubt, delete!

[Postal Service Reminder]: Due to an incomplete address, we couldn't deliver your package. Please update your address here: <https://cutt.ly/GeASuwyx?iRS=N9sOxp1lLN> and we'll send it right out. May your day be full of sunshine and joy, from the Postal Team!

This is a scam because of the website (www.usps.com is the United Postal Service website) and, my favorite part, the USPS would NOT ever say "May your day be full of sunshine and joy."

FRM:CALL (878)3325638
SUBJ:CHASE DEBIT CLOSED
MSG::8583

This is NOT Chase's Phone number ([1-800-935-9935](tel:1-800-935-9935) is their Customer Service number, from chase.com, their official website, and as shown on the back of their credit cards.

Plus a \$ instead of an S!

Thank you!

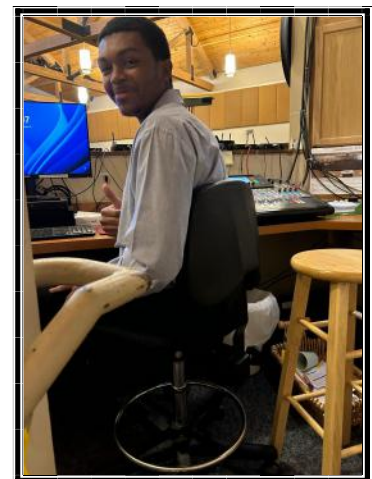
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Media Minister



Church of the Messiah's 74th birthday & Messiah's Way Celebration







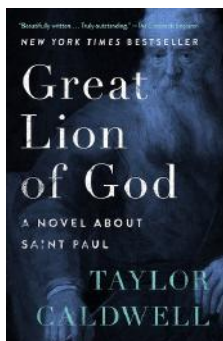
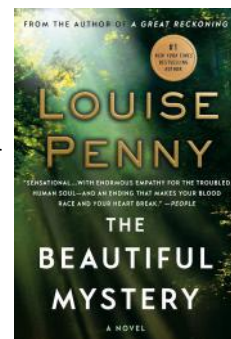
During the Messiah's Way Celebration the young ladies, from the French service, danced for us.

Alexa, Sophie, Yolwenn, and Laurie.

Book Review by Helen Farnsworth

I completed two books since my last review: "The Beautiful Mystery" by Louise Penny, and "Great Lion of God" by Taylor Caldwell.

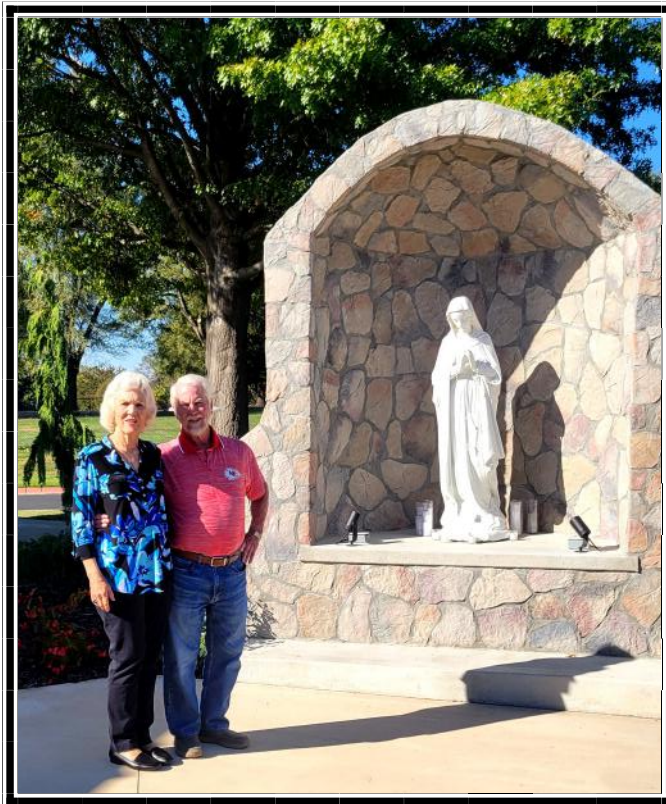
"The Beautiful Mystery, which the COTM Book Club read, is about murder in a monastery--Saunt Golbert Emtre Les Loups, a super secretive group secluded in a wooded area not far from Quebec. They've been hiding from Rome since the Inquisition, and devoting their lives to singing Gregorian chant. Then the unthinkable happens--their choir director is murdered, and the only suspects are the monks, themselves! They call in the Quebec Surete to investigate. (By the way, the "Beautiful Mystery" refers to the chants) I enjoyed it except for the end, which was disappointing. I compensated by imagining a sequel.



The "Great Lion of God" is about Saint Paul, and is, as all of Taylor Caldwell's books are, very long but well written. Some things I question, but on the whole, I enjoyed it

My only major problem with it is that, even though it's over 600 pages long, Saint Paul doesn't even get to Rome!

The D.A.R.T. clean up crew was busy after Milton blew through. They cleaned up our church campus and helped some of our parishioners too. Thank you C.W. Abel, Alex Babcock, Chris and Wilna Brown, Joe Eiden, the Preschool Teachers and more.



Cindi Shaffer and Ray Trueblood visited Holy Spirit in Kansas on October 20th

Come Fellowship with your Messiah Family and Friends

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



UPDATE!! Ladies' Dinner in November is a Potluck in the Parish Hall.

Men's Supper in the Youth Hall.



Sign-ups for both are in the Narthex!

Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death Grief Recovery Class

Sundays beginning November 17th, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. running through December 22nd in the COTM Library.

Contact Jill Brown to register.
jjbrown656@embarqmail.com

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

Men's Fire Pit!

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

Contact Chris Brown
407-864-1708

LAY WEEDER FALL CLEANUP

Saturday,
November 23rd
8am-12pm

Bring rakes, gloves, trimmers, blowers, etc.

Thanksgiving Dinner

THURSDAY | NOVEMBER 28TH
Parish Hall 4:00 pm

Is your family out of town?
Are you unable to travel?
Can't prepare a whole meal?

We invite you to share a meal with us!

Please bring a dish to share if you are able.
Turkey, stuffing, potatoes and drinks are generously being donated.

RSVP to Deacon Angela by Nov. 20



Messiah Book Club

Will meet on December 5th at 5:15 p.m. in the Library.

We will discuss:
Two Steps Forward
by Sharon Garlough Brown

