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THE MESSENGER

A Publication of The Episcopal Church of the Messiah

The voice of
one calling out
in the
wilderness,
prepare the
way of the
Lord, make his
paths straight.

Luke 3:4B (NAS)

*Photo courtesy of:
Andrew Age
“A path on the Camino
Primitivo”, 2024.*



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Join Us for Worship:

Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite I) in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Contemporary) in the Parish Hall

4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (French & Creole) in the Sanctuary

5:00 p.m. Diving Deeper (Adult Study) with Fr. Andrew

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite III-Casual) in the Sanctuary

Wednesday Service:



We Prayed. God Provided!



As I've promised: I will NEVER ask you to GIVE more. I WILL ask you to PRAY more.

I've done that several times this year, as giving to the Operating Fund has been \$191,825.02 LESS than our expenses so far this year, as of October 31.

On top of our usual expenses, Junior Warden Lamar Powers (who oversees the condition of our buildings and grounds), has been urging the Vestry to invest in new roofs for our Parish Hall and Church, because those roofs are 18 and 20 years old.

With the deficit in giving this year, however, the Vestry has been reluctant to pull the \$120,000 out of our investments to pay for new roofs... especially since we've had several serious air conditioning repairs and replacements this year that have already cost us over \$100,000.

So, we, as a Vestry prayed for God to provide.

And I trust you in the Messiah family prayed the same.

We prayed, and God provided!

Here's how:

Hurricane Milton blew through, and we had 6 leaks in our various buildings, a couple of which were pretty significant.

We filed a claim with our insurance company. They sent out an inspector who found LOTS of damage. Since it came from a hurricane, the deductible is also a LOT. To make a long story short, after the deductible, they wrote a check for over \$80,000 for the damages. There is also \$20,000 in "depreciation," that they'll pay us, after we complete the repairs.

We also have a parishioner who runs a roofing business: Sunshine State Roofing of Florida.

He sent a crew out and repaired the worst leak – for free! He has offered to replace the two roofs for his cost of labor and materials... which come in a just under what our insurance will cover!

We can clean up the damage on the inside of our buildings ourselves, which will cost us mostly cleaning supplies and many hours of volunteer labor... but we have lots of folks who can make that happen.

The Bottom Line: We prayed, and God provided and is paying for new roofs for our Church and Parish Hall, which should take care of us for another 20 years or so.

Thank you for praying!


It works!

Because it works, please keep praying for the Lord to provide \$192,000 to break us even for the year.

And, if you need a roof or roof work, call Sunshine State Roofing of Florida in Groveland at 352-429-4531.

You won't get the same "discount" the parish family did. But you WILL get an honest roofer who does fine work, guarantees his work, and finishes it in a timely fashion.

I love you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sam H.', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Messiah's Missionaries

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

Julie Altenbach, Andrew and Christin Lazo, Mary Kay Predmore, Tom and Debbie Rutherford attended the Requiem Eucharist for the Rt. Rev Dr. Dabney Smith on Monday, November 11, at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke.

Soner Alexandre, Julie Altenbach, Wendy King, Andrew Lazo, Tom Rutherford, and many more from the French service attended Wesny Dubic's ordination to Transitional Diaconate on Saturday, November 16, at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke.

Soner Alexandre, Julie Altenbach, Mary Kay Predmore, and Tom Rutherford attended the Orange County Prayer Breakfast on November 19.

*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 November Vestry Minutes

Sunday * November 17, 2024 * 2pm

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Mary Kay Predmore, Junior Warden Lamar Powers, Clerk Joyce Taylor, Chris Brown, Beth Ann Carr, Mildred Dubic, Don Greer, Jean Pinder, Sandy Sparks, Wally Stewart, Marie Tassy, Lionel Williams, Treasurer Bob Tate, and Apprentice Rector Andrew Lazo.

Absent: Dawn Wirbel (traveling)

I. FORMATION: Mildred Dubic led Noonday Prayer. Based on *Building a Killer Team Without Killing Yourself or Your Team*, by Shawn Lovejoy, Chapter 13 (pp. 171-180), we discussed who inspires us and how to inspire our team.

II. INFORMATION:

A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:

1. Junior Warden Lamar Powers reports:

- A. Wendy King provided plaques for the Memorial Garden, and they have been installed.
- B. The door to the ladies' room in the Youth Hall was kicked open. The lock must have jammed. Wayne Sparks repaired the door.
- C. Paul Buzzonetti replaced the light switch in the ladies' room in the Sacristy hallway.
- D. Other items will be addressed when funds are available.
- E. The church and parish hall roofs were damaged by the storms. Wendy King and Jane Cartelli filed an insurance claim. We received a \$80,318.84 check from the insurance company, and should collect more, when the repairs are done. Parishioner Larry Kulchar owns Sunshine Roofing, and has offered to do the job for his cost... which he anticipates will be less than the total insurance payment! He can get to it in the next few weeks. In the meantime, his guys repaired where the worst leak was from Hurricane Milton.

2. Outreach Team: Deacon Angela Lopez reports:

- a) Thanks to Patty Tate for leading the Thanksgiving Food Drive! We brought in all of the food requested and 20 gift cards! The Hope center will be able to bless many families with this!
- b) There is a parishioner sponsored Thanksgiving meal being offered to anyone who would like to come. PLEASE RSVP to me so I can keep her updated on the number attending as she is planning to do the majority of the cooking!
- c) Doreen Stachowski is taking the lead on the Edgewood Children's Ranch party. If you would like to join us the evening of December 7 to volunteer, please reach out to her or me, our information is in the directory and messenger. We will need help transporting gifts and food, serving the dinner, helping with crafts and games as well as voices for the Christmas Caroling! It is a beautiful opportunity to share the joy of Christmas and love for these kids living in difficult circumstances.

B. Staff Ministry Reports

1. Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports:

- a) We finished the Mighty series and Spooky Stories from the Bible. The children enjoyed both. We are working through a series called Take Root. We will explore the following stories: David and Saul, Elijah and the widow, Daniel and the lions, and end with Ezekiel. In December we will have Rockin' Christmas as our theme.

- b) We will be making Christmas cards for residents at Health Central Park nursing home and having our Friends-Giving activity later this month.
- c) I have been slowly working in the children who have signed up to acolyte in 2025. They are doing a great job! I love seeing the concentration and reverence on their face, especially in those who are slightly older and can comprehend what they are helping with. We are still working on keeping them in the position they are scheduled for so that everyone gets a chance to serve in each position. I have started posting the schedule out on the name tag board again to remind them and whomever is serving as deacon where to put each server. I don't like dealing with sad kids and frustrated parents when it's not necessary.
- d) The SHINE kids along with ACTIVATE youth and some extra friends packed 14 operation Christmas Child boxes. They included a note to the child receiving the gift, and we are adding in the church address as Samaritan's Purse said some children will write letters back. This will be really cool for our kids. After stuffing the boxes, we prayed over them. I will deliver them to First Baptist Ocoee so they will be shipped with their boxes. They have a large production over there and have tracked their boxes for years. They first go to Atlanta and then most often to The Congo, so we are anticipating our boxes will be heading there. Of course, I will be updating the group on the tracking!
- e) I am working on the finishing touches of the Advent Adventure series that Vita and I are facilitating. Each Sunday in Advent we invite everyone to join us from 4:30-6pm for a themed activity, music and snacks. There is no cost, but we are asking for people to register so that we have enough supplies. Fr. Andrew, Fr. Tom, Archdeacon Julie, Vita, and myself will be leading different portions of the festivities. Simple supper on Dec 1 will coordinate with the activities.

2. Facilities Ministry enters a new season.

- a) Rather than paying a staff Facility Minister, the tasks of that ministry have been divided up among these folks:
 1. **Office Minister Wendy King** is supervising the cleaning service and Maintenance Minister Matthew Barrett, and she is ordering cleaning and paper supplies.
 2. **Finance Minister Jane Cartelli** has taken on the Facility Calendar, which means, if you want to reserve a space on campus for any event, please coordinate that with Jane. Her email address is: JaneCartelli@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com
 3. **Volunteers Stephanie Abell, Beth Ann Carr, and Jane Cartelli** are teaming to market our facility for rentals, meet with prospective renters, negotiate contracts, and supervise paid Event Ministers, who will be on campus before, during, and after rental events to open up, handle issues, supervise clean-up, and lock up.
- b) This reduces expenses, as neither Wendy nor Jane want to be paid for their extra duties, and Stephanie and Beth Ann are doing their bit as volunteers. We already pay Event Ministers to be on campus for events, so that is not an added expense.

3. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports lots going on at Church of the Messiah!

- a) I've been working with Music Minister Ricky Jackson and on my own to figure out some things with the sound board and sound system to help our choir hear better and to support one of our rentals.
- b) I am continuing to adjust our Facilities Request Form and Advertising Request Forms to make them more efficiently communicate needs to the Facilities folks, Office Minister Wendy King, and myself. As with all technology related forms, they are a work in progress.

- c) Social Media Minister Yesika King continues to do excellent work for us on Facebook and Instagram. We had a Zoom planning meeting today 11/8 to get a handle on all the moving pieces for Advent and Christmas. Some fun social media things planned!
- d) I worked to clean up and prepare Chrome books and other donated or retired devices so that Deacon Angela can use them for her Safe Church training that will happen in February.
- e) Office Minister Wendy King and I decided that I will be creating bulletin insert fliers since I'm already creating the initial advertising slide and working with the material anyway. It's working great so far!
- f) I provided my Messiah's Way volunteer team with their Appreciation Gifts over the past several weeks :) I appreciate them SO much and am excited that most are returning for another year (Yay!! THANK YOU!!), and I picked up a new teen volunteer!
- g) Excited for ADVENTure with Deacon Angela and hope to see lots of you there! Don't forget to register for the kick off dinner on December 1st!
<https://COTM-ADVENTure.eventbrite.com>

4. Music Ministry: Ricky Jackson reports: The Worship Band is providing the music for Light Up Winter Garden on December 6 at 6 p.m. in front of City Hall, and for the Faith and Family Night for the Osceola Magic basketball team (the Orlando Magic developmental team in Kissimmee) on February 10, 2025 at the Silver Spurs Arena.

5. Office Minister Wendy King reports:

- a) We have a new recycle bin in the overflow parking lot by the Preschool! The old bin was an eye-sore, and one of the lids came off after the last storm. We had previously decided to have it removed since we no longer receive payment for the paper. I asked to have the bin removed, and the following day we had a visit from the company asking what they could do to keep providing us the service. After talking to Fr. Tom, we agreed that we would continue to recycle paper if they replaced the bin. We won't receive payment for recycling our paper, but we are continuing to do our part to help the environment. This bin is ONLY for paper. Feel free to bring your paper recycling from home. No Boxes, No Phonebooks, No Plastic.
- b) I prepared bulletins for funerals and helped with the reception for Betty Flood and Andre Estyle.
- c) Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna and I are praying fervently for a new Facility Minister. We are blessed to have a lively church, and we have had a handful of requests to rent our facility in the past few weeks. This recent activity has kept me busy communicating, meeting, and fitting these events into our church calendar. I'm grateful for the additional income these rentals will provide. Jane Cartelli has agreed to take over managing the church calendar. This transition will happen when she returns from vacation. I will be a back-up.
- d) Kevin Smith, our Insurance Adjuster, has been helpful through the insurance process and steps. Kevin referred us to two companies that could do the repairs of the roof and interior. I reached out to one who came and took photos and measurements of our roof. Parishioner Larry Kulchar, who owns Sunshine Roofing, has continued to be very helpful throughout this process too. Larry's team came out last week to patch an area in the roof that caused the leak in the Library. Larry met with Lamar Powers, Fr. Tom and me, to go over the Insurance Report and to explain what our options are for repairs. He shared that the insurance company has taken good care of us. Kevin cut us a check, and we should receive it this week. Woohoo!!

- e) Parishioner and plumber Daniel Puterbaugh did some projects around the church, including repairing the Preschool water fountain. Thank you, Daniel.
- f) Steve, from Automated Mechanical Services, the company that maintains our HVAC systems, completed the quarterly maintenance and changed out air filters.
- g) Sciens Building Solutions, who maintain our fire alarm system, came out because the alarm went off, because 2 backup batteries died and needed to be replaced. This was a new adventure for me. Now I know how to troubleshoot the alarms.

6. Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe reports:

- a) The financial report was emailed separately.
- b) The classroom building will be tented for termites during Thanksgiving break.

7. Interim Youth Minister Tom Rutherford reports:

- a) ACTIVATE youth group will join in the ADVENT Family Adventure on the Sundays from December 1-22
- b) A new form of Youth Ministry begins in January. Details coming soon!

C. It's Vestry Nomination season: Marci Babione, Don Greer, and Don Grimes have agreed to stand for election. We're trusting God to raise up at least one more.

II. DISCUSSION: We discussed re-evaluating our current plan to pay an additional \$10,000 each month on the principal our mortgage. Bob Tate will get some information for our vestry meeting showing the current interest we are earning on our cash, brokerage account, and the total pay off on our current mortgage. So we can decide if we will continue to make the pre-payments on the mortgage.

IV. DECISIONS:

Diocesan Convention Delegates:

- A. Chris Brown, Sandy Sparks and Wendy King volunteered to be Lay Delegates.
- B. Tom Rutherford will recruit alternate Lay Delegates to fill the available spots.

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 \$191,825.02. 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, INCREASING our SURPLUS for the year to \$4,588.62.
- 3. The remaining mortgage balance** is \$513,152.40, and our Cash and Brokerage accounts total \$432,815.04.

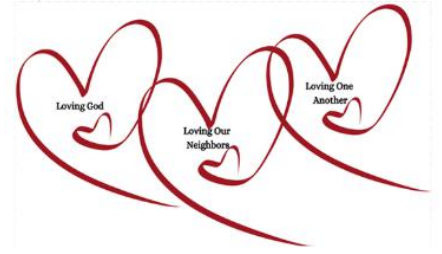
Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk



Encouragement for the Messiah's Way New Year



As we begin the season of Advent, I want to welcome all the folks who made commitments, via Messiah's Way, to serve in a ministry in the coming year.

Sometimes during the process, I can get bogged down in the details and expectations involved. It takes a village to make it all happen. I want to thank everyone who took part in this worthy mission. The reward is the results!

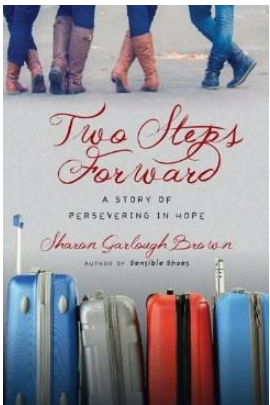
For 2025 we have 475 commitments to serve as volunteers. These commitments include a wide variety of ministries that are as diverse as the Messiah Family. These include serving at the Altar, coffee hour, serving our children and taking care of the Church God has provided, and serving those less fortunate and on and on.... Thank you!

As the end of the year draws near I am grateful for so much. Specifically the opportunity to serve as Senior Warden this year. What a blessing. As my term on the Vestry expires, my prayer is that 2025 will be the best year ever, for Jesus' sake. Amen

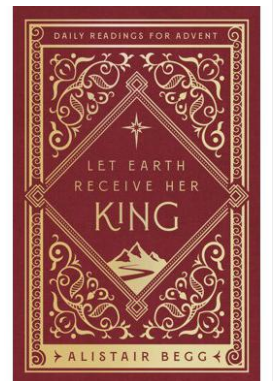
Mary Kay Predmore

Messiah's Way Ministry Leader

Book Review by Helen Farnsworth



The Church of the Messiah Book Club, whose next meeting will be December 5th at 7:00 P.M. is currently reading "Two Steps Forward," which is the sequel to "Sensible Shoes". Both are fantastic, and the sequel is particularly timely, since the theme is God with us. Both books trace the spiritual journeys of four women who became fast friends at a spiritual retreat. It is fabulous to see God working in their lives, and Jesus being born into the mess of their lives as he was at Bethlehem.



I also plan to read a book of devotionals for Advent entitled "Let Earth Receive Her King." Merry Christmas, everybody!

Congratulations Wesny Dubic

Wesny was ordained a Transitional Deacon at the Cathedral of St. Luke on November 16.



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2024 Financial Report

(as of October 31, 2024)

Operating Income.....	\$659,249.21
Operating Expenses.....	<u>\$851,119.23</u>
NET.....	(\$191,825.02)
All Building Fund Income.....	\$199,081.48
All Building Fund Expense.....	<u>\$194,492.86</u>
NET.....	\$4,588.62

2024 Vestry

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Vestry Door Duty for December

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

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Last month we held our annual Thanksgiving feast for the children. The children dressed as pilgrims and native Americans, and shared a meal together. Parents supplied our meal and helped to serve.

On December 10, the children will perform “Hats off to Christmas” on December 10 for their family and friends. This is a fun retelling of the Christmas Story. I would like to thank all of the preschool staff for their hard work to make this production a success. I would also like to thank Julie Altenbach for narrating the play. And of course, Helen Farnsworth for her beautiful accompaniment. The evening will end with us singing Happy Birthday to Jesus and a birthday cake,

Our annual Christmas Shopping Day fundraiser will take place on December 14. The children are invited to come spend a Saturday morning at the preschool while parents enjoyed some time on their own before the holidays to finish Christmas shopping, wrap presents or just enjoy some time relaxing before the holidays.

The year will end with classroom Christmas parties. Each classroom celebrates the birth of our Lord with birthday parties for Jesus. The children will return to school on January 7.

Barbara Ellerbe
Children of the Messiah Preschool Director

Upcoming Events

December 10- Christmas Pageant 6:30-8:00

December 14 – Christmas shopping day

January 6 Teacher Staff meeting 9am in the library

January 7 – Children return to school

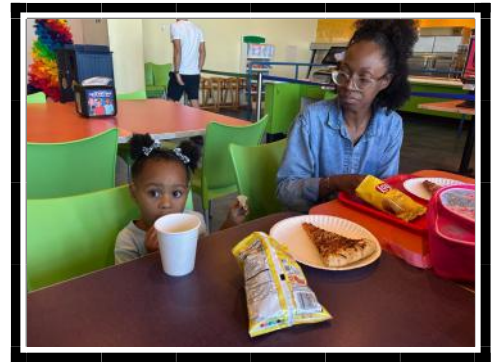


Preschool Family Fun Night

Preschool Family Fun Night



Children of the Messiah Field Trip to the Crayola Experience





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



Farewell to the people of



Wesny Dubic's ordination



Wesny Dubic's ordination at the
Cathedral of St. Luke on November 16.



Archdeacon Julie Altenbach taking
photos of the ordinands.

THANKSGIVING Food Drive



Thank you to everyone that donated to the Thanksgiving Food Drive.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive for the HOPE Center was very successful.

Thank you Messiah folks, you really stepped up with your food donations and gift cards.

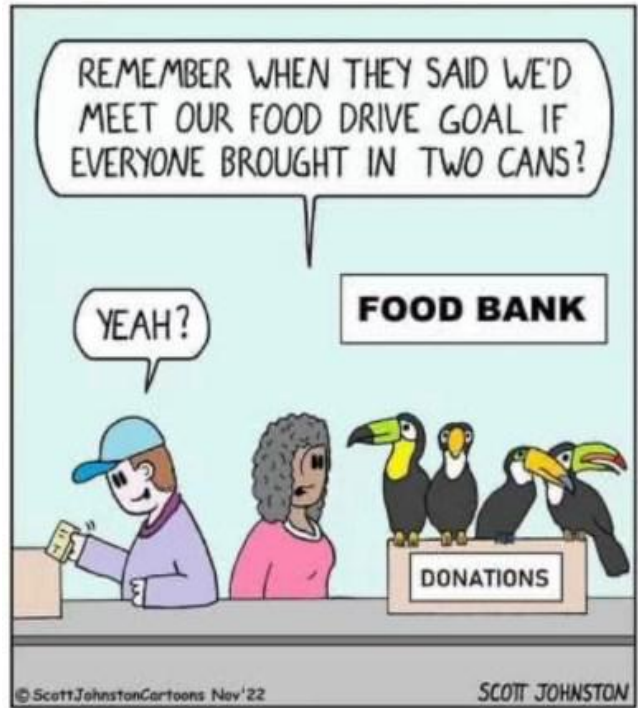


Christmas Food & Toy Drive

We are collecting Christmas donations for the Hope Center!



See the Narthex display.
Items are due 12/15.



DECEMBER















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| 2- Mary Katulic
Antoinette Ruzzier | 11- Ella Duppenthaler
Katherine Reusch | 25- Sue Riley |
| 3- Derek Faughnan
Ina Haughton | 14- Joseph Dubic | 27- David Peterson
Bailey Wise |
| 5- Sophie Gossett
Mike Gray
Barbara Knappman | 15- Robert Gilbert
Fred May | 30- Deborah Alleyne
Casey Cook
Kylie Walton |
| 7- Yester Adams | 16- Marc Imes | 31- Barbara Peterson
Ginger Sirola |
| 8- Mary Beth Moss | 17- Andrea Robertson
Joe Wolfe | |
| 9- Garine Adams
Nancy Laracuenta
Kirk Smith | 18- Marilyn Kelyman
Gloria Richards | |
| 10- Tom Lyons | 22- Mike King
Darlene Power | |



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| 5- George and Anida Daniel | 20- Craig and Jill Brown |
| 19- Leo and Nadia Henry | 22- Dennis and Pattie Range |

*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.*

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  4:30 p.m. Family ADVENT-ures	2	3  6:30 p.m. Ladies' Dinner Parish Hall & Men's Supper Youth Hall	4	5  7 p.m. Book Club	6  6 p.m. Light Up Winter Garden	7 8 a.m.-5:15 p.m. Advent Quiet Day 
8  4:30 p.m. Family ADVENT-ures	9  5:00 pm Parish Hall	10	11	12	13	14
15  2:00 pm Vestry Meeting  4:30 p.m. Family ADVENT-ures	16	17	18	19	20	21
22  4:30 p.m. Family ADVENT-ures	23	24	25 Office is Closed Happy Birthday Jesus! 		27	28
29	30	31  New Year's Eve	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> 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>			

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.

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	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Lector	Tom Headley	Alex Hujik	Mary Beth Moss	Wayne Sparks	Sandy Sparks
LEM 1	Joyce Taylor	Wayne Sparks	MK Predmore	Diane Donaldson	Don Greer
LEM 2	Diane Donaldson	Gretchen Tope	Maureen Farrar	Tom Headley	MK Predmore
Altar Server	Wayne Sparks	MK Predmore	Diane Donaldson	Steve Borst	Wayne Sparks
Ushers & Greeters	Dan Kem/ Jay Predmore	Alex Hujik/ Jay Predmore	Jay Predmore/ Joyce Taylor	Jay Predmore/ Wayne Sparks	Alex Hujik/ Jay Predmore
P. Intercessor	Sandy Sparks	Don Stanton	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor	Sandy Sparks

Sunday Servants 9:30 a.m.

9:30 am	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Lector	Dawn Wirbel	Christin Lazo	Jay Williams	Bill Bradford	Joe Eiden
LEM 1	Vince Truglia	Chris Brown	Rodger Watson	Stacey Beck	Mary Lynn Levine
LEM 2	Stacey Beck	Lynn Redmond	Mary Lynn Levine	Maureen Farrar	Rodger Watson
Altar Server	Reese Smith	Melanie Field	Lily Levine	Emma Hayes	Taylor Smith
Crucifer	Taylor Smith		Melanie Field	Addison Lynn	Lily Levine
Torch Bearer 1	Scarlett Excaliber	Calvin Lamberth	Calvin Lamberth	Allegra Kulchar	Reese Smith
Torch Bearer 2	Emma Hayes	Scarlett Excaliber		Francesco Kulshar	Melanie Field
Ushers & Greeters	Tom, Laura, Calvin Buckner	Beth Ann Carr/ Jean Pender	Jay & Patti Williams	George & Anida Daniel	John Puchein/ Ken Miller
P. Intercessor	Doreen Stachowski	Christin Lazo	Linda Gold	Elise Bradford	Wally Stewart
Tech Slides	Sam Lynn	Wilna Brown	Laura Buckner	Wilna Brown	Jim Farrar
Tech Sound	--	--	Vita Mazzaluna	Sam Lynn	Maureen Farrar

Sunday Servants 11:00 a.m.

11:00 am	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Lector	Bob Tate	Ginger Sirola	Jennifer Groenendaal	Bob Somers	Paul Buzzonetti
LEM 1	Marc Boese	Lionel Williams	Vita Mazzaluna	Marc Boese	Steve Borst
LEM 2	Vita Mazzaluna	Karen Williams	Helen Farnsworth	MK Predmore	Giada Mazzaluna
Altar Server	Giada Mazzaluna	Jackson Groenendaal	Logan McRae Anna Switzer	Jackson Groenendaal	Logan McRae Anna Switzer
Ushers & Greeters	McRae Family	Mary Katulic	Borst Family	Lionel & Karen Williams	McRae Family
Tech Slides	Christopher Borst	Lily Groenendaal	Aaron Abney	Josie Weiss	Marc Boese
Tech Sound	--	--	--	--	--

Sunday Servants 7:00 p.m.

7:00 pm	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Lector	Amy Raetz	Larry Cartelli	Ode' Mendoza	Nancy Gordon	Steve Raetz
LEM	Steve Raetz	Susie Marshall	Amy Raetz	Chris Brown	Wendy King
Altar Server	Violet Eaton	Violet Eaton	Bob Greene	Violet Eaton	Violet Eaton
Usher/Greeter	Cindi Shaffer	Terry Kraft	Cindi Shaffer	Amy Raetz	Terry Kraft
P. Intercessor	Susie Marshall		Susie Marshall		Susie Marshall
Tech Slides	Jane Cartelli	Jane Cartelli	Mike King	Jane Cartelli	Mike King

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

LEV	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
Visitor	Marc Boese	Steve & Amy Raetz	Lionel & Karen Williams	Don Stanton	Don Greer

Readings

Readings	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
1 st Lesson	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Malachi 3:1-4	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Micah 5:2-5a	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm	Psalm 25	Canticle 16	Canticle 9	Canticle 15	Psalm 147
2 nd Lesson	I Thessalonians 3:9-13	Philippians 1:3-11	Philippians 4:4-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Galations 3:23-25, 4:4-7
Gospel	Luke 21:25-36	Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:7-18	Luke 1:39-55	John 1:1-18



A Note from Seminarians Jeremy & Gariné Adams

Send Us
Mail



Hello Messiah Family,

What a busy fall. Lots of things to be thankful for. We really enjoy the letters people are sending us, and it's been really nice having Yester read the letters now that she's getting comfortable reading on her own. Seminary life is very demanding, but Jeremy and I are able to still find family time. He and I are on the flag football team that just got back from a weekend tournament in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. It was a great family trip, and we represented the seminary against the Lutherans.

J.D. is growing up well. He and his friends at the Butterfly House Pre-school are learning their colors, numbers, and finding lots of ways to play outside. Speaking of outside, the weather has gotten brisk. This week will be highs in the 50s. Sweater weather!

Jeremy is growing pastorally at All-Saints Chevy Chase, where he's doing his contextual ministry work. It's been really wonderful to hear him proclaiming, serving communion, and saying the dismissal. Thank you all for the support or prayer. We can really feel it.

God's Peace,
Gariné Adams

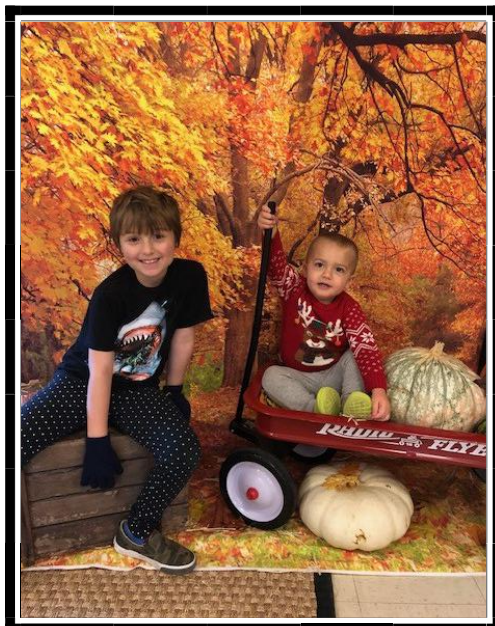
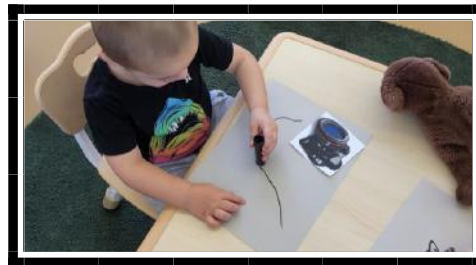




The Adams Family Adventures



find **JOY**
in the
JOURNEY



December Ladies' Dinner

December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

A delicious Ham Dinner
will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.
See bulletin flyer for details.

Happy Holidays!



Come Fellowship with your Messiah Family and Friends

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



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

Men's Supper in the
Youth Hall.



Sign-ups for both are in the Narthex!

Messiah Book Club

Will meet on
December 5th
at 7:00 p.m.
in the Narthex.

We will discuss:
Two Steps Forward
by Sharon Garlough
Brown



Light Up Winter Garden



**Friday, December 6th
6:00 p.m.**

300 W. Plant Street

Join us as the Messiah Worship band
kicks-off the Christmas season at
Light Up Winter Garden!

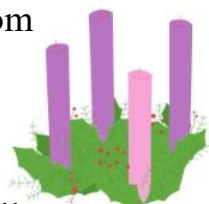
Advent Quiet Day

at Church of the Messiah
Saturday, December 7th,
9:00 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Please register at
MessiahAdventQuiet-
Day.eventbrite.com



or scan
the QR Code



See flyer for details.

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

Men's Fire Pit!

Wednesday, December 18
at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Chris Brown
407-864-1708