

# The MESSENGER

A Publication of the Episcopal Church of the Messiah



## Lent

is a season of preparation to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It begins on Ash Wednesday (February 14), and lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays) until Easter (April 1).

Lent is a time of deliberate “self-examination and repentance; prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 265).

During this “tithe” of the year, we invite God to intervene in our lives, to adjust our relationships and actions, and to make us more pleasing to himself.

Many Christians do this by adopting a “Lenten Discipline,” a Habit of Holiness in order to draw closer to God. That may include “giving up something for Lent” or “committing to doing something extra.”



### Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. .... Rite I  
9:30 a.m. .... Rite II  
9:30 a.m. .... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Rite III  
7:00 p.m. .... Rite III

### Wednesday Service:

10:00 a.m. .... Rite II  
11:00 a.m. .... Bible Study

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Office Hours Monday through Friday 9am—5pm

## Holy Week at Church of the Messiah



### Palm Sunday, March 25

Please bring palm fronds from home (we'll have extra here) and meet by the big cross on the Tilden Street side of the church for the Liturgy of the Palms & procession into the church.

Palm Sunday signifies Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem in the days before his Passion.

The palm branch was a symbol of triumph and of victory in Jewish tradition. Because of this, the crowd greeted Jesus by waving palms and carpeting his path.

The Gospel of John reports that people gave Jesus this form of honor.

### Stations of the Cross, Wednesday, March 28

12 Noon & 7 pm

### Maundy Thursday, March 29

- 6:30pm -- Simple supper in the Parish Hall. Please bring soup, salad, or bread to share. Drinks will be provided.
- 7:00 -- At the Last Supper, Jesus washed his disciples' feet to demonstrate his love and care for them. As part of our Communion Liturgy, you will have the opportunity to wash someone's feet to show your love and care or to have your feet washed by someone who wants to show their love for you. No one HAS to wash or be washed. Even if you think you'd rather NOT participate, please come and at least watch.
- 8:30 -- Prayer Vigil in the Church or your home. Jesus and his apostles went to the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus asked them, "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" ( Matthew 26:40; Mark 14:27). Please sign up to pray for 30 minutes or an hour. The sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex on Sundays, and passed around on Palm Sunday.

### Good Friday

The Prayer Vigil ends at 12 Noon.

Good Friday Liturgy at 12 Noon and 7 pm

## From the Rector



### What? ME a missionary?

In 1983, back when I was a Youth Minister, my youth group had a rummage sale. I wanted to teach my teens about tithing, so we decided to give 10% of our profits toward a mission. I had a friend Maury who led youth mission trips to the Dominican Republic, so I invited him to come tell about his missions and show us some slides, and we'd give him the tithe off our sale.

He came, and we were all impressed, and at the end of his talk, he said, "Tom, you should get some of your teens and come with me."

I laughed in his face!

Because I thought, "We're just a little group from a little church. We can't go OVERSEAS to a foreign country. No way!"

The next year, we did the same thing: had a rummage sale and invited Maury to come show us more slides and give him the tithe.

He ended the same way he had the year before, and I laughed again.

But that night I went home thinking about it, and the Holy Spirit reminded me: "The Great Commission doesn't say 'Give

money so OTHER PEOPLE can go into all the world and make disciples.' It says 'Go' – as in 'YOU go into all the world.'"

I realized my fears about Maury's invitation were just that: FEAR. And that rather than trying to discern whether God were calling us to GO;

I actually had to justify why God would NOT be calling us to go, because He ALREADY HAD called ALL of us to GO in the Great Commission in the Bible in Matthew 28:18-20:

*Jesus said, "All authority on heaven and earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

It was too late to go with Maury that year, but the next year – in 1985 – I gathered 6 of my teenagers, and we went with him to the Dominican Republic, where we built a building

to be a church, school, and medical clinic.

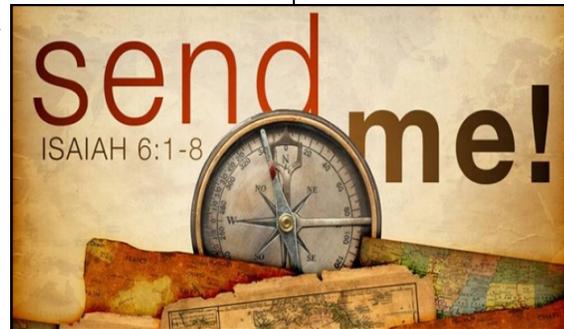
Every year from then on, in every church I've served, we've done at least one mission project: as close as right there in our home town and as far away as in Uruguay, and all kinds of places in between in the

United States, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

We've continued that here in

the Messiah family.

But because not everyone is ready to GO yet, the we hosted the Compassion Experience two years ago, and a number of us are now sponsoring children in third world situations through that ministry. My wife Debbie and I sponsor Rando, a 17-year-old young man who goes to church and to youth group in that same building my youth group built in 1985. Even cooler than that: Debbie and I got to visit him last summer in the Dominican Republic!



## From the Rector . . . continued

This summer, our mission trip is from Sunday July 1 through Saturday July 7, and I invite you to GO! The project is in Jamaica, and they speak English, so you don't have to worry about a language barrier. We're working at the Jamaican Christian School for the Deaf, just outside Montego Bay, so it's easy to fly there and back. And we're going with Mission Discovery, an organization run by my friend Maury – the SAME guy who first got me into mission projects 35 years ago.

If you've listened to our missionaries give their reports in years past and thought, "I'd like to do something like that," here's your chance. If you ever wanted to do something significant for God, here's your chance. If you ever wondered about a way you could change the world with Jesus, one child at a time, here's your chance.

If you're interested, or even just want to find out more details, please contact Youth Minister Janie Walton at the parish office (407-656-3218) or by email at [ActivateYM@gmail.com](mailto:ActivateYM@gmail.com).

There are three ways you can participate: GOING with us, praying for us, and/or helping finance the trip with your gifts.

I hope you'll come with us as part of the Team... because Jesus says, "GO!"

I love you all.

*Tom  
Rutherford*

## Outreach Project

The Church of the Messiah outreach team is participating in a year long project to support victims of domestic violence in central Florida. We will be collecting goods in March, July, October and December. Please help us fill the bins with the following items:

### Harbor House Needs List

- **Baby Items** - new bottles, new toddler cups, strollers, baby wash, baby lotion, diapers (newborn, 5, 6 only), baby wipes, bleach, floor cleaner, Lysol wipes, spray cleaner, Windex, hand and dish soap, Comet, sponges
- **Kennel Needs** - pet carrier for dogs and cats, cat litter, cat wet food
- **Personal Care** - Underwear (new; all sizes women and children); socks (new; all sizes women and children); body lotion; deodorant; hair conditioner; hairbrush/comb/hair products; body wash; women's razors; Maxi pads/tampons/ liquid hand soap
- **Miscellaneous** - Blankets (twin and full sized); towels; silverware; dish sets (new or gently used); pots and pans (new or gently used); suitcases (new or gently used); Ziploc bags (all sizes)

Please see an outreach team member for more information.

# Who Ya Gonna Call?

About any ministry in the parish (current 9/25/17)

<u>LOVING GOD.....</u>	<u>Leader.....</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Acolytes.....	Murph Borno.....	407-347-7094
Altar Guild.....	Trudie Carr & Betty Morgeson .....	407-299-2081/407-293-6912
Building Maintenance.....	Frank Chase .....	407-876-0308
Children's Ministry.....	Angela Lopez.....	321-287-9089
Lay Weeders Landscapers .....	Sarah Wolfe.....	407-656-4226
Music/Choirs/Band.....	Linda Ellison .....	407-417-4299
Prayer Chain.....	Elise Bradford .....	407-876-2557
Prayer Intercessors.....	Wally & Karen Stewart .....	407-656-3956
Technical Team.....	Lionel Williams.....	407-905-9295
Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors (Central Scheduling)	.....	.....
.....	Mike & Bobbie Warren .....	352-241-8703

<u>LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR .....</u>	<u>Leader.....</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Christian Service Center .....	Doreen Stachowski.....	407-358-8039
Communications/Publicity.....	Lionel Williams.....	407-905-9295
Habitat for Humanity .....	Bob Tate .....	407-656-3239
Home at Last .....	Bill Criswell.....	407-876-2472
Outreach.....	Doreen Stachowski.....	407-358-8039
Pre-School.....	Barbara Ellerbe .....	407-654-8415
Refugee Team.....	Murph Borno.....	407-347-7094

<u>LOVING EACH OTHER .....</u>	<u>Leader.....</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Casserole Patrol.....	Deacon Julie Altenbach .....	407-462-8001
Coffee Hour .....	Kelley McRae.....	407-877-0463
Fun & Fellowship .....	Stacey Beck & Steve Borst .....	702-521-4077/610-659-3902
Grief Groups.....	Jill Brown .....	407-656-5776
Hurricane/Disaster Response Team .....	Murph Borno.....	407-347-7094
Kitchen Krewe.....	Lynn Somers.....	407-656-2504
Lay Eucharistic Visitors.....	Deacon Julie Altenbach .....	407-462-8001
Library .....	Janie Walton .....	407-230-7913
Men's Supper .....	Wally Stewart .....	407-656-3956
Messiah Academy .....	Terri Wetherington.....	407-455-2832
Messiah's Way.....	Doreen Stachowski.....	407-358-8039
Name Tags .....	Elaina Paige .....	407-905-6217
Newsletter & Bulletins.....	LaVerne Woods.....	407-656-3218
Nursery/Child Care .....	Angela Lopez.....	321-287-9089
Office Angels .....	LaVerne Woods.....	407-656-3218
Parish Nurse .....	Barbara Knappman.....	407-656-7854
Pastoral Care .....	Joyce Taylor.....	407-222-1290
Transportation for those who don't drive .....	Joyce Taylor.....	407-222-1290
Wednesday Night Bible Study.....	Joe Wolfe .....	407-656-4226
Women's Dining Club.....	Deacon Julie Altenbach .....	407-462-8001
Youth.....	Janie Walton .....	407-230-7913

## Growth From Grief

a local, nonprofit organization that serves children who have suffered the death of a loved one, is hosting a fundraiser at the Arnold Palmer Invitational from Wednesday, March 14-Friday, March 16.

They need volunteers to sell refreshments, handle cash transactions, and maintain inventory. Shifts are from 10am-6pm daily, but shorter commitments can be accommodated! They will train you and have a leader at every shift. Volunteers must be over 18 and willing to serve alcoholic drinks. For more details, please contact Krysti at [krysti@growthfromgrief.org](mailto:krysti@growthfromgrief.org) or 727-599-4506.

## Church Photo Directory



### Parish Photo Directory Update!

It's almost time for us to update our photo directory! Save the dates - June 19-23 -- when we will photograph all our families right here at Church of the Messiah.

Our directory won't be complete without you. Watch the monthly Messenger and the Sunday bulletins for more details in the coming weeks.

Online appointment signups will be available by Easter weekend.

If you are interested in volunteering to work the sign-up tables beginning in April, please contact

Vita Mazzaluna  
at [vita.mazzauna@gmail.com](mailto:vita.mazzauna@gmail.com) or  
407-748-7895



For Teri Jones

Her new address is:

Atria of Lady Lake Florida  
930 County Road 466  
Suite 315  
Lady Lake, FL 32159



Set your clocks ahead  
one hour at midnight  
on March 10th

## Sunday, February 18, 2018 - 2:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting Minutes

### Vestry Door Duty for March 18

Opener at 7:30am: Frank Chase

Closer at 1pm: Patty Tate

Vestry Meeting Host: Frank Chase

## 2018 Vestry

**Marci Babione**

Email: mbabione@bkc-cpa.net

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**Dawn Wirbel**

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**Rodger Watson, Treasurer**

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All Staff and Vestry have mailboxes in the front office (behind the front desk) with their names on them.

You may also contact them by leaving a note in their mailbox.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE NOTES OR MONEY ON THE FRONT DESK IN THE OFFICE.**

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Doreen Stachowski, Junior Warden Frank Chase, Clerk Mary Kay Predmore, Marci Babione, Steve Borst, Leo Henry, John Peacock, Patty Tate, and Dawn Wirbel, and Assistant Rector Tracy Dugger.

Absent: Treasurer Rodger Watson, Stacey Beck, Don Greer, and Paul Hickman.

**FORMATION:** Frank Chase led Noonday Prayer. Based on Exodus 18:5, 7-9, 13-27, Tom Rutherford talked about Shared Leadership, so we don't repeat Moses' mistake; and how we make Decisions by Consensus.

### **INFORMATION:**

**Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

**Rummage Sale Participants:** Patty Tate shares the volunteers from the Rummage Sale and recommends calling and enlisting any of them, as they did great work:

**SET UP AND WORK SALE:** Karen Williams, Carlene Flood, Karen Stewart, Marsha & Jay Dymond, Sarah Wolfe, Elaina Paige, Annette Spigener, Beth Carr and her son Chris, Laura Cook, Doreen & Tom Stachowski, Ron & Linda Bouton, Mary Kay & Jay Predmore, Tina Buchanan and her Mom and neighbor, Karen Boylan, Phyllis & Paul Tessier, Darlene Powers, Kim Holt, Nancy Siddens, Kimberly Teolis and her daughter Mackenzie and their friend Carly, Susie Marshall, Lynn Somers, Patty Tate, Valery Rice, Debbie Rutherford, and Becky Willis.

**MADE LUNCHESES:** Elise Bradford, Linda Bouton, Nancy Glynn, Carlene Flood.

**Outreach Team:** We discussed our budget for 2018 and how to serve God and the community in outreach projects.

We are currently working on a grant for a community outreach to children and youth and will share more information after we submit the "letter of intent" to see if we can move forward with the application for the grant.

We will donate \$1000 from budget to the Puerto Rican family displaced by the hurricane who is in financial need. They will receive Walmart gift cards from our scrip program for food

We discussed Harbor House and how we could help this year. The following charity/needs in the community are finalized for our focus in 2018:

- Christian Service Center: Collect food first Sunday of the month; Several parishioners serve weekly; \$200/month Sam's club gift card for food
- Seniors First: Christmas donations of requested items and Easter donations of requested items, if needed
- Operation Christmas Child
- Dillard Street Elementary Partners in Education: Support them in 3 events per school year with School supplies, positive behavior incentives, reward parties, Christmas gifts for underprivileged students; Offer free tutoring twice a month to any students who needs it; Budgeting \$700 in 2018
- Habitat for Humanity: Provide volunteers for application process, Work with Patty and Bob Tate for needs throughout the year,
- Food Baskets for the holidays: Outreach covers cost of the meat, baskets and bags; put up Donation boards for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas; \$1500 from budget in

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2018.

- Walmart gift cards for church members in need: \$200/month from 2018 budget, and Father Tom distributes as needed.

- Easter Hunt at Newton Park: Volunteers create "bunny munch" for 100 children who want to participate; \$50.00 budget for 2018

- Foster Friends of Central Florida: Joyce Taylor leads, Donate dinners and offer tutoring throughout the year

- Harbor House of Central Florida – Domestic Violence Centers: We'll receive Donations 4 times a year, Items needed include baby items, kennel needs, and personal care; Some items we may be able to secure from the rummage sales (baby strollers, pet carriers, blankets, etc.)

Tom Rutherford distributed **Parish Directories and Messiah's Way Volunteer Lists** to each member and asked them to pray for the people circled on their Directory and call the Volunteers on their Messiah's Way Lists.

Vestry Meeting Dates and Who's Hosting and the Door Duty Schedule was emailed along with the agenda.

No others received.

### Staff Reports:

**Facility:** The Rental Report will be emailed separately.

**Children of the Messiah Preschool:** The financial report was emailed separately.

**Children's Ministry:** Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports: I would like to do a few fundraisers this year to help with cost of VBS. I inadvertently selected a program that

is much more expensive than previous programs. While I have shaved down the "necessary supplies" I will still need a bit more in order to provide the same experience as we have in previous years. I do not have dates in mind yet but I would like to do a brunch/breakfast to go and charge a small fee. I would also like to do a spaghetti dinner with the kids and past VBS volunteers as helpers. The other idea I have is a pen sale. I have a place where I can order nice pens pretty cheap. I would have something like "we love children at Church of the Messiah WG Florida" put on the side. If these will not interfere with other events I would like to have them all before the end of June.

In Children's Church we are wrapping up our Lego series and moving on to "What does the Bible say", I will be trying to revive the song "What does the fox say" with the kids as we learn how God wants us to treat our family, our chores, our tongues and selves. I've been gearing up for Lent and Easter and have some great plans in the works for crafts and lessons.

On February 2, I attended the vestry retreat supper and had a great time leaning a bit more about each of the vestry and staff members, I am excited to have Marci and Dawn as representatives this year!

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, I'm hosting Parents' Night Out with a Mardi Gras theme, We are making King cakes, a bead on canvas art project and singing karaoke. We will also have dinner and a coloring contest.

February 16 and 17, I am attending the Lift Tour with ACTIVATE as a chaperone.

February 18-19, I'm hosting a Glam Girls' Sleepover at the church. We are decorating rocks for WINTER GAR-

DEN ROCKS, making bangle bracelets, purple slime, painting toenails, and several other girly bonding activities.

February 24, I hope to have a few children accompany me to the diocesan Absalom Jones event where I have a slide show to offer up answers from our kids about what church means to them.

SHINE Kids are shining on! We begin a new lesson series on February 18. It will be all about what we do as Episcopalians and why. Mother Tracy is going to do instructed Eucharist with us. We will also begin our alms project to benefit the Harbor House this year.

**Youth Ministry:** Youth Minister Janie Walton reports: Activate students attended the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 28.

Our students had a great time at the Bishop's Event at Camp Wingmann from Friday, February 1 to Saturday, February 2. Our topic of discussion for the event was "*Who are we as Christians, as part of the Anglican Communion and as Episcopalians?*"

Activate will host the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 13 from 6:15-8:15 PM in the Parish Hall. This will be our first fundraiser of the year for our summer mission trip.

Activate will be attending the LIFT Tour at First Baptist Church in Orlando on Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17. This will be our second year attending and it has proven to be a popular event amongst our students.

Activate members, Cydney Babione and Mackenzie Teolis, will be part of a panel on Children's and Youth Min-

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istry at the Absalom Jones' Celebration on Saturday, February 24, which will be at Church of the Messiah.

**Messiah Academy:** No report submitted. They have accounting software issues and are unable to produce a clear report at this time, but Director Terri Wetherington promises to have the glitch fixed and get a clear financial report next month.

**Assistant Rector Tracy Dugger reports:**

**WEBSITE REBUILD:** I've polled a number of pastors and nonprofits, and, after further evaluating the top three recommendations, I've gotten a prospectus from the top contender (SEE THE PROPOSAL ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL). I plan to pull together a subcommittee within the next week and begin the website build ASAP, and I have begun soliciting input from staff and ministries' leaders about what they'd like to have on the website.

Our FACEBOOK PAGE continues to grow in its reach. We have achieved a highly responsive rating for our page which increases our visibility in Facebooks algorithms. Continued thanks to Linda White for her diligent work on keeping our graphics beautiful.

**YOUNG ADULTS:** We had to cancel January's trivia night due to a flu outbreak in the Dugger household. We'll be back at it this February the 27th. "Dogma" night was a fun and successful small gathering. The Borsts are hosting a family bbq for young adults on April 14th, and the Winters are hosting a school's out pool party. Our small group Revive will be reformatted to focus on series programming, beginning with 24/6 in Lent, a small group focused on time management and sabbath keeping.

**Greg Chandler:** Greg met with Tom Rutherford February 8 to discuss the recommendation of his Parish Discernment Committee that he seek ordination to the Diaconate rather than the Priesthood. Greg feels the Committee's recommendation was due to their comparing his use of his ministry time with how Tom spends his time: Greg sees his as 95% in the community and 5% in the Church and Tom's as the opposite. Greg was disappointed by the PDC's recommendation, which prompted his withdrawing from the Messiah family's life and his unavailability to meet with Tom since last summer. Greg wants to re-engage, and Tom agreed to go back and pick up the Discernment Process where Greg disengaged last May – to meet to learn *The Book of Common Prayer* – when Greg initiates those meetings.

**Parish Annual Meeting** was a great success! The meal was delicious and the fellowship warm as we elected John Peacock, Mary Kay Predmore, Patty Tate, and Dawn Wirbel to Vestry. THANK YOU to the Fun & Fellowship Team for their work.

**DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month):** **Parish Security:** In the wake of the shooting at the church in Texas last year Paul Hickman wanted us to talk about how to make our parish as safe and secure as is practical. We discussed this some last month and some more today. Some questions: Do private schools receive notification from the police when there is a security breach in the area? If not, can we request notification?

**DECISIONS (based on the Discussion last month):** Diocesan Canons require we give 10% of our Plate & Pledge Income to the Diocese of Central Florida. They'd like us to give more.

Vestry chose to give our 10% and to let

the Diocese's tithe from our money go to the Episcopal Church.  
**ON THAT NOTE:** At its last General Convention in 2015, The Episcopal Church (TEC) changed its policy that giving to TEC from the dioceses was voluntary. Now it's required that Dioceses send 15% of their regular income to TEC. To enable our Diocese to do that, without taking money from our ongoing Diocesan ministries, our 2018 Diocesan Convention voted to change our Diocesan Canons so that, starting in 2019, congregations will be required to send 12% of their Plate & Pledge Income to the Diocese. We will need to adjust our parish budget to comply with that canon this fall when we plan for 2019.

### MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

**Minutes from the January meeting:** Approved  
**January Financial Report from Treasurer Rodger Watson:** Approved

**Operating Account:** January's income was \$910.63 LESS than expenses, which is not good, but MUCH better than most Januaries for the past 5 years, when the deficit at the end of January was as much as \$19,000. PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD TO PROVIDE.

**Building Fund:** Net Building Fund income (gifts, fundraising, and facility rental income, less expenses) covered the \$14,709.16 mortgage and allowed us to reduce the Principal by \$2,608.83, plus apply \$2,123.02 to Contingency-Debt Reduction.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Kay Predmore  
Vestry Clerk

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You order gift cards at face value through your coordinator, or online (account needed). Gift cards are purchased from ShopWithScrip.com at a reduced price. The difference is an instant profit for Church of the Messiah. It's that simple!

When you use scrip gift cards at your favorite retailers, you're fundraising while you shop! GLSC offers over 750 retailers including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, travel, home improvement, and more including Universal gift cards like American Express, Discover, and Visa.

Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise funds, no matter how small, it all adds up! We have several families that purchase every week and we need you too!



### 1st Sunday of the month is BAG SUNDAY

Please bring non-perishable food items to church for the Food Pantry at the Christian Service Center in Ocoee. They particularly request :

- ♥ canned beef stew
- ♥ spaghetti and meatballs
- ♥ peanut butter
- ♥ Jelly
- ♥ dry soup mixes or canned soup
- ♥ macaroni and cheese dinners,
- ♥ canned tuna, etc.



### Free Blood Pressure Screening Sunday on the second Sunday of each month

Barbara Knappman, our Parish Nurse and volunteer health care professionals from our congregation will take your blood pressure and offer educational resources about what the numbers mean after each service.

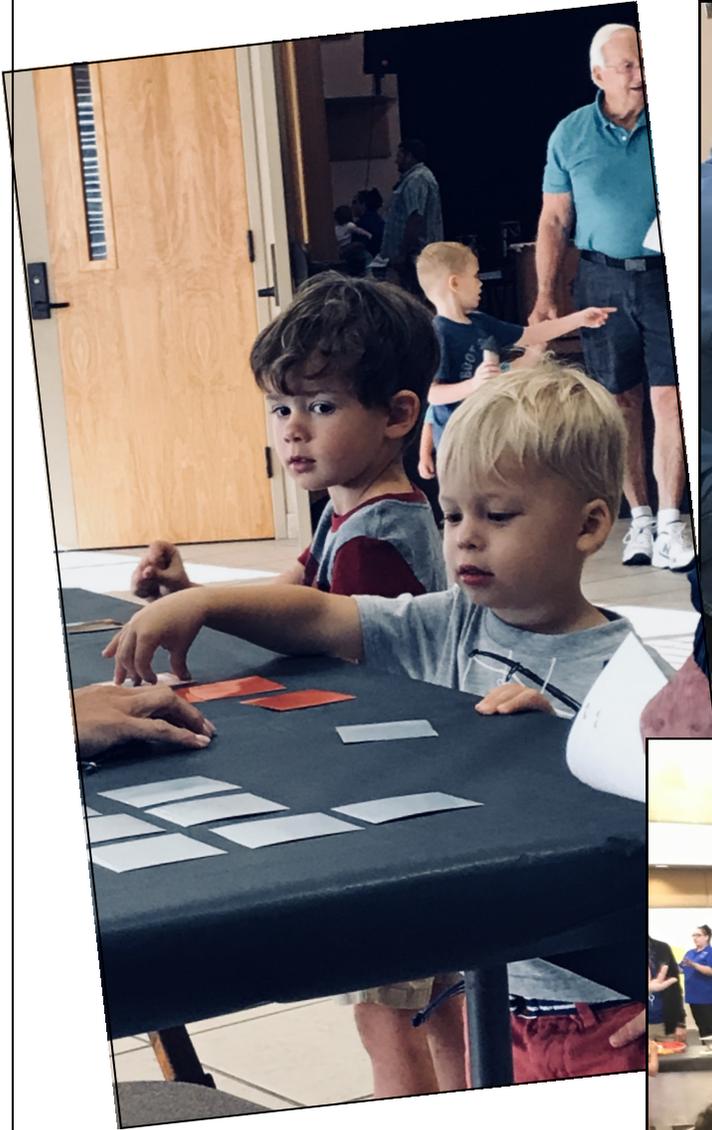


Messiah women enjoyed a Lenten Quiet Day at Canterbury Retreat Center.

## FATHER, FIELD & FUN DAY AT PRESCHOOL



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# CHILDREN OF THE MESSIAH PRESCHOOL

Spirit Night at the

## FROZEN COW ICE CREAM

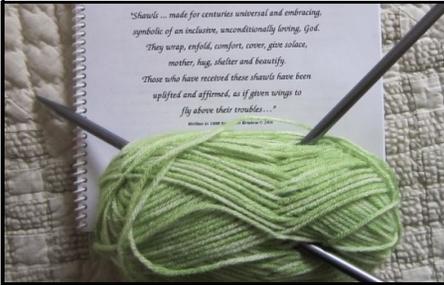


1201 Winter Garden Vineland Rd. Suite 1A  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

*Join us on March 15<sup>th</sup>  
between 4-7pm  
for some yummy ice cream treats!*

Our school will receive 20% of the total sales during this event. So, invite your friends and family to join us and let's raise some money for our school!

# Prayer Shawl Ministry



If you know of someone who is in need of special prayers for healing, body or soul, please let the Monday Ladies' Knitters know.

Contact:  
Marsha Dymond (407-491-4048) or  
Trudie Carr (407-299-2081)  
for further information.  
Monetary donations are  
accepted for the cost of yarn.

# Coin Jars help the Building Fund



The mason jars on the credenza outside the offices are one of our fundraising ways you can help our Building Fund.

Take a jar home, put your spare coins in it, and when it's full bring it to church with your name on it. Your annual giving statement will include this gift. Take another jar and repeat.

# Messiah Knitters:

Bring your knitting needles (or any other type of needlework) and join a group of knitters for fellowship in the foyer outside the Offices on

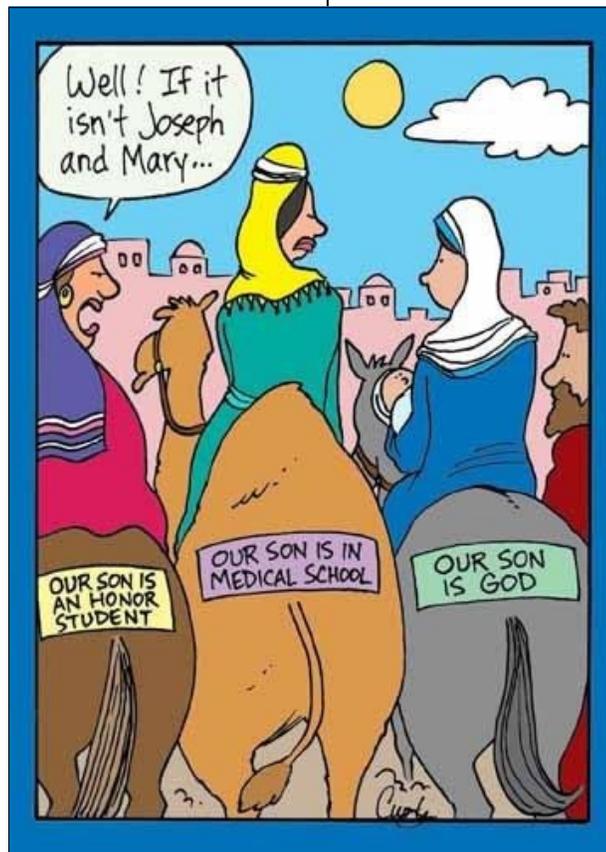


**MONDAYS FROM 3-5:00PM**



# Seniors First

needs volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels to the elderly. They especially have a volunteer shortage in West Orlando. Please contact Lorraine Shumaker at 407-615-8982 or [lshumake@seniorsfirstinc.org](mailto:lshumake@seniorsfirstinc.org) if you can help. There is more information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By Angela Lopez  
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## SHINE KIDS CLUB

### Ashes to Ashes

Every year we help Father Tom burn the crosses from Palm Sunday to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday service. The kids love playing with fire in a safe manner and being included in a special part of the service. This year we wrapped up with a Valentine's Day treat ice cream and M&Ms!



### Sleepover

We had our first ever girls sleepover! First we enjoyed dinner from KFC. The evening had a slight Harry Potter theme to it. For herbology class we had a quiet time with cool cucumbers on our eyes and then we made delicious cucumber sandwiches! (With different cucumbers of course)

We made slime potions of many colors, we sang karaoke and have lots of strange snacks like chocolate covered gummy frogs, sweet and sour snakes dipped in pop rocks we did the jelly-bean challenge and had some caramel popcorn.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Many of us had our nails polished and enjoyed each other's company while others sang and danced the night away. In the morning mother Tracy joined us for breakfast at the Winter Garden Café.

Thanks to activate girls; Chelsea Borno, Bailey Wise, and McKenzie Teolis for joining us and hanging out with the little girls!





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CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY



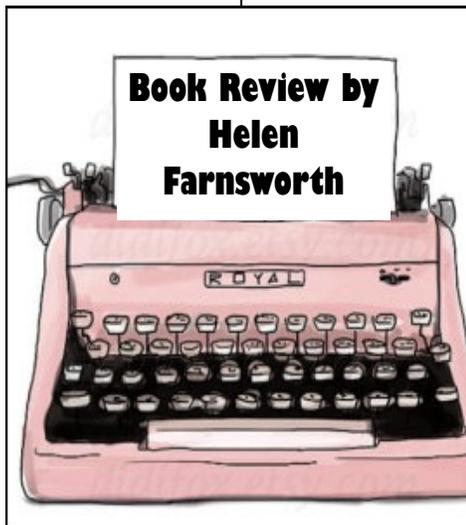
You're invited to our  
Children's Easter Party & Lunch



PLEASE JOIN  
US ON  
SATURDAY,  
MARCH 31ST  
10AM-  
12:30PM

Easter  
Celebration  
GAMES, EGG HUNT  
& LUNCH

IF YOU WOULD  
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This month I was asked to read *Woman of God* by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. It is the “autobiography” of a fictional female doctor who becomes a Roman Catholic priest and ends up with her name on the list of contenders for the papacy when the current pope dies. Her life is one frantic roller coaster that seems to go from terrible tragedy to terrible tragedy with oases of peace and pleasure separating them.

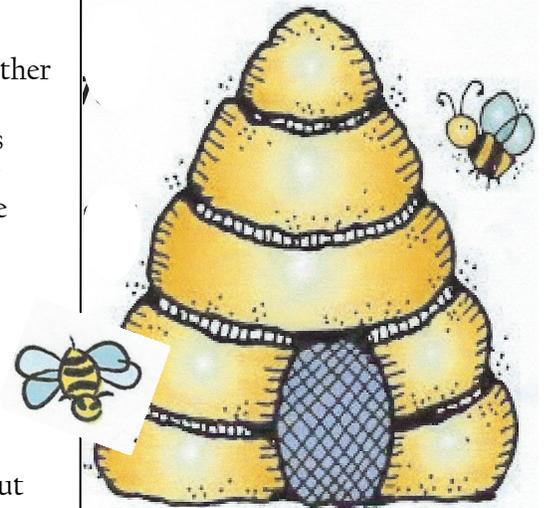
I’m sorry to report that, while it was a very engaging story with very sympathetic characters, it was designed more for the feminist and the “modern” Christian than for me, which is to say that the purpose of the book seemed to be to “move the Church into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Sorry. God and His Word are the same yesterday today and forever. Have the laws of physics changed lately? Is gravity still pretty much the same as it always has been? They can’t be “modernized,” and neither can God’s Word. We can’t change God or His Word to fit our specifications.

Why do I say this? Points about caring for people and being inclusive are valid; but the book not only trumpets God’s love for gays, for example, and for women who have abortions. I agree totally with that. But to endorse gay marriage,

shacking up, and abortion is another matter entirely. To try to help sinners by endorsing their sins is like trying to heal sick people by telling them it’s okay that they’re sick and not giving them any medicine or treating their illness in any way. That isn’t love, folks, in my estimation.

If you can read this book and take the good and spit out the bad, you may find it enjoyable; but be forewarned.

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YOUTH



by Janie Walton

# ACTIVATE!

## Movie Outing

Activate attended a showing of *The Greatest Showman* on Monday, January 15 at West Orange Cinemas. All attendees loved the movie! We followed the movie outing with breakfast for dinner at IHOP in Clermont.

Jessica Brueggeman and Hayley Scandura goofing around after dinner.



Our group at West Orange Cinemas after the movie.

## White Coat Ceremony

Activate member, Noah Altenbach, participated in the Apopka High School's Medical Magnet Program's White Coat Ceremony on Wednesday, January 24.



Noah in his white coat!



Our Activate students attended the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 28.

# More Youth News

## Bishop's Event

Activate students, Carly Jones and Mackenzie Teolis, attended the Bishop's Event at Camp Wingmann on Friday, February 2 to Saturday, February 3.

The theme for the event this year was "What it meant to be a Christian, a member of the Anglican Communion, as well as being an Episcopalian."

And in honor of the event's date, our students watched the movie, *Groundhog's Day*, on Friday night.

On Saturday, our students participated in group games to get to know the other youth in our diocese better. We heard a talk by Canon to the Ordinary, Tim Nunez, who filled in for Bishop Greg Brewer, who was away on a family emergency. Our students then rotated to different stations teaching different aspects of the Episcopal Church. We ended the event by having an instructional Eucharist in the chapel.

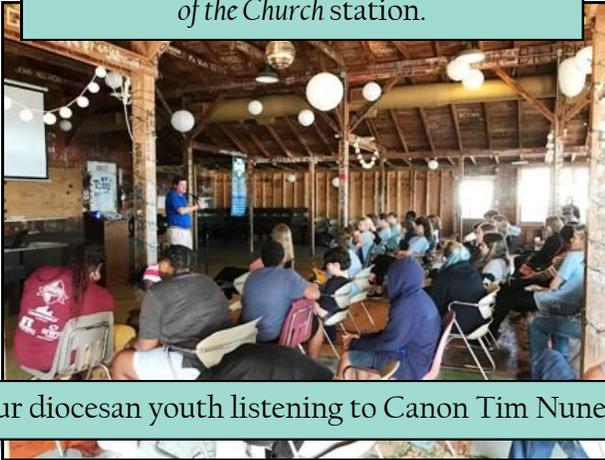
Carly Jones and Mackenzie Teolis enjoying snacks before the movie, and at Camp Wingmann's cross



Our participants having fun at the Seasons of the Church station.



Carly & Mackenzie after attending the Lent station and before participating in the Worship station.



Our diocesan youth listening to Canon Tim Nunez.



A group pic of all the Bishop's Event participants and leaders.

# ACTIVATE!

## Jamaica Mission Trip Fundraiser

**Shamrockin' at the Movies**  
**Saturday, March 17th**  
**7-9pm in the parish hall**

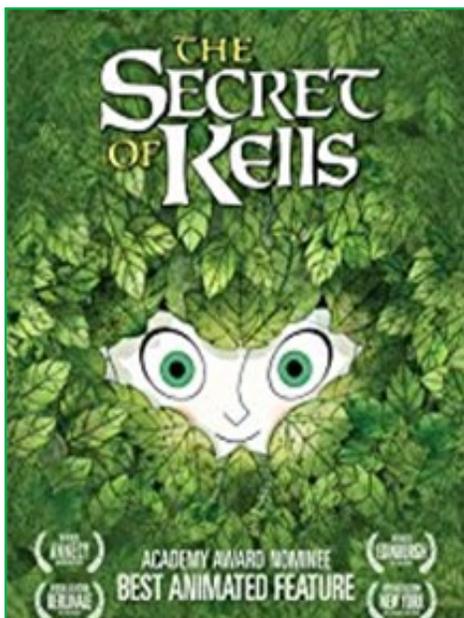
**Family Movie**  
**with**  
**popcorn and ice-cream night**

*Snacks and drinks will be served  
(NO DINNER)*

*Cost is \$15  
(\$5 for each additional child)*

*Extra Donations are ALWAYS welcome*

*We'll be watching  
"The Secret of Kells"  
which is rated "G"*



## SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

8:00 A.M.	March 4	March 11	March 18
1st LEM	Deborah Townsend	Linda Bouton	Janie Walton
2nd LEM	Terri Wetherington	Tina Buchanan	Ellie Chase
Lector	Aliena Gaye	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
Altar Server	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic	Kayrah Elliott
Crucifer	—	—	
Torch Bearers	—	—	
Greeters/Ushers	Pete & Nancy Glynn Ansel & Ina Haughton	Ron Bouton Bob Somers Joyce Taylor	Trudie Carr Jay & Marsha Dymond Bill Bradford
LEV Team	Don Greer	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer
Prayer Intercessor	Annette Spigener	Elise Bradford	Annette Spigener
9:30 A.M.	March 4	March 11	March 18
1st LEM	Merrily Peacock	Ginger Sirola	Anthony Beckford
2nd LEM	Vita Mazzaluna	Rodger Watson	Erin Hinz
Lector	Pattie Range	Dawn Wirbel	Leslie Candes
Altar Server	Grayson Range	Zackary Cho-Sam	Maddy Wirbel
Crucifer	James Wirbel	Ayden Cho-Sam	Evan Candes
Torch Bearers	E. Roberson & G. Mazzaluna	K. Babcock & J. Wirbel	Georgia Gold & Lena Candes
Greeters/Ushers	Jim & Lynne Passilla John & Sharon Puchein	Alexander Babcock, Tom Stachowski Horace & Jacquie Williams	Rodger Watson, Jay Williams, George & Anida Daniels
LEV Team	Mike & Bobbie Warren	Rodger Watson	Jill Brown
Prayer Intercessor	Wally Stewart	Susie Marshall	Susan Kiehm

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Thank you!**

# SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

11:00 A.M.	March 4	March 11	March 18
1st LEM	Brittany Kolacki	Kim Teolis	Lionel Williams
2nd LEM	Janie Walton	Alicia Wessels	Joe Wolfe
Lector	Joe Wolfe	Norm Anthony	Terry Anthony
Altar Server	Delilah Brueggeman	Mackenzie & Sophia Teolis	Delilah Brueggeman
Greeters/Ushers	Paul Daniel Esther Gonzalez Steve Brueggeman	Richard & Kelley McRae Karen Williams, Evelt Vidot-Brueggeman	Paul Daniel, John & Alicia Wessels, Sarah Wolfe
LEV Team	Sam Katulic	Esther Gonzalez	Sam Katulic
Prayer Intercessor	—	Sam Katulic	Paul Hickman
7:00 p.m.	March 4	March 11	March 18
LEM	Regina Seguin	Janie Walton	Marvin Haughton
Lector	Helen Farnsworth	Kristin Jackson	Wendy King
Greeter/Usher	Raul Lopez	Brian Seguin	Tina Sydnor
Altar Server	Caroline Seguin	Christopher Borst	Caroline Seguin
Prayer Intercessor	Brian Seguin	Wendy King	—
Lectionary	Exodus 20:1-17	Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34
	Psalm 19	Psalm 107:1-22	Psalm 119:9-16
	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Ephesians 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10
	John 2:13-22	John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33

# SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

## PALM SUNDAY

## EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 A.M.	March 25	April 1	April 8
1st LEM	Frank Chase	Don Greer	Mary Kay Predmore
2nd LEM	Steve Dunegan	Marvin Haughton	Joyce Taylor
Lector	Bill Bradford	Aliena Gaye	Deborah Townsend
Altar Server	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic	Kayrah Elliott
Crucifer	—	—	
Torch Bearers	—	—	
Greeters/Ushers	Pete & Nancy Glynn Ansel & Ina Haughton	Elaina Paige Bob Somers Carolyn Greer	Trudie Carr Jay & Marsha Dymond Ron Bouton
LEV Team	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer	Bill & Elise Bradford
Prayer Intercessor	Elise Bradford	Annette Spigener	Elise Bradford
9:30 A.M.	March 25	April 1	April 8
1st LEM	Susie Marshall	Vita Mazzaluna	Mary Lynn Levine
2nd LEM	Janie Walton	Merrily Peacock	Ginger Sirola
Lector	Beth Ann Carr	Kevin Cochrane	Lynne Passilla
Altar Server	Aidan Brandenburg	Chelsea Borno	Kelsey Beck
Crucifer	Kylie Walton	Bradyn Paluzzi	Elijah Roberson
Torch Bearers	Gwen & Josalyn Wirbel	G. Wirbel & G. Mazzaluna	Josalyn Wirbel & Lena Candes
Greeters/Ushers	Chuck & Deborah Grunder Sam Lynn Ken Miller	Mike & Nicole Paluzzi Jim & Lynne Passilla	Rodger Watson, Tom Stachowski John & Sharon Puchein
LEV Team	Jim & Lynne Passilla	Mike & Bobbie Warren	Rodger Watson
Prayer Intercessor	Sharon Puchein	Wally Stewart	Jill Brown

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2nd LEM	Kim Holt	Sam Katulic	Brittany Kolacki
Lector	Paul Daniel	Leo Henry	Kim Holt
Altar Server	Malina Lawrence	Kylie Walton	Mackenzie & Sophia Teolis
Greeters/Ushers	Richard & Kelley McRae Esther Gonzalez Joe Wolfe	Evet Vidot-Brueggeman, Lionel & Karen Williams, Alicia Wessels	Steve Brueggeman, John Wessels, Sarah Wolfe
LEV Team	Lionel & Karen Williams	Esther Gonzalez	Sam Katulic
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Lector	Steve Borst	Tori Eaton	Helen Farnsworth
Greeter/Usher	Mary Pounds	Lisa Borst	Becky Fulmer
Altar Server	Christopher Borst	Kara Altenbach	Caroline Seguin
Prayer Intercessor	Brian Seguin	Wendy King	Brian Seguin
Lectionary	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Isaiah 25:6-9	Acts 4:32-35
	Psalm 31:5-16	Psalm 118:14-29	Psalm 133
	Philippians 2:5-11	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 John 1:1-2:2
	Mark 14:1-15:47	John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31

# YOUNG ADULT NEWS



## Trivia Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup>

Meet Mother T and be a part of the Whiskeypalian Team as we compete in general knowledge trivia and have a good time.

Trivia begins at 7:30pm at the Crooked Can.

## "24/6: A Prescription for a Healthier, Happier life"

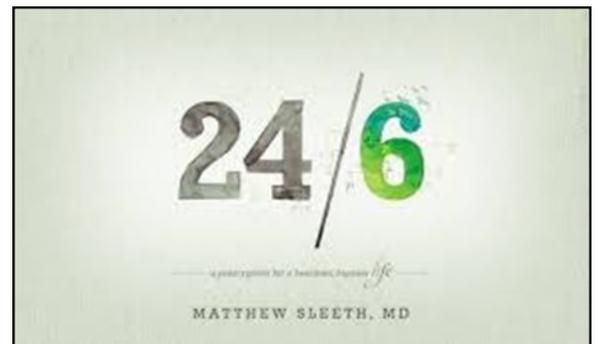
Feel like there's never enough time?

Always juggling what you want to do with what you should do?

Join Revive in Lent for a 5 week study on time management and prioritizing.

"Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy."

Sounds nice, but how do we find rest in a 24/7 world? Just as the Hebrews were slaves in Egypt, we have become slaves to technology. Our technological tools allow 24-hour productivity and connectivity, give us more control, and subtly enslave us to busyness itself. Sabbath is about restraint, about intentionally not doing everything all the time just because we can. Setting aside a day of rest helps us reconnect with our Creator and find the peace of God that passes all understanding. The Sabbath is about letting go of the controls one day a week and letting God be God. So how do we do it?



In 24/6, Dr. Matthew Sleeth describes our symptoms, clarifies the signs, diagnoses the illness, and lays out a simple plan for living a healthier, more God-centered life in a digitally-dazed, always-on world. Sleeth shares how his own family was dramatically transformed when it adopted Sabbath practices and helps readers better understand how their own lives can be transformed – physically, emotionally, relationally and spiritually – by adopting the 24/6 lifestyle.

# MEN'S SUPPER



## Tuesday

March 6

6:30pm

Meet in the Youth Hall

March chef is

Frank Chase

All the men of the church are invited to attend. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how much food to prepare.

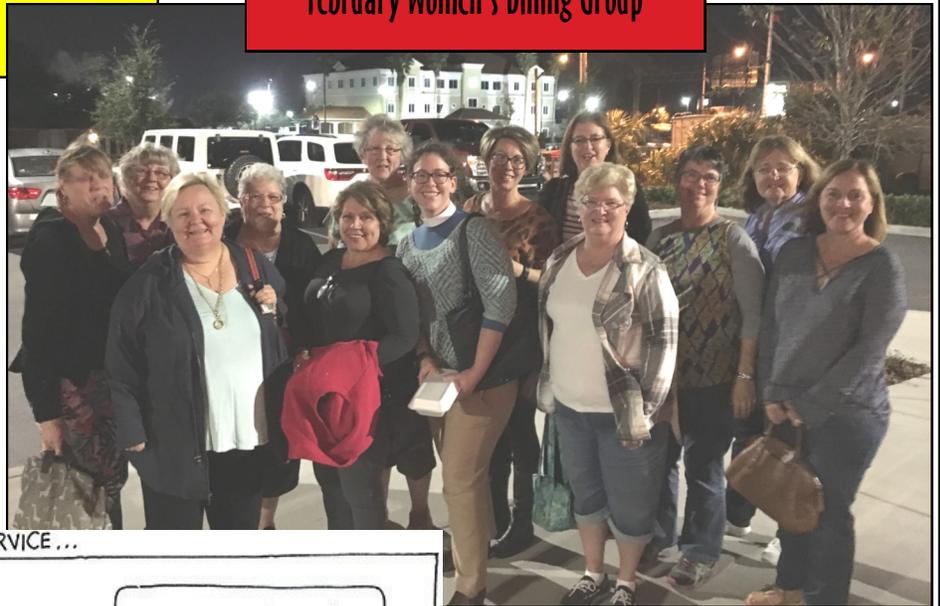
# Women's Dining Club

Tuesday, March 6th at 6:30

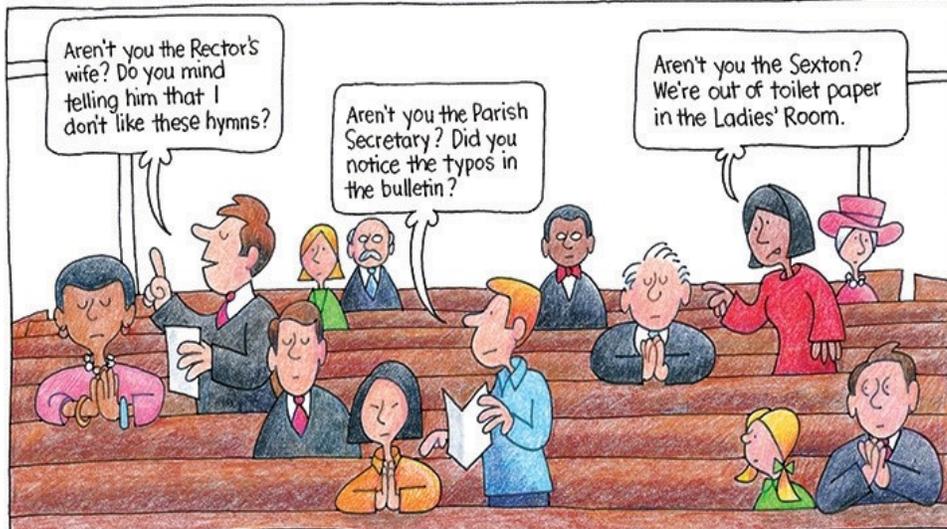


Bella Italia Restaurante,  
13848 Tilden Rd. Suite 192, Winter Garden.

February Women's Dining Group



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# MARCH 2018



				1 11am Staff Meeting	2 7pm Orlando Magic Game	3
Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting every night at 8:00 p.m. ALSO Tuesdays: Women only 6:30pm Wednesdays: Men only 6:30pm		Overeater's Anonymous meets every Thursday at 7pm in Library. OACFI.org		Preschool Father, Field & Fun 9:30am in Parish Hall		
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# March Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Kevin Cochran
- 2 Nichole Babcock  
Marie High  
Sariyah Morrison
- 3 Jack Cottle
- 5 Roy McGain  
Reese Smith
- 6 Ken O'Brien
- 7 Will Dugger
- 9 Marvin Haughton
- 10 Harry Hull
- 11 Stacey Jamail  
Taylor Smith
- 13 Paul Robertson  
Patty Tate
- 14 Norm Anthony
- 15 Barbara Warren
- 16 Hunter Teolis
- 17 Merrily Peacock

- 18 Christopher Lynn
- 20 John Ficquette
- 21 Rita Cho-Sam  
Yvonne Morrisette
- 22 Stacy Figueroa
- 23 Joanne Brown
- 24 Dick Gore
- 25 Delilah Brueggeman  
Linda White
- 26 Aidan Brandenburg  
Cynthia West  
Tracy Dugger
- 27 Karen Stewart
- 28 Ken West  
Jacob Borst  
Cathy Penn  
Lynn Somers
- 30 Larry Book  
Ayden Cho-Sam  
Isabel Eaton

- 5 Raul & Angela Lopez  
Nick & Elaine Myers
- 16 Jason & Michelle Taylor
- 20 Jonathan & Anne Niebch
- 22 Hubert & Aliena Gaye  
Lamar & Darlene Powers
- 24 Steve & Lisa Borst



If you're not listed for a birthday or anniversary, please call the church office at 407-656-3218 and give us information for you and your family; or fill out the form to the right and drop it in the offering plate.

Please only give information for those family members who are attending Messiah. Our computer requires the year for date of birth and wedding anniversaries.

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