The MESSENGER

November 2017

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THE 10TH ANNUAL

LADIES *Night Out*

November 9, 2017 ▪ 6-9 pm in the Parish Hall

Admission is free, bring your family and friends!

Refreshments ▪ Silent Auction ▪ Door Prizes ▪ Gift Baskets

Can you donate items for our Ladies Night?

Orchids/plants ▪ Paintings/prints ▪ Christmas items
Gift Baskets ▪ Crafts/Accessories for the home ▪ Jewelry
Fashion items ▪ Re-gift items you don't want

Want to be a vendor?
Contact: Marci Babione 407-489-2204
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or
Annette Spigener 407-694-9651
Email: Annette@thewrinkledegg.com

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
11:30 a.m. .....Spanish Service
7:00 p.m. .....Rite III

Wednesday Service:

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

Head of Church	Jesus Christ
Bishop	The Rt. Rev. Greg Brewer
Rector	The Rev. Tom Rutherford [321-945-3958] e-mail: tomrutherford@earthlink.net
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Treasurer	Rodger Watson [407-814-0303]
Staff	Barbara Ellerbe, *Preschool Director* [407-654-8415] Linda Ellison, *Music Minister* Angela Lopez, *Children's Minister* Amy Paredes, *Facilities Minister* Janie Walton, *Youth Minister* LaVerne Woods, *Parish Administrator*
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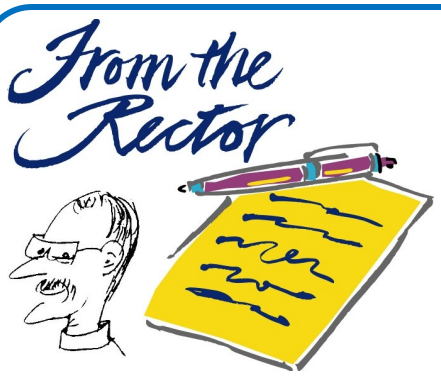

How To Build A Budget

Building a Budget is NOT my favorite part of being your rector, and it's not most folks' favorite part of being on Vestry or Staff, or even being a parishioner.

But building a budget is as vital to the health of our parish family as it is to the health of your personal family.

Without a budget, the plan is either: "Spend money on whatever we want until it's gone." OR "Don't spend ANYTHING!" which translates into "Don't DO anything."

Neither of those is helpful or healthy.

So... Since we want to be a healthy parish family, our Vestry builds a budget this time every year.

There are several ways to do that.

Most parishes look at how much money people Pledge to give, subtract 10%, use that number as the amount of income they can expect, and then divide that up among what needs to be paid.

Our Vestry doesn't do that, because very few people in the Messiah family Pledge – that is make a promise of how much they're going to give next year.

In our parish family, ACTUAL income is always 2 to 3 times MORE than PLEDGED income.

Messiah folk don't PLEDGE, but they do GIVE!

So we never know what our income may be for next year, which means we can't build a budget based on any firm idea of what we'll have to work with.

Instead of setting the budget based on expected income, therefore, we build a budget on faith.

I ask every Vestry and Staff person to pray, think, and talk with the folks in their area of ministry to discern what we think God might want us to do in the next year. Then to take those ideas and:

1. Rank them in the order of priority of importance.
2. Research to see what each idea might legitimately cost.
3. And add up those numbers, and turn them in as their budget request.

Treasurer Rodger Watson collects all the requests; adds the "overhead" kinds of expenses like insurance, utilities, and payroll; and offers that as a First Draft Proposed Budget.

The Finance Committee looks at the First Draft, discusses tweaks we might want to make, and then presents that First Draft to the whole Vestry, with recommendations for things to add or subtract.

The Vestry discusses the numbers in November, prays over them for a month, and decides in December what the next year's budget should be.

If we can't come to agreement in December, we try again in early January, so we can present the Budget to you before the Parish Annual Meeting on the last Sunday in January.

If you're paying attention so far, you'll recognize we are right in the middle of that process, and we are!

PLEASE PRAY for our Vestry as they discuss this month what we discern God calling us to do next year.

PLEASE PRAY for the Finance Committee as they decide on their recommendations.

PLEASE PRAY for God to provide what we need: THIS year, as we still have a deep deficit in the Operating Account, AND next year as we seek to do what we hear Him say He'd like us to do to change the world with Jesus.

I love you all.

Tom Rutherford

Who Ya Gonna Call?

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

LOVING GOD	Leader	Phone
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

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR	Leader	Phone
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

LOVING EACH OTHER	Leader	Phone
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

Sunday, October 15, 2017 - 2:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting Minutes

Vestry Door Duty for November:
Opener at 7:30am: Elaina Paige

Closer at 1pm: Sarah Wolfe

November 19th Vestry Meeting Host: Sarah Wolfe

2017 Vestry

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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 & Clerk Joyce Taylor, Junior Warden Frank Chase, and members Marci Babione, Stacey Beck, Steve Borst, Don Greer, Leo Henry, Paul Hickman, Elaina Paige, Doreen Stachowski, Lionel Williams, and Sarah Wolfe; plus Assistant Rector Tracy Dugger, Richard and Esther Gonzalez, Sam Katulic, and Lamar Powers.

Absent: Treasurer Rodger Watson

FORMATION: Joyce Taylor led Noonday Prayer. Based on Acts 2:42, Tom Rutherford invited us each to share our personal habits that help us "abide in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer."

INFORMATION:
Roof condition: Lamar Powers, who was our Owner's Representative when we built the Parish Hall, reported on a half dozen issues with our roof (caused by a variety of things including storm damage, squirrel mischief, nail holes, age, etc.) which are causing leaks and need to be addressed. He is working to see if the contractor for the building of the new parish hall will assume some responsibility for the issues but we anticipate we will need to pay for at least half of the cost of these repairs. He will report back after we get an answer from the contractor.

Sam Katulic seeking ordination as a deacon: Sam shared his story and why he'd like to become a deacon. SEE BELOW UNDER DISCUSSSION.

Deacon Richard Gonzalez seeking ordination as a priest: Richard and Esther shared their story of how Richard felt called to be a priest when he was young, but as a Roman Catholic, he also felt called to marry Esther and have a family, so he became a physician instead, He's worked in community health all his career, and now that he's an Episcopalian, and after a year of serving and preaching in the Spanish service, he's felt God renew that nudge toward priesthood. SEE BELOW UNDER DISCUSSION.

Vestry Ministry Team Reports:
Annual Parish Audit: Marci Babione and Monica Pounds finished our canonically mandated annual audit. It will go into the diocese this week.

Messiah's Way: Tom Rutherford distributed the first lists of volunteers and urged Vestry members to call their volunteers. **No others received**.

Staff Reports:
Facility: The Rental Report was emailed separately.

Children of the Messiah Preschool: The Financial Report was emailed separately.

Children's Ministry: Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports: We have been working on some exciting things! Our theme of Camping: spending time with God is going really well. We have enjoyed learning a bit about camping and about people who have spent time with Jesus and how we should be seeking opportunities to do the same. We are approaching the S'MORES lesson, and we're all excited because s'mores are the best part of camping. We will be serving s'mores and making a s'more craft to take home. This lesson series will take us through October. In November we are going to start a pumpkin series where will of course sample pumpkin pie and learn about gratitude.

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SHINE Kids have been on a Bible treasure hunt! As part of our hunt I have challenged them to learn all the books of the Bible. We are breaking them into small chunks with a small prize awarded at each interval. So far 6 kids have earned their first prize, free ice cream at Twisty Treat. We are having a lot of fun seeking God in a variety of ways.

We have several events on the horizon that I'm working on. The Family Fall Fest is right around the corner, and that night we kick off a new family project. I have prepared a family selfie scavenger hunt. Participating families will follow clues, snap photos and send them to me. This project will run up until Advent when I will schedule an evening to make family memory books and have desserts together.

This year's Advent family project is making a Jesse Tree. I will provide for all interested families a packaged bag of supplies and directions as well as a daily family devotional. I hope this will encourage some family bonding and be an easy way for the parents to have spiritual conversations with their children.

On September 28th I participated in a 9 hour KIDMIN Mega Con event. There were several speakers who are big wigs in the children's ministry world. I learned a great deal, and it was great to exchange ideas and thoughts with other children's ministers and be encouraged through their stories and in our worship time together. I have many pages of notes, and I look forward to tweaking some things here and trying out a few new things I have learned.

I have had the extreme pleasure of spending time with the boys from Messiah's Academy. We have had lunch together and I have spent some time in class with them. Terri and I have spoken briefly about including their family and younger siblings in the Wednesday morning service. I am looking to see what type of sermon notes or activity pages I can put together to engage any visiting children we have on Wednesday mornings.

This year's Christmas Children's Communion play will be a bit different and very exciting! We are going to have adults perform for the kids! I have a few characters cast and will be recruiting a few more in the coming weeks.

Youth Ministry: Youth Minister Janie Walton reports:
Our West Orange High School Activate students attended their Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 23.

Activate members enjoyed dinner at Colorado Fondue Company on Friday, September 29 to celebrate our September birthdays.

Youth Minister, Janie Walton, was the team leader for the Prayer, Share and Care (PSC) Team, as well as, one half of the Health Care Team at the New Beginnings Middle School Retreat at Camp Wingmann on the weekend of October 6-8.

Our Ocoee High School, Olympia High School and Foundation Academy Activate students attended their Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 7.

Youth Minister, Janie Walton, will be attending the Diocesan Youth Leaders' Meeting on Wednesday, October 11 at the Diocesan Offices in downtown Orlando.

Activate will be hosting their first ever Parents' Night Out on Friday, October 20 from 6:00-9:30 PM. This will be a fundraiser for the summer 2018 Mission Trip.

There will be no Activate meeting on Sunday, October 22 as we will participate in the church movie outing.

Messiah Academy: Director Terri Wetherington reports:
Our students have settled into their new school year and their new routines. They are each wonderful and unique kids. Our approach is to leverage each child's strengths to meet his challenges.

Due to Hurricane Irma we missed our scheduled field trip in September. We will try to have two trips in October. First to Lake Meadows farm where the kids will gather eggs and observe farm animals that are grown for food. A second trip for a bike ride on the West Orange Trail with a picnic lunch in the Nature Preserve out in Oakland is also planned.

In addition to teaching table manners over lunch each day, we guide conversations toward constructive social discussions and make sure the kids are aware of God's presence in their lives. Each day, a student is responsible for helping prepare and serve lunch and for leading our lunch prayer. Mother Tracy joins us for lunch on Thursdays and Children's Minister Angela Lopez joins us on Tuesdays. Father Tom has begun spending an hour with the kids on Monday afternoons, teaching them New Testament.

On Wednesday mornings, the kids actively participate in Communion, rotating through as lector, altar server, and acolyte.

On Thursday mornings, we are studying Qigong Kung Fu with parishioner Shifu (Master) Ben Blackman. He is focusing on exercise,

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concentration and self- discipline, using the movie Kung Fu Panda as a teaching aid.

Music lessons with parishioner Garine Adams are on Thursday afternoons. The kids are currently working on a piece to play during a Wednesday service and we expect them to perform on the Nov. 1st. Ukulele, piano, drums and vocals will all be part of the performance. Our hope is that this will help them stretch their perceptions of their individual abilities as they become comfortable speaking and performing in front of a crowd (an essential life skill). We also hope that it will serve to draw parents to the Church to witness how we love their children and how their children serve God. All our students struggle in a traditional classroom environment. Many require on-going therapies and extensive evaluations that ensure their needs are being met. We work with the state to provide information on individual student development and our observations.

Some of our students have needs beyond the what Messiah Academy can provide. I am thankful that Church of the Messiah has programs in place that could serve them and that the community here has gone to such lengths to make them feel welcome.

Our parents are talking about the school to their friends and other parents in positive ways. I'm getting calls about what we do here at Messiah academy and interest in the program we have begun here. I have also done a small amount of advertising via Facebook on the Messiah Academy Page.

Finally, one of our students has been attending Men's Supper on each month. The others have been invited and may begin attending as well.

Assistant Rector: Tracy Dugger reports:

Latino Ministry: Sunday October 1st was our last service in Spanish. Deacon Richard and I discovered several obstacles to growth and continued service. We will be meeting in the next two weeks to conduct a "post-mortem" of what happened, when, why, what we did, and how the church and our diocese can learn from in it in ongoing Latino ministry.

Social Media: Our Facebook page continues to perform well. Graphic artist parishioner Linda White has made some tweaks that update our church's image to better reflect our multicultural membership. I'm partnering with Greg Chandler over the next ten weeks to stream more content.

Young Adults: Revive is having a Halloween Party October 20th hosted by the (Jeremy & Garine) Adams Family. We've partnered with the youth group and Janie Walton to host childcare/Parent's Night Out to run concurrently to the party. We hope to make Parent's night out and ongoing outreach/inreach offered at least quarterly and I will be investigating what it will take to make that possible.

WEBSITE INFORMATION: Tracy Dugger reported:
Our website has had some repeated issues over the past year with outdated security, hacks, and out-of-date content. Investigating this with Father Tom I've found our church has a history of every 3-4 years putting together a lay led team of volunteers and investing time and energy into revamping it. The website then sits with few updates until the next crew comes along.

Current Problems: Security issues, out-of-date content, a taskbar that doesn't scale for use with mobile devices, and pages that are unappealing. The information that IS updated is not Google search-indexed, because it appears only as images. Images do not have text that can be found with a Google search.

Tracy noted: Our website is the public face of our church, and she suggested that it should have a budget line for continued maintenance and updates and either a staff person or a consultant providing continued updates and support. We know every year we need light bulbs, paint, etc. Every year or so the internet trends shift and what once presented an appealing and user-friendly website to draw people in becomes dated, ugly, and unhelpful. Most people will continue to Google us before they ever visit us. We need to invest in our digital image just as we do our building.

Vestry asked Mother Tracey to research this further and bring to the next Meeting some range of what the different options would cost, so we can discuss it.

Diocesan Convention is January 26-27 at Trinity Church in Vero Beach. We need 3 Lay Delegates, and can take up to 3 Lay Alternate Delegates. Diocesan Canons stipulate that at least one of our Lay Delegates be a member of the Vestry. Stacey Beck will check her availability, and Sam Katulic, who has represented us for several years, would like to serve again.

2018 Budget: Tom Rutherford distributed a first draft of a budget and the Diocesan Clergy Compensation Guide for us to look and pray over so we can discuss it next month. The Finance Committee will also offer its recommendations at our November meeting.

DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month): Deacon Richard Gonzalez and **Sam Katulic** discern a call to be ordained a priest and deacon respectively. Tom Rutherford outlined the process for each of them, and Vestry will have the opportunity to endorse either or both

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of them next month.

DECISIONS (based on the Discussion last month): Disney Matching Funds have amounted to $7,820 so far this year, and more may come in before the end of the year. Tom Rutherford recommended that all those funds – and any others that may come in – go to the Operating Fund. VESTRY APPROVED.

MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT – 10 MINUTES:
Minutes from the September meeting: APPROVED.

September Financial Report from Treasurer Rodger Watson: APPROVED. Income for both the Operating and Building Funds was down this month, due to very low attendance on September 10 when Hurricane Irma was approaching. October is a 5 Sunday month, so we hope for better numbers.

Operating Account: September's income was $10,057.39 LESS than expenses, which grew our year-to-date DEFICIT to $88,580.25. Please keep praying.

Building Fund: Net Building Fund income (gifts, fundraising, and facility rental income, less expenses) was $3,282.54 LESS than the $14,709.16 necessary to cover the mortgage. The deficit was covered from the Contingency Fund.

Interesting trend: As Rodger reported, Online Giving Fees are $523 more than we anticipated for the year. That's because Online Giving is much more than we anticipated! So far this year, $31,836 of our income has come from online giving: $23,211 to the Operating Fund, $7,165 to the Building Fund, and $1,460 for the youth summer mission. Because of this trend, Tracy Dugger is exploring setting up our Facebook page to receive gifts. Her initial discovery is: it would cost us 5% in fees to Facebook. Tracy will research this and report back to us next month.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk

Year to Date Report
(as of September 30, 2017)

Operating Income	$401,953.41
Operating Expenses	$490,533.66
NET	(-88,580.25)
ALL Building Fund Income	$180,344.79
ALL Building Fund Expense	$175,869.67
NET	$4,475.12
Contingency-Debt Reduction	$4,475.12
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Prayer for Provision:
Most gracious and generous Father, who gives us each day our daily bread, you have called this parish family to love you, to love our neighbors, and to love one another. We look to you to provide all the resources necessary to fulfill that call, whether they be spiritual gifts, human time and talents or material goods; Thank you for meeting all of our needs through your riches in Christ Jesus our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Preschool News

By Barbara Ellerbe

The preschool children, their families and teachers visited Green Meadows Farm in October. We had a group of 116 people attend the farm. It was a beautiful day at the farm - riding ponies, milking the cow, and chasing chickens. It is a great way for the children to learn about God's wonderful creation. At the end of the day we were able to pick pumpkins and have a picnic.

We ended the month with our Fall Family night on October 26. The children dressed in costume and played games. We served pizza and ice cream. Each family made a keepsake craft to keep to remember the evening.

Preschool News

Nick from Teddy Bear Portraits photographed the children for their fall school pictures. Parents were able to purchase pictures on sight. Thank you Nick, for making the process fun and easy. All the parents were very happy with the photos.

Miss Helen (Farnsworth) playing for music class with the piano donated by the Joiner Family in loving memory of Barbara Joiner.

Preschool Upcoming Events

November 15 – Preschool Advisory Council Meeting

November 16 & 17 – Thanksgiving Feast

November 20 – Hurricane Irma Make up day

November 21-24 – Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving Break

Scrip Fundraising for Your Church

FUND RAISING WHILE YOU Shop

Scrip is an **ongoing fundraiser** for Church of the Messiah. It allows families to raise money at no additional cost to you. Scrip is just another way to pay for ***everyday purchases*** using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

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 fund-raising 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!**

Clergy APPRECIATION MONTH

Fall Is Pastor Appreciation time, Let's thank our Clergy!

November 5, our Vestry is honoring and thanking the Messiah Clergy!

Please join us in praying and thanking these dedicated ministers who have changed our lives. How has one or more of these ministers helped you in your walk with Jesus? Let's take a minute to tell him!

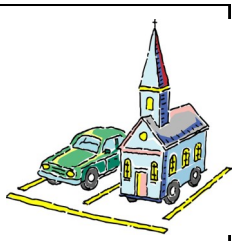
Join your Messiah family for Coffee time in the Narthex between morning services! Bring a FINGER breakfast dish to share! Write a note or card to the clergy who you would like to thank personally and bring it with you!

Here are their names:
Rector Fr. Tom Rutherford,
Asst. Rector Tracy Dugger;

Retired Priest Associates:
Rev. Greer McBryde,
Rev. Dr. John Houck,
Rev. Dr. Fred Wilcoxson;

Deacons:
Rev. Tim Wetherington,
Rev. Julie Altenbach,
Rev. Dr. Richard Gonzalez,
Rev. JoAnn Wilcoxson.

Messiah's Missionaries

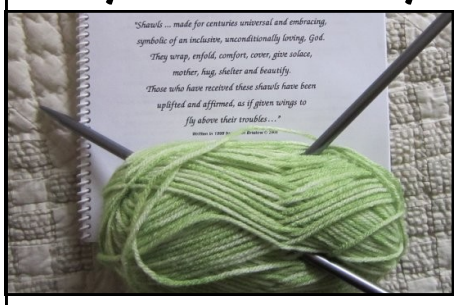


Jim & Lynne Passilla worshipped at Fairfield Mountains Chapel on October 1, 2017 in Lake Lure, NC.

Nancy Glynn worshipped at Grace Church in the Mountains in Waynesville, NC on October 22, 2017.

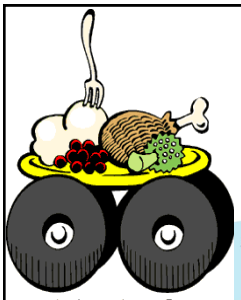
Please pray for our expectant mother: Garine Adams

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.



MEALS ON WHEELS

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 if you can help. There is more information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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.

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.

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.**

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

children's ministry

By Angela Lopez
ifrog1980@gmail.com

Dillard Street Elementary School Angel Tree

Please keep your eyes open for the Christmas tree in the Narthex. We are partnering with Dillard Street Elementary School to provide gifts for their neediest children. You will find a tag with the gender and age of a child, simply purchase a gift, wrap it, and place it back under the tree. All gifts must be at church by December 17th.

Email Ms. Angela for more information at:
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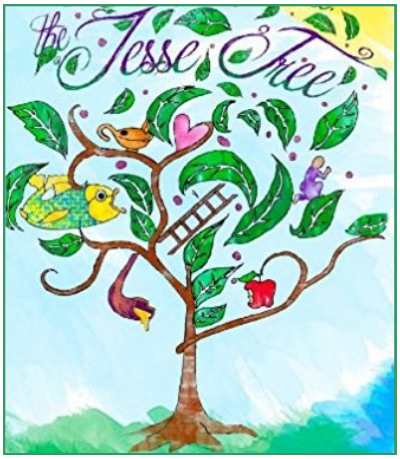
SHINE KIDS CLUB



The Jesse Tree is an Advent custom that uses symbols for Biblical characters for each day during the Advent season. The tree is not just any tree – it is the family tree of Jesus. In Isaiah 11:1 we read "A shoot shall come out of the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots." The tree that grows with the symbols each day is a way in which to tell the Biblical stories, bridge the Old and New Testament stories together and lead us through the Advent season to the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent in a bag family projects will be distributed at SHINE on December 3. If your family would like to participate but cannot make it to SHINE, please email Ms. Angela. This year you will be helping your child make a Jesse Tree and spending quality time together each night as you complete a short reading.

children's ministry

FAMILY MOVIE

Please stay tuned for information on a family field trip! An all new animated Christmas movie –about the real meaning of Christmas- is coming out in November. As soon as I have show times, I will let you know! **SHINE participants will be FREE**, as this will also be the basis of our Christmas lessons! In the meantime, check out the trailer!!

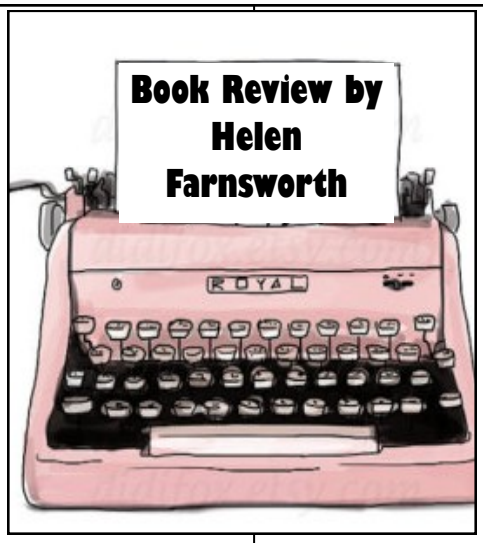
Children ages 3-12 are invited to bring a stuffed animal, wear your pj's and have breakfast for dinner as we celebrate Christmas! Donations of milk, juice, fruit and syrup would be appreciated!

You're invited to a

PANCAKES AND pajama Christmas Party

friday 15 december 5pm

RSVP to Ms. Angela by December 10



This month I got my C. S. Lewis "fix": I read Alister McGrath's ***If I Had Lunch With C. S Lewis*** and ***A Grief Observed*** by C. S. Lewis himself (originally published under a pseudonym).

I expected ***If I Had Lunch With C.S. Lewis*** to be an imaginary dialogue, which it wasn't, But nonetheless, it still covers his views on: 1) The Meaning of Life; 2) Friendship; 3) A Story-Shaped World: Narnia and the Importance of Stories; 4) Faith: Aslan and the Christian Life; 5)The Art of Apologetics; 6) A Love of Learning: Education; 7) Coping With Suffering: The Problem of Pain; and 8) Further up and Further In: Hope and Heaven. The whole time he zeroes in on what he calls "The Great Panorama," or God's Big Picture. I particularly like the quote used in the very beginning concerning the meaning of life:
I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

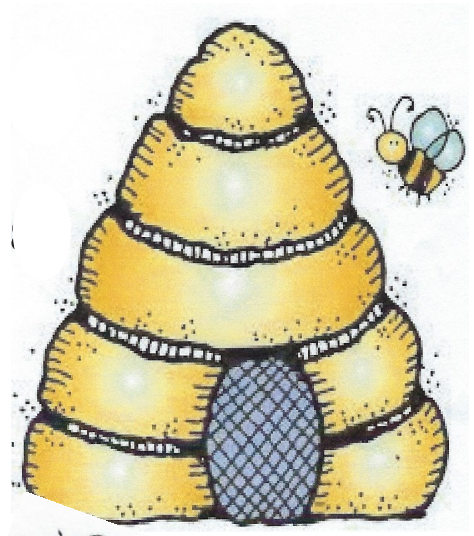
C.S. Lewis "IS THEOLOGY POETRY?"
The book gives a good overall view of Lewis's views and writings, and makes one hungry for more.

I partially satisfied this hunger by reading ***A Grief Observed***. This was born of a journal that Lewis kept after his wife of only a few short years died a painful death from cancer. It is the raw crying out of a soul in abstract pain, that can only find relief by railing at God. He questioned not His existence, but His goodness, wondering if He might be, after all, some divine Sadist that enjoyed watching His creatures suffer. He even quotes Jesus: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" And He wonders if Jesus' sufferings were another cruel joke, He works his way through all this, and realizes that he must worship God above all, no matter what, and look forward more to seeing Him in Heaven than to seeing anyone else, even his beloved wife.

For those who are grieving I would think this would be a comforting book, knowing that someone of even C.S. Lewis's caliber was not immune to "impious" thoughts, if you wish to label them that way. I don't. The Spiritual "Stand By Me" concludes one of the verses, "Thou Who knowest all about me, stand by me," and He does.

This book can be found in the ***Complete C.S. Lewis Signature Classics***, which should be in the church library. I highly recommend both it and the McGrath book. Neither is very long, and both are high powered.

LOCAL RAW
Honey
FOR SALE



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4:30PM to 6PM	**For ages 0-4: CHILD CARE** in the Nursery	**Elementary School/ Grades K-5th grade: SHINE KIDS' CLUB is for YOU!** In the Youth Hall with games, Bible, art, crafts, prayer, and friendship. For details talk to Children's Minister Angela Lopez at **ifrog1980@gmail.com**	**Middle and High Schoolers: ACTIVATE YOUTH GROUP is for you!** In the Youth Room of the Youth Hall with fun, Bible, servanthood projects, mission trips, prayer, and more. For details contact Youth Minister Janie Walton at **ActivateYM@gmail.com**	**Young Adults (you choose if that's you!): REVIVE is for you!** In the Library with conversation, Bible, prayer, social events, and how to apply faith, hope, and love in life. For details contact Mother Tracy Dugger at **Tracy.M.Dugger@gmail.com**
5PM to 6PM	**NOT a Young Adult (you decide!): DIVING DEEPER is for you!** A yearlong look at the New Testament with an emphasis on how the Bible intersects with real life. Don't know much about the Bible? Here's your chance to ask any question! For details contact Tom Rutherford at **TomRutherford@earthlink.net**			
6PM	Whether you do any of the stuff from 4:30-6 or not, at 6pm is a **Simple Supper in the Parish Hall.** Come enjoy a meal with your Messiah family. You gotta eat! Don't do it alone.			
7PM	If you work on Sunday mornings, or missed Church in the morning, or were away for the weekend, or had company who wouldn't leave, or you just like to sleep in, at 7pm is **Casual Communion in the Church.**			

Come for one of the above, or some, or all! There's something for EVERYONE!

YOUTH NEWS

ACTIVATE!

by Janie Walton

September Birthday Dinner Outing

Activate celebrated our September birthdays with a dinner outing to Colorado Fondue Company in Casselberry on Friday, September 29. We had a great time together and enjoying our multi-course fondue meal.

Our group enjoying the Halloween themed ambiance at Colorado Fondue Company.

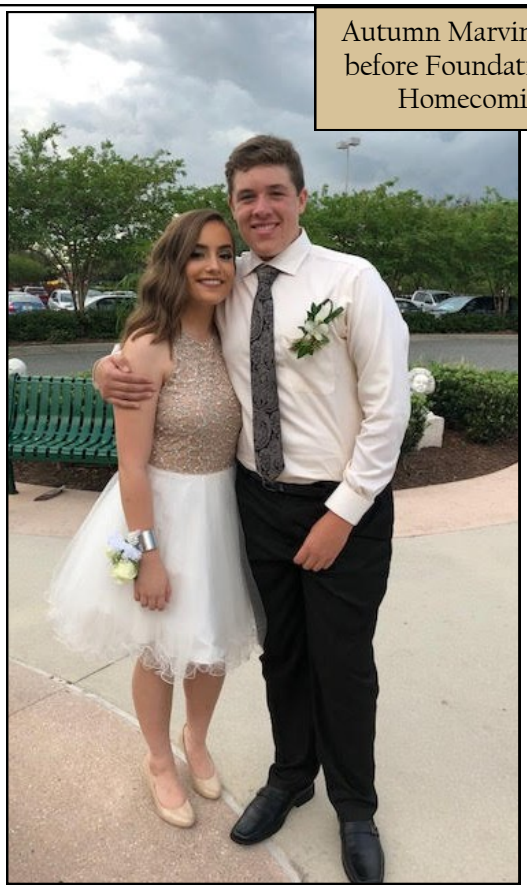
Our September babies—
Natasha Brueggeman and Noah Altenbach!

2017 Homecomings

Our Activate students attended their various Homecoming Dances in September and October. West Orange High School had their Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 23 followed two weeks later with Foundation Academy, Ocoee High School and Olympia High School having their Homecoming Dances on Saturday, October 7.

Eliza Simikian and Hayley Scandura strike a pose before West Orange High School's Homecoming Dance.

More Youth News



Autumn Marvin with her date before Foundation Academy's Homecoming Dance.

Alexis Fuhrey, Cydney Babione, Lily Rutledge and Samantha Hsu take a group photo before Olympia High School's Homecoming Dance.

Sunday Servants For The Lord

8:00 A.M.	NOVEMBER 5	NOVEMBER 12	NOVEMBER 19
1st LEM	Greg Chandler	Janie Walton	Mary Lynn Levine
2nd LEM	Steve Dunegan	Don Greer	Marvin Haughton
Lector	Mary Lynn Levine	Deborah Townsend	Bill Bradford
Altar Server	Sam Katulic	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____
Torch Bearers	_____	_____	_____
Greeters/Ushers	Trudie Carr, Bill Bradford, Jay & Marsha Dymond	Pete & Nancy Glynn, Bob Somers, Carolyn Greer	Ron Bouton, Bill Bradford, Joyce Taylor
LEV Team	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer	Dawson Peacock
Prayer Intercessor	Elise Bradford	Annette Spigener	Elise Bradford
9:30 A.M.	**NOVEMBER 5**	**NOVEMBER 12**	**NOVEMBER 19**
1st LEM	Ginger Sirola	Greg Chandler	Terri Wetherington
2nd LEM	Susie Marshall	Rodger Watson	Janie Walton
Lector	Lynne Passilla	Sharon Puchein	Pattie Range
Altar Server	Chelsea Borno	Aidan Brandenburg	Grayson Range
Crucifer	James Wirbel	Bradyn Paluzzi	Ayden Cho-Sam
Torch Bearers	Lena & Evan Candes	Gwen & Josalyn Wirbel	Kylie Walton & Evan Candes
Greeters/Ushers	Christopher Carr, Sam Lynn Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Tom Stachowski, Ken Miller, Jim & Lynne Passilla	John & Sharon Puchein Horace & Jacquie Williams
LEV Team	Jim & Lynne Passilla	Mike & Bobbie Warren	Rodger Watson
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King	Susie Marshall	Wally Stewart

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11:00 A.M.	NOVEMBER 5	NOVEMBER 12	NOVEMBER 19
1st LEM	Sam Katulic	Joe Wolfe	Greg Chandler
2nd LEM	Janie Walton	Brittany Kolacki	Lionel Williams
Lector	Norm Anthony	Terry Anthony	Leo Henry
Altar Server	Malina Lawrence	Mackenzie & Sophia Teolis	Delilah Brueggeman
Greeters/Ushers	Ethan Kallesen, Karen Williams, Paul & Patty Robertson	Paul & Terry Hickman, Lionel Williams, Sarah Wolfe	Richard & Kelley McRae Karen Williams, Ethan Kallesen
LEV Team	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams
Prayer Intercessor	———-	———	Sam Katulic
7:00 P.M.	**NOVEMBER 5**	**NOVEMBER 12**	**NOVEMBER 19**
LEM	Regina Seguin	Janie Walton	Regina Seguin
Lector	Larry Book	Helen Farnsworth	Kristen Jackson
Greeter/Usher	Raul Lopez	Brian Seguin	Tina Sydnor
Altar Server	Joel Lopez	Kara Altenbach	Noah Altenbach
Lectionary	Revelation 7:9-17	Amos 5:18-24	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
	Psalm 34	Psalm 70	Psalm 90
	1 John 3:1-3	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
	Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday Servants For The Lord

8:00 A.M.	NOVEMBER 26	DECEMBER 3	DECEMBER 10
1st LEM	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend	Frank Chase
2nd LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Greg Chandler	Tina Buchanan
Lector	Aliena Gaye	Sandi Johnston	Suzanna Leigh
Altar Server	Sam Katulic	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic
Crucifer	_____	_____	_____
Torch Bearers	_____	_____	_____
Greeters/Ushers	Jay & Marsha Dymond Trudie Carr Bob Somers	Pete & Nancy Glynn Ansel & Ina Haughton	Ron Bouton, Bob Somers, Joyce Taylor
LEV Team	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer	Dawson Peacock
Prayer Intercessor	Annette Spigener	Elise Bradford	Annette Spigener
9:30 A.M.	**NOVEMBER 26**	**DECEMBER 3**	**DECEMBER 10**
1st LEM	Stacey Beck	Erin Hinz	Janie Walton
2nd LEM	Shelby Beck	Ginger Sirola	Greg Chandler
Lector	Dawn Wirbel	Steve Borst	Leslie Candes
Altar Server	Kelsey Beck	Maddy Wirbel	Zackary Cho-Sam
Crucifer	Zackary Cho-Sam	James Wirbel	Evan Candes
Torch Bearers	K. Babcock & A. Cho-Sam	Gwen & Josalyn Wirbel	Lena Candes & Georgia Gold
Greeters/Ushers	Alexander Babcock, Anthony Beckford, Rodger Watson, Tom Wirbel	Christopher Carr, Chuck & Deborah Grunder, Lisa Borst	Sam Lynn, Ken Miller, Jim & Lynne Passilla
LEV Team	Jill Brown	Jim & Lynne Passilla	Mike & Bobbie Warren
Prayer Intercessor	Sharon Puchein	Jill Brown	Susan Kiehm

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2nd LEM	Stacey Jamail	Sam Katulic	Joe Wolfe
Lector	Nadia Henry	Stacey Jamail	Claudia Kallesen
Altar Server	Kylie Walton	Malina Lawrence	Delilah Brueggeman
Greeters/Ushers	Paul & Patty Robertson Lionel Williams, Sarah Wolfe	Paul & Terry Hickman, Ethan Kallesen, Joe Wolfe	Richard & Kelley McRae Paul & Patty Robertson
LEV Team	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic
Prayer Intercessor	——-	———	———
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Lector	Wendy King	Tori Eaton	Janie Walton
Greeter/Usher	Mary Pounds	Becky Fulmer	Raul Lopez
Altar Server	Kara Altenbach	Noah Altenbach	Joel Lopez
Lectionary	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Isaiah 64:1-9	Isaiah 40:1-11
	Psalm 95	Psalm 80	Psalm 85
	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	2 Peter 3:8-15
	Matthew 25:31-46	Mark 13:24-37	Mark 1:1-8

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Thank you to all the people who came out for fun and fellowship in October for the costume party with the Adam's Family. Join us next in December for our Progressive Christmas Party.

Fun & Fellowship News

MEN`S SUPPER

Tuesday
November 7
6:30pm
Meet in the Youth Hall

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.

November chef is Tim Wetherington

WOMEN'S DINING CLUB

Ellie Lou's BBQ

336 Moore Road
Ocoee, FL
Telephone:
407-347-9515

Tuesday, November 7th - 6:30pm

This is an all-day fundraiser for Messiah Academy

If you can't join us for Women's Dinner, please support Messiah Academy and go for lunch or take out dinner

Joan Mitchell's

Celebration of Life

Everyone is invited

Sunday, November 12
2-4pm
at Pilar's
146 W Plant St in downtown Winter Garden

Please Join us for fun & fellowship

December Women's Dining Club COOKIE SWAP

Bring an appetizer with about 20 samplings and 6 dozen (72) freezable cookies to swap.

Required appetizer recipe forms are on bulletin board in the Narthex

Please rsvp

space is limited

Tuesday, December 5th
at 6:30pm

Janice Hull's Home
10714 Porter Trail in Clermont
rsvp: 352-217-0967
or 352-243-8880

NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting every night at 8:00 p.m. ALSO Tuesdays: Women only 6:30pm Wednesdays: Men only 6:30pm			1 ALL SAINTS DAY 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6pm Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	2 11am Staff Meeting	3	4 Daylight Saving Time Ends at Midnight
5 BAG SUNDAY 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 5pm Old Testament 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3	6 Janie Walton & Tracy Dugger's Day off 6:30PM Small Group Meeting In Narthex	7 Fr. Tom's Day Off Men's Supper 6:30pm Women's Dining Club 6:30pm	8 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6pm Bible Study 6pm Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	9 Fr. Tom & Mother Tracy at Continuing Ed Ladies Night Out 6-9 	10 Please have your December articles & schedules in by 11/9	11
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November Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Lamar Powers
Debbie Rutherford
4 Sherri O' Brien
5 Ryan Lawrence
Elijah Roberson
6 Lynne Passilla
7 Linda Ellison
8 Joshua Lopez
9 Sophia Teolis
10 Steve Borst
Stuart Carter
Bailey Imes
William Pearce
11 Mackenzie Teolis
12 John Peacock
13 Ellie Chase
Doreen Stachowski
14 Derek Cho-Sam
Amy Eiden
16 Anders Kallesen
16 Susan Kiehm
Rob Morrissette
Johanna Watson
17 Bibi Cho-Sam
Nicole Paluzzi
18 George Daniel
Elaine Myers
20 Erin Hinz
Laird-Michael Hinz
21 Minette Roberson
22 Violet Eaton
Rodger Watson
Chelsea Wilkinson-Borno
23 Tori Eaton
24 Kathy Quesenberry
26 Tyrone Ramotar
27 Donna McGarvey
Janet Van Blarcom
30 Melony Clarke
Isma Davidson

14 Dick & Barbara Gore
16 Tom & Dawn Wirbel
19 Jay & Marsha Dymond
23 Brian & Erin Hinz
27 Frank & Nancy Kolski

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 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.**

Your Name _____ DOB _____ month/day/year

Spouse _____ DOB _____ month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____ month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____ month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____ month/day/year

Address _____

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Home Phone _____

Email: _____

Wedding Anniversary _____

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