

The MESSENGER

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SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER & FUNDRAISER



Please join us for breakfast
at suppertime on February 28th
from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall to
celebrate Shrove Tuesday

MENU*

Pancakes Sausage
Ham Casserole
Fruit Yogurt Parfait
Coffee/Tea/Orange Juice/Milk

All donations will go to
Activate's Summer 2017 Mission Trip Fund

*Menu is subject to change



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

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Janie Walton, Youth Minister
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*From the
Rector*



Bang for Your Bucks!

Every Sunday I invite you to give to God through the Church of the Messiah.

Many of us give because we've discovered Jesus is right: "It's more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35); that we do, indeed, "reap what we sow" (2 Corinthians 9:6-8); and that God does generously "supply all our needs according to his riches in Christ Jesus" as we are generous with Him (Philippians 4:19).

Some of us, however, are not yet convinced, and we want more return on our investment than just promises about future blessings. If we're going to give to God, we want some Bang for our Buck NOW.

Here's what your giving gets you:

Daily prayers for you and your family. The Vestry divides up the Parish Directory, and each Vestry member prays for 12-15 families in the Messiah family daily. On top of that, I pray for 10 families every day, and with about 300 families in the Messiah family, that has me praying for you and your family by name at least once a month. If you and your family are relatively healthy and

doing well, those prayers are working! And if things are tough for you, those prayers are helping you get through and are keeping your situation from being even worse than it is.

Emergency prayers in a crisis and ongoing prayer in a rough patch through the 2 dozen prayer warriors of the Prayer Chain. Need prayer? Email or call Elise Bradford at elise535@me.com or 407-876-2557.

Visits and prayers when you're ill or hospitalized. Please call the Church Office (407-656-3218) to let me know where you are and when you'd like a visit.

Holy Communion when you're too sick to come to church. Email or call Deacon Julie Altenbach to set that up at juliealtenbach1@gmail.com or 407-462-8001.

Meals delivered by the Casserole Patrol to your home when you've had a crisis or loss. Email or call Deacon Julie Altenbach to set that up at juliealtenbach1@gmail.com or 407-462-8001.

Free counseling. If you're facing a crisis, feeling guilty, going through a tragedy, or trying to make a big decision, any of our Clergy are available to listen, encourage, and pray with and for you. If we discern we are not equipped or qualified to help you with your issue, we will refer you to someone who is. Email or call any of us; our contact information is on the front page of this Messenger.

Free use of our facility for your wedding and funeral and a reception afterward.

Free baptisms for your children.

Free burial plot in our Memorial Garden, if you're cremated, and a free plaque on the wall with your name and birth and death years.

Inexpensive access to our facility for your family or social

events. For the cost of the utilities and cleaning, you can have birthday or anniversary parties, meetings, reunions, or any other event in our Parish Hall, Library, or Youth Hall. Contact Facilities Minister

Amy Paredes for details: amy-paredes27@gmail.com

Financial help in a crisis. Each of our Clergy has a limited amount of funds to help parishioners in need. Email or call any of us; our contact information is on the front page of this Messenger.

Love, acceptance, encouragement, and friendship with the 500 precious people in the Messiah family.

Your giving makes a difference in our parish family, our community, and beyond. Please give generously, because it also offers you a bunch of Bang for your Buck.

I love you all.

*Tom
Rutherford*



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

Vestry Door Duty for February:

Opener at 7:30am: Frank Chase

Closer at 1pm: John Jowett

February 19th Vestry Meeting Host:
Frank Chase

2016 Vestry

Marci Babione, *Children & Youth*

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Larry Book, *Missions & Evangelism*

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John Jowett, *Senior Warden*

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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, Sr. Warden John Jowett, Jr. Warden Frank Chase, Marci Babione, Larry Book, Anida Daniel, Doreen Stachowski, Dawn Wirbel, and Sarah Wolfe, and Finance Committee Chair Don Greer.

Absent: Leo Henry (ill), Paul Robertson (traveling), Lionel Williams (traveling), Clerk Joyce Taylor (traveling), and Treasurer Rodger Watson.

FORMATION: Larry Book led Noonday Prayer. Based on Psalm 126:3-4, Tom Rutherford invited us to share how God touched us through our time on Vestry.

INFORMATION:
Vestry Ministry Team Reports:
None received.

Staff Reports:

Facility: The Facility Rental Report was emailed separately. Facility Minister Amy Paredes reports: I met with many prospective clients interested in renting our facility. I'm working with Tina Hoang of www.wedding-spot.com to create an ad for our venue on their website. We should start receiving prospective clients soon.

I have sent out photos, pricing, and church policies to answer questions from prospective clients.

My husband and I cleaned all the carpets and floors, and I am seeking volunteers to pressure wash the exterior sidewalks and walls.

Children's Ministry: Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports: In December, we focused on Advent and Christmas. We are now moving to a video game themed series for Children's Church and a series based on the movie "Inside Out." We're learning about five emotions and how

God planned for us to use them in SHINE Kids' Club.

We had an exciting Star Wars themed Christmas party. There was a great volunteer turnout this year! The children played Star Wars games, ate Star Wars themed foods, made Star Wars related crafts, and ended the night watching "Return of the Jedi." That same night, we offered nursery care for children of the young adults who attended the Christmas progressive dinner that Mother Tracy hosted.

I thanked all the volunteers who served in Children's Church or SHINE in 2016 with a special Christmas gift. We have a wonderful group of people who serve our children, and I am very blessed to work with them all.

The play at the Christmas Eve Children's Service went well. The children worked hard learning their lines. We had 12 speaking roles and each one of the children did an excellent job. I heard from several adults, who said they learned from the program this year. We covered the 12 symbols of Christmas and their meanings. Our last symbol was fresh baked cookies and we closed the evening out by distributing cookies at the door as people left.

One of our child care workers, Alicia Morris, retired and the position has been filled by Maritza Lawrence. The help wanted signs are still up so we can find somebody to have on standby in case our regular workers get sick or are away for a day.

I went through the Safeguarding God's Children course with a new volunteer, and have a few other people still working through theirs.

Vestry Meeting Minutes continued

We've begun planning for this summer's Vacation Bible School. We are going to Peru! The curriculum is from Group Publishing, and I have several people already committed to serve. I've planned monthly fun events for the next year, and those will be on the church calendar soon.

Children of the Messiah Preschool:

The financial report was emailed separately.

Youth Ministry: Youth Minister Janie Walton reports:

Activate had its *Ugly Sweater Christmas Party* on Sunday, December 18, and Kara Altenbach won.

There were no Activate meetings for Sunday, December 25 or January 1. Our tutoring session scheduled for Sunday, January 9 was postponed, but will be rescheduled for another Sunday in January.

Activate won't meet on Sunday, January 29 so all Activate students and their families can attend the Parish Annual Meeting.

Messiah Academy: The Financial Report was emailed separately. Director Terri Wetherington reports: We are awaiting payment of tuition costs for the first and second quarters of the 2016-2017 school year from Step Up for Students in the amount of \$4,500.00. The reimbursement has been submitted, approved and paid we are just waiting for the funds to be deposited. We have also submitted a request for reimbursement for the third quarter, which is pending approval.

Assistant Rector Tracy Dugger reports:

Young Adult Ministry: Our December Progressive Xmas Party was a success! Three houses hosted 19 people. Revive completed a study of Jesus's genealogy and nativity. Plans for January include

another Trivia Tuesday at the Brewery.

Social Media ministry: Everything is going well. Nothing new to report.

Latino Ministry: Our first month of services went well. Our music team of 5 persons is meshing well and expanding their repertoire. The flow of the service has become smoother. We've fluctuated in attendance but seem to be averaging about 20. Beginning in January, I'll go back to preaching once a month at the English services.

Vestry Nominees: 16 people were invited to be nominees. Stacey Beck, Don Greer, and Wally Stewart accepted. We have 5 openings, however, so Tom Rutherford approached more. Elaina Paige came to Vestry meeting to see how we operate and agreed to stand for election to the 1-year term left by John Jowett's impending resignation. Tom will have our final nominee by Sunday January 22 to communicate our slate to the congregation.

2016 Annual Reports: Ministry Team reports for 2016 are due today.

Staff Bonuses: The Assistant Rector's compensation in 2016 required only \$47,764 of the \$50,000 given to cover it. The donor asked that if there were any money left over, to give it to the staff as bonuses. The leftover \$2,236 was distributed to the lay staff.

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

DECISION (based on the Discussion last month): The Proposed 2017 Budget:

Treasurer Rodger Watson projects a \$126,000 deficit this year if we spend what we say, and income doesn't rise to match expenses.

To give historical perspective, Tom Rutherford reminded us that this time

last year, the Budget we approved projected a \$101,000 deficit for 2016. As it turned out: we prayed and communicated the need to the congregation, income was higher than anticipated, and the Vestry and Staff were frugal and spent \$37,000 less than the Budget allowed; so we ended the year with only a \$5,589 deficit. Tom expressed full confidence that we and God can do the same thing with the projected \$126,000 deficit this year: communicate the need to our people, pray fervently for God to provide, and hold off on spending if income doesn't match expenses.

Tom did the math, and for our income to cover budgeted expenses in 2017, we need \$660,192 in Operating Income + \$176,510 to cover the Mortgage. That equals \$836,702, which divides out to \$69,725 per month. That is not much more than we've needed in the past, and God has provided. Tom challenged the Vestry to pray in that amount. They agreed we can do that.

Vestry agreed last month NOT to tap the Britt gift at this point, but to spend several months thinking and praying with the Finance Committee to discern the wisest use for those funds. We've prayed frequently and faithfully for years for God to provide, and the Britt gift is certainly an answer to those prayers, but Vestry is committed NOT to be hasty or foolish with those funds.

Vestry APPROVED the Proposed Budget with the following understandings:

- We will pray faithfully for God to provide.
- We will communicate with the congregation what we do with God's money, so they see they're getting the most bang for their bucks.
- The Financial Report in the Sunday bulletins will be updated to

Vestry Meeting Minutes continued

communicate with the congregation we need \$70,000 a month to break even.

- We will watch our finances closely and do what we've done for years: if times get tight, we will avoid spending anything not absolutely necessary.

If, in spite of all those efforts we end 2017 with a deficit in the Operating Fund, one option may be to use some of the Britt gift to cover that deficit. But we commit to do all we can to avoid that scenario.

Tom Rutherford will be ready to explain all of this at the Annual Meeting when we present the budget to the congregation.

MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

Minutes from the December meeting: APPROVED.

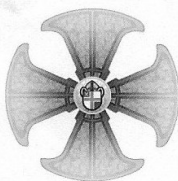
December Financial Report from Treasurer Rodger Watson: APPROVED.

Operating Account: The month's income was \$40,517.38 MORE than expenses, thus shrinking our year-to-date deficit to \$5,588.64. THANK YOU, JESUS!

Building Fund: Net Building Fund income (gifts, fundraising, and facility rental income, less expenses) was \$10,390.94 MORE than the \$14,709.16 necessary to cover the mortgage, and it was applied to Contingency Fund/Debt Reduction.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED WITH PRAYER AT 3:58.

Respectfully submitted by
Tom Rutherford,
Rector and Acting Clerk



The Episcopal Church Diocese of Central Florida

The Right Reverend Gregory O. Brewer, Bishop

January 3, 2017

The Rev. Tom Rutherford
Episcopal Church of the Messiah
241 N. Main Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Dear Tom and Parish Family,

I would like to gratefully acknowledge your donation of \$377.32 to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

What a glorious occasion at Messiah! It was my honor and pleasure to be with you in November. Laura Lee and I had a wonderful time and are heartened by the many strong ministries and outreach taking place at your parish.

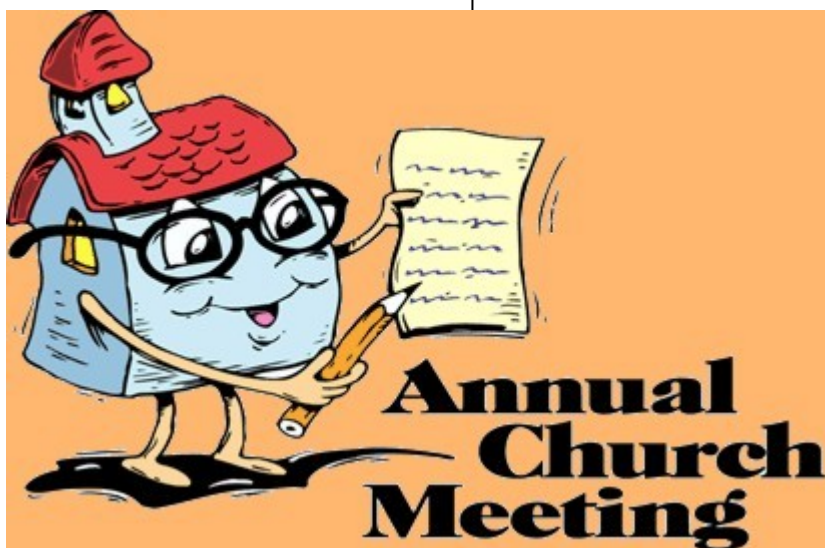
I pray that our Lord will continue to bless you all.

Grace to you,

Gregory O. Brewer
Bishop

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Annual Parish Meeting Minutes, Sunday, January 29, 2017, 5:00 pm



Present: 79 members of the Church of the Messiah including Staff: Rector Tom Rutherford, Deacons Julie Altenbach and Tim Wetherington, Music Minister Linda Ellison, Youth Minister Janie Walton, Children's Minister Angela Lopez, Messiah's Academy Director Terri Wetherington, Facilities Minister Amy Parades, Maintenance Minister Goyo Parades.

FELLOWSHIP AND EAT: The meeting began with a pot luck supper at 5:00pm.

OPENING PRAYER: Rector Tom Rutherford opened the meeting with prayer at 5:51pm.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY: Joyce Taylor was elected to serve as secretary for the meeting, and Father Tom announced that he appointed Joyce to be Senior Warden this year.

VESTRY ELECTION: Stacey Beck, Steve Borst, Don Greer, Paul Hickman, and Elaina Paige agreed to stand for election to the vestry (Elaina for the 1 year left in the term of John Jowett, who resigned because he's moving

away.). There were no nominations from the floor. There was a motion made to elect the 5 candidates for the 5 seats on the vestry by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

MINISTRY REPORTS &

QUESTIONS: Fr. Tom encouraged all members to review the reports from the various committees and acknowledged and thanked all staff members present for their hard work. Fr. Tom thanked the off-going vestry members (Larry Book, Anida

Daniel, John Jowett, Paul Robertson, and Dawn Wirbel) and introduced Treasurer Rodger Watson and thanked him for his service to our parish for 39 years.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2017

BUDGET: Rodger presented the proposed 2017 Budget with some explanation by Tom Rutherford. Finance Committee Chair and newly elected Vestry member Don Greer assured the congregation that the gift from the Britt Trust will be invested to earn interest for the several months the Vestry and Finance Committee will take

praying and thinking and considering the best use for those funds. A motion was made to adopt the budget. The motion was seconded. The budget was approved unanimously.

CLOSING PRAYER: Fr. Tom offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Joyce Taylor, Secretary

Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death

Spring Session:
March 5, 2017 through
April 9th.

What is this program about?

"Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death" bereavement program is a Christ-centered format to provide small groups conversations about life, death, grief, hope, and moving forward.

Why is this program important?

This small group setting of 6 or 7 participants provides a safe environment of trust by:

- Sharing stories of loved ones
- Listening to our feelings, thoughts, actions, and beliefs
- Learning from each other
- Providing tools for personal growth, coping skills, and moving forward in our lives
- Bonding with and supporting each other through the journey

Who is this for?

This program is for people who have suffered the death of a loved one in the recent past (3 or 4 months ago), or as long as 25 or 30 years.



When and Where

TVSD is held two times per year, in the Fall and during Lent. The next session will be announced in the Fall. The sessions are held 1 hour per week for six weeks. We meet on Sundays at 11:00 A.M. in the church library.

(If circumstances of the group require, we may meet in a different time or place that is agreeable to all participants. If you attend the 11:00 service, perhaps consider attending a different service for the six weeks of the session)

What materials are used?

We use a workbook (\$20.00) authored and published by the Reverend Greer McBryde. The group is facilitated by Jill Brown, Sarah Wolfe, and Julie Altenbach.

For registration or further information contact:

Jill Brown (attends 9:30 service) 407-656-5776 or jlbrown656@embarqmail.com

Sarah Wolfe (attends 11:00 service)
407-656-4226 or wolfejns@aol.com

Deacon Julie Altenbach (all services)
407-462-8001 or juliekay2112@gmail.com



Greetings from Laura Cook in Uganda!

Laura Cook
P.O Box 1064
Lira, Uganda, Africa
l.cook003@gmail.com



Here are some things that have been happening in Uganda:

Every week we feed the street kids, these are mostly school age boys and they live on the streets without guarantees of food, water, shelter or safety.

Once a week they come to Uncle Fred's house and get a bath, a good meal, and sometimes medical treatment- they absolutely LOVE having their photo taken.

We're working on sponsorships to help get all of these little ones off the street and to END STREET LIFE in Lira, Uganda!

These street kids are SO THANKFUL for new clothes!



I've been teaching the girls at the SGU Village how to play old maid. I've also worked on helping get students ready for school. In Uganda you have to pay school fees in order to go to any school and this is especially true of high schools. We're working to get all our students paid for so they can start the new school year in February! Just recently we had two of our older boys, Stephen and Denis pass entrance exams to get into a very prestigious local high school, I'm so proud of them!



God Bless Ryan Lawrence!



Messiah's Praise Band had a going away luncheon for drummer Ryan Lawrence in January.

Ryan is in Great Lakes, IL for 8 weeks of basic training. He has received Airman Pack (Aviation Instructional Mechanic) and has enlisted for 4 years. His graduation date from this training is March 10, 2017. He is excited and will complete his "A School" in Pensacola, Fl for approximately 3 weeks. He will visit for 2 weeks at home before he leaves for his next assignment.



Preschool News

By Barbara Ellerbe

Preschool registration for Fall 2017 begins on February 6 for returning students. Registration opens to church members and the public on February 13. The preschool now has extended hours. If you are interested please contact Barbara at 407-654-8415.

Our preschool had a special visit in January from a group called "The Distinguished Young Women of Central Florida." These incredibly talented young women performed for our preschool children. They sang, danced, and played instruments for the children. We are so thankful to Tara Moore (one of our preschool parents) for arranging this performance.

On February 3, our preschoolers are spending the day at the Crayola Experience. They will learn how crayons are made and will also create their own crayon color. As well as have many opportunities to create their own artwork using several different art mediums.

February 23 and 24 are "Father Field and Fun" days. The children's fathers are invited to preschool for the morning for breakfast. Following breakfast, there will be many fun activities for the dads and children to participate in together. There will also be crafts and a picture spot. This year's event will have a Camping Theme.

Upcoming Dates

February 6 – Registration for returning students

February 13 - Open Registration

February 15 – School Advisory Council
Meeting 9:15 am

Preschool is closed on February 20 for
President's Day.

February 23 and 24 –
Father's Field and Fun



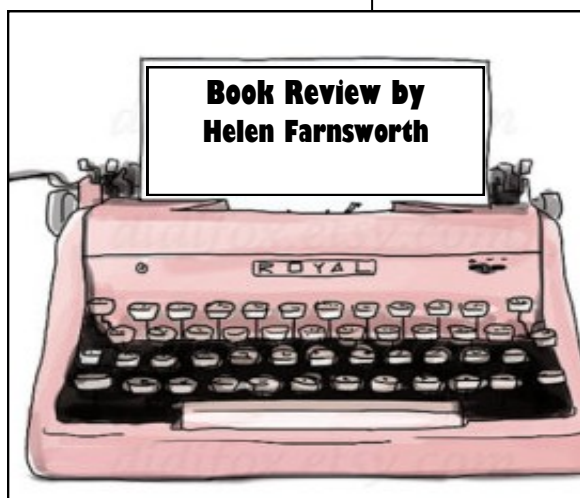
Who Ya Gonna Call?

About any ministry in the parish (current 9/7/16)

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	Lynn Somers.....	407-656-2504
Communications/Publicity.....	Lionel Williams.....	407-905-9295
Habitat for Humanity	Bob Tate	407-656-3239
Home at Last	Bill Criswell.....	407-876-2472
Outreach.....	Larry Book.....	321-527-0518
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.....	Anida Daniel.....	352-394-6672
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	Mary Ann Collings	407-222-0264
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



I read two great books again this month, one of which I knew would be—*Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan—and the other of which I anticipated would be, being written by the author of *Because of Bethlehem*, Max Lucado—*Let The Journey Begin*. (I wasn't disappointed.)

Up until reading my mother's copy of *Pilgrim's Progress*, my only acquaintance with it was the children's video, which I highly recommend. Though it has been awhile since I watched it, I'm pretty sure it did not include Part II, which was about the journey of Pilgrim's wife Christiana and their sons, which was equally engaging.

Obviously the book doesn't need my approval, but I'll add it, anyway. To me it's akin to reading Scripture itself, which, of course, it quotes at every turn. It offers timeless advice about the wiles of "the world, the flesh, and the Devil," and how to successfully navigate through all three. If anyone really doesn't want to take the time to read the whole book (which is quite lengthy), the video is a reasonable alternative.

Max Lucado's book, *Let The Journey Begin*, is one of many that Lynne Passilla gave me, and confirms the adage that "good things come in small packages." (And so does dynamite!) It is conveniently divided into 1-2-page segments which deal with a plethora of subjects; and I found it like a bag of peanuts—I couldn't eat just one! I found it hard to put down.

Thank you, Lynne! I'm putting her copy in the church library, but will definitely be buying a copy for myself.

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Don't know what Scrip is?

Join us for a quick
Scrip Workshop
on Sunday, February 26

9-9:30am

OR

10:30-11:00am

OR

12-12:30pm

in the library



children's ministry

By Angela Lopez
ifrog1980@gmail.com

Children's Service on Christmas Eve



SHINE KIDS CLUB

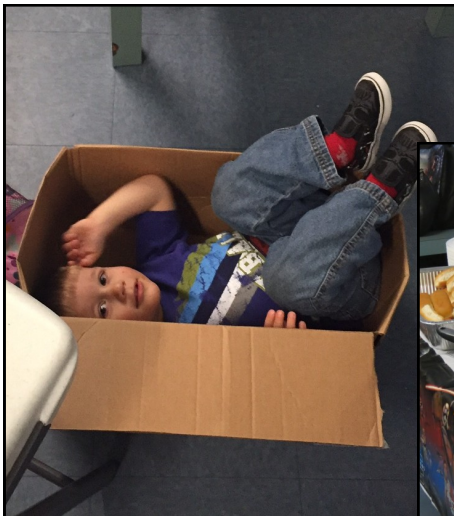


children's ministry

This year for Advent we spent some time doing Star Wars themed lessons so I thought it would be fitting to have a Star Wars themed Christmas party.

We had some awesome volunteers show up in costume, as well as a really cool Darth Vader Christmas tree. All of the kids loved the Star Wars themed food and games.

We made C-3PO, R2-D2, and BB eight ornaments. Near the end of the evening we had popcorn and blue milk while watching return of the Jedi. ---

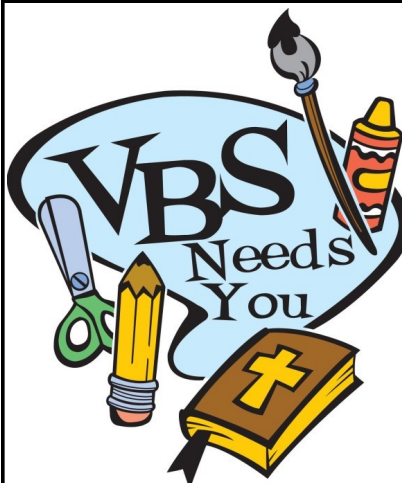


We have a new acolyte among us at 7 PM!

Angelica Gray looked amazing her first night as a torchbearer!



children's ministry



Want to volunteer for VBS?
Want to learn a little bit more about what VBS is?

Join Ms. Angela for an informational meeting on Sunday, February 12 at 6:10 PM in the Parish Hall. Our theme this year is Passport to Peru: discovering Gods good gifts.

LITTLE LESSONS IN LENT

Beginning on Ash Wednesday at 6 PM all children ages 4 and up are welcome to join Ms. Angela for a short lesson and to begin a mission project.

Light snack will be provided and we will be finished by 7 PM. Please contact me at Ifrog1980@gmail.com for more information.



I am in need of empty toilet paper rolls for crafts. Our supply is running dangerously low. Any rolls can be dropped off in front of my office door. Thank you!

Ms. Angela

YOUTH



by Janie Walton

ACTIVATE!

Movie Outing

On Thursday, December 15, Activate students attended an early showing of the movie, *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*, at AMC West Oaks. All those attended enjoyed the movie.



Our movie attendees after the movie.

Ugly Sweater Christmas Party

Activate had its first Ugly Sweater Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18. We had fun playing different Christmas themed games and trivia before our Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest. Father Tom, Mother Tracy and Deacon Tim were our judges and our winner for the Contest was Kara Altenbach.



Our first set of Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest contestants

More Youth News



Jessica Brueggeman, Shelby Beck, and Natasha Brueggeman all display their home-made ugly Christmas sweaters.



Our last set of Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest contestants.

Winner is Kara Altenbach!



CRAVE Christmas Lunch Outing

Our small group, CRAVE, had their annual Christmas lunch outing at Tijuana Flats in Winter Garden on Wednesday, December 21.

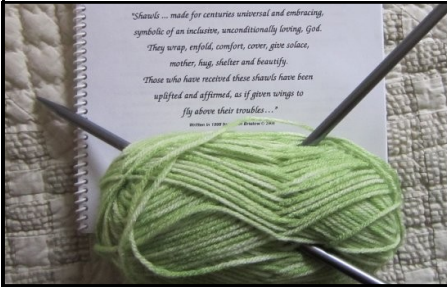


Cassy Perrin, Shelby Beck and Cydney Babione at Tijuana Flats for the CRAVE outing.

February Tutoring Sessions (all grades) Sunday, February 5 & February 19 3 PM in the Youth Hall

For more information on our tutoring sessions, ways you can help, or if you need tutoring, please contact youth minister Janie Walton at ActivateYM@gmail.com.

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.

Messiah's Missionaries



Tom & Doreen Stachowski
worshipped at Church of Our Lady
of Guadalupe in Macedonia, OH on
December 18, 2016 and at Our Lady
of Lourdes in Decatur, IL on Decem-
ber 25, 2016.

Betty Flood worshipped at First
United Methodist Church in
Blairsville, GA on December 25, 2016.

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



YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Revive with us every Sunday!

Revive will be studying the Gospel of Mark in Lent! If you have never read a gospel, or just want to learn more about Christ please pray about joining us to study the life and ministry of Jesus Christ as told by the Gospel of Mark!



Early Mardi Gras Party!

Saturday February 18th

6:00-9:00pm

Join us for an evening of jazz, King Cake, beignets, and Beer!



No Trivia Tuesday this month

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is Tuesday February 28th, all Young Adults are encouraged to come out and eat some yummy pancakes!

All money raised benefits our Youth Group Activate's Mission Trip

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

8:00 A.M.	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 19
1st LEM	Steve Dunegan	Don Greer	Marvin Haughton
2nd LEM	Ellie Chase	Janie Walton	Mary Lynn Levine
Lector	Mary Lynn Levine	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
Altar Server	Alex Cooney	Sam Katulic	Kayrah Elliott
Crucifer	———	———	———
Torch Bearers	———	———	———
Greeters/Ushers	Ron Bouton, Bill Bradford, Joyce Taylor, Robert Weiss	Trudie Carr Jay & Marsha Dymond Carolyn Greer	Pete & Nancy Glynn Carol Green, Elaina Paige
LEV Team	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer	Dawson Peacock
Prayer Intercessor	Annette Spigener	Elise Bradford	Annette Spigener
9:30 A.M.	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 19
1st LEM	Susie Marshall	Patricia Walthall	Janie Walton
2nd LEM	Merrily Peacock	Ginger Sirola	Rodger Watson
Lector	Lynne Passilla	Sharon Puchein	Patricia Walthall
Altar Server	Chelsea Borno	Maddy Wirbel	Cydney Babione
Crucifer	Bradyn Paluzzi	James Wirbel	Bradyn Paluzzi
Torch Bearers	Gwen & Jossy Wirbel	Georgia Gold & Lena Candes	Kylie Walton & Katy Babcock
Greeters/Ushers	George Daniel, Sam Lynn Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Ken Miller, Tom Stachowski, Jim & Lynne Passilla	Alexander Babcock, Tom Wirbel, Horace & Jacquie Williams
LEV Team	Jill Brown	Jim & Lynne Passilla	Mike & Bobbie Warren
Prayer Intercessor	Jill Brown	Susan Kiehm	Wendy King

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

11:00 A.M.	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 19
1st LEM	Janie Walton	Kathy Quesenberry	Joe Wolfe
2nd LEM	Brittany Kolacki	Geraldine Remington	Lionel Williams
Lector	Ethan Kallesen	Patty Tate	Norm Anthony
Altar Server	Kylie Walton	Giancarlos Delgado	Delilah Brueggeman
Greeters/Ushers	Paul & Patty Robertson Lionel & Karen Williams	Gilberto & Melissa Delgado, Joe & Sarah Wolfe	Richard & Kelley McRae Paul & Terry Hickman
LEV Team	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic
Prayer Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Sam Katulic	Volunteer Needed
7:00 P.M.	FEBRUARY 5	FEBRUARY 12	FEBRUARY 19
LEM	Regina Seguin	Greg Chandler	Kathy Quesenberry
Lector	Greg Chandler	Larry Book	Greg Chandler
Greeter/Usher	Rebecca Fulmer	Raul Lopez	Brian Seguin
Altar Server	Zachary Clemens	Joel Lopez	Kara Altenbach
Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
LEV Team	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Lectionary	Isaiah 58:1-12	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18
	Psalms 112	Psalms 119:1-8	Psalms 119:33-40
	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	1 Corinthians 3:10-23
	Matthew 5:13-20	Matthew 5:21-37	Matthew 5:38-48

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

8:00 A.M.	FEBRUARY 26	MARCH 5	MARCH 12
1st LEM	Joyce Taylor	Janie Walton	Tina Buchanan
2nd LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Deborah Townsend	Frank Chase
Lector	Bill Bradford	Aliena Gaye	Suzanna Leigh
Altar Server	Alex Cooney	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic
Crucifer	———	———	———
Torch Bearers	———	———	———
Greeters/Ushers	Bob Somers, Robert Weiss Ansel & Ina Haughton	Ron Bouton, Bill Bradford, Jay & Marsha Dymond	Pete & Nancy Glynn Carol Green, Trudie Carr
LEV Team	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer	Dawson Peacock
Prayer Intercessor	Elise Bradford	Annette Spigener	Elise Bradford
9:30 A.M.	FEBRUARY 26	MARCH 5	MARCH 12
1st LEM	Erin Hinz	Stacey Beck	Susie Marshall
2nd LEM	Terri Wetherington	Shelby Beck	Janie Walton
Lector	Dawn Wirbel	Steve Borst	Leslie Candes
Altar Server	Aidan Brandenburg	Kelsey Beck	Chelsea Borno
Crucifer	Zackary Cho-Sam	James Wirbel	Zackary Cho-Sam
Torch Bearers	Ayden Cho-Sam & Layana Borno	Gwen & Jossy Wirbel	Kylie Walton & Lena Candes
Greeters/Ushers	Anthony Beckford, Lisa Borst, George Daniel, Christopher Carr	Ken Miller, Sam Lynn, Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Jim & Lynne Passilla John & Sharon Puchein
LEV Team	Rodger Watson	Jill Brown	Jim & Lynne Passilla
Prayer Intercessor	Susie Marshall	Sharon Puchein	Wally Stewart

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

11:00 A.M.	FEBRUARY 26	MARCH 5	MARCH 12
1st LEM	Sam Katulic	Brittany Kolacki	Geraldine Remington
2nd LEM	Janie Walton	Stacey Jamail	Kathy Quesenberry
Lector	Joe Wolfe	Terry Anthony	Leo Henry
Altar Server	Malina Lawrence	Mackenzie & Sophia Teolis	Giancarlos Delgado
Greeters/Ushers	Ethan Kellesen, Alelia Munroe, Paul & Patty Robertson	Lionel & Karen Williams Joe & Sarah Wolfe	Gilberto & Melissa Delgado Paul & Terry Hickman
LEV Team	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams
Prayer Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Sam Katulic
7:00 P.M.	FEBRUARY 26	MARCH 5	MARCH 12
LEM	Greg Chandler	Marvin Haughton	Greg Chandler
Lector	Helen Farnsworth	Greg Chandler	Kristin Jackson
Greeter/Usher	Tina Sydnor	Mary Pounds	Janie Walton
Altar Server	Noah Altenbach	Zachary Clemens	Joel Lopez
Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
LEV Team	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Lectionary	Exodus 24:12-18	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Genesis 12:1-4a
	Psalms 2	Psalms 32	Psalms 121
	2 Peter 1:16-21	Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
	Matthew 17:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11	John 3:1-17

Readings for Ash Wednesday
March 1st:

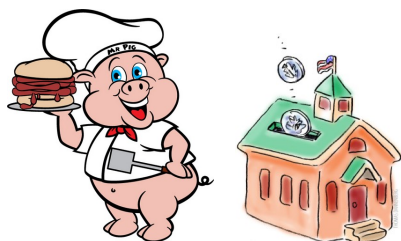
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 103
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Men's Supper

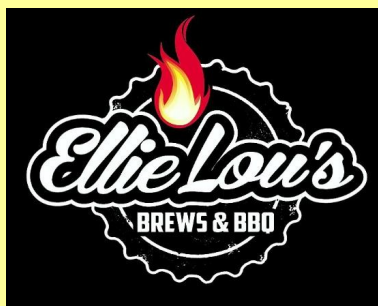


All the men of the church are invited to attend. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how much food to prepare.

Tuesday
February 7
6:30pm
Meet in the
Youth Hall
February chef is
John Jowett



Preschool BBQ Fundraiser
Tuesday, February 7th
Ellie Lou's BBQ
336 Moore Road in Ocoee



OUR PRESCHOOL RECEIVES 10% OF SALES ALL DAY IF YOU TELL YOUR SERVER YOU'RE THERE TO SUPPORT CHILDREN OF THE MESSIAH

Fun & Fellowship News

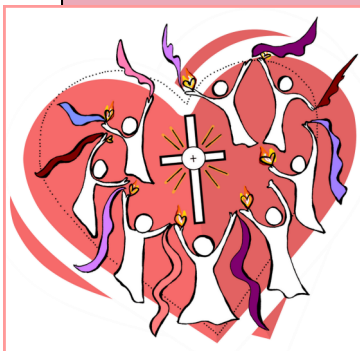
Women's Dining Club
Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30pm



336 Moore Road
Ocoee, FL

EVENING OF FEBRUARY 24-25 WOMEN'S RETREAT

at Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo




Cost: Single with meals-\$103
Double with meals-\$88
Commuter (not staying overnight) with meals- \$57

See Deacon Julie for scholarship information. There are a limited number of rooms available so if you can share a room, it would be greatly appreciated.

Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask GOD for everything you need, always giving thanks. And GOD's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and mind in
CHRIST JESUS.

FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6pm Bible Study Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	2 11am Staff Meeting	3 Vestry Retreat 7-9pm	4 Vestry Retreat 9am-1pm
5 BAG SUNDAY 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 11:30 Spanish 3pm K-12 Tutoring 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 5pm Life Issues 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3	6 Janie Walton & Tracy Dugger's Day off Preschool Registration for returning students Small Group Meeting 6:30PM In Narthex	7 Men's Supper 6:30pm Women's Dining Club 6:30pm Fr. Tom's Day Off	8 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6pm Bible Study Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	9 11am Staff Meeting	10	11
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26 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 11:30 Spanish 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 5pm Life Issues 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3	27 Janie Walton & Tracy Dugger's Day off Small Group Meeting 6:30PM In Narthex	28 SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER 6-8pm Fr. Tom's Day Off	1 ASH WEDNESDAY Services at Noon & 7pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting every night at 8:00 p.m. ALSO Tuesdays: Women only 6:30pm Wednesdays: Men only 6:30pm		

February Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Layanna Wilkinson-Borno
 5 Karissa Henry
 Mike Paluzzi
 Tristan Smith
 6 River Paredes
 7 Hannah Faughnan
 8 Zackary Cho-Sam
 9 Pati Cook
 Don Greer
 10 Lee Farnsworth
 Jim Passilla
 11 Terry Anthony
 12 Amber Ellerbe
 Corban Rutherford
 Terri Wetherington



13 Doris Anthony
 Esther Gonzalez
 15 Aliena Gaye
 Beckett Taylor
 16 Katy Babcock
 Bill Sydnor
 17 Karen Boylan
 Shawn Forbes
 19 Marjorie Masson
 21 Christopher Borst
 Steve Brandenburg
 24 Marci Babione
 27 Nancy Glynn
 28 John Morgeson

1 Rodger & Johanna Watson
 3 Bill & Patti Smith
 6 Sherlock & Rajdai Teeka Singh
 15 Tom & Sandi Johnston
 20 David & MaryLynn Levine
 21 Toby & Kim Tobyansen



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.

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Your Name _____ DOB _____
 month/day/year

Spouse _____ DOB _____
 month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____
 month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____
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Children _____ DOB _____
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Address _____

Home Phone _____

Email: _____

Wedding Anniversary _____

Request offering envelopes? _____ Yes _____ No