



## The season of preparation to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, and lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays) and ends on Easter morning April 16th.

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 “tith” 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,” which may be “giving up something for Lent” or “committing to doing something extra” in order to draw closer to God.



### 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

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Amy Paredes, *Facilities Minister*  
Janie Walton, *Youth Minister*  
LaVerne Woods, *Parish Administrator*

Office Hours Monday through Friday 9am—5pm

## From the Rector



# Preparing for the Resurrection

Lent is the 40 days before Easter (not counting Sundays) when we prepare ourselves to celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter.

It's also the perfect time to ensure we're prepared for our own resurrection.

The best way to do that is by making sure we're ready to face our own death.

The Church calls us to acknowledge that inevitability every Ash Wednesday as someone smears ashes on us and says, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

In other words: "You're going to die. Are you ready?"

Are you ready to die?

Not just spiritually by accepting Jesus' invitation to be in his family, but also relationally, physically, and financially?

Are you ready to die relationally?

- Have you apologized and asked forgiveness from the people you've hurt in your life? At least the ones you know how to contact?

- Have you forgiven the folks who have hurt you? And the ones who've hurt people you love?
- If you're married, do you tell your spouse daily, "I love you"?
- If you're a parent, have you told your children, "I'm proud of you"?
- Have you told your friends how much you appreciate them?
- The people who have helped you, taught you, coached you, supported you, encouraged you, mentored you: have you told them how they influenced you and said, "Thank you"?

If not, any or all of those would be great to do during Lent, and MUCH more beneficial than giving up chocolate!

Are you ready to die physically?

- Have you decided how much medical intervention you want, if you're so sick, it appears you won't recover?
- Have you written a living will, defining whether you want the doctors to do everything possible to keep you alive? Or you're a "DNR" ("Do NOT Resituate")? Or somewhere in between?
- Have you designated a Health Care Surrogate – someone to make medical decisions for you in the event you're too sick to make them for yourself?

If not, any or all of those would be great to do during Lent, and MUCH more beneficial than giving up alcohol.

Are you ready to die financially?

- Have you written a will? Is it current?
- Have you given someone Durable Power of Attorney to make financial decisions for you, in case you're too sick to make them for yourself?
- Have you included the Church in your will? If you've always wanted

to tithe, but never gotten around to it, you get one last chance: in your will! If there's something the Messiah family does that you really believe in and want to help it keep going, you can make provision for that in your will. If the Messiah family has blessed you in your life, this is your chance to say a final "Thank you!"

If you have not included the Messiah family in your will, but you'd like to, parishioner and estate attorney Steve Dunegan will amend your will *pro bono*, for free!

Here how to find him:

Steve Dunegan, Esq.  
Law Office of Steve Dunegan, P.A.  
55 North Dillard Street  
Winter Garden, FL 34787  
407-654-9455

If you've not taken care of those financial details, any or all of them would be great to do during Lent and MUCH more beneficial than giving up caffeine.

This Lent, let's not only get ourselves ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection; let's ensure we're ready for our own.

"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

I love you all.

*Tom Rutherford*

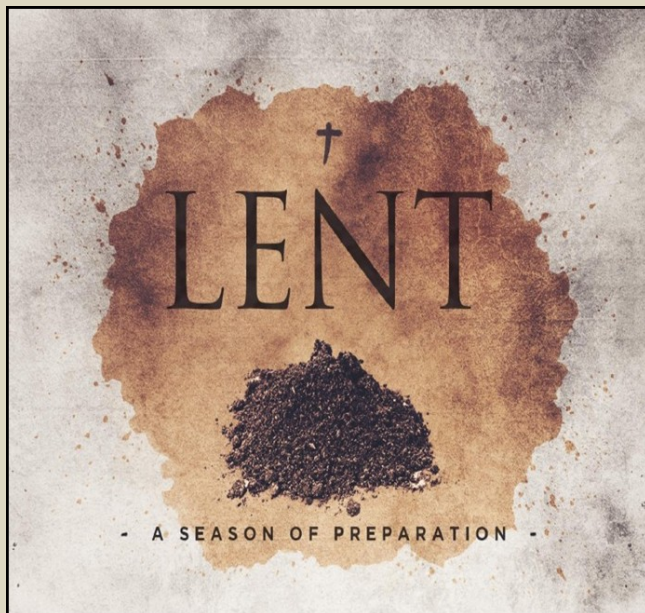
# Who Ya Gonna Call?

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

<b>LOVING GOD .....</b>	<b>Leader .....</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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

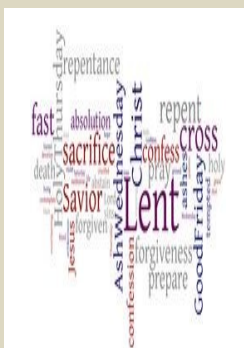
<b>LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR.....</b>	<b>Leader .....</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Christian Service Center .....	Lynn Somers.....	407-656-2504
Communications/Publicity.....	Lionel Williams.....	407-905-9295
Habitat for Humanity .....	Bob Tate .....	407-656-3239
Home at Last .....	Bill Criswell.....	407-876-2472
Outreach.....	Larry Book.....	321-527-0518
Pre-School.....	Barbara Ellerbe .....	407-654-8415
Refugee Team.....	Murph Borno.....	407-347-7094

<b>LOVING EACH OTHER .....</b>	<b>Leader .....</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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



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(Book of Common Prayer, p. 265)



## Every Wednesday During Lent

**“Little Lessons in Lent”** for children ages 4 & up with Children’s Minister Angela Lopez meet from 6-7pm in the Youth Hall to learn about Lent and what God wants us to do. Children will have a short lesson and begin a mission project. A light snack will be served.



**Activate 2.0 Youth Group** meets every Wednesday during Lent at 6pm in the Youth Hall, in addition to the regular Activate meetings on Sundays.

**Walk in Love...from 6-7pm** Looking to move more? Looking to pray more? Looking to love more? Join Mother Tracy on Wednesdays in Lent for a Lenten Prayer Walk/Pilgrimage. We’ll meet in the narthex, open in prayer, walk around campus and the Jessie Brock campus and elsewhere. Open to all ages and fitness levels.



## Way of the Cross every Friday

Come walk with Jesus to the cross and grave in the church.

Friday, March 5th at 7pm

Friday, March 10th at 5pm

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Noon

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7am

Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Spanish

Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon & 7pm

## Maundy Thursday

April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Simple Supper & The Living Last Supper.

Please bring a dish to share (soup, bread, salad, or stew) and watch the living dramatization of DaVinci's "The Last Supper" with 13 living characters.

## The Prayer Vigil April 13-14 8pm-Noon

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked His dozing disciples, "Could you not pray with me for an hour?" The Prayer Vigil is our chance to watch and pray with Jesus for 30 minutes or an hour through the night from the end of the Living Last Supper until the Good Friday service at Noon. A sign up sheet will be available soon.

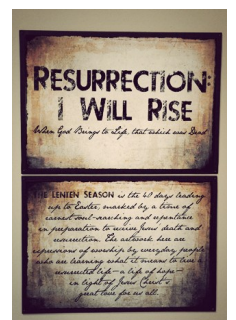
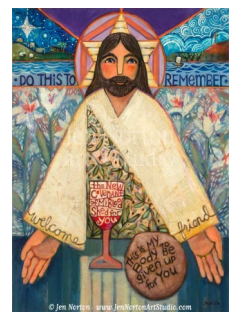
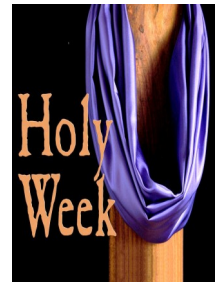
You may pray in the church or at home.

## Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Church

Services at 12 Noon in English

6pm in Spanish

7pm in English



## Sunday, February 19, 2017 - 2:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting Minutes

### Vestry Door Duty for March:

Opener at 7:30am: Doreen Stachowski

Closer at 1pm: Stacey Beck

March 19th Vestry Meeting Host:  
Don Greer

### 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, Assistant Rector Tracy Dugger, Sr. Warden & Clerk Joyce Taylor, Jr. Warden Frank Chase, Marci Babione, Stacey Beck, Steve Borst, Don Greer, Leo Henry, Elaina Paige, and Sarah Wolfe.

Absent: Treasurer Rodger Watson, Doreen Stachowski, Lionel Williams, 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.

### INFORMATION:

**Vestry Manual:** Tom Rutherford invited any questions about anything in the Manual or about the Parish or how we operate. There were none.

### **Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

**SCRIP Fundraising:** Since there is so much potential with this program, Wilna Brown and Doreen Stachowski are going to try once again to educate the congregation and will be holding workshops between each service in the Library on Sunday, February 26th. We will have laptops to help anyone sign in and get started using the ShopwithScrip system. So far the program has made over \$8,000 for the Church of the Messiah, and we hope to educate everyone on how easy it is to support our Church with this fundraiser.

**Outreach Team** will meet on February 23 to orient our new Vestry Outreach members about what we have done in previous years, what we have already planned for this year, and to get their ideas and goals for the coming year.

No others received.

### **Staff Reports:**

**Facility:** The Facility Rental Report was emailed separately.

**Children's Ministry:** Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports: This month at SHINE we celebrated some of the kids who earned a pizza and taco party! We have been learning about feelings and will soon be watching the movie "Inside Out." A favorite lesson thus far has been when we talked about Disgust and how we should not judge people by their appearance but by what's inside. We used the story of Jesus healing the 10 lepers to illustrate this. We used some oatmeal bagels as our sores. Another highlight was using brownie mix to talk about how sometimes we need to experience sadness and being broken for God to work things out in our life, such as bringing friends closer to us and creating great memories of times when somebody was there for us and comforted us when we were sad. We used the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from death for this lesson.

In Children's Church we have been working on lessons about love. We have a variety of crafts for this month including a special project planned by Debbie Rutherford. Our Valentine lesson is based on John 3:16, and Marci Babione has a craft planned that will also talk about how much God loves us.

We are doing "Little Lessons in Lent" again this year for our elementary aged children from 6-7pm starting Ash Wednesday and going through Holy Week. Our alms-giving this year is the Rice Bowl Project. Each child gets a plastic bowl that looks like it's filled with rice, but it is actually a bank. We will collect our spare

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change throughout Lent and turn it in at the end. I will then submit a check to the organization, and they will purchase food for orphanages around the world. I ordered 50 of the banks. I would like to put a table out in the Narthex with some information and offer anybody who would like to participate to join along with us.

I've also been planning the Easter Party. This year I would like to put bags of empty Easter eggs in the narthex and ask for people to pick a bag and fill it with candy and return it. Filling the hundreds and hundreds of Easter eggs I usually do is quite time-consuming. I would love to offer anybody who would like it the opportunity to help me out in this area.

Our Vacation Bible School online registration site is live, and I've had several children register already. We had our first meeting for volunteers, and I have most positions filled. Everybody seems really excited about our theme for this year and is excited to start planning and preparing. I would like to put up a board listing the materials we need, instead of asking for monetary donations this year: things like rope, empty coffee cans, and marbles. I would like to hang this in the narthex in April.

### Children of the Messiah Preschool:

The financial report was emailed separately. Registration for the fall started February 6 for current students and February 13 for the public. The baby room filled up the first day of Open Registration, and most of the other classes are full, with waiting lists.

**Youth Ministry:** Youth Minister Janie Walton reports:

Activate's tutoring sessions are now twice a month the first and third Sundays. Our first session was

February 5 with students from Dillard Street Elementary School attending. We are still looking for tutors in Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus and Chemistry. Our second session is February 19.

Activate is attending Student Leadership University's Lift Tour at First Baptist Church of Orlando on Friday and Saturday, February 17 and 18. On Saturday, February 18, Youth Minister Janie Walton is part of a Youth Ministries Panel Discussion at Church of the Good Shepherd in Maitland as part of the Absalom Jones' Celebration.

The Bishop's Event Weekend is Friday and Saturday, February 24-25 at Camp Wingmann. Bishop Greg Brewer is speaking on the topic of prayer. Janie Walton is leading *Prayer for the World* as part of the breakout prayer sessions at the event.

Our Activate students are looking forward to our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Fundraiser on February 28 in the Parish Hall.

Activate is doing a Lenten series along with Children's Ministry's Little Lessons in Lent on Wednesday nights beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1.

The Summer Youth Mission Project is Saturday July 15-Saturday July 22. We're going to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation south of Bismarck, North Dakota, and helping with Camp St Gabriel for Native youth, put on by the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota.

**Messiah Academy:** The Financial Report was emailed separately. Director Terri Wetherington reports: As reported previously we are now able to accept McKay and Gardiner Scholarship Funds through the Step Up for Students Program. So far we

have received 6,500.00 with a remainder of 2000.00 to be collected when the reimbursement window opens sometime in March/April.

We have starting paying Garine Adams for student Music Lessons (100.00 per month). Her time up to now has been donated.

I have finally starting drawing a salary which is currently set at 18,000 per year. This is still well below the projected salary of 25,000 per year. As the school grows and self-funding becomes available this will change to be more in line with our planned projections.

We will be advertising and conducting an open house on Feb 25, 2017 and again on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6-8 p.m. We are ready to grow!

**Assistant Rector Tracy Dugger reports:**

**Social Media Ministry:** Timely updates continue to occur and our total like/following the page is trending upward slowly. This means more of our members are finding us on Facebook and are keeping up to date with events on our page.

**Latino Ministry:** The Spanish service continues to go well. The timing is running smoother and we have found a successful bulletin format that can accommodate printing all the songs, hymns, and liturgy. I met with the diocesan Hispanic Commission and we will be represented at the March 4th Diocesan wide Spanish service at the Cathedral.

**Young Adult Ministry:** Revive is ongoing. I will be inviting more people to join with us in Lent to commit to reading the gospel of Mark together. I will also be hosting a Pilgrimage/Walking group on Wednesdays in Lent while "Little lessons" and Youth

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Group are meeting.

Technology/Internet- Craig Bridge upgraded our internet firmware on 2/13. Tracy advised that we need someone to measure the distance for new cable to replace our old/ inadequate cable in order to update our internet connection to better support the school(s) and the rest of the campus. Once we get the needed measurements, we can get a cost to replace the cables that are unreliable. Jr. Warden Frank Chase and Mother Tracy will work on this and report back to the vestry. We now have two different networks – one for guests and one for vestry and staff. This will greatly improve the security of our internet connection.

**Ash Wednesday & Lent:** With our plethora of Clergy, we are offering a plethora of Ash Wednesday and Lenten opportunities:

- Ash Wednesday services at 7am, Noon, 6pm (in Spanish), and 7pm
- Way of the Cross/Stations of the Cross every Friday, but at a different time each Friday, to make it accessible to as many people as possible: 7am, noon, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm, and 7pm in Spanish

**DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month):** There were none.

**DECISIONS (based on the Discussion last month):**

**Diocesan Pledge for 2017:** We are required by canon to send 10% of our Plate and Pledge Income to the Diocese, and are asked to give more. Vestry agreed to continue sending 10% with no restrictions on how we'd like it spent.

**Annual Parochial Report:** A hard copy was distributed to all vestry members. The vestry approved the report and it will be sent to the Diocese and The Episcopal Church by the deadline of March 1. Good news is

that: The Messiah family has 487 active people, including 77 members under 16 years old, and an Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) of 325.

That means 2/3 of our folks are here on any given Sunday, while in most Episcopal Churches, they have very few – if any – children, and are lucky to get ½ of their people there regularly. That also makes us a “large” congregation, since only 4% of Episcopal Churches in the US have an ASA of over 300.

### **MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**Minutes from the January meeting:**  
APPROVED.

**January Financial Report from Treasurer Rodger Watson:**  
APPROVED.

**Operating Account:** The month's income was \$741.34 MORE than expenses, so for the first time in many years, we start the year with a surplus instead of a deficit! Thank you, Jesus! Please keep praying.

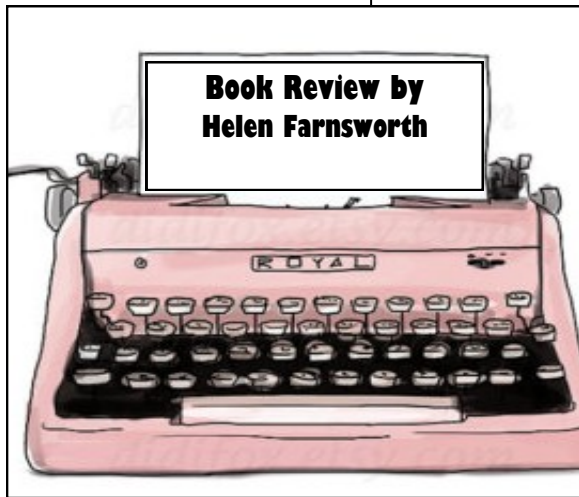
**Building Fund:** Net Building Fund income (gifts, fundraising, and facility rental income, less expenses) was \$6,969.21 MORE than the \$14,709.16 necessary to cover the mortgage, and it was applied to Contingency Fund/ Debt Reduction.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk





I read two more winners this month: *Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible and What He Wants to Do With You* by John MacArthur, and *Life's Greatest Treasure: Writings About Discovering and Blessing Children*, compiled by Bette Bishop.

Some time back I reviewed John MacArthur's book *Twelve Ordinary Men*, which dealt with the Apostles, and how Christ transformed their lives; so I knew I was in for another treat. I was not disappointed. He pointed out that he used a different adjective for the ladies—"extraordinary" as opposed to "ordinary"; but in both cases these people of God became "extraordinary" because of the work of Christ within them.

Their job was to believe and to submit to whatever He called on them to do. And this was true in the Old as well as the New Testament, from Mother Eve to Lydia. (I was a bit surprised to find Eve listed; but she clearly did believe the promise of God to send a Redeemer, and she was the very first in His genealogy.)

The other women featured are Sarah, Rahab, Ruth, Hannah, Mary, Anna, the Samaritan

Woman, Martha and Mary, and Mary Magdalene.

*Life's Greatest Treasure*, another of the books Lynne Passilla gave me, is a charming collection of poems and other writings (but mostly poems) about childhood and parenthood, some of which I remember learning as a child, myself. As usual, I thoroughly enjoyed it, too. Thanks again, Lynne!

I hope you will avail yourself of the opportunity to read these. I think your heart will be blessed.

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# Preschool News

By Barbara Ellerbe

Preschool registration is continuing. Many of our classes are already full. If you or someone you know are interested in registering a child for next fall please call the preschool office at (407) 654-8415.

In February, the 4 year olds visited the Jesse Brock Community center for their annual Lil' Cupid's Carnival which is put on by the Parks Department. The kids had their faces painted and played games to celebrate Valentine's Day. The younger children all had Valentine's Day parties in their individual classrooms.

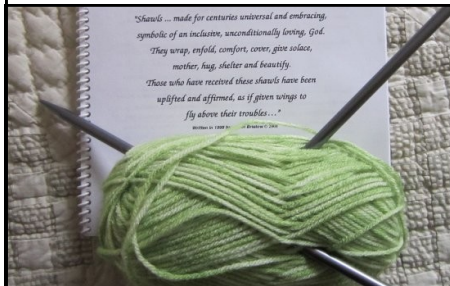
Thank you, for supporting the preschool's Spirit Day at Ellie Lou's BBQ. You helped us raise \$250 for the scholarship fund. Your support will help us to provide scholarships to families who would otherwise not be able to attend our preschool. We had a great turnout. Thank you!



## Upcoming Dates

- March 17 – Teacher Work Day – No school
- March 20-24 – Spring Break
- March 31 – Field Trip to Curious George at the Orlando Repertory Theatre

## 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.



## 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.

## 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

On Saturday January 28th  
Ms. Angela took a trip to Kaitlyn  
O'Brien's Girl Scout cookie booth!

Kaitlyn and her Daisy pals were  
greeting customers of Ocoee Taco  
Company and selling loads of  
cookies! Kaitlyn did a great job  
describing each flavor and even  
carried my cookies to the car for me!

Addison Wise, Kylie Walton and  
Evie Dugger were treated to a taco,  
pizza and ice cream party for their  
fabulous work on their advent  
project! We had a great time  
hanging out, telling stories and  
growing our friendship. We missed  
Shea Gilbert and Bradyn Paluzzi  
who were visiting family.



## SHINE KIDS CLUB



# children's ministry

By Angela Lopez  
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## RICE BOWL FOR LENT, FOR LIFE



What You Give Up For Lent Changes Lives

During Lent we'll be participating in the Rice Bowl Fundraiser instead of our usual canned food drive.

Please place the rice bowl bank in an area that your family will notice daily. As you pass the bowl pray for the orphans around the world. Orphans are children that do not have parents who are able to take care of them or who have died. Drop your spare change in the bank and after Easter we'll count and turn in the money to the organization who will then buy food for children living in orphanages around the world.

This project is close to my heart because my father was adopted from an orphanage when he was 5 years old. He had lived there and was taken care of by generous people since he was 2 years old. The people who would become his "forever family" adopted him and his baby brother who had never had a home outside of the orphanage.

God calls us all to care for the widows and orphans in James 1:27. During Lent we spend time focusing on our relationship with God and giving to others. Please join me in filling a rice bowl bank and returning it by April 18th.

Blessings, Ms. Angela

## 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 in the Youth Hall. Dates are March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5 & 12.

We'll learn about Lent and what God wants us to do and the children will have a take home family project.

A light snack will be provided and we will be finished by 7 PM.

Please contact me at [ifrog1980@gmail.com](mailto:ifrog1980@gmail.com) for more information and to save your child's spot.



We're still in need of empty toilet paper rolls for crafts. Our supply is running dangerously low. Rolls can be dropped off in front of my office door.  
Thank you, Ms. Angela



## Our VBS 2017 registration site is LIVE!!

Visit [www.myvbs.org/COTM2017](http://www.myvbs.org/COTM2017) to sign up your child or to register to volunteer!! Potty trained children ages 3 & up are welcome. VBS is scheduled for June 26-30th.

FREE dinner for children and volunteers at 5pm, program follows at 5:30-8:30pm. The first 30 children who are signed up will receive a prize on the first day of VBS.

We are using Group Publishing's "Passport to Peru" discovering God's Good gifts. A donation board for supplies needed will be posted. Cash/check donations are always welcome, but will not be formally asked for.

Our Easter party and egg hunt will be on Saturday April 15, times will be announced soon.



YOUTH



by Janie Walton

# ACTIVATE!

## Activate 2.0

Activate has big things in store for this Lenten season!

We will be launching Activate 2.0 for the Lenten season beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 6 PM.

We will continue to have Activate on Sundays from 4:30 to 6 PM. The Wednesday nights during

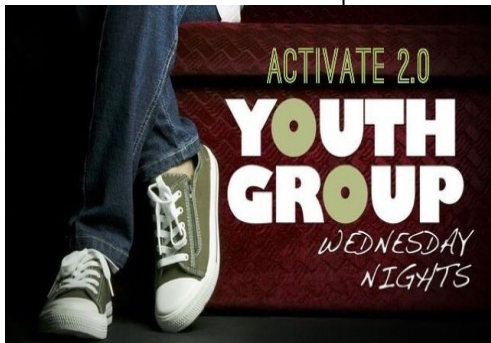
Lent are in addition to our normal Sunday meetings and a way for those who cannot make it on Sundays or who have to miss a Sunday due to a scheduling conflict to still attend youth group.

### Wednesday, March 1

Activate 2.0 from 6:00-6:45 PM beginning with dinner in the Youth Hall followed by attending the Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

### Wednesday, March 8-Wednesday, April 12

Activate 2.0 from 6:00-7:00 PM beginning with dinner in the Youth Hall.



## New Beginnings

New Beginnings is a diocesan-wide middle school retreat weekend held at Camp Wingmann in Avon Park. This year, the retreat will take place from Friday, March 24 to Sunday, March 26. The cost per person is \$100 which includes food and lodging.

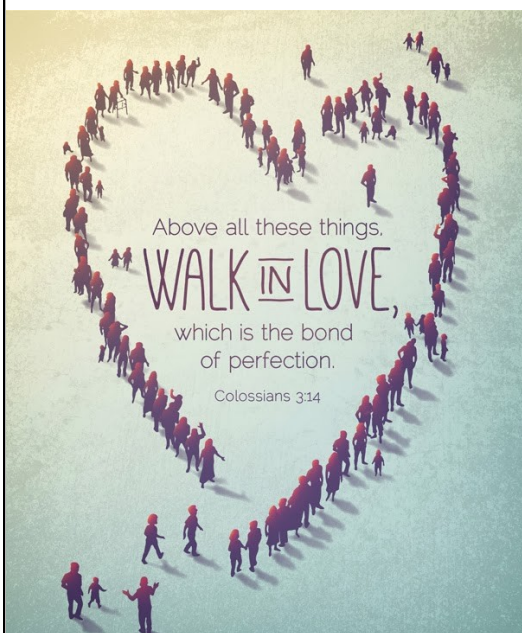
If you are interested in attending or would like to find out more information about New Beginnings, please contact youth minister, Janie Walton in person or via e-mail at [ActivateYM@gmail.com](mailto:ActivateYM@gmail.com).



# 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!



**Walk in Love . . .**

**Wednesdays from 6-7pm starting March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Looking to move more? Looking to pray more? Looking to love more? Join Mother Tracy on Wednesdays in Lent for a Lenten Prayer Walk/Pilgrimage. We'll meet in the narthex, open in prayer, walk around campus and the Jessie Brock campus and elsewhere. This group will meet at the same time as Little Lessons in Lent and Activate 2.0. Open to all ages and fitness levels.

## For Young Adults!

Join Mother T for a birthday celebration at the Crooked Can, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We'll bring some tabletop games. Stay if you're able for, Trivia Tuesday starting at 7:30 hosted by Trivia Nation, at the Crooked Can.



# SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

8:00 A.M.	MARCH 5	MARCH 12	MARCH 19
<b>1st LEM</b>	Janie Walton	Frank Chase	Ellie Chase
<b>2nd LEM</b>	Deborah Townsend	Tina Buchanan	Steve Dunegan
<b>Lector</b>	Aliena Gaye	Suzanna Leigh	Marylynne Levine
<b>Altar Server</b>	Sam Katulic	Alex Cooney	Sam Katulic
<b>Crucifer</b>	——	——	——
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	——	——	——
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Ron Bouton, Bill Bradford, Jay & Marsha Dymond	Trudie Carr Pete & Nancy Glynn	Ansel & Ina Haughton Elaina Paige Bob Somers
<b>LEV Team</b>	Don Greer	Dawson Peacock	Bill & Elise Bradford
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Annette Spigener	Elise Bradford	Annette Spigener
9:30 A.M.	MARCH 5	MARCH 12	MARCH 19
<b>1st LEM</b>	Stacey Beck	Susie Marshall	Ginger Sirola
<b>2nd LEM</b>	Shelby Beck	Janie Walton	Patricia Walthall
<b>Lector</b>	Steve Borst	Leslie Candes	Beth Ann Carr
<b>Altar Server</b>	Kelsey Beck	Chelsea Borno	Cydney Babione
<b>Crucifer</b>	James Wirbel	Zackary Cho-Sam	Bradlyn Paluzzi
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Gwen & Jossy Wirbel	Kylie Walton & Lena Candes	Gwen & Jossy Wirbel
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Ken Miller Sam Lynn Chuck & Deborah Grunder	John & Sharon Puchein Jim & Lynne Passilla	Tom Stachowski, Rodger Watson, Horace & Jacquie Williams
<b>LEV Team</b>	Jill Brown	Jim & Lynne Passilla	Mike & Bobbie Warren
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Sharon Puchein	Wally Stewart	Jill Brown

**Please remember: If you are scheduled to serve in any function  
and have a conflict, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.**

**Thank you!**



# SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

11:00 A.M.	MARCH 5	MARCH 12	MARCH 19
<b>1st LEM</b>	Brittany Kolacki	Geraldine Remington	Janie Walton
<b>2nd LEM</b>	Stacey Jamail	Kathy Quesenberry	Joe Wolfe
<b>Lector</b>	Terry Anthony	Leo Henry	Nadia Henry
<b>Altar Server</b>	Mackenzie & Sophia Teolis	Giancarlos Delgado	Kylie Walton
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Joe & Sarah Wolfe Lionel & Karen Williams	Gilberto & Melissa Delgado, Paul & Terry Hickman	Ethan Kallesen, Alelia Munroe, Richard & Kelley McRae
<b>LEV Team</b>	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Volunteer Needed	Sam Katulic	Volunteer Needed
7:00 P.M.	MARCH 5	MARCH 12	MARCH 19
<b>LEM</b>	Marvin Haughton	Greg Chandler	Marvin Haughton
<b>Lector</b>	Greg Chandler	Kristen Jackson	Greg Chandler
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Mary Pounds	Janie Walton	Rebecca Fulmer
<b>Altar Server</b>	Zachary Clemens	Noah Altenbach	Kara Altenbach
<b>Intercessor</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>LEV Team</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
<b>Lectionary</b>	Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7	Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7
	Psalm 32	Psalm 121	Psalm 95
	Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11
	Matthew 4:1-11	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42

# SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

## Palm Sunday

8:00 A.M.	MARCH 26	APRIL 2	APRIL 9
<b>1st LEM</b>	Don Greer	Marylynn Levine	Mary Kay Predmore
<b>2nd LEM</b>	Janie Walton	Marvin Haughton	Joyce Taylor
<b>Lector</b>	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend	Bill Bradford
<b>Altar Server</b>	Alex Cooney	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic
<b>Crucifer</b>	—	—	—
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	—	—	—
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Ron Bouton, Joyce Taylor, Robert Weiss, Carolyn Greer	Trudie Carr, Bill Bradford, Jay & Marsha Dymond	Pete & Nancy Glynn Elaina Paige
<b>LEV Team</b>	Don Greer	Dawson Peacock	Bill & Elise Bradford
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Elise Bradford	Annette Spigener	Elise Bradford
9:30 A.M.	MARCH 26	APRIL 2	APRIL 9
<b>1st LEM</b>	Rodger Watson	Janie Walton	Shelby Beck
<b>2nd LEM</b>	Terri Wetherington	Erin Hinz	Stacey Beck
<b>Lector</b>	Kevin Cochrane	Lynne Passilla	Sharon Puchein
<b>Altar Server</b>	Maddy Wirbel	Joel Lopez	Aidan Brandenburg
<b>Crucifer</b>	James Wirbel	Zackary Cho-Sam	Bradyn Paluzzi
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Ayden Cho-Sam & Katy Babcock	Lena Candes & Kylie Walton	Georgia Gold & A. Cho-Sam
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Anthony Beckford, Alexander Babcock, Tom Wirbel, Lisa Borst	Sam Lynn, Christopher Carr, Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Jim & Lynne Passilla Ken Miller, Rodger Watson
<b>LEV Team</b>	Rodger Watson	Jill Brown	Jim & Lynne Passilla
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Susan Kiehm	Wendy King	Susie Marshall


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**Thank you!**

# SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

				<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>MARCH 26</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b>	
<b>1st LEM</b>	Lionel Williams	Brittany Kolacki	Kathy Quesenberry	
<b>2nd LEM</b>	Stacey Jamail	Sam Katulic	Janie Walton	
<b>Lector</b>	Claudia Kallesen	Ethan Kallesen	Patty Tate	
<b>Altar Server</b>	Malina Lawrence	Giancarlos Delgado	Delilah Brueggeman	
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Karen Williams, Sarah Wolfe Paul & Patty Robertson	Gilberto & Melissa Delgado, Paul & Terry Hickman	Richard & Kelley McRae Ethan Kallesen, Alelia Munroe	
<b>LEV Team</b>	Lionel & Karen Williams	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic	
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Sam Katulic	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
<b>7:00 P.M.</b>	<b>MARCH 26</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b>	
<b>LEM</b>	Greg Chandler	Greg Chandler	Regina Seguin	
<b>Lector</b>	Wendy King	Tori Eaton	Greg Chandler	
<b>Greeter/Usher</b>	Raul Lopez	Brian Seguin	Tina Sydnor	
<b>Altar Server</b>	Joel Lopez	Zachary Clemens	Noah Altenbach	
<b>Intercessor</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
<b>LEV Team</b>	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
<b>Lectionary</b>	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ezekiel 37:1-14	<b>Liturgy of the Palms</b> Matthew 21:1-11	
	Psalm 23	Psalm 130	Isaiah 50:4-9a	
	Ephesians 5:8-14	Romans 8:6-11	Psalm 31	
	John 9:1-41	John 11:1-45	Philippians 2:5-11	
			Matthew 26:14-27:66	

# MARCH 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>TUTORING</b> Grades K-12 3-4:15 pm March 5 & 19th	<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> <b>Open Meeting every</b> <b>night at 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>ALSO</b> <b>Tuesdays: Women only</b> <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Wednesdays: Men only</b> <b>6:30pm</b>		<b>1 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Services at 7am, Noon, 6pm (Spanish); 7pm 6-7pm Little Lessons 6-7pm Activate 2.0 6pm Bible Study No Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 11am Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 7am Way of the Cross	<b>4</b>
<b>5 BAG SUNDAY</b> 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 11am TVSD 11:30 Spanish 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 5pm Old Testament 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3	<b>6</b> Janie Walton & Tracy Dugger's Day off  Small Group Meeting 6:30PM In Narthex	<b>7</b> Men's Supper 6:30pm  Women's Dining Club 6:30pm  Fr. Tom's Day Off	<b>8</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6-7pm Little Lessons 6-7pm Activate 2.0 6pm Bible Study Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 11am Staff Meeting	<b>10</b> 5pm Way of the Cross	<b>11</b>
<b>12 BLOOD PRES- SURE SUNDAY</b> 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am TVSD 11am Rite 3 11:30 Spanish 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 5pm Old Testament 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3	<b>13</b> Janie Walton & Tracy Dugger's Day off  Small Group Meeting 6:30PM In Narthex	<b>14</b> Fr. Tom's Day Off	<b>15</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6-7pm Little Lessons 6-7pm Activate 2.0 6pm Bible Study Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 11am Staff Meeting  <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             Please have              your              articles &amp;              schedules in by              3/16           </div>  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>17</b> Preschool Staff Meeting 9am  12 Noon Way of the Cross	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 11am TVSD 11:30 Spanish 2:30 Vestry Mtg 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 5pm Old Testament 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3	<b>20</b> Janie Walton Day off  Small Group Meeting 6:30PM In Narthex	<b>21</b> Fr. Tom's Day Off  MOM'S Restaurant donates 10% of sales to Messiah after 4:30pm	<b>22</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6-7pm Little Lessons 6-7pm Activate 2.0 6pm Bible Study Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 11am Staff Meeting	<b>24</b> 6pm Way of the Cross	<b>25</b>
<b>Preschool Spring Break</b>						
<b>Tracy Dugger on vacation</b>						
<b>26</b> 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 11am TVSD 11:30 Spanish 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 5pm Old Testament 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3	<b>27</b> Janie Walton & Tracy Dugger's Day off  Small Group Meeting 6:30PM In Narthex	<b>28</b> Fr. Tom's Day Off	<b>29</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 6-7pm Little Lessons 6-7pm Activate 2.0 6pm Bible Study Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 11am Staff Meeting	<b>31</b> Preschool Field trip  7am Way of the Cross	

# 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**  
**March 7th**  
**6:30pm**  
**Meet in the Youth Hall**  
**March chef is Tom Rutherford**

## Women's Dining Club

Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30pm



Meet at Hagan O'Reilly's  
 16112 Marsh Rd,  
 Winter Garden

# Women of the Messiah

*Invite you to our Victorian Tea Party*

Saturday, April 22nd  
 2:00 pm  
 Parish Hall



Wear your nicest hat ...  
 Your lovely pearls...  
 And your pretty gloves ...

You can host and decorate a table for 7 and invite six of your friends or just rsvp to reserve your "tea seat."

Donations for this event will be greatly appreciated and go to our building fund.

Contact:  
 Susana Cochrane at 352-241-6132;  
 Anida Daniel at 407-733-4932;  
 Jackie Williams at 352-989-4076; or  
 Janice Hull at 352-243-8880  
 for any questions and to reserve your table or seat.

# March Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Kevin Cochrane       | 20 John Ficquette     |
| 2 Nichole Babcock      | 21 Rita Cho-Sam       |
| Marie High             | Yvonne Morrissette    |
| Sariyah Morrison       | 22 Stacey Figueroa    |
| 3 Jack Cottle          | 23 Joanne Brown       |
| 5 Jovan Bertin-Maurice | 24 Dick Gore          |
| Reese Smith            | 25 Delilah Brueggeman |
| 6 Ken O'Brien          | Linda White           |
| 7 Will Dugger          | 26 C.J. Ball          |
| 9 Marvin Haughton      | Aidan Brandenburg     |
| 10 Harry Hull          | Cindy West            |
| 11 Stacey Jamail       | 27 George Spigener    |
| Taylor Smith           | 28 Karen Stewart      |
| 13 Paul Robertson      | Kenny West            |
| Patty Tate             | 29 Jacob Borst        |
| 14 Norm Anthony        | Cathy Penn            |
| 15 Bobbie Warren       | Lynn Somers           |
| 16 Hunter Teolis       | 30 Larry Book         |
| 17 Merrily Peacock     | Ayden Cho-Sam         |
| 18 Chris Lynn          | Isabella Eaton        |



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- |                            |
|----------------------------|
| 5 Raul & Angela Lopez      |
| Nicholas & Elaine Myers    |
| 16 Jason & Michelle Taylor |
| 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
month/day/year

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

Request offering envelopes? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No