

The MESSENGER

JANUARY
2019

A Publication of the Episcopal Church of the Messiah



Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday, January 27th
5-6:30 pm - Parish Hall

It starts with a covered dish supper
(Please, bring a dish to share)



And continues with
Election of Vestry,
presentation of the Annual Report,
Approval of the 2019 Budget,
and Answering any Questions about the
past, present, or future.



Please come and celebrate what
the Messiah is doing here in His family.



Sunday Services:

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

Wednesday Service:

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

Head of Church Jesus Christ

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The Rev. Julie Altenbach
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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*

Office Hours Monday through Friday 9am—5pm

From the Rector



Say "YES!" To Jesus on February 1

Bishop Greg Brewer, our diocese, our parish family, and our parish clergy and vestry are putting on a BIG event to give folks a chance to say "Yes" to Jesus.

It's a REVIVAL Friday February 1 at 7pm.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, whom we pray for almost every Sunday, and who preached at the royal wedding last May, is the main speaker.

We're having lots of music, testimonies from folks who have said "Yes" to Jesus, and a chance to pray and say "Yes" to Jesus ourselves.

It's at First Baptist Church of Orlando at 3000 South John Young Parkway in Orlando – not because we want to make more Baptists (!), but because that's the biggest Christian venue in town, and we hope to pack it with several thousand people.

The doors open at 5pm, and the music starts at 7.

We're taking a charter bus from Messiah to the Revival, leaving from the Main Street parking lot at 5:30 that evening. Watch the



Sunday bulletin for details for how to sign up for a seat on the bus.

And if you'd like to help put it on, you can volunteer to be a parking lot guide, outside greeter, inside greeter, usher, or work the sign-in table. We especially need bi-lingual folks as greeters, so if you speak Spanish, please consider volunteering.

To volunteer – or for more details – please visit the diocesan website at www.cfdiocese.org and click on the SAY YES TO JESUS REVIVAL button.

This event could change the world for a bunch of children, people, families, and our community. Please don't miss it.

I love you all.

*Rm
Rutherford*

Want a ride to the Revival February 1st?

We charted a motorcoach with seats for 55 for the evening.

**Meet in the Main Street parking
lot at 5:30pm.**

The bus will take us to the Revival at
1st Baptist Church of Orlando and
bring us back when it's over.

You won't have to fight the Friday
evening traffic on John Young Park-
way, find a parking place, or walk across the multi-acre parking lot at 1st Baptist, NOR will you
have to find your car at the end and try to stay awake after a glorious time with the Lord and
your Messiah family.



To reserve your seat, fill out the slip below, tear it off, and give it and \$10 (cash or check to
"Church of the Messiah" marked "bus") for each passenger to any of our Clergy.

Name(s) _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____



SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH
7AM— 1 PM

Bring your toys, household items,
books, clothing (put in bags by
sizes & labeled) starting on
Sunday, January 13th.
No computers or electronics.

Help is needed to sort items,
set up & clean up,
sign up sheets are on the credenza
in the Narthex.
Contact Sarah Wolfe at
407-656-4962 with questions.

A Plethora of Priests with a Dollop of Deacons

You may have noticed at Sunday services that the altar area is not as crowded as it has been.

That's because God has blessed us with a crowd of clergy, and, rather than having us all up there all the time, we're serving in rotation. That way each of us gets to exercise our deaconly and priestly ministries, and none of us are just altar ornaments.

Each of deacons is concentrating on one service: Tim Wetherington at 8, Richard Gonzalez at 9:30, and Julie Altenbach at 11am and 7pm. If any of them are away on a Sunday, one of the others will step up and fill in the gap. From time to time, they'll rotate services, so each gets to see all of you, and all of you get to see each of them.

We priests are doing the same. You'll see whichever ones of us are celebrating and preaching, but the others will be in the congregation or elsewhere.

This gives Father Sonér Alexandre more opportunities to improve and develop his English and allows Mother Tracy and I to be among you in the congregation, rather than always up around the altar.

Beyond our regular cast of clergy, Pastor Greer McBryde will float in and out as her health and availability allow, Deacon Richard Gonzalez will officiate for the first part of the Eucharist in preparation for his ordination

to the priesthood sometime later this year, Sam Katulic will be ordained a deacon sometime this year, and Laura Cook is in the discernment process, working toward being ordained a priest in the future.

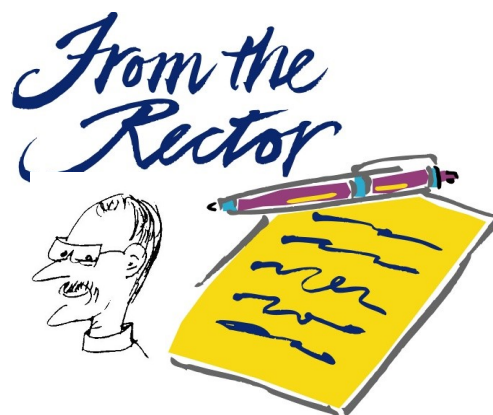
"Too many clergy" is a GREAT problem to have! It means we are both attracting and raising up leaders, not only for ourselves, but also for the wider community and world. It gives each of our clergy the freedom to concentrate on their strengths, rather than having to be "general practitioners." It offers our parish family more leaders to facilitate, initiate, develop, and maintain more ministries. And the diversity among our personalities, ages, genders, and ethnicities gives each of you at least one of us you can relate to as a sibling and friend in faith, hope, and love, instead of merely as a "priest" or "deacon," which can be intimidating at times.

I love that the Messiah family is also the Messiah Ministry Mill! As we raise up, equip, and crank out clergy, everyone wins: each of us in this parish family, our congregation as a whole, this community, our diocese, the Episcopal Church, and the Kingdom of God.

We're changing the world with Jesus, one clergyperson at a time!

I love you all.

Rev. Tom Rutherford



Who Ya Gonna Call?

About any ministry in the parish (current 8/23/18)

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

<u>LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR</u>	<u>Leader.....</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Christian Service Center	Doreen Stachowski.....	407-717-5888
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.....	407-717-5888
Pre-School.....	Barbara Ellerbe	407-654-8415
Refugee Team.....	Murph Borno.....	407-347-7094

<u>LOVING EACH OTHER.....</u>	<u>Leader.....</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Casserole Patrol.....	Deacon Julie Altenbach	407-462-8001
Coffee Hour	Kelley McRae.....	407-877-0463
Fun & Fellowship.....	Stacey Beck & Steve Borst	702-521-4077/610-659-3902
Grief Groups.....	Jill Brown	407-656-5776
Hurricane/Disaster Response Team	Murph Borno.....	407-347-7094
Kitchen Krewe.....	Lynn Somers.....	407-656-2504
Lay Eucharistic Visitors.....	Deacon Julie Altenbach	407-462-8001
Library	Janie Walton	407-230-7913
Men's Supper	Wally Stewart	407-656-3956
Messiah Academy	Terri Wetherington.....	407-455-2832
Messiah's Way.....	Doreen Stachowski.....	407-717-5888
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.....	Janice Hull	352-217-0967
Youth.....	Janie Walton	407-230-7913

2019 Vestry Nominees

WENDY KING is the daughter of Mimi & Jerry Pospisil and has been a member of the Messiah family from birth. As a youth she was an acolyte and active in the Messiah youth group. As an adult she's been a Lector for 20 years. She married Michael

King here in 1999, and they have two children, Zachary and Kayley, who have also grown up in the Messiah family. She attended two mission trips with the Activate Youth Group and

volunteers for various youth events. She and Mike coordinated two Financial Peace University classes at Messiah, and they are very proud to be completely Debt Free for 2 ½ years. They attend the 7pm service, but you will also see them bounce between the 8:00 and 9:30am services from time to time. Wendy is a regular at Fr. Tom's Diving Deeper on Sunday afternoons and occasionally cooks the Sunday evening Simple Supper. She's proud to be a member of the Messiah family and to have the Church of the Messiah as part of her family.



BRIAN SEGUIN

and his wife Regina and children Caroline & Walter are active servants at the 7 PM service. Brian serves as a Greeter/Usher & Prayer Intercessor. Brian is active in the Revive Young Adult Group and served as a group leader during the last two years of Vacation Bible School. Last year he also

served on the Parish Discernment Committee for Greg Chandler. He currently works at Walt Disney World as a Program Manager at the Magic Kingdom.



RON BOUTON

and his wife Linda are active servants at the 8am service. Ron has served as an usher for the past two years as well as helping with our rummage sales and construction projects.

He is a native of Central Florida, father of four, and an Army veteran with two tours to Vietnam. He is retired from a successful window business, originated the call-in radio show "Around the House" on WDBO, and hosted it every Saturday for 7 years.



JOYCE TAYLOR serves as a LEM, a lector, an usher and prayer intercessor at the 8:00 service and also regularly attends the Diving Deeper class on Sunday afternoons.

She has served 2 terms on vestry in the past and was Senior Warden in 2013 and 2017. Joyce has worked for the Orange County Fire Department for 40 years, most of which was as a 9-1-1 Supervisor. Joyce is most grateful for being a part of the Church of the Messiah family.

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 2:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting Minutes

Vestry Door Duty for January

Opener at 7:30am: Mary Kay Predmore

Closer at 1pm: Don Greer

January 20th Vestry Meeting Host:
Patty Tate

2018 Vestry

Marci Babione, *Children & Youth*
Email: mbabione@bkc-cpa.net

Stacey Beck, *Fun & Fellowship;*
Communication/Publicity
Email: staceyjmb@gmail.com

Steve Borst, *Communication/Publicity;*
Fun & Fellowship
Email: BorstSF@gmail.com

Frank Chase, *Junior Warden, Properties*
Email: chasefe@aol.com

Don Greer, *Business & Development*
Email: dgreer3@cfl.rr.com

Leo Henry, *Worship Team*
Email: leohenry55@gmail.com

Paul Hickman, *Missions & Evangelism*
Email: phickmn@aol.com

John Peacock, *Communications &*
Publicity; Properties
Email: jpeacox@cfl.rr.com

Mary Kay Predmore, *Clerk*
Worship Team
Email: MaryKay413@aol.com

Doreen Stachowski, *Senior Warden*
Missions & Evangelism
Email: Stach45T@aol.com

Patty Tate, *Connections; Missions &*
Evangelism
Email: pattyjotate@yahoo.com

Dawn Wirbel, *Children & Youth*
Email: d.wirbel@yahoo.com

Rodger Watson, *Treasurer*
Email: rodandjoh@embarqmail.com

All Staff and Vestry have mailboxes in the front office (behind the front desk) with their names on them. You may also contact them by leaving a note in their mailbox.

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

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Doreen Stachowski, Junior Warden Frank Chase, Stacey Beck, Don Greer, Leo Henry, Paul Hickman, John Peacock, and Dawn Wirbel, and parishioner Ron Bouton.

Absent: Treasurer Rodger Watson, Marci Babione (death in her family), Steve Borst (with family), Clerk Mary Kay Predmore (with family), Patty Tate (with family).

FORMATION: John Peacock led Noonday Prayer. Based on Luke 2:8-12, Tom Rutherford invited us each to share how Jesus was born in our lives.

INFORMATION:
Vestry Ministry Team Reports:
Youth Hall office ceilings that were damaged by water will be replaced soon.

Outreach Team: Doreen Stachowski reports:

- Christmas gift baskets will be distributed to 10 families this year. Gift cards will be purchased from Aldi's for the food.
- A Christmas breakfast will be served to the teachers at Dillard St. Elementary School from the Outreach budget for 2018.
- Seniors First Christmas gifts will be bath towels and wash cloths organized by Janie.

Ministries and Charities to be Supported by the Outreach Team in 2019:

1. Christian Service Center

- Collect food the 1st Sunday of every month
- Volunteers prepare and serve food
- \$100 per month donation

2. Seniors First

- Easter donations of requested

items

- Christmas donations of requested items
- \$50.00 from budget for the year

3. Operation Christmas Child

- \$50.00 from budget for the year to purchase Christmas boxes
- Janie Walton will manage event

4. Food gift cards for parish families in need

- \$150.00 from budget every month
- Fr. Tom will distribute

5. Pay Father Soner Alexandre's utilities

- \$300 from budget every month
- Will review on annual basis

6. The Apopka Pregnancy Center

- Supply drives quarterly to collect needed items for center
- Drives in January, April, July and October and delivered by Outreach team

7. Dillard Street Partners in Education

- \$800 budget for the year
- Support three events per year: School supplies, positive behavior incentives, and reward parties
- Angel Tree Christmas gifts for low-income students
- Offer tutoring to any student who is in need

8. Habitat for Humanity

- Provide volunteers as needed
- Work with Patty and Bob Tate

9. Food Baskets for the Holidays

- \$1500 from budget for the year
- Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets or gift cards for food

10. Lions' Club Easter Egg Hunt at Newton Park in Winter Garden

- An Outreach team member donates supplies
- Participation from volunteers

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II. Foster Friends of Central Florida

- Joyce Taylor leads
- Donated meals or gift cards for meals

No others received.

Staff Reports:

Facility: The Rental Report was emailed separately.

Facilities Minister Amy Paredes reports: This month has been very busy with prospective clients. I signed three contracts so far and received information to sign NACA (a homebuyers' seminar) for several Saturdays in 2019.

I introduced a new client to our facility who is promoting her new school in Central Florida, and she is using our Parish Hall for a tea party for her not-for-profit organization. In addition, I have signed for a wedding in February and Central Florida Preparatory School for their Annual Christmas party December 21st. All ministries should be gathering information to pass to me so that I can begin creating the 2019 calendar.

Children of the Messiah Preschool:

The financial report was emailed separately.

Children's Ministry: Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports: The last part of November and beginning of December have been spent wrapping up end of the year commitments and planning the last few activities of 2018.

I have 3 new volunteers at 9:30 for children's church and we are working through training on the new curriculum. The kids have really enjoyed all of the characters

and the extra engagement. They have enjoyed it so much that I purchased another unit from Kidz Matter to be used after Easter.

I have a rough outline of events planned for 2019 that is ready to be submitted for calendar approval. There are a few 5th Sunday Fundays, several SHINE theme nights, Parents' Nights Out and cooking camps as well as major holiday parties, little lessons in Lent and VBS.

On November 30, I volunteered at Light up Winter Garden and would like to have a booth there next year. I did not get my request in early enough this year. I think it would be helpful to have a few candle stations that offered a free snack/craft with Christmas service times advertised. This would be a great event for outreach members and I will present the idea to them at the next meeting.

Gifts are flowing in for the Angels at Dillard Street Elementary! All of the angels were picked, and the extra ones were taken as well. We will be blessing 25 kids with gifts! I, on behalf of the outreach team will be serving a light breakfast for the teachers at Dillard Street on December 18 as a holiday treat.

On December 15 we are having our Reindeer Party and on the 21st, I am getting together with some of the girls for a PJ and movie luncheon. We are watching "Elliot the Littlest Reindeer" and enjoying take out from Chili's!

The parent who was looking into sound proofing paint has informed me that it is \$200 a gallon. I moved on and purchased sound reducing drapes and hardware to hang them. I will have that done as soon as possible and will look into having a few of the acoustic

panels hung around the room. The next step would be getting an area rug similar to what the preschool uses in their classrooms.

The next few weeks will be much busier than the last few!

Youth Ministry: Youth Minister

Janie Walton reports:

Due to December being a very busy time not only in the church, but also for our Activate students with midterms and holiday concerts for band, orchestra and choir, I have chosen not to plan too many extra activities.

We have completed our study on the Book of Genesis at Activate and are taking a break from our *Through the Bible* series during the four Sundays in Advent to focus on lessons pertaining to the coming of Jesus at Christmas and when He comes back again. We will resume our *Through the Bible* series with the Book of Exodus on January 6.

I will be attending the Olympia High School Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 13, as well as, the Apopka High School Choir Concert on Tuesday, December 18. Activate's Christmas Dinner is at Servando's Restaurant on December 20.

Messiah Academy: Principal Terri Wetherington submitted no report.

Assistant Rector Tracy Dugger reports:
Social Media/website/communication: our church Facebook page is continuing to see traffic increase as well as our church Instagram. We have begun running Facebook ads for the Arts events

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and will also run a Facebook ad for our Christmas Services. Additionally, as of Advent 1 I began reworking and simplifying how our media team shares and prepares for Sunday's 11 o'clock service. We're using Google Drive to share and edit the same files across multiple users to allow the slideshow for music, liturgy, and sermon notes. This will hopefully result in less overall prep time for Sunday and ease communication. Already moving to Google drive has saved us from having one Sunday with no slideshow when the media computer was not working. We were quickly able to transition to a different computer before the service began. A big thank you to Jeremy Adams, Jessica Brueggemann, Linda Ellison, and Tom Rutherford for their contributions to this project.

Young Adults Group: My parenting class is on a hiatus for December, as well as Revive Young Adult Study. I'm in planning mode for next year and using that time on Sunday to plan, to lead an Activate Youth Group Session on grief, attend an ordination, and maybe squeeze in a little rest. Our annual progressive Christmas party is December 15th with the Mazzalunas, the Wilkinsons, and Duggers as hosts.

Women's Advent Retreat: We hosted 22 women on Saturday, December 9th for an Advent Retreat focused on healing and hope. Thank you to Pastor Greer, Deacon Julie, Music Minister Linda Ellison, and Kris Jackson for their contributions. This was a wonderful Spirit led and Spirit filled day.

Prospective Vestry nominees: So far, Brian Sequin said "Yes." Paul

Robertson and Joyce Taylor say they'll be candidates, if we can't find enough others to stand for election. One prospective nominee is still considering it. The rest said, "No."

2018 Ministry Team Reports for the Annual Report: PLEASE EMAIL YOUR REPORT TO PARISH ADMINISTRATOR LAVERNE WOODS BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, so she can compile the Annual Report and have them available on Sunday January 20. Her address is LaVerneWoods@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

Laura Cook's Parish Discernment Committee is Chairperson Mary Kay Predmore, Frank Chase, Janice Hull, Doreen Stachowski, and Dawn Wirbel.

DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month):

The floor covering in the Parish Hall kitchen has a rotten spot that is usually covered by a water and dirt catching rug. But when the rug is out, the rotten spot is painfully obvious. Frank Chase is still chasing down estimates to repair/replace it.

Youth Hall Echoes: The new ceiling and paint job are beautiful!!! BUT... now the room echoes badly. It needs sound treatment, like the Parish Hall did when we built it. Deadening will cost between \$1,000 and \$2,000, depending up what size and style treatment we choose. Wall panels like in the Parish Hall are more expensive. Foam squares we stick on the wall are least expensive. There are several other alternatives in between and we'll continue exploring them.

DECISIONS (based on the Discus-

sion last month):

Resolutions regarding Clergy Housing Allowance: PASSED
2019 Proposed Budget.

The Finance Committee (Senior Warden Doreen Stachowski, Treasurer Rodger Watson, Rector Tom Rutherford, Vestry member Don Greer, and parishioner Dick Gore) proposed a Budget with the following considerations:
There are no raises for Staff, other than for the Assistant Rector to meet the Diocesan Minimum Clergy Compensation Package.

The 2019 Clergy Compensation Guidelines for the Diocese of Central Florida show the rector's compensation is \$20,000 under what the Diocese recommends.

A Sabbatical for the Rector: According to the Sabbatical Policy from the Diocese and the Rector's Letter of Agreement, Tom Rutherford asks for a 3-month Sabbatical for May-July of 2019 to study, read, visit the Holy Land, and visit several churches our size and one-size larger to learn some tricks for being a more effective leader for the parish, the vestry, and staff.

Tom asks us to **bump Children's Minister Angela Lopez's position from ½ time to ¾ time**, with a corresponding increase in compensation. We do not have to provide medical insurance for Angela, as she receives that through her husband's employment.

Youth Minister Janie Walton no longer needs medical insurance, as her husband's employment provides that, thus saving the parish \$18,504 next year, which will more than cover increasing the Children's Ministry position from ½ to ¾ time.

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The Diocese now requires we pay them 12% of our Plate & Pledge Income, instead of 10%, due to General Convention's changing the Canons to require Dioceses to increase what they pay The Episcopal Church.

If our income doesn't increase to erase our deficit by the end of this year, our savings will cover it. But if income doesn't increase by mid-2019, we will need to downsize or reconfigure our staff. Tom will say more about this at the meeting.

Vestry ADOPTED the Proposed Budget with one alteration: They gave the Rector a \$10,000 raise.

MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

Minutes from the November meeting: APPROVED.

November Financial Report from Treasurer Rodger Watson: APPROVED.

Operating Account: November's income was \$5,352.71 LESS than expenses, INCREASING our year-to-date deficit to \$86,012.43. PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD TO PROVIDE.

Building Fund: Net Building Fund income (gifts, fundraising, and facility rental income, less expenses) was \$3,340 LESS than what we needed to cover the mortgage of \$12,891.97. That deficit was covered by our Contingency

2018 FINANCIAL REPORT**(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018)**

Operating Income ... \$638,525.74
 Operating Expenses.. \$666,830.14
 Net..... (28,304.40)

ALL Building Fund Income.....
\$556,163.62

ALL Building Fund Expense.....
\$559,065.98

NET (2,902.36)

Contingency-Debt Reduction
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NET (2,902.36)

Messiah's Missionaries

Annette Spigener worshipped at The Cathedral of All Souls on November 25, 2018 in Asheville, NC

Altar & Chapel Flowers are available for**2019****Please CALL**

the church office to reserve a date, as some dates are already taken.



Altar flowers are \$35 and Chapel flowers are \$25. They are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

We do not have flowers during Lent, which is March 6th - Easter Sunday April 21st.

Outreach Project



OUR OUTREACH TEAM IS PARTNERING WITH THE APOPKA PREGNANCY CARE CENTER IN

2019 and we're looking for volunteers, as well as supplies. From January 13-February 3 we'll be collecting baby items such as bottles, diapers, wipes, blankets, clothes, and other newborn essentials.

There is a donation box in the narthex and you can see outreach members: Doreen & Tom Stachowski, Raul & Angela Lopez, Janie Walton or Paul Hickman for information on volunteering.

For information on the center please visit:
apopkapregnancy.org

Foster Group Home Gift Cards

A group home for teenage foster girls in Winter Garden and the non-profit group Foster Friends of Florida is asking for help letting these girls know the community cares about them.

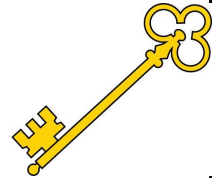
The girls are usually between 13-17 years old and they will "age out" of the foster system on their 18th birthday. The community is being asked to treat them to a dinner out once or twice a week.

There is 1 staff member and up to 6 girls at the home. They enjoy Marco's pizza, Chipotle, 4 Rivers, East Gourmet 2, Steak and Shake, Panda Express, Wings of Winter Garden, Pollo Tropical and Dominoes (to name a few)! If you would like to show some love to these girls and treat them for a dinner out, please contact Joyce Taylor at 407-222-1290.



Please help parishioner Valery Rice find her keys

Valery attended the 8am service on December 30th and sat towards the front of the church. She has lost a set of keys that have a red apple charm with NYC on it.



If you may have picked up her keys in error, please contact her at 816-536-1811.



Messiah's Nursery Needs Help

For information on working/volunteering in our nursery or for childcare options at 8 AM and 4:30pm please contact Angela Lopez at Angela.Lopez@churchofthemessiah.com



Preschool News

By Barbara Ellerbe

The preschool Christmas float won 2nd place in the youth category at the 2018 Christmas Parade in Winter Garden.



Children of the Messiah Preschool sent lots of toys to the Mustard Seed Charity for Christmas

Santa's Visit to the preschool

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Angela Lopez
ifrog1980@gmail.com

Thanks to everyone who donated toys through our Angel tree, we were able to fill my truck with gifts for the students at Dillard Street Elementary! The outreach team also donated \$500 worth of grocery gift cards for families in need. We included an invitation to church as well as blessings from our church!

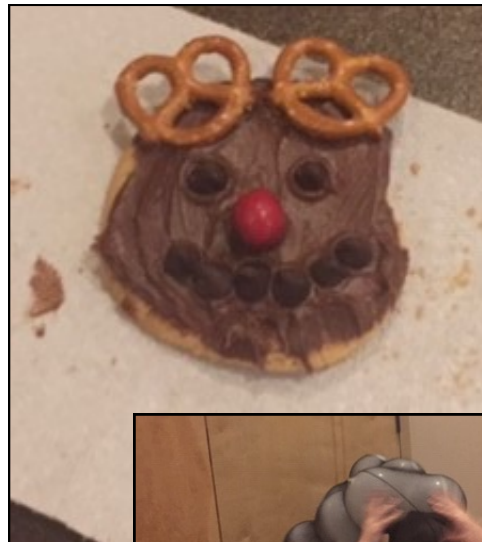


SHINE KIDS CLUB



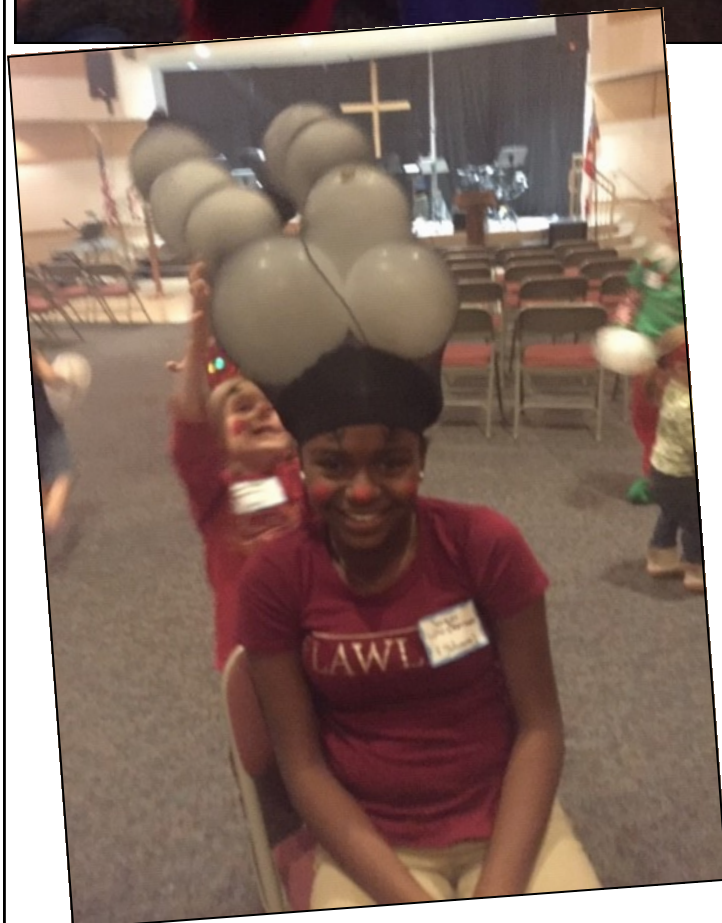
Here are some photos from our reindeer party!

We played reindeer games, got reindeer names and face paint and made reindeer snacks!



SHINE KIDS CLUB

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



YOUTH



by Janie Walton

ACTIVATE!

Operation Christmas Child

We had another successful Operation Christmas Child year! We had so many shoeboxes that we needed two trips to the drop off site! Our parishioners donated 97 shoeboxes to Operation Christmas Child to gift children in least developing nations around the world!

Thank you to all the parishioners who filled a shoebox for a deserving child!



Car trunk filled with shoeboxes!

Movie Outing

Our Activate students enjoyed a day at the movies on Saturday, November 17 at West Orange Cinemas in Ocoee. We saw *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*—the second movie in the series and part of the Harry Potter world.



Activate attendees after the movie.

Food for Families

Activate students and parents attended Southeastern Food Bank's Food for Families on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 21 at Ocoee High School. We helped with distribution of boxes for the food donations and helped sort out all non-food items donated. Our students were gifted with Chick-fil-A gift cards for all their hard work!



Light Up Winter Garden

Activate students, with the help of a couple of Shine Kids' Club members, volunteered at Light Up Winter Garden on Friday, November 30 in Downtown Winter Garden. Our students helped hand out candles and programs to attendees of the event.



Activate students, Yolwenn Alexandre, Josh Lopez, Delilah Brueggeman and Shine Kids' Club member, Kylie Walton, were excited to give out candles and programs for Light Up Winter Garden.



Chelsea Wilkinson-Borno, Children's Minister, Angela Lopez, Malina Lawrence and Joél Lopez helped to give out candles and programs near the clock tower.



Activate members Jessica Brueggeman, Hayley Scandura, Osni Alexandre along with Shine Kids' Club member, Sophie Alexandre, helped give out candles and programs near City Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

VALENTINES

DANCE

Activate Mission Trip
Fundraiser

FEBRUARY 9, 2019

7:00-9:00 PM
PARISH HALL

Tickets Available Starting January 6, 2019

FUN & FELLOWSHIP

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Trivia Tuesday is back!



Join us Tuesday, January 22nd at 7:30 pm for a fun evening of general knowledge trivia and food and fellowship at the Crooked Can.

LADIES
SPRING FLING
TEA
APRIL 13, 2019

Please join us for an organizational meeting on January 13th, at 12 noon, after the 11 o'clock service.

If you would like to help with arrangements for the party, host a table, attend, or just find out what it's all about, please attend.



**Interested in
playing Mahjong?**

I'm willing to teach you!

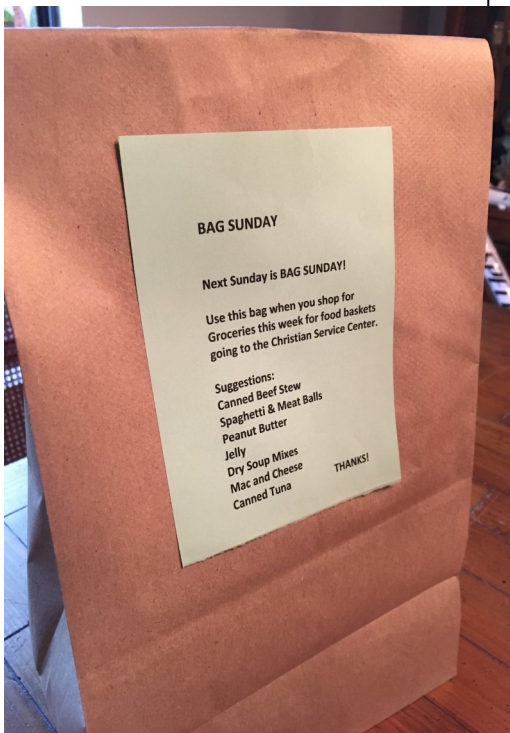
Call Esther Gonzalez at 239-398-3870 if you'd like to play one day a week, either mornings or evenings.

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.



Brown bags are available for you to take home the week before Bag Sunday to fill and return for donation to the Christian Service Center.

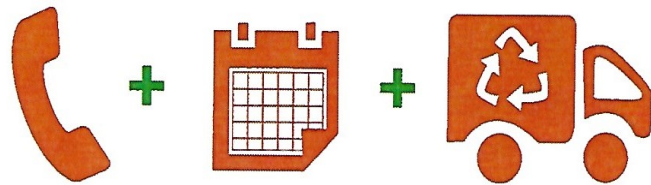


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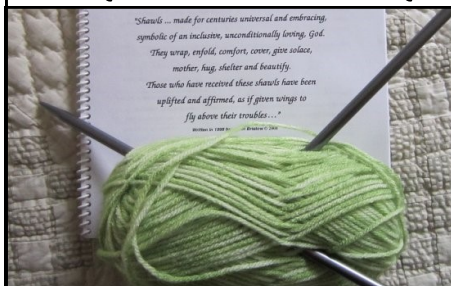
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Prayer Shawl Ministry



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 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.

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



Free Blood Pressure Screening 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.



Please pray for our expectant mothers:

Claudia Kallesen
Ianna Paul
Rachel Smith



GOT PAPER?

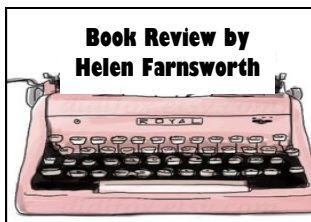
Messiah's recycling and
we'll earn money
when you recycle paper here!!

- PaperRetriever has put a recycling dumpster on the Woodland Street side of the playground behind the Sunday School/Preschool building.
- You can drop your paper for recycling here 7 days a week. It's an easy way for you to recycle paper every week and help us raise money for the building fund.
- They will accept:
Telephone Books, Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogues, Office & School Papers, Mail, and even your shredded paper (without plastic bags)
- They do NOT accept:
Plastic or plastic bags, metal, glass, trash, cardboard boxes

In 2010, PaperRetriever Recycling recycled 45 tons of paper through this program. Their efforts resulted in saving 135 cubic yards of landfill space, conserved enough electricity to power 92 homes for 1 month, prevented enough air pollution to equate to taking 100 cars off the road for 1 day and saved 315,000 gallons of water and 135 gallons of oil.

Please help us help the environment and RECYCLE!!!

**Book Review by
Helen Farnsworth**



This month I read two books: the next one in *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis—*Prince Caspian*, and a book that I received as a thank you from the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews—*Keys to Israel* by Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, founder and CEO of the fellowship, which both feeds needy Jews throughout the world and arranges transportation for others to Israel, giving them seed money of \$1,000.00 once they're there. And more than this, he explains how he has been building bridges of understanding between Christians and Jews.

In *Prince Caspian* the royalty of the golden age of Narnia return there: High King Peter, Queen Susan, King Edmund, and Queen Lucy, called there by Queen Susan's horn, providentially left behind when they returned to their own world.

They come to the aid of the true heir to the Narnia throne to help him defeat his evil uncle, who has tried to obliterate all memory of the "Old Narnia," when animals talked and High King Peter and his siblings reigned, and where a Lion called Aslan was supreme ruler.

Predictably, it is a very exciting and inspiring book, as the evil powers are made painfully aware that the old "legends" were actually true! The Rabbi's book, *Keys to Israel*, is also very interesting, instructive, and inspiring, as the rabbi explains Israel's history and theology (which is understandably very like our own), and ties all that to modern efforts to help Israel return to her homeland as prophecy predicts. He also gives life application lessons to be derived from Scripture and from Israel's trials and tribulations.

FROM THE CHURCH LIBRARIAN

Dear Church of the Messiah
Parishioners,

We are so blessed to have a church library with many resources. As your church librarian, I try to keep our library updated with new books and movies as much as possible.

However, it has come to my attention that we have several items belonging to the church library—books and DVDs—that have not been returned in more than six months to a year. If you are one of those borrowers, please return the library items as soon as possible. If you have damaged or lost the item(s), I ask that you replace the item or items.

Due to library materials not being returned in a timely manner, I have introduced a new borrowing policy for our library. This will ensure that all parishioners are able to access library materials in a reasonable time.

For those that forget to return materials on time, I will be sending out a reminder to you after it is overdue by a week.

Thank you and if you have any questions, please feel to contact me at any time via e-mail at

Janie Walton

[@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:janie@churchofthemessiah.com) with
"Church Library" in the subject line.



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Church Library Borrowing Policies: Effective January 1, 2019

- All books may be checked out for a **MAXIMUM of 30 DAYS** at a time.
- All DVDs and other MEDIA may be checked out for a **MAXIMUM of 14 DAYS** at a time.
- Please return library materials in the time frame stated for other parishioners to enjoy!
- If you misplace or damage any item(s), it is your responsibility to replace said item(s).

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

8:00 A.M.	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 20
1st LEM	Joyce Taylor	Linda Bouton	Frank Chase
2nd LEM	Deborah Townsend	Terri Wetherington	Janie Walton
Lector	Bradford Fisher	Aliena Gaye	Joyce Taylor
Altar Server	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic	Sam Katulic
Crucifer	—	—	—
Torch Bearers	—	—	—
Greeters/Ushers	Pete & Nancy Glynn Jay & Marsha Dymond	Elaina Paige Ron Bouton Ansel & Ina Haughton	Jay & Marsha Dymond Ron Bouton Joyce Taylor
LEV Team	Don Greer	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer
Prayer Intercessor	Nancy Barber	Joyce Taylor	Nancy Barber
9:30 A.M.	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 20
1st LEM	Rodger Watson	Stacey Beck	Mary Lynn Levine
2nd LEM	Merrily Peacock	Shelby Beck	Cara Garnsney
Lector	Lynne Passilla	Sharon Puchein	Jay Williams
Altar Server	Aidan Brandenburg	Kelsey Beck	Maddy Wirbel
Crucifer	Elijah Roberson	James Wirbel	Lena Candes
Torch Bearers	Gwen & Josalyn Wirbel	Jossy Wirbel & Elijah Roberson	Jossy Wirbel & Evan Candes
Greeters/Ushers	Chuck & Deborah Grunder Sam & Heather Lynn	Rose Mayfield Ken Miller Jim & Lynne Passilla	Wilna Brown John & Sharon Puchein Ginger Sirola
LEV Team	Mike & Bobbie Warren	Rodger Watson	Jill Brown
Prayer Intercessor	Susie Marshall	Sharon Puchein	Wally Stewart

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.	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 20
1st LEM	Janie Walton	Karen Williams	Terry Hickman
2nd LEM	Geraldine Remington	Joe Wolfe	Lionel Williams
Lector	Stacey Jamail	Patty Tate	Norm Anthony
Altar Server	Kylie Walton	Christopher Borst	Delilah Brueggeman
Greeters/Ushers	Richard & Kelley McRae Paul & Patty Robertson	Lisa Borst John Wessels Lionel & Karen Williams	Steve Brueggeman Mary Katulic Richard & Kelley McRae
LEV Team	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic
Prayer Intercessor	Sam Katulic	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
7:00 p.m.	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 20
LEM	Janie Walton	Regina Seguin	Marvin Haughton
Lector	Steve Borst	Helen Farnsworth	Victoria Eaton
Greeter/Usher	Raul Lopez	Brian Seguin	Tina Sydnor
Altar Server	Kara Altenbach	Caroline Seguin	Riley & Aiden Alford
Prayer Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Wendy King	Brian Seguin
Lectionary	Isaiah 60:1-6	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5
	Psalm 72	Psalm 29	Psalm 36:5-10
	Ephesians 3:1-12	Acts 8:14-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
	Matthew 2:1-12	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	John 2:1-11

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

8:00 A.M.	JANUARY 27	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 10
1st LEM	Bradford Fisher	Don Greer	Mary Kay Predmore
2nd LEM	Ellie Chase	Marvin Haughton	Joyce Taylor
Lector	Deborah Townsend	Terri Wetherington	Bill Bradford
Altar Server	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic	Sam Katulic
Crucifer	—	—	—
Torch Bearers	—	—	—
Greeters/Ushers	Pete & Nancy Glynn Elaina Paige Bill Bradford	Joyce Taylor Ansel & Ina Haughton Carolyn Greer	Jay & Marsha Dymond Ron Bouton Bill Bradford
LEV Team	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer	Bill & Elise Bradford
Prayer Intercessor	Joyce Taylor	Nancy Barber	Nancy Barber
9:30 A.M.	JANUARY 27	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 10
1st LEM	Janie Walton	Vita Mazzaluna	Merrily Peacock
2nd LEM	Erin Hinz	Susie Marshall	Mary Lynn Levine
Lector	Dawn Wirbel	Kevin Cochrane	Cara Garnsey
Altar Server	Zachary Cho-Sam	Cydney Babione	Chelsea Borno
Crucifer	Kylie Walton	Giada Mazzaluna	Ayden Cho-Sam
Torch Bearers	Melanie Field & Elijah Roberson	Katy Babcock & Jossy Wirbel	Gwen Wirbel & Evie Dugger
Greeters/Ushers	Rodger Watson Tom Stachowski Horace & Jacquie Williams	Alexander Babcock Wilna Brown, Rose Mayfield, Ginger Sirola	George & Anida Daniel Chuck & Deborah Grunder
LEV Team	Jim & Lynne Passilla	Mike & Bobbie Warren	Jill Brown
Prayer Intercessor	Jill Brown	Susan Kiehm	Susie Marshall

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1st LEM	Stacey Jamail	Geraldine Remington	Joe Wolfe
2nd LEM	Sam Katulic	Janie Walton	Karen Williams
Lector	Terry Anthony	Paul Buzzonetti	Leo Henry
Altar Server	Christopher Borst	Kylie Walton	Delilah Brueggeman
Greeters/Ushers	Paul & Patty Robertson Lionel & Karen Williams	Lisa Borst, Steve Brueggeman, John Wessels, Joe Wolfe	Richard & Kelley McRae Karen Williams Mary Katulic
LEV Team	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams
Prayer Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Sam Katulic
7:00 p.m.	JANUARY 27	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 10
LEM	Regina Seguin	Janie Walton	Marvin Haughton
Lector	Kristin Jackson	Wendy King	Steve Borst
Greeter/Usher	Mary Pounds	Lisa Borst	Raul Lopez
Altar Server	Kaitlyn O'Brien	Isabella Figueroa	Kara Altenbach
Prayer Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Wendy King	Brian Seguin
Lectionary	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Isaiah 6:1-8
	Psalm 19	Psalm 71:1-18	Psalm 138
	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
	Luke 4:14-21	Luke 4:21-30	Luke 5:1-11

December Lay Weeders Work Day



Romeo, Donny, Vita,
and Giada Mazzaluna



John Peacock



Osni Alexandre

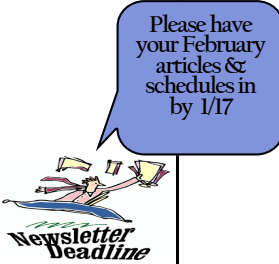


Tom Laracuenta, Murph Borno,
and Father Soner Alexandre



Harry Hull and Father Soner Alexandre

JANUARY 2019

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 HAPPY NEW YEAR! Church office is closed No Men's Supper	2 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 4pm Staff Mtg 6pm Bible Study 6:15 Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	3 Janie Walton's Day Off	4 Mother Tracy Dugger's Day off	5 BINGO 3-7pm
6 BAG SUNDAY 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 4:30 Young Adults 5 Diving Deeper 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3	7	8 Fr. Tom's Day Off 6:30pm Women's Dining Group	9 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 4pm Staff Mtg Bible Study 6:15 Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Band Rehearsal	10 Janie Walton's Day Off	11 Mother Tracy Dugger's Day off	12
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20 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 2:30 Vestry Mtg 4:30 SHINE Club 4:30-6 ACTIVATE 4:30 Young Adults 5 Diving Deeper 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3	21 Preschool Closed for MLK Day	22 Fr. Tom's Day Off Trivia Tuesday 7:30pm	23 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 4pm Staff Mtg 6pm Bible Study 6:15 Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	24 Janie Walton's Day Off	25 Mother Tracy Dugger's Day off	26
27 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 9:30 Sunday School 11am Rite 3 4:30 SHINE Club NO ACTIVATE 5 Annual Parish Meeting 6pm Dinner 7pm Rite 3	28	29 Fr. Tom's Day Off	30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study 4pm Staff Mtg 6pm Bible Study 6:15 Choir Practice 7:15-9pm Praise Band Rehearsal	31 Janie Walton's Day Off	Overeater's Anonymous meets every Thursday at 7pm in Library. OACFI.org	

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Gwendolyn Wirbel
Joselyn Wirbel
- 2 Philip Wilkinson
- 3 Travis Smith
Tom Wirbel
Reagan Wise
- 6 Craig Brown
- 7 Andrew Brandenburg
Betty Flood
Vivian Johnson
- 8 Sandi Johnston
- 9 Alexis Fuhrey
Jason Taylor
- 10 Melody Wise
- 11 Jeremy Adams
Angelica Gray
- 12 Sharon Tanner
- 14 Joe Narrow
- 15 Jeanine Kirkland
Dennis Range
- 16 Lisa Borst
Siobhan Faughnan



- 16 Lily Gold
Delano Hinds
Wally Stewart
- 17 Nikki Imes
Dawson Peacock
- 18 Elaine Vick
- 19 Brittany Kolacki
Kenneth West
- 20 Sue Cardaci
Nathaniel Sirkle
Nancy Snow
- 21 Trudie Carr
Megan Gonsalves
Becky White
- 23 Joel Lopez
Heather Lynn
Vincent Snow
- 25 Mason Cottle
- 26 Janie Walton
- 27 Aiden Carroll
Betty Morgeson
- 30 Barbara Ellerbe



- 3 Joe & Sarah Wolfe
- 8 Bill & Tina Sydnor
- 10 Jonathan & Janie Walton
- 14 Roy & Doris McGain
- 24 Glenn & Kimberly Teolis
- 26 Brian & Krysti Reif



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

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

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Your Name _____ DOB _____
month/day/year

Spouse _____ DOB _____
month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____
month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____
month/day/year

Children _____ DOB _____
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Request offering envelopes? _____ Yes _____ No