

The MESSENGER

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Sunday Services:

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

Wednesday Service:

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

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IT NEVER GIVES UP
IT NEVER RUNS OUT ON ME
AND ON AND ON AND ON AND ON IT GOES

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From the Rector



Sabbatical????

In May, June, and July of this year, I'm going on Sabbatical.

A Sabbatical – taken from the word “Sabbath” – is NOT a “vacation;” it’s structured time off for a leader to pray, listen, think, read, and learn new things to return to work refreshed, renewed, and reloaded for a new season of ministry.

In our diocese, when a parish calls a rector, they build into the Letter of Agreement a sabbatical for every 7 years of the rector’s term. At each of those points in my time here, however, our parish family was in a building program, staff transition, or big project that my being away would not have been healthy... so in my 22 years here, I’ve never taken a sabbatical.

This year, I am!

And the plan is for EVERYONE to benefit:

I win: I get three months to pray, listen to God, learn some new priest tricks, deepen my faith, hope, and love, and let God re-tool and re-equip me to come back as a refreshed and better Rector. SEE BELOW FOR THE DETAILS of what I’m doing in that time.

Mother Tracy wins: She gets to practice being a rector for 3 months, with the safety net of my returning in August.

Father Sonér Alexandre and Deacon Richard Gonzalez win: In my absence, they’ll have more opportunities to serve, celebrate, preach, and grow – Sonér with his English, and Richard as a priest when he’s ordained sometime this year.

You win! You get to hear from some other folks and experience other styles of leadership, that I trust will help you grow in faith, hope, and love.

Here are the details (so far) of my time away:

June 24-July 13 – Debbie and I are going to Jerusalem for the “Palestine of Jesus” pilgrimage with St George’s Anglican College. St George’s has been there for over a century and has developed trusted friendly relations with both the Palestinian and Israeli communities, which gives their students access to both sides of the story in that conflicted region. And since it’s a college catering to clergy, their pilgrimages delve deeper into the theological, historical, and academic layers of the Holy Land than what interests most regular tourists, but which is EXACTLY what we historical and theological geeks LOVE!

I anticipate coming home a more knowledgeable teacher and preacher as a result of visiting all those places we hear about in the Gospel lessons. **Before and after the pilgrimage, my plan** is to visit a bunch of churches that are one size above us, to learn from their leadership how to be a better and more effective leader for you and our parish family. I’m especially looking to learn two things:

- How we can enhance giving, so we don’t spend most of the year in a financial deficit;
- and how to develop and nurture staff, now that we’ve grown to need a team of staffers, instead of being an all-volunteer congregation.

Sprinkled around in among my trips, I have a stack of books I want to read to deepen my knowledge and understanding of God, the Bible, the Church, and history, to make me a wiser resource for you as a pastor, preacher, and teacher.

And through it all, I’m going to pray and listen to God for his direction for the Messiah family and my part in that for the next several years to come.

In the meantime, I’m looking forward to a glorious Epiphany, Lent and Easter with you, and then picking up again in August.

I love you all,

R. L. Herford

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.....	Patty Tate	321-331-1435
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

Sunday, January 20, 2019 - 2:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting Minutes

Vestry Door Duty for February

Opener at 7:30am: volunteer needed

Closer at 1pm: Don Greer

Vestry Meeting Host:

Paul Hickman

2018 Vestry

Marci Babione, *Children & Youth*

Email: mbabione@bkc-cpa.net

Stacey Beck, *Fun & Fellowship;*

Communication/Publicity

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Steve Borst, *Communication/Publicity;*

Fun & Fellowship

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Frank Chase, *Junior Warden, Properties*

Email: chasefe@aol.com

Don Greer, *Business & Development*

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Leo Henry, *Worship Team*

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Paul Hickman, *Missions & Evangelism*

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Patty Tate, *Connections; Missions &*

Evangelism

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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, Clerk Mary Kay Predmore, Marci Babione, Stacey Beck, Don Greer, Leo Henry, Paul Hickman, John Peacock, Patty Tate, and Dawn Wirbel, and vestry nominees Ron Bouton, Wendy King, and Brian Seguin.

Absent: Treasurer Rodger Watson and Steve Borst

FORMATION: Patty Tate led Noon-day Prayer. Based on Psalm 126:3-4, Tom Rutherford invites us to share How God has touched us through our time on Vestry.

INFORMATION:
Vestry Ministry Team Reports:
Youth Hall office ceilings are replaced.

No others received.

Staff Reports:

Facility: The Rental Report was emailed separately. Facilities Minister Amy Paredes' report is in the Annual Report.

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

Children's Ministry: Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports: In late December some of the SHINE girls and I had a pajama party and watched the movie "Elliot the littlest Reindeer." It was about reaching for your dreams not matter how big they seem or how small you are. We had a takeout lunch from Chili's that we enjoyed picnic style. Then we had a Christmas song sing along.

Our Christmas Eve program went quite well this year. Thank you to Laura Cook for being our narrator and to Jeremy & G Adams and Joel Lopez for playing the music. It was a fun

change to have the kids select their costumes as they arrived, this allowed for many more to participate as well as allowing the more reserved children a chance to be on stage and not have to speak. Please see pictures on the SHINE pages of the Messenger.

We had a small New Year's Eve party at SHINE on Dec 30. We had cookies and milk, played name that tune--the Christmas version.

In Children's Church we are looking at the Parables Jesus taught. Our series title is SAY WHAAATTT? We are looking at how some of the things Jesus said can really make you say "Say WHAAAT?!!?" and scratch your head. We are learning to store up our treasures in heaven, and I sent home tiny tithe jars for the kids to collect their coins in during the week. We are collecting them for 6 weeks and will share the total when we finish. So far the kids have been excited to return the jars full each week.

The SHINE kids are enjoying our Bible Cookies lesson series in which we learn something biblical from a different cookie each week. We learned from our mega stuffed Oreo cookies that Jesus is like a great pearl, a wonderful treasure. From animal crackers we learned that God, like the father in the story of the prodigal son, gives second chances. We looked for pig shaped cookies after hearing how the son was so hungry, he wanted to eat pig slop.

I have recently taken over as staff liaison for the preschool and am excited to attend the first School Advisory Committee meeting and see how I can be of assistance to them. I am hoping to grow a deeper relationship with the families of the preschoolers and get more of them involved in our activities here. I am currently planning to purchase a large rug for the youth hall.

I showed a few ideas to the preschool staff and we liked the same rug. I am also looking into fabric room dividers that can serve as sound dampeners as well as movable bulletin boards. Terri currently uses them in the Messiah Academy area and I frequently borrow them. The cost for these items (rug and 2 dividers) is approximately \$600 before shipping. We (preschool staff and I) would like to remove the sound panels from the room as they are heavy and feel they are a safety hazard since they are not secured to the walls, as well as they are not making a noticeable difference in the sound.

All of my events for 2019 have been scheduled and I will hopefully squeeze in a few extra off campus activities as time allows.

Youth Ministry: Youth Minister Janie Walton reports: I attended the Olympia High School Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 13, as well as, the West Orange High School Choir Concert on Friday, December 14, which was at First United Methodist Church of Orlando. On Tuesday, December 18, I attended the Apopka High School Choir Concert.

Activate had a great turnout for our Christmas Dinner at Servando's Restaurant on Thursday, December 20. Activate student, Delilah Brueggeman, won the "Most Festively Dressed" contest for the evening. I attended New Life Destiny Church on Sunday, December 23, with Children's Minister, Angela Lopez, to see the Ocoee High School indoor drumline perform at that church's Christmas celebration.

We did not have Activate on December 23. We had a fun Sunday on December 30 and played games with Shine Kids' Club members. I had a few fun outings with Activate students and alumni during the 12

Days of Christmas. We saw *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, *Aquaman* and had some yummy food too!

A few of our Activate students helped out at the Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, January 5.

Activate is officially back to our *Through the Bible* series as of January 6 with the Book of Exodus. We also kicked off the first Sunday of 2019 with some praise and worship thanks to Garine Adams, Murph Borno and Joël Lopez!

There will be no Activate on Sunday, January 27. I have encouraged our students to attend the Annual Parish Meeting instead.

Messiah Academy: Principal Terri Wetherington submitted no report.

Annual Parish Meeting is next Sunday, January 27 at 5pm in the Parish Hall.

Stacey Beck asked for help setting up tables and chairs and to bring a side dish or dessert.

Vestry nominees are Ron Bouton, Wendy King, Brian Sequin, and Joyce Taylor. The retiring Vestry members Marci Babione, Frank Chase, Leo Henry, and Doreen Stachowski will count ballots at the Annual Meeting, if there are any nominations from the floor.

Laura Cook's Parish Discernment Committee will meet for the first time this week.

The Diocesan Revival is Friday, February 1 at 7pm at 1st Baptist Church of Orlando. Our bus has about 20 riders so far. There's room for 55. We'll have inserts in the Sunday bulletins and commercials on the 2 remaining Sundays.

New chairs: The Orange County Convention Center is replacing their furniture, and a parishioner is buying 350 to donate to us. When we get them, we'll

sell our folding chairs and racks to buy carts for the stackable chairs. There are 2 of them in the Library for you to check out.

DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month):

The pitted floor covering in the Parish Hall kitchen: Frank Chase is still chasing down estimates for what it costs to repair/replace it.

Youth Hall Echoes: The new curtains didn't make much of a dent in the echoes. The Children's Ministry and Preschool are going in together on an area rug. We'll see if that helps. If not, that room will need sound treatment.

DECISIONS (based on the Discussion last month): None!

MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT

Minutes from the December meeting: APPROVED

December Financial Report from Treasurer Rodger Watson: APPROVED

Operating Account: December's income was \$57,708.03 MORE than expenses, DECREASING our deficit for the year to \$28,304.40. PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD TO PROVIDE.

Building Fund: Net Building Fund income (gifts, fundraising, and facility rental income, less expenses) was \$15,761.13 MORE than what we needed to cover the mortgage of \$12,891.97, but still left us with a deficit of \$2,902.36 for the year.

The Meeting Adjourned with prayer at 3:25PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Kay Predmore, Vestry Clerk

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
..... -0-

NET (2,902.36)



Dear Messiah Family:

*Our heartfelt thanks
for your prayers and
kind expressions of
sympathy in the recent
loss of our dear
husband, father, and
grandfather,
John Morgeson.*

*From the
Morgeson Family*

Altar & Chapel Flowers are available for

2019

Please CALL

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



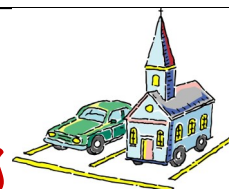
Altar flowers are \$35 and Chapel
flowers are \$25. They are reserved
on a first-come, first-served basis.

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



**Wow! Messiah folks filled the car
with food for the Christian Service
Center on Bag Sunday in
January !!
Thank you for your donations!**

Messiah's Missionaries



Tom Rutherford & Sam Katulic
attended the Ordination of Deacons
on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at the
Cathedral Church of St. Luke in
Orlando.



SPRING SCHEDULE

Email:

Garineadams@churchofthemessiah.com
to sign up for any of these events
to be held in the parish hall



**On Mondays! Dads are welcome.
Weekly, starting
February 4th**

Music stimulates both sides of the brain to help boost developmental skills in young children, and this class does that in addition to having fun and sharing an experience. Come and join us every Monday at 11am for our 45 minute all inclusive music class. \$12 per duo with a \$2 off sibling discount. Also, package class deals are available.

East Coast Swing Dance Class



Thursday, February 7th
\$7 per person
7pm—Class
8pm—Open Dance

Come in and learn a few dance moves, stay for the open dance after class.

Our teachers bring you the best of east coast swing dancing. This class will be a monthly event starting in April as First Thursday Swing!

Paint Like A Pro!

\$25 per person
Monday, February 18th 6-8 pm
Theme: Purple Iris

We'll be focusing on the birth flower of this month for our subject.

Our guest artist will guide you through color theory to create just the right hues.

Take the evening off and relax, learn, and share a fun experience you can keep.



Child care is provided for this event, light snacks too! You're welcome to bring a bottle of wine to share if you'd like.

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.

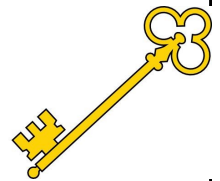
The girls are usually between 13-17 years old and they will "age out" of the foster system on their 18th birthday. The community is being asked to treat them to a dinner out once or twice a week.

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



Church of the Messiah's Preschool begins registration for the 2019-20 school year in February.

- **Returning student registration begins on February 4.**
- **New student registration begins on February 11 at 8:30 am**

For more information please call Barbara Ellerbe at 407-654-8415

**Our preschool accepts children from 18mos to Pre-K
Scholarships are available**

SHINE KIDS CLUB



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Angela Lopez
ifrog1980@gmail.com

Christmas play:
Our wonderful musicians,
Jeremy and Garine Adams and
Joel Lopez.
The music was so fun,
y'all looked awesome too!



Photos from our girls Christmas get together:
Kylie Walton, Melanie Fields, Addison Wise and Evie Dugger

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



We have some musically gifted children in our church! Little Kaitlyn is playing some percussion with the praise band at the 11 o'clock service.



Logan McRae had a huge week! He had Christmas, his birthday and his baptism all in one week! I was so excited to share his special day with him and his family.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Angela Lopez
ifrog1980@gmail.com

COMING IN MARCH (LENT) Little Lessons in Lent

We'll meet in the youth hall from 6-7:30 pm and have a simple meal followed by lessons and activities.

We'll be working on a collaborative art project to be displayed in the church. Kathy Barrett will be instructing the art portion.

This is open to all school age children and is FREE. Please sign up with Ms. Angela Lopez prior to February 28 to allow time to order supplies.



Save the dates!

VBS 2019 is

June 24-28

5:30-8:30 pm

Contact Angela Lopez, Children's Minister,
to volunteer or pre register your child!

ifrog1980@gmail.com

Youth



by Janie Walton

ACTIVATE!

Holiday Concerts

Youth Minister, Janie Walton, attended a plethora of holiday concerts featuring our Activate students starting on Thursday, December 13 with Olympia High School's Holiday Concert followed by West Orange High School's Choir Concert at First United Methodist Church of Orlando, then Apopka High School's Choir Concert on Tuesday, December 18 and finally, Ocoee High School's Indoor Drumline performance at a Christmas Eve service at New Destiny Church in Apopka.

Olympia High School's orchestra along with the choir's performance of the *Hallelujah Chorus* from Handel's *Messiah*.



West Orange High School's Concert Choir performing.



Youth Minister, Janie Walton, along with Kara Altenbach, at the Apopka High School Choir Concert



Joél Lopez performing on stage with Ocoee High School's Indoor Drumline at New Destiny Church.



Christmas Dinner

Activate had its annual Christmas Dinner at Servando's Restaurant in Winter Garden on Thursday, December 20. We had a great time with food and fellowship.

Delilah Brueggeman won our *most festive dressed* contest taking home the winning prize—an Amazon gift card.

More Youth News



Josh Lopez, Joël Lopez and Osni Alexandre at Activate's Christmas Dinner.



Jessica Brueggeman and Kara Altenbach at the Activate Christmas Dinner.



Delilah Brueggeman, Kylie Walton and Yolwenn Alexandre at the Activate Christmas Dinner.

John Wilkinson-Borno and Bailey Wise at the Activate Christmas Dinner.



Activate volunteers, Laura Cook and Murph Borno along with Activate student, Chelsea Wilkinson-Borno, at the Activate Christmas Dinner.



Our most festive dressed winner—Delilah Brueggeman!



Children's Minister, Angela Lopez, and Youth Minister, Janie Walton, enjoyed a great dinner with Activate.

More Youth News

Bingo Fundraiser

Our Activate students helped with the Outreach Ministry's Bingo Fundraiser on Saturday, January 5. They helped with the cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers as well as the concession stand.

Chelsea Wilkinson-Borno, Josh Lopez and Joél Lopez at the end of our Bingo Fundraiser.



You are cordially invited to Activate's

Valentines
DANCE

Saturday, February 9, 2019

7:00-9:00 pm in the Parish Hall

An Italian Dinner Will Be Served Starting at 7:15 PM

All Donations Go To Our Summer Mission Trip Fund



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.

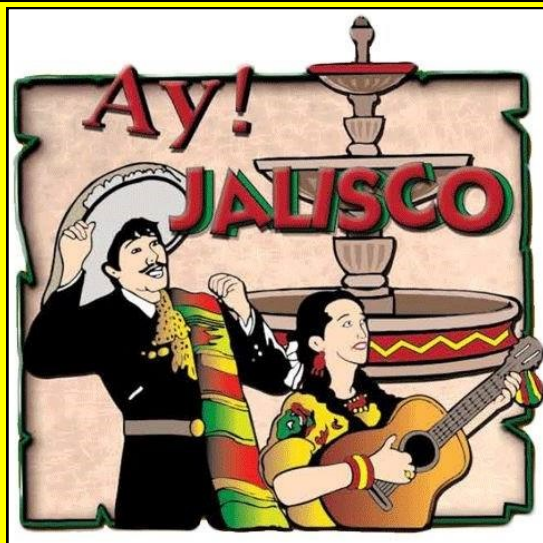
All men of the church are welcome!

Men's Supper February 5th

6:30 pm in the Youth Hall
Please sign up on the
bulletin board if
you plan to attend.



February chefs:
Wally Stewart &
Ted Malans



WOMEN'S DINING GROUP

Ay! Jalisco Mexican Restaurant
580 E. Highway 50 - Clermont, FL
(located just after Kentucky Fried Chicken)

Tuesday, February 5th - 6:30pm



Ladies Dining Group enjoyed an evening of fellowship at Rusteak in January.
Please join us in February!

Trivia Tuesday at The Crooked Can

Up for a fun evening out?
Join the
Church of the Messiah's
Trivia Team on
February 26th at 7:30 pm.



This event is open to all ages and is general knowledge based. I hope to see you there!

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

THE JOURNEY BEGINS
SUNDAY MARCH 10TH AT 5:00PM

ROAD TO EMMAUS

A lenten journey for physical and spiritual health

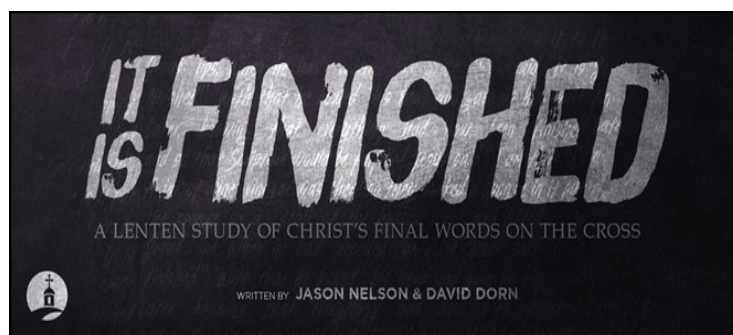
I INVITE YOU TO PRAY
ABOUT TAKING A JOURNEY
WITH ME IN LENT

Together we will walk/take a pilgrimage towards greater physical and spiritual health. Miles are earned through a variety of physical and spiritual activities. To join the Road to Emmaus, you will commit to meeting Sundays in Lent. We'll plan our journey, log our miles, and discuss our insights.

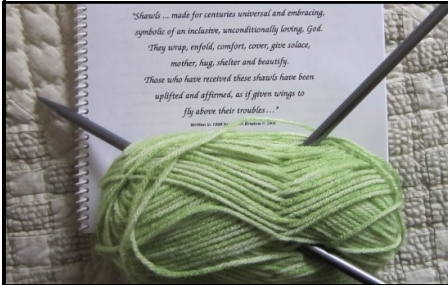
It Is Finished:

Beginning March 13th &
continuing Wednesdays in Lent, 6:00-7:30 pm.

We'll learn about the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross: "Forgive Them" "Paradise" "Family" "OMG" "Thirst" & "Final Breaths"



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
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.

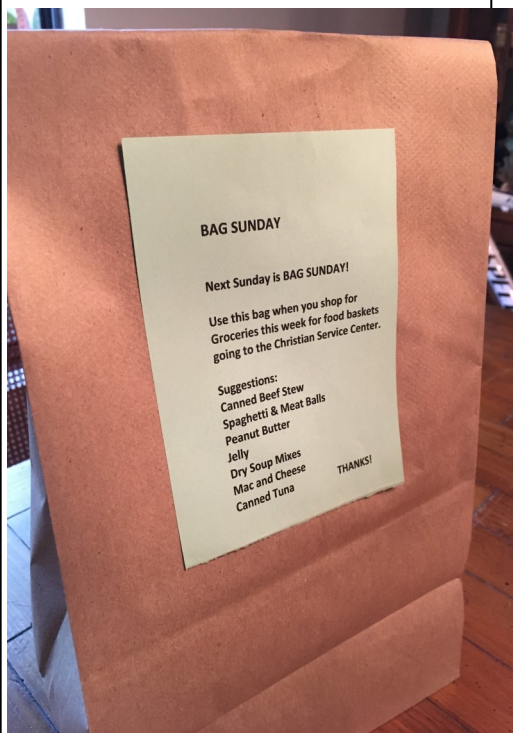
Please help us help the environment and RECYCLE!!!

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 donations to the Christian Service Center.



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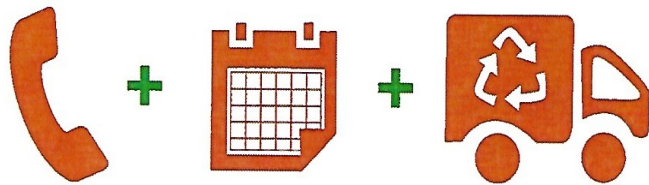
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Book Review by Helen Farnsworth



This month I only got one book actually read: *The Voyage of the Dawn Trader* from *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis.

It is not my favorite of the Narnia books, but it does have some powerful theology, introduced through a new character—Eustace Scrubb, the cousin of the Pevensie children (Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy). He is a snob who rejects the notion that Narnia or Aslan even exist, until he is drawn into Narnia with his four cousins via a picture of a Narnian ship, which turns out to be King Caspian's ship, the Dawn Trader, on which he is exploring the eastern area of Narnia.

Eustace tries everyone's patience with his outrageous behavior until he has a very unpleasant experience on one of the islands of Narnia. While exploring on his own, he discovers a dead dragon. Then he discovers the dragon's cave, which is filled with treasures. His dragon nature kicks in, and he actually turns into a dragon! Too late he realizes his mistake. However, the Lion Aslan shows up to help him. (Lucky for him, his unbelief did not change reality!) He needs to go into the pool that's there in

order to become clean, but first he must shed his dragon exterior.

He tries several times, and although removing it himself doesn't hurt, the dragon exterior keeps returning. Then Aslan offers to remove it, and he agrees. Aslan has to dig deeply, and it hurts, but he does remove the dragon exterior. Then Eustace dips in the pool, which also hurts initially, but thoroughly cleanses him. After that, though he had occasional relapses, Eustace became a much nicer boy.

I wanted to read something about love for February, and found *Choose Love* by Stormie Omartian. However, I discovered too late that I had bought the prayer and study guide instead of the book.

However, I hope to put a copy of each in the library, because I know Stormie is a good author. So I unhesitatingly recommend it, even though I haven't read it yet. The subtitle is "The 3 Simple Choices That Will Alter the Course of Your Life." The 3 simple choices are:

- 1) Choose to receive God's love for you;
- 2) Choose to express your love to God; and

3) Choose to love others in a way that pleases God.

Finally, I thoroughly recommend the book I reviewed for May: *All Because of Love*, a book of meditations on the Gospel of John by Diana Carey Salcone.

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.



CHURCH LIBRARY
News

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.	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 17
1st LEM	Don Greer	Mary Kay Predmore	Janie Walton
2nd LEM	Marvin Haughton	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
Lector	Terri Wetherington	Bill Bradford	Bradford Fisher
Altar Server	Sam Katulic	Sam Katulic	Kayrah Elliott
Crucifer	—	—	—
Torch Bearers	—	—	—
Greeters/Ushers	Joyce Taylor Ansel & Ina Haughton Carolyn Greer	Jay & Marsha Dymond Ron Bouton Bill Bradford	Pete & Nancy Glynn Ansel & Ina Haughton
LEV Team	Don Greer	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer
Prayer Intercessor	Nancy Barber	Nancy Barber	Nancy Barber
9:30 A.M.	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 17
1st LEM	Vita Mazzaluna	Merrily Peacock	Anthony Beckford
2nd LEM	Susie Marshall	Mary Lynn Levine	Rodger Watson
Lector	Kevin Cochrane	Cara Garnsey	Lynne Passilla
Altar Server	Cydney Babione	Chelsea Borno	Aidan Brandenburg
Crucifer	Giada Mazzaluna	Ayden Cho-Sam	Elijah Roberson
Torch Bearers	Katy Babcock & Jossy Wirbel	Gwen Wirbel & Evie Dugger	Lena & Evan Candes
Greeters/Ushers	Alexander Babcock Wilna Brown, Rose Mayfield, Ginger Sirola	George & Anida Daniel Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Sam & Heather Lynn Ken Miller, Rose Mayfield
LEV Team	Mike & Bobbie Warren	Jill Brown	Rodger Watson
Prayer Intercessor	Susan Kiehm	Susie Marshall	Sharon Puchein

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.	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 17
1st LEM	Geraldine Remington	Joe Wolfe	Lionel Williams
2nd LEM	Janie Walton	Karen Williams	Terry Hickman
Lector	Paul Buzzonetti	Leo Henry	Stacey Jamail
Altar Server	Kylie Walton	Delilah Brueggeman	Sam Katulic
Greeters/Ushers	Lisa Borst, Steve Brueggeman, John Wessels, Joe Wolfe	Richard & Kelley McRae Karen Williams Mary Katulic	Paul & Patty Robertson John Wessels, Joe Wolfe
LEV Team	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic
Prayer Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Sam Katulic	Volunteer Needed
7:00 p.m.	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 10	FEBRUARY 17
LEM	Janie Walton	Marvin Haughton	Regina Seguin
Lector	Wendy King	Steve Borst	Tori Eaton
Greeter/Usher	Lisa Borst	Raul Lopez	Brian Seguin
Altar Server	Isabella Figueroa	Kara Altenbach	Caroline Seguin
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King	Brian Seguin	Volunteer Needed
Lectionary	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Isaiah 6:1-8	Jeremiah 17:5-10
	Psalms 71:1-18	Psalms 138	Psalms 1
	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
	Luke 4:21-30	Luke 5:1-11	Luke 6:17-26

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

8:00 A.M.	FEBRUARY 24	MARCH 3	MARCH 10
1st LEM	Terri Wetherington	Ellie Chase	Don Greer
2nd LEM	Linda Bouton	Frank Chase	Bradford Fisher
Lector	Aliena Gaye	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
Altar Server	Sam Katulic	Sam Katulic	Kayrah Elliott
Crucifer	—	—	—
Torch Bearers	—	—	—
Greeters/Ushers	Joyce Taylor Ron Bouton Elaina Paige Bill Bradford	Pete & Nancy Glynn Ansel & Ina Haughton	Elaina Paige, Bill Bradford, Ron Bouton, Carolyn Greer
LEV Team	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer	Bill & Elise Bradford
Prayer Intercessor	Nancy Barber	Joyce Taylor	Nancy Barber
9:30 A.M.	FEBRUARY 24	MARCH 3	MARCH 10
1st LEM	Cara Garnsey	Shelby Beck	Erin Hinz
2nd LEM	Janie Walton	Stacey Beck	Vita Mazzaluna
Lector	Sharon Puchein	Jay Williams	Dawn Wirbel
Altar Server	Zackary Cho-Sam	Kelsey Beck	Maddy Wirbel
Crucifer	James Wirbel	Lena Candes	Giada Mazzaluna
Torch Bearers	Elijah Roberson & Jossy Wirbel	Jossy Wirbel & Evan Candes	Melanie Fields & Elijah Roberson
Greeters/Ushers	Jim & Lynne Passilla John & Sharon Puchein	Rodger Watson Tom Stachowski Wilna Brown, Ginger Sirola	Horace & Jacquie Williams Jay & Patti Williams
LEV Team	Jim & Lynne Passilla	Mike & Bobbie Warren	Jill Brown
Prayer Intercessor	Wally Stewart	Jill Brown	Susan Kiehm

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Thank you!

SUNDAY SERVANTS FOR THE LORD

11:00 A.M.	FEBRUARY 24	MARCH 3	MARCH 10
1st LEM	Sam Katulic	Janie Walton	Karen Williams
2nd LEM	Stacey Jamail	Geraldine Remington	Joe Wolfe
Lector	Patty Tate	Lionel Williams	Norm Anthony
Altar Server	Delilah Brueggeman	Evie Dugger	Delilah Brueggeman
Greeters/Ushers	Lisa Borst, Steve Brueggeman, Mary Katulic, Karen Williams	Richard & Kelley McRae Paul & Patty Robertson	Lisa Borst, Steve Brueggeman, Lionel Williams, John Wessels
LEV Team	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams
Prayer Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Sam Katulic
7:00 p.m.	FEBRUARY 24	MARCH 3	MARCH 10
LEM	Janie Walton	Marvin Haughton	Regina Seguin
Lector	Helen Farnsworth	Kristin Jackson	Wendy King
Greeter/Usher	Tina Sydnor	Mary Pounds	Lisa Borst
Altar Server	Kylie Walton	Riley & Aiden Alford	Kaitlyn O'Brien
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King	Brian Seguin	Volunteer Needed
Lectionary	Isaiah 55:10-13	Exodus 34:29-35	Deuteronomy 26:1-11
	Psalm 92	Psalm 99	Psalm 91
	1 Corinthians 15:51-58	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Romans 10:8b-13
	Luke 6:39-49	Luke 9:28-43	Luke 4:1-13

FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous
Open Meeting every
night at 8:00 p.m.
6:30pm

Overeater's
Anonymous
meets every Thursday
at 7pm in Library.

1
Mother
Tracy Dugger's
Day off

2

3
BAG SUNDAY
8am Rite 1
9:30 Rite 2
9:30 Sunday School
11am Rite 3
4:30 SHINE Club
4:30-6 ACTIVATE
5 Diving Deeper
6pm Dinner
7pm Rite 3

4
Preschool
returning
student
Registration

Mommy & Me
Music Mondays
11-11:45

5
Fr. Tom's
Day Off

6:30
Men's Supper

6:30pm
Women's Dining
Group

6
10am Holy Communion
11am Bible Study
4pm Staff Mtg
Bible Study
6:15 Choir Practice
7:15-9pm Band Rehearsal

7
Janie Walton's
Day Off

SWING DANCE
East Coast Style
7pm

8
6:30
Vestry Retreat

Mother
Tracy Dugger's
Day off

9
Vestry Retreat
9am-1pm

ACTIVATE
Valentine's
Dance
7-9 Parish Hall

10
8am Rite 1
9:30 Rite 2
9:30 Sunday School
11am Rite 3
4:30 SHINE Club
4:30-6 ACTIVATE
5 Diving Deeper
6pm Dinner
7pm Rite 3

11
Preschool
new
student
registration

12
Fr. Tom's
Day Off

13
10am Holy Communion
11am Bible Study
4pm Staff Mtg
6pm Bible Study
6:15 Choir Practice
7:15-9pm Praise
Band Rehearsal

14
Janie Walton's
Day Off

Valentine's Day

15
Mother
Tracy Dugger's
Day off



Please have
your March
articles &
schedules in
by 2/15

17
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
5 Diving Deeper
6pm Dinner
7pm Rite 3

18
President's
Day
No School

Paint Like a Pro
6-8pm

19
Fr. Tom's
Day Off

20
10am Holy Communion
11am Bible Study
4pm Staff Mtg
6pm Bible Study
6:15 Choir Practice
7:15-9pm Praise
Band Rehearsal

21
Janie Walton's
Day Off

22
1pm
John
Morgeson's
funeral

Mother
Tracy Dugger's
Day off

23

24
8am Rite 1
9:30 Rite 2
9:30 Sunday School
11am Rite 3
4:30 SHINE Club
4:30-6 ACTIVATE
5 Diving Deeper
6pm Dinner
7pm Rite 3

25

26
Fr. Tom's
Day Off

27
10am Holy Communion
11am Bible Study
4pm Staff Mtg
6pm Bible Study
6:15 Choir Practice
7:15-9pm Praise
Band Rehearsal

28
Janie Walton's
Day Off

Preschool Father Field &
Fun Days in parish hall

February Birthdays & Anniversaries



2 Krysti Reif
 4 Melanie Field
 5 Tristan Smith
 6 River Paredes
 8 Zackary Cho-Sam
 9 Pati Cook
 Don Greer
 Michael Rollo
 10 Lee Farnsworth
 Jim Passilla
 11 Terry Anthony
 12 Cortney Rollo
 Terri Wetherington
 13 Doris Anthony

13 Esther Gonzalez
 Bonnie Miller
 14 Doris McGain
 15 Aliena Gaye
 Beckett Taylor
 16 Kathryn Babcock
 Bill Sydnor
 17 Karen Boylan
 Zachary Clemens
 21 Christopher Borst
 Steve Brandenburg
 24 Marcia Babione
 27 Nancy Glynn
 28 Greer McBryde

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 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 _____
 month/day/year

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Email: _____

Wedding Anniversary _____

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