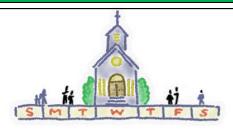
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Sunday Services:

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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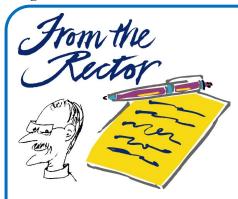
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Guess What: We're Pregnant!

No, not Debbie and me!

Our parish family!

We're birthing an exciting new ministry.

On Sunday April 7 at 3pm in the Church, Father Sonér Alexandre and an enthusiastic team of Haitian folks are launching a weekly worship service in French and Creole.

Here's how this came about.

From the time I first invited Father Sonér and his family to come among us, I've hoped, prayed, and trusted that God brought the Alexandres to us to expand our reach into the community.

Sonér agrees!

So for several months now, he's been floating the possibility of an Episcopal service with folks in the Haitian community... and a dozen or so folks are ready to start.

It's a natural, because the Episcopal Church of Haiti is a diocese of the United States Episcopal Church. There are a bunch of Haitian Episcopalians in the Orlando area who would love to worship in an Episcopal Church, but who attend Catholic, Protestant, or Pentecostal Churches with French services, because no Episcopal Church offers worship in the language of their heart... until now!

Here's the plan:

We'll celebrate Holy Eucharist at 3pm in the Church with Father Sonér leading and preaching.

We invite all the folks who come to the service to stay afterward for Christian Formation: either in French with Father Sonér or another Haitian leader, or in English with me in Diving Deeper.

And we're inviting the children and youth to plug into SHINE and ACTIVATE, because, since they all go to school in English, they're more comfortable in that language than some of the adults.

We also invite them to stay for the Sunday Supper to give our new and longtime members opportunities to get to know and love one another.

Whether you speak French or not, please pitch in and help this get off the ground.

Please pray for Father Sonér and the folks launching and leading the service. Please pray for the Lord to raise up singers and musicians, as he's done for our other worship services.

Please pray for the word to get out to everyone the Messiah would like to bring into our parish family.

And if you know anyone who's Haitian, please invite them.

I love you all.



You are cordially invited to

ACTIVATE'S

STROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



March 5, 2019 6:00-8:00 pm in the Parish Hall Dine In or Take Out

All Donations Go To Our Summer Mission Trip Fund



Wednesday, March 6, and lasts 40 days (not counting Sundays) and ends on Easter morning April 21. 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 "tithe" 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.

MARCH 5-SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE

SUPPER Come carbo-load before Lent begins! Our ACTIVATE teens are serving pancakes, sausage, and fruit in the Parish Hall from. There will be a TIP jar with donations going to their summer Mission Trip to the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation.

MARCH 6-ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES at

Noon and 7pm. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and a day to remember our own mortality. The service includes a Litany (a long prayer) of Penitence and the "imposition of ashes," a smudge of ashes on the forehead or in the palm of the hand to remind us that "We are dust, and to dust we shall return." It is a service of great solemnity and silence, and ends with Holy Communion.

lent

ON WEDNESDAYS:

is a
season
of preparation
to celebrate
the resurrectio
n of our
Lord
Jesus
Christ.
It begins

on Ash

10am - HOLY EUCHARIST in the Church

11am - **BIBLE STUDY in the Library**. The group is currently studying Psalms.

6pm - LITTLE LESSONS IN LENT. We'll meet in the youth hall on Wednesdays 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.

For details, contact Children's Minister Angela Lopez at Ange-

laLopez@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

6pm - ACTIVATE 2.0 For Ash Wednesday, we will be starting off with dinner at 6 PM in the Youth Hall then transitioning to the Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. For the Wednesdays following, we will start off with dinner at 6 PM and then go to the Youth Room for the lesson for that evening. Our program will end at 7:30 PM. This is open to students in grades 6-12. For details, contact Youth Minister Janie Walton at JanieWalton@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

6pm – It Is Finished: Beginning March 13th and 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". Childcare is provided. Please sign up in the Narthex. For details, contact Assistant rector Tracy Dugger at TracyDugger@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

6:15pm - JOIN THE CHOIR FOR LENT AND SING ON EASTER

Rehearsals are from 6:15-7:15 in the Church. For details, contact Music Minister Linda Ellison at LindaEllison@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

LENTENOPPORTUNITIES

ON SUNDAYS:

9:30 or llam or 7pm – ROCK BABIES and PLAY WITH CHILDREN in the Nursery. For details, contact Children's Minister Angela Lopez at Angela Lopez@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

8, 9:30, or llam or 7pm -- BE AN ACOLYTE and help at the altar. You must be at least 6 years old, and there's no upper age limit! For details, contact any of our Clergy.

Ilam - RUN THE COMPUTER FOR THE PROJECTOR. For details, see Jeremy Adams in the Sound Booth.

4:30-6pm – SHINE KIDS' CLUB for elementary aged children in the Youth Hall.

Or HELP AS AN ADULT VOLUNTEER.

For details, contact Children's Minister Angela Lopez at AngelaLopez@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

4:30-6pm – ACTIVATE youth group for middle and high school students in the Youth Hall.

Or HELP AS AN ADULT VOLUNTEER

For details, contact Youth Minister Janie Walton at JanieWalton@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

Beginning on March 10th at 5pm in the Library: Road to Emmaus - This Group will be a covenant and accountability group as we track our pilgrimage of daily miles and encourage one another on our journey. Miles are earned through a variety of physical and spiritual activities. This class is a 6 week commitment. For details, contact Assistant rector Tracy Dugger at TracyDugger@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

5-6pm – DIVING DEEPER, a look at the Church and why we do what we do, in the Narthex sitting area with Tom Rutherford.

6pm --- Simple Supper in the Parish Hall. Come enjoy a meal with your Messiah family. YOU GOTTA EAT!

LENTEN CUSTOMS FOR WORSHIP

Lent is also a time when we change or tone down several aspects of our worship together.

The Great Litany. On the First Sunday in Lent, we will begin the service with the Great Litany, a long prayer said responsively between the leader and congregation. It is the oldest liturgy in the English language written in 1544, five years before the first Book of Common Prayer! It served as the Prayers of the People during Eucharist for several years and is prescribed to be used in Morning Prayer on Wednesdays and Fridays in the British Book of Common Prayer. In the United States, it is a tradition to use it on the first Sundays in Advent and Lent and other penitential occasions.

<u>Penitential Order</u>. We will begin the Sunday services with the Penitential Order, a short service of confession. There are several options within the Penitential Order, and we will use them all during Lent.

<u>"Alleluia."</u> During Lent we don't sing hymns with "alleluia" and omit the "Alleluia" when we break the bread.

<u>Hymns</u>. We tone down the music to reflect the penitential mood of the season. The somber music for six weeks will make the Easter joy even more joyful.

The Altar area will be bare and simpler. We won't have flowers or extra candles. We substitute wooden utensils for the silver and brass. This six-week barrenness will make the Easter flowers and silver and brass even more shining in their glory.

We avoid weddings and baptisms in Lent, as those are joyous occasions.

<u>Private Confession</u>. Many Episcopalians go to a priest for private confession. To do that, please call Father Tom Rutherford at the office to arrange a time.

<u>EXCEPTION</u>. If we have a funeral in Lent, it becomes Easter for that day, because the Burial service is a celebration of resurrection. For that service, we will bring out all the silver and decorations and sing and shout "Alleluia!"



2019 FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Join Southeastern Food Bank from March 9-10
As we kick off the first Food for Families event of the year!
This March, we will be sorting, packing, and delivering
Food to more than 1,000 underprivileged
West Orange families.

Beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday March 10 Beginning at 8:00 a.m.

WHERE: Ocoee High School
1925 Ocoee Crown Point Pkwy., Ocoee, Florida 34761

Register to volunteer at Southeasternfoodbank.com



For more information please call 407-654-7777 or Visit our website: www.southeasternfoodbank.com

Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death

Spring Session:
March 3rd—April 7, 2019

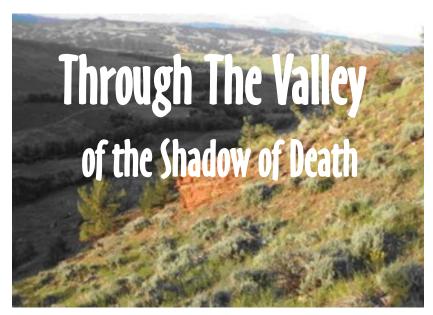
What is this program about?

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

Why is this program important?

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

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



Who is this for?

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

When and Where

TVSD is held two times per year, in the fall and during Lent. The next session will begin March 3, 2019. The sessions are held 1 hour per week for six weeks. We meet on Sundays at 11:00 A.M. in the church library.

What materials are used?

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

For registration or further information contact:

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

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

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

Linda Gold (attends 9:30 service) 407-421-6889 email: goldlj@icloud.com

Who Ya Gonna Call?

About any ministry in the parish (current 2/20/19)

LOVING GOD	Leader	Phone
Acolytes		
Altar GuildTrudi	e Carr & Betty Morgeson	407-299-2081/407-293-6912
Building Maintenance	Ron Bouton	407-452-7200
Children's Ministry	Angela Lopez	
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		
Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic	c Ministers and Visitors (Central S	Scheduling)
	Mike & Bobbie Warren	352-241-8703
LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR	Leader	Phone
Christian Service Center	Paul Hickman	352-408-0487
Communications/Publicity		
Habitat for Humanity		
Outreach		
Pre-School		
Refugee Team		
LOVING EACH OTHER Casserole Patrol	Deacon Julie Altenbach	<u>Phone</u> 407-462-8001
Casserole Patrol	Deacon Julie Altenbach	407-462-8001
Coffee Hour		
Fun & Fellowship	Stacey Beck & Wendy King	702-521-4077/407-928-8132
Grief Groups		
Hurricane/Disaster Response Team	Murph Borno	
Kitchen Krewe		
Lay Eucharistic Visitors	Deacon Julie Altenbach	407-462-8001
Library		
Men's Supper		
Messiah Academy		
Messiah's Way		
Name Tags		
Newsletter & Bulletins		
Nursery/Child Care		
Office Angels		
Parish Nurse		
Pastoral Care		
Transportation for those who don't drive.		
Wednesday Night Bible Study		
Women's Dining Club		
Youth	Janie Walton	407-230-7913

Sunday, February 17, 2019 - 2:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting Minutes

Vestry Door Duty for March

Opener at 7:30am: Patty Tate Closer at 1pm: Dawn Wirbel Vestry Meeting Host: Dawn Wirbel

2019 Vestry

Ron Bouton, Jr. Warden, Properties Email: eronbo47@gmail.com

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

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Patty Tate, Worship

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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.

<u>PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE NOTES OR</u> <u>MONEY ON THE FRONT DESK IN THE</u> OFFICE. Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Don Greer, Junior Warden Ron Bouton, Stacey Beck, Steve Borst, Paul Hickman, Wendy King, Mary Kay Predmore, Brian Seguin, Patty Tate, and Dawn Wirbel, and Assistant Rector Tracy Dugger.

Absent: Treasurer Rodger Watson, John Peacock, and Clerk Joyce Taylor

FORMATION: Paul Hickman led Noonday Prayer. Based on Exodus 18:5, 7-9, 13-27, Tom Rutherford talked about how he shares leadership with the Vestry so he's not a bottleneck for getting things done.

INFORMATION:

The Vestry Manual: Tom Rutherford took the group through it, explaining pertinent details.

Vestry Ministry Team Reports: None received.

Staff Reports:

Facility: The Rental Report was emailed separately.

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

Children's Ministry: Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports: I purchased the basic and most necessary supplies needed for VBS from Concordia supply and was able to use a \$100 off and FREE shipping coupon. They should be arriving any time now. I have a leader and assistant for all the rotations as well as most of the mission specialists secured. We have our first meeting scheduled for late March. I will begin registration the week before Easter. Deacon Julie and I attended a workshop on Jan 18 where we got to see the experiments, crafts, snacks and music up close. We got several ideas. Julie is my co-director this year and we are having a great time tweaking and adding special details to the program.

The rug for the youth hall arrived this week. Patty Tate and Brian Seguin made some excellent suggestion to further assist with the sound dampening. I will discuss them with Barbara Ellerbe and see how she feels before researching any further.

On January 21, I hosted Moana Cooking Camp. We had a full house of 10 kids (that is all I can allow in the kitchen at once). We prepared some yummy meals and shared them with Clergy and staff that were in the office

On January 22, my husband and I donated the supplies and built a new much safer ramp to the children's ministry storage shed. We also donated a hand cart and straps to make transporting the commercial bounce house easier.

Little Lesson in Lent sign-ups are posted, and my portion of the website is updated. All the supplies and lessons are ready and most of the meals have been donated so far. Looking forward to an exciting time on Wednesday nights. Little Lessons in Lent was my first official project when I joined staff 5 years ago and it is one of my most favorite projects to plan.

Children's Church has completed another HIGH VOLTAGE series and will move on to Transformers before we focus on season of faith lessons. We will go over season of the church year, Christian symbols and make a few crafts.

One of the SHINE kids earned an atschool lunch date with me, so on Feb 19 I am taking Chick-fil-A to Kaitlyn O'Brien at Ocoee Elementary school. Kaitlyn has started playing basketball for the city of Ocoee, and I attended one of her games on Feb 2. They won their second game in a row

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again the green team!

Youth Ministry: Youth Minister Janie Walton reports:

I attended the Orlando Magic Game on Friday, January 25 at Amway Center to see Activate students, Cydney Babione and Samantha Hsu, perform with their orchestra from Olympia High School.

I attended the Say Yes to Jesus Revival with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Friday, February 1 at First Baptist Church of Orlando along with a bunch of church parishioners.

I attended the Vestry Retreat on Friday, February 8.

Activate had our Valentine's Dance Fundraiser on February 9. God blessed us with \$618 for our summer mission trip to North Dakota. Activate provided Sunday Supper on February 10.

Activate along with parents, adult volunteers and myself are attending the LIFT Tour on Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16 at First Baptist Church of Orlando. This is one of the most popular yearly events for our Activate youth.

Some of our youth are participating in the Absalom Jones' Celebration at All Saints Church in Winter Park on Saturday, February 23.

We are hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5. This is also fundraiser for our summer mission trip.

Beginning Sundays in Lent, I will be doing a trial run of Middle School Church, which will run the same time and at the same services as Children's Church. If it is well received, I will continue the program. There will also be a Wednesday night program—Activate 2.0—which will run simultaneously with other program offer-

ings on Wednesdays in Lent. Children's Ministry's Little Lessons in Lent and Activate 2.0 will first start with dinner together at 6 PM and then split into our separate groups after.

On Saturday, March 16, we are having our third Bingo Fundraiser—St. Patrick's Day themed—to benefit Children's Ministry and Activate's summer mission trip.

Messiah Academy: Principal Terri Wetherington reports that Messiah Academy is closing at the end of May. We started this academic year with 3 students, lost one at Christmastime, and have another going to another school next year. We have not been able to attract enough students to be viable. All the Messiah Academy property and equipment belongs to the Church and will be distributed to any ministries that need it. The rest will be sold to parishioners or at the next Rummage Sale. The storage building will be used for ministry equipment and items so that the original storage building can be used for tools and property maintenance items. Tom Rutherford will consult with Vestry and Staff to determine how to utilize the Messiah Academy space after it closes.

Assistant Rector Tracy Dugger reports:

Young Adults:

We had a fabulous time at Trivia Tuesday this month, even though we didn't win

My Parents' Group met on the 25th. I hosted a small Epiphany blessing service at the church and taught others how to do this at their home on the 13th.

Website and Communications: After the planning meeting, I scheduled all of the events onto the website calendar and created promotion and graphics for the next quarter to post to Facebook and the website on a regular schedule. Events will be published on Facebook roughly one month prior to the event

(if I know about it and/or it was discussed at the planning meeting). Thank you to all who came and participated. It is much more feasible and efficient for me to manage the website and Facebook in batches and allow it to publish at scheduled times. Craig Brown has been taking facility photos to improve our visibility as a rental venue on Google. Next month I will be using these photos and additional programming and backtagging to increase our visibility as a rental facility.

Facebook: Specific to our Facebook. Facebook has rolled out new business page management tools which allow us to advertise to people in Winter Garden, people who like our page, OR an audience with likes we program within a geographic radius. These ads can cost anywhere between \$5 and \$50 depending on target audience size and numbers of days run. If you would like to run an ad on Facebook similar to the old school of running an ad in the newspaper for your ministry event, please let me, Tracy Dugger know. Currently I have run ads for the past year as "experiments" out of my discretionary fund. I ran ads for Easter, Christmas, and several of our art events and other public events. As a result our page reach last year DOUBLED. We reached 5,700 people with our Facebook page in the past year and 1,800 people in the last 90 days alone! In light of these results I would propose we as a church look at included FB advertising as a budget line in future years, and/or have various ministries use some of their budget line to promote events. We have to date never used the ticketing feature which is why I crossed that off, but that remains a function we could explore in the future.

And as a pastoral note: Thank you all for the vacation time and Sunday off. Even with my time off I averaged 47 hours a week in the past month be-

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tween visiting, preaching, teaching and diocesan obligations. Laura Cook's Parish Discernment Committee is meeting and on track.

DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month):

How we make decisions:

We discuss an issue one month and, after a month of prayer, thinking, consideration, discussing the issue with parishioners; we make a decision the next month.

Every rare once-in-a-while, an issue will arise that needs immediate attention, or we'll have a decision to make that we all agree on anyway, and we'll make a decision in the meeting the issue is introduced. An example: When the Preschool asks if they can put out envelopes for donations on Preschool Sunday, we say "Yes" to that every year, so we'll decide on that when we're first asked.

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. Ron Bouton will get estimates for what it costs to repair/replace it and report back.

<u>DECISIONS</u> (based on the Discussion last month):

Rector's Sabbatical: Doreen Stachowski is leading a team working on raising funds to help pay for Tom's travel expenses. Don Greer asked the Vestry for permission to invite parishioners to give to that fund. Vestry APPROVED.

The Parochial Report lists our parish demographics, attendance, financial details, and the names of our Clergy. The Vestry is required to approve it and send it to the Diocese and national office of the Episcopal Church in March of every year. It was all good news! Our Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) in 2018 was 301.

Only 3% of Episcopal Churches in the U.S. have an ASA of 300 or more. Our total income (Operating Fund, Building Fund, investment income, and all designated gifts) was over \$1.5 million and was \$4,400 MORE than our total expenses. We are NOT a "small church," and we are NOT "broke!" Vestry APPROVED the Report.

MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

Minutes from the January meeting: APPROVED.

January Financial Report from Treasurer Rodger Watson: APPROVED.

Tom Rutherford and Don Greer took us through the Financial Reports and explained how to read them.

Operating Account: January's income was \$24,164.21 LESS than expenses. PLEASE PRAY FOR GOD TO PROVIDE.

Building Fund: Net Building Fund income (gifts, fundraising, and facility rental income, less expenses) was \$14,908.29 LESS than what we needed to cover the mortgage of \$12,891.97 and pre-pay \$10,000 of the principal on the mortgage.

The meeting ended at 4:23pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: The Rev. Tom Rutherford Rector and Acting Clerk

2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

(AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019)

Annual Parish Meeting, January 27,2019, 5:00 pm

The meeting began with a covered dish supper and lots of laughter and conversation at 5:00pm.

Rector Tom Rutherford opened the business portion of the meeting with prayer at 5:31pm

Mary Kay Predmore was elected Secretary by acclamation.

Tom Rutherford introduced the four nominees for the four vestry vacancies: Ron Bouton, Wendy King, Brian Seguin, and Joyce Taylor. Tom invited nominations from the floor. There being none, there was a motion to elect by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tom thanked the four retiring vestry members and told what they'd done as vestry members: Marci Babione, Frank Chase, Leo Henry, and Doreen Stachowski.

Tom urged everyone to read the Annual Report and invited questions or comments. There were no questions. Patty Tate expressed hope that we could replace the Parish Hall kitchen floor soon, as the floor covering is ugly and has some rotten places in it, that are currently covered by a large floor mat.

Treasurer Rodger Watson presented and explained the 2019 Budget: A motion was made to approve the 2019 budget as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Father Tom thanked Roger for his dedication and hard work as Treasurer.

There being no more business, Tom Rutherford closed the meeting in prayer at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Kay Predmore, Secretary









8:00 A.M.	MARCH 3	MARCH 10	MARCH 17	
1st LEM	Ellie Chase	Don Greer	Laura Cook	
2nd LEM	Frank Chase	Bradford Fisher	Steve Dunegan	
Lector	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend	Terri Wetherington	
Altar Server	Sam Katulic	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic	
Crucifer		_	_	
Torch Bearers		_	_	
Greeters/Ushers	Pete & Nancy Glynn	Elaina Paige,	Jay & Marsha Dymond	
	Ansel & Ina Haughton	Bill Bradford, Ron Bouton, Carolyn Greer	Ansel & Ina Haughton	
LEV Team	Don Greer	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer	
Prayer Intercessor	Joyce Taylor	Nancy Barber	Elise Bradford	
9:30 A.M.	MARCH 3	MARCH 10	MARCH 17	
1st LEM	Shelby Beck	Erin Hinz	Mary Lynn Levine	
2nd LEM	Stacey Beck	Vita Mazzaluna	Susie Marshall	
Lector	Jay Williams	Jay Williams Dawn Wirbel Ko		
Altar Server	Kelsey Beck	Maddy Wirbel	Cydney Babione	
Crucifer	Lena Candes	Giada Mazzaluna	Evan Candes	
Torch Bearers	Jossy Wirbel & Evan Candes	Melanie Fields & Elijah Roberson	Katy Babcock & Jossy Wirbel	
Greeters/Ushers	Rodger Watson, Tom	Horace & Jacquie Williams	Alexander Babcock, Rose Mayfield	
	Stachowski, Wilna Brown, Ginger Sirola	Jay & Patti Williams	George & Anida Daniel	
LEV Team	•	Jay & Patti Williams 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!

11:00 A.M.	MARCH 3	MARCH 10	MARCH 17
1st LEM	Janie Walton	Karen Williams	Lionel Williams
2nd LEM	Geraldine Remington	Joe Wolfe	Terry Hickman
Lector	Lionel Williams	Norm Anthony	Terry Anthony
Altar Server	Evie Dugger	Delilah Brueggeman	Kylie Walton
Greeters/Ushers	Richard & Kelley McRae Paul & Patty Robertson	Lisa Borst, Steve Brueggeman, Lionel Wil- liams, John Wessels	Mary Katulic Richard & Kelley McRae Joe Wolfe
LEV Team	Sam Katulic	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic
Prayer Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Sam Katulic	Volunteer Needed
7:00 p.m.	MARCH 3	MARCH 10	MARCH 17
LEM	Marvin Haughton	Regina Seguin	Marvin Haughton
Lector	Kristin Jackson	Wendy King	Steve Borst
Greeter/Usher	Mary Pounds	Lisa Borst	Raul Lopez
Altar Server	Riley & Aiden Alford	Kaitlyn O'Brien	Isabella Figueroa
Prayer Intercessor	Brian Seguin	Volunteer Needed	Wendy King
Lectionary	Exodus 34:29-35	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Genesis 15:1-18
	Psalm 99	Psalm 91	Psalm 27
	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Romans 10:8b-13	Philippians 3:17-4:1
	Luke 9:28-43	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:31-35

8:00 A.M.	MARCH 24	MARCH 31	APRIL 7	APRIL 14
1 ST LEM	Marvin Haughton	Deborah Townsend	Linda Bouton	Frank Chase
2 ND LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Terri Wetherington	Ellie Chase	Don Greer
Lector	Bill Bradford	Bradford Fisher	Aliena Gaye	Joyce Taylor
Altar Server	Sam Katulic	Kayrah Elliott	Sam Katulic	Sam Katulic
Greeters/Ushers	Pete & Nancy Glynn Joyce Taylor Elaina Paige	Bill Bradford Ron Bouton Jay & Marsha Dymond	Pete & Nancy Glynn Ansel & Ina Haughton	Elaina Paige Bill Bradford Carolyn Greer Ron Bouton
LEV Team	Laura Cook	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer	Bill & Elise Bradford
Prayer Intercessor	Nancy Barber	Elise Bradford	Joyce Taylor	Nancy Barber
9:30 A.M.	MARCH 24	MARCH 31	APRIL 7	APRIL 14
1 ST LEM	Rodger Watson	Stacey Beck	Vita Mazzaluna	Anthony Beckford
2 ND LEM	Anthony Beckford	Shelby Beck	Merrily Peacock	Rodger Watson
Lector	Lynne Passillq	Sharon Puchein	Jay Williams	Dawn Wirbel
Altar Server	Chelsea Borno	Aidan Brandenburg	Zackary Cho-Sam	Chelsea Borno
Crucifer	Ayden Cho-Sam	Elijah Roberson	Giada Mazzaluna	Lena Candes
Torch Bearers	Gwen Wirbel & Evie Dugger	Melanie Field & Lena Candes	Elijah Roberson & Jossy Wirbel	Katy Babcock &
Greeters/Ushers	Chuck & Deborah Grunder Sam & Heather Lynn	Ken Miller Tom Stachowski Jim & Lynne Passilla	Wilna Brown John & Sharon Puchein Ginger Sirola	Alexander Babcock, Chuck & Deborah Grunder, Horace & Jacquie Williams
LEV Team	Mike & Bobbie Warren	Rodger Watson	Jill Brown	Jim & Lynne Passilla
Prayer Intercessor	Wally Stewart	Jill Brown	Susan Kiehm	Susie Marshall

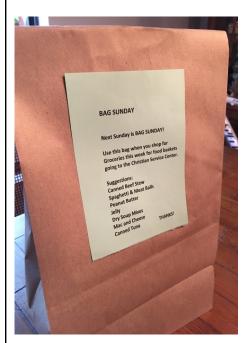
11:00 A.M.	MARCH 24	MARCH 31	APRIL 7	APRIL 14
1 ST LEM	Stacey Jamail	Geraldine Remington	Joe Wolfe	Lionel Williams
2 ND LEM	Sam Katulic	Laura Cook	Karen Williams	Terry Hickman
Lector	Paul Buzzonetti	Leo Henry	Stacey Jamail	Patty Tate
Altar Server	Christopher Borst	Sam Katulic	Delilah Brueggeman	Christopher Borst
Greeters/Ushers	Lisa Borst, Karen Williams, Paul & Patty Robertson	John Wessels Steve Brueggeman Mary Katulic Joe Wolfe	Richard & Kelley McRae Paul & Patty Robertson	Lisa Borst John Wessels Joe Wolfe Karen Williams
LEV Team	Lionel & Karen Williams	Sam Katulic	Laura Cook	Lionel & Karen Williams
Prayer Intercessor	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Sam Katulic	Sam Katulic
7:00 P.M.	MARCH 24	MARCH 31	APRIL 7	APRIL 14
LEM	Regina Seguin	Marvin Haughton	Regina Seguin	Laura Cook
Lector	Tori Eaton	Helen Farnsworth	Kristin Jackson	Wendy King
Greeter/Usher	Brian Seguin	Tina Sydnor	Mary Pounds	Lisa Borst
Altar Server	Kara Altenbach	Caroline Seguin	Riley & Aiden Alford	Kaitlyn O'Brien
Prayer Intercessor	Brian Seguin	Volunteer Needed	Wendy King	Brian Seguin
Lectionary	Exodus 3:1-15	Joshua 5:9-12	Isaiah 43:16-21	Isaiah 50:4-9a
	Psalm 63	Psalm 32	Psalm 126	Psalm 31:9-16
	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Corinthians 5:16-21	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 2:5-11
	Luke 13:1-9	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	John 12:1-8	Luke 22:14-23:56

1st Sunday of the month



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
- **v** jelly
- dry soup mixes or canned soup
- macaroni and cheese



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.



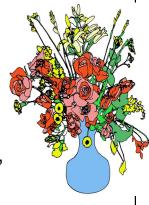


Messiah folks are helping feed our community through "Bag Sunday"

Altar & Chapel Flowers are available for

<u>2019</u>

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.

<u>Messiah's</u> <u>Missionaries</u>



Wally & Karen Stewart attended Celebration Baptist Church in Tallahassee, FL on February 10, 2019.

<u>Tom Rutherford</u> attended the Celebration of New Ministry for Fr. Trey Garland, the new Rector of Church of the Resurrection in Longwood, FL on 1/25.



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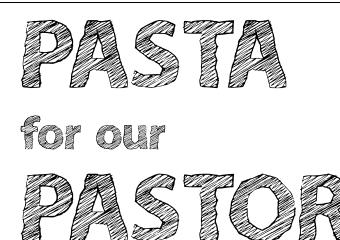
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SATURDAY, APRIL 6

5-9PM IN THE PARISH HALL

- VARIOUS TYPES OF PASTA (INCLUDING GLUTEN-FREE,)
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- = 50/50 RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZES
- TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR A LOVE OFFERING
- LOTS OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP!



This month I completed the sixth of The Chronicles of Narnia: The Silver Chair, and Choose Love by Stormie Omartian. Both, predictably, lived up to my expectations.

The Silver Chair features new heroes, though we met one of them—Eustace Scrubb—in the previous story, The Voages of the Dawn Trader. In The Silver Chair he takes a friend from school with him, Jill Pole, who manages to screw up most of what she was supposed to do, forgetting three of the four signs Aslan gave her to find and identify the young Prince Rillian, son of the now extremely old King Caspian. (The prince has disappeared for years, assumed to be a prisoner of a sorceress who murdered his mother; and he was.) In Aslan's grace, Jill's remembering the fourth sign bails them out, as does the presence of a Marshwiggle named Puddleglum. Puddleglum is always seeing the cloud in the silver lining, which becomes pretty comical; but he comes through for the children in

the end. And the prince avenges his mother's murder.

Next month I'll complete the Chronicles by reading The Last Battle, and then I'll put the full set in the Library.

Choose Love was also inspiring, having been inspired by the Holy Spirit's taking Stormie deeper in her understanding of 1Cornithians 13. I think the book and the accompanying study book would be a marvelous adventure for Lent, and having finished the book itself, I myself plan to do the study guide during Lent. Additionally, I started another marvelous adventure for Lent, and having finished the book itself, I myself plan to do the study guide during Lent. Additionally, I started another marvelous resource for Lent that I got from the radio ministry "Truth for Life." - Streams of Mercy: Prayers of Confessions and Celebration, by Barbara R. Duguid. There are 84 short devotionals, each of which begins with convicting scripture, proceeds to confession, and end with absolution. There are also suggested hymns after that, but I so far haven't recognized the vast majority of them. But I can highly recommend the book, even though I haven't finished it, either.

Preschool News

By Barbara Ellerbe

In February the preschool celebrated Valentine's day with classroom parties. The 4 year olds attended Cupids Carnival, hosted by the city of Winter Garden, where the children played games, made crafts and had their faces painted.

We also registered new students for the upcoming school year during the month. Our preschool is almost full for next year.

In March, the 3 and 4 year olds will be going to see the musical "Beat Bugs" at the Orlando Repertory theatre. We will also be visited by a photographer from Picture Perfect Photo studios to take our spring portraits and graduation photos. Then we will have our spring break.



Upcoming Events

March 4 and 5 — Picture Days

March 14- "Beat Bugs" field trip

March 15 — Spring Break begins for students — Staff Meeting 9:15 in the Library

March 18-22 — Preschool closed for spring break

March 27 → SAC Meeting in the library



SHINE KIDS CLUB

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Many thanks to Goyo & Amy Paredes for donating their storage shed to the Children's Ministry.

We did a little ramp construction! It's great to have a handy husband.







SHINE KIDS CLUB



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Kaitlyn O'Brien plays basketball on the Ocoee orange team.





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Here is our new rug! It looks beautiful and cheery and will hopefully be just what we need for the sound! Thanks to everyone who played bingo in January, children's ministry earned enough money to cover the cost of this beauty!





Kaitlyn O'Brien filled up her punch card and earned a special lunch treat! She worked hard and learned her memory verses. We enjoyed some sunshine and chick fil a. AKA Jesus chicken. Mmmm



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CONNING IN NAARCH (LENT) Little Lessons in Lent

We'll meet in the youth hall on Wednesdays 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.

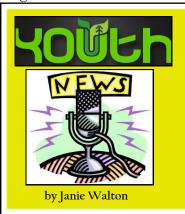
This is open to all school age children and is FREE.



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



ACTIVATE!

Orlando Magic Game

Youth Minister, Janie Walton, attended the Orlando Magic Game on Friday, January 25 to see Olympia High School orchestra members and Activate students, Cydney Babione and Samantha Hsu, perform.

We had a great time—even though the Magic lost!

Say Yes to Jesus

We were privileged to attend the Say Yes to Jesus Revival featuring Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at First Baptist Church of Orlando on Friday, February 1.

Our youth loved what Presiding Bishop Michael Curry had to say and enjoyed all the different styles of worship.

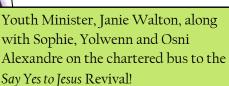
Valentine's Dance

Activate had its first ever Valentine's Dance fundraiser on Saturday, February 9 in our very own Parish Hall. We served an Italian dinner featuring baked ziti and had fun taking photos with our Valentine-themed photo props.

Thank you to everyone who attended! God blessed us with \$618 toward our summer mission trip to North Dakota!

Olympia High School orchestra members, Sammie Hsu and Cydney Babione, pose with youth minister, Janie Walton, at the Orlando Magic game.







A big thank you to Deacon Julie Altenbach, Murph Borno, Wendy King, Regina Knappman, Brittany Kolacki, Jay and Mary Kay Predmore and Jonathan Walton for either helping with event set-up and clean up, cooking our beautiful dinner, donating items, being the event photographer and being the youth minister's gopher! We could not have had such a successful event without you!



Our Activate student volunteers for the evening they worked really hard!









More Youth News

Middle School Church

On Sundays, beginning March 10, we will be having Middle School Church at the 9:30 AM and 11 AM church services.

Middle School students will leave and return at the same time as Children's Church. We will be meeting in the Youth Room for our lesson.

Activate 2.0

On Wednesdays during Lent, we will have Activate 2.0. For those who are not able to attend Activate on Sundays, this is an opportunity for you to check out youth group. For those who attend Activate on Sundays, this is a great way to recharge in the middle of the week or attend youth group if you were absent on Sunday.

This is open to students in grades 6-12.

We will start off with dinner in the Youth Hall with Children's Ministry's Little Lessons in Lent kids and then split up into our separate programs.

For Ash Wednesday, we will be starting off with dinner at 6 PM in the Youth Hall then transitioning to the Ash Wednesday service at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. For the Wednesdays following, we will start off with dinner at 6 PM and then go to the Youth Room for the lesson for that evening. Our program will end at 7:30 PM.

Please check out our table with all the other Lent offerings in the Narthex!

If you have any questions, please contact youth minister, Janie Walton, at janiewalton@churchofthemessiah.com or text her at 407-230-7913.

Activate's Lent Offerings



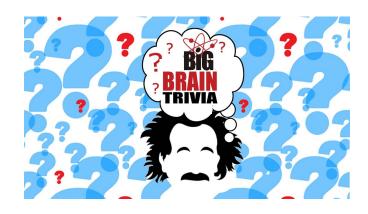
YOUNG ADULT NEWS

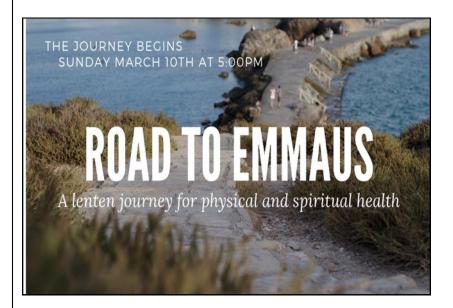
Trivia Tuesday at The Crooked Can

Up for a fun evening out?

Come join the Church of the Messiah's Trivia Team March 26th at 7:30 pm.

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





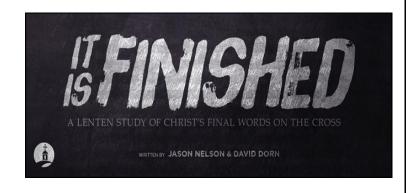
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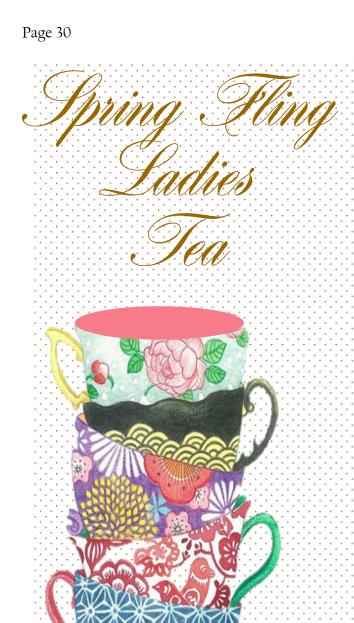
meets Sundays at 5pm in the Library, beginning March 10th.

This Group will be a covenant and accountability group as we track our pilgrimage of daily miles and encourage one another on our journey. Miles are earned through a variety of physical and spiritual activities. This class is a 6 week commitment.

It Is Finished:

Beginning March 13th and 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". Childcare is provided. Please sign up in the Narthex.





PLEASE JOIN US

APRIL 13, 2019

2-4 PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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March Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Kevin Cochrane
- 2 Nichole Babcock Sariyah Morrison
- 3 Jack Cottle
- 5 Roy McGain Reese Smith
- 6 Michelle Alford Kenneth O'Brien
- 7 Will Dugger
- 9 Marvin Haughton
- 10 Ashley Boyden Harry Hull
- 11 Stacey Jamail Taylor Smith
- 13 Paul Robertson Patty Tate
- 14 Norm Anthony
- 15 Bobbie Warren
- 17 Merrily Peacock
- 18 Chris Lynn



- 20 John Ficquette Mary Kay Predmore
- 21 Rita Cho-Sam
- 22 Stacey Figueroa
- 24 Dick Gore Emmma Winters
- 25 Delilah Brueggeman Linda White
- 26 Aidan Brandenburg Cindy West
- 27 Tracy Dugger
- 28 Karen Stewart Kenny West
- 29 Jacob Borst Cathy Penn Lynn Somers
- 30 Larry Book Ayden Cho-Sam Isabella Eaton



- 5 Raul & Angela Lopez
- 21 Bobby & Lisa Field
- 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 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

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