

THE MESSENGER

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Christmas Services:

Monday, Christmas Eve, Eve, December 23

7:00 pm— *Contemporary Communion with the Worship Band in the Parish Hall*

Tuesday, Christmas Eve , December 24

5:00 pm— *Children's service that is 55 minutes with Carols and Holy Communion, especially for wiggly, excited children and their families in the Parish Hall.*

7:00 pm— *Rite I Traditional Festival Holy Communion with candles and choir in the church.*

8:30 pm— **French Creole Service**— *Rite II Traditional Festival Holy Communion in the church **WITH INCENSE**.*

10:30 pm— *Traditional Festival Holy Communion with candles and choir in the Church **WITH INCENSE**.*

Wednesday, Christmas Day , December 25

11:00 am— *Simple service with guitar and carols in the church.*



Sunday Services:

8:00am.....Traditional Communion
9:30am.....Family Communion
9:30 a.m.Sunday School
11am.....Contemporary Communion
4:00pm.French Service
7:00pm.....Casual Communion

Wednesday Service:

10:00 a.m.....Casual Communion

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That's a Good S I G N!

We have a new family at the 7pm service: Marckenzie Loriston and Marlyn Hornia and their daughter Mariella.

Marlyn contacted us a month ago asking to get their daughter baptized.

The answer to that questions is always "YES!"

Then Marlyn told us she and Marckenzie are deaf.

Apparently, that was a barrier to other churches agreeing to serve them.

We still said, "Yes," and Office Minister Julie Altenbach and I went to work researching how and where to find an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter for the following Sunday evening, so she and Marckenzie could come check us out, as they both grew up Roman Catholic and knew only very little about the Episcopal Church.

Julie called the Diocesan office to see if they knew of any resources, and they hooked us up with Deacon Nancy Oliver, who lives in Cocoa, serves at the Cathedral in Orlando, and knows ASL. Deacon Nancy was a trouper and joined us for Sunday Supper and the service, and Marckenzie and Marlyn liked it.

I wanted a local interpreter, however, because I wasn't going to ask Deacon Nancy to come from Cocoa every week. I mentioned my search to my wife Debbie, and she said, "Call Mosaic Church. They have one."

"How do you know that?" I asked.

"I saw her when we went to Mosaic this summer on Sabbatical."

Oh... You see, while I was watching everything on the stage, looking for anything they did that might help us with our 11am service, Debbie, who is much more perceptive and sensitive to human need than I, noticed their interpreter over on the opposite side from where we were.

I called Mosaic, asking about who interprets for them. Their office volunteer gave me a number to call, and that person sent me to another number, who hooked me up with Mandy David.



Mandy's dad is Earl Brigham, the deaf barber in the first floor of the Edgewater Hotel in downtown Winter Garden. Mandy and her brothers learned ASL as babies so they could communicate with their dad, and Mandy has a business JFD Communications (Just For Deaf) that provides ASL interpreters for businesses, lawyers, and churches.

Mandy came the next Sunday and interpreted for us as we baptized Mariella, and she's provided an interpreter every Sunday evening since.

My promise to Marckenzie and Marlyn is this: if you'll come on Sundays, we'll have an interpreter.

They have, and we have, and they are a marvelous addition to the Messiah family!

HERE'S WHERE YOU COME IN...

If you know any American Sign Language, please come to the Sunday evening service at 7pm and help Marckenzie and Marlyn feel welcome. They and I are using our phones to type conversations with each other, but it would be so much better for them to have folks who can communicate more quickly and easily.

It costs \$70 per week to have a professional certified interpreter. I'm paying that out of my Discretionary Fund now, and I'm am glad to do that. But if anyone would like to contribute toward that cost, it would be helpful.

My hope is that Marckenzie and Marlyn are only the first of a whole new group of folks the Messiah is drawing into his family, and, as we learn to serve them well, we'll get to change the world with Jesus one hearing impaired person and family at a time.

I love you all.

Who Ya Gonna Call?]

(About any parish ministry)

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Preschool News

By Barbara Ellerbe

The preschool celebrated a Thanksgiving Feast on November 20th and 21st. The parents served the children as they ate their Thanksgiving dinner. The children were dressed as pilgrims and Native Americans.

In December, we will begin celebrating Jesus' birthday. We have many fun activities planned for the children. From December 2-7, we will be collecting gently used toys and clothing for the Mustard Seed Charities. This is our yearly community service project with the children. On December 9th, we will have a dress-rehearsal performance of our Christmas pageant, "Our First Nativity" for the residents of Brookdale Retirement Community.

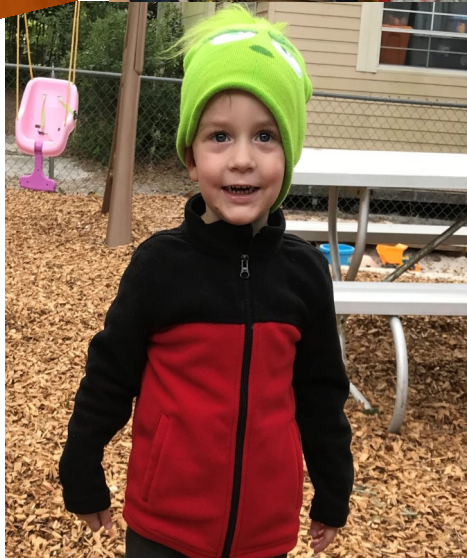
On December 10th, we will hold our main performance of the Christmas Pageant for the preschool families. It is a very special celebration of Jesus' birth.

On December 14th, we will hold our Christmas Shopping Day Fundraiser. The teachers will be available to watch the children from 9-2 on a Saturday. The children will play, have lunch and make a Christmas gift to give mom and dad. It is a fun time for the children and a great day for parents to prepare for Christmas before the holiday begins.

Finally, on December 20 and 21, the children will have their class Christmas parties. A Santa is schedule to make an appearance again this year.

The preschool will be closed for the Christmas holiday from December 23 through January 6.







Angela Lopez, Children's Minister

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SHINE KIDS CLUB:

Shining the light of Jesus to
make a better
tomorrow



The SHINE kids have been sorting and packing Thanksgiving meal baskets from the food we have collected. We have prayed and talked about being thankful and how it is up to us to love our neighbors and take care of them when they have a need that we can meet.



Nancy Gordon's trunk

The Seguin kids came to say hello!



Carleen T, Carlene F, Annette and friends had a lovely time interacting with the children and families that came for a treat.



Activate Youth Ministry

November was a very active and fulfilling month. For fun we went on an outing to Game Time in Ocoee on Black Friday to focus on family camaraderie, and to lessen the focus on material things. Some of the group served by attending Food for Families at Ocoee High School Thanksgiving Eve to help sort, pack and stage food for 1200 underprivileged families that was delivered Thanksgiving morning.

We also went to UF to partner with Father Adam who runs the Campus Ministry there to provide a meal for his students and attend worship with them at the Chapel of the Incarnation. The youth also got the bonus of getting a tour of the campus, and seeing Activate alumni Noah Altenbach and

Haley Scanduran! We started a new 4 part lesson series based on the book Not a Fan by Kyle Idleman. The discussion focuses on the question “are you a follower of Jesus?” Don’t answer too quickly. In fact, you may want to read this book before you answer at all. Consider it a “Define the Relationship” conversation to determine exactly where you stand. You may indeed be a passionate, fully devoted follower of Jesus. Or, you may be just a fan who admires Jesus but isn’t ready to let him cramp your style. Then again, maybe you’re not into Jesus, period. In any case, don’t take the question---Are you a follower of Jesus?---lightly. Jesus is ready to clearly define the relationship he wants with his followers. Not a Fan calls you to consider the demands and rewards of being a true disciple. Jesus wants us to live the way he lived, love the way he loved, pray the way he prayed, and never give up living for

the One who gave his all for you. My prayer for the group is that they step beyond knowing who Jesus is, into truly knowing Jesus. I am still planning a scripture based discussion on sex and sexual purity. I will send notification home prior in-case you or your child may be apprehensive about the topic. December has Light Up Winter Garden on December 6th and the Edgewood Children’s Ranch on December 7th as service events. You guys have the most awesome kids, make sure you tell them often how much you, GOD, and their church family loves them!

Please feel free to contact me anytime at

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or (407) 413-4220, or via remind once you receive a link.

Grace and Peace,

Murph Borno



Messiah School for the Arts

The Messiah School for the Arts hosted a Family Dance Party on November 22nd. The participants enjoyed dancing, refreshments, and a photo station with fun props. A good time was had by all.



For information about the Messiah School for the Arts contact Garine at garineadams@churchofthemessiah.com



Meet Our Deacon Students:

Rusty Hazelrigg has been a long time resident of Orlando having moved here from Bowling Green Kentucky in 1977. He met his wife Kerry in 1993 when they worked at Disney. Kerry still works for Disney while Rusty is employed with a defense contractor, Leidos. The happy couple were married February 13, 2010 at Church of the Ascension and currently reside in Windermere. Rusty's son, Andy, lives here in Orlando and is the head men's rowing coach at OARS. Rusty has grown up in the church and joined the Episcopal Church when he married Kerry. It is at Ascension that the long-time calling to ministry could not be ignored any longer. The Holy Spirit's continued calling has led Rusty to dedicating his life to serving others as a vocational deacon. He and Kerry look forward to getting to know a new church family and serving the community to His honor.



Nancy Dushensky is originally from Upstate New York and has resided for the past 15 years in St. Cloud, Florida with her husband Joseph. They have 4 children and 12 grandchildren (all of whom live out of state now). Joe and Nancy enjoy drives, antiquing and golfing. They both feel extremely blessed that Nancy has been placed with Church of Messiah during her Diaconal training process and look forward to developing lifelong friendships along with a plethora of experience to guide her on her journey. They thank us for welcoming them!



Please welcome Rusty, Nancy and their families to the Messiah Family. They will be with us for 6 months of Field Work starting December 1st.

Messiah's Missionaries



If you are traveling and visit a church while you are away, please bring a bulletin with your name on it to the office so we can include it in the Messenger. If you aren't able to bring the bulletin in, call or email the office with the information.

October 6th and 13th— Tom & Doreen Stachowski worshipped at St. Michael's Episcopal Church and at St. Barnabas Catholic Church on the 20th in Barrington, Illinois.

November 3rd— Tom & Regina Knappman worshipped at Church of the Nativity with Mother Tracy.

November 17th— Julie Altenbach, Father Soner Alexandre, Tina Buchanan, Jane Cartelli, Tina and Stuart Carter, Pati Cook, Esther Gonzalez, Janice and Harry Hull, Mary and Sam Katulic, Wendy King, Regina Seguin and Joyce Taylor worshipped at Church of the Nativity at her Celebration of New Ministry.



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1. Go to www.smile.amazon.com in your phone's browser and log into your account.
2. In the phone's menu bar at the top right, select "Add to home screen."
3. Click for it to save automatically

Coin Jars For the Building Fund
Keep saving those coins. This month, the jars brought in an extra



There is a dumpster located behind the Messiah Preschool Playground. Bring your newspapers and other papers and it gets picked up for recycling. We receive a check for the papers we recycle.

On a Roll With Tim and Terri

If ever I was to write a book, I might call it: "Everything I Need to Know about God, I Learned from Being a Parent."

The greatest wash of love I ever knew, was the first time I held my son. It gave me a new understanding of how much God loves us.

I turn to Shakespeare's King Lear to illuminate the other side of that same love.

"How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child." I imagine there are times God looks at us and says to himself, "Why do they act like this? Couldn't they show a little gratitude? Where did they learn to behave that way?"

'Thanks' is a word we probably don't say often enough. And being thankful is an attitude we probably don't have enough. Now that Thanksgiving is done, we go from being thankful to being materialistic. The Christmas stuff season is officially here! We all know the attitude of thankfulness shouldn't be discarded as soon as Black Friday rolls around, but let's explore how we can maintain a more consistent attitude of thankfulness to our father.

1) Let's start with what thankfulness *isn't*.

Thankfulness is not complaining. Does it seem like things are always too this or this

is too that? ...not good enough. ...this person's doing it wrong. ...I hate this job/school/grocery store/etc. ...I hate this place; I hate those people-but I love Jesus! Instead of being thankful that we have a job/school/grocery store/etc., we nitpick and criticize everything to pieces.

What does God say about this? "Do everything without grumbling or arguing." (Phil. 2:14)

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Eph. 5:19-20) If we would have a song in our heart that came out our mouth in encouragement toward one another, we would be people who are always giving thanks to God for everything.

Thankfulness is not being insatiable. Is anything ever enough? No matter what someone does for us, we have the attitude of 'what have you done for me lately'. We end up being expectant and demanding. The problem isn't that we're not getting enough; it's that we're not thankful for what we already have. "Death and destruction are never satisfied, and nei-

ther are human eyes." (Pro. 27:20) An attitude of 'more, more, more' is guaranteed to make one miserable. To not be miserable, rather than thinking of gratitude as a byproduct of your circumstances, think of it as the way God made us to be.

2) What does it look like to be truly thankful?

First of all, we're thankful in all circumstances. We've heard this verse a million times: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 The. 5:16-18) Paul didn't say to give thanks *for* all circumstances, but *in* all circumstances. Our circumstances are not always good! But there will always be something in those circumstances that God can use for our benefit. Why is it God's will that we be thankful in all circumstances? Being thankful allows us to see his blessing in our hardships. We will be better able to persevere and endure, if we can be thankful in the trying times of our lives. Giving thanks to God in all situations helps us to see things in God's perspective.

Churches we visited:

10-20— Christ Episcopal, Martinsville, VA

10-27— St. Paul's Wilkesboro, NC

11-3 & 11-10— Holy Trinity, Clemson, SC

11-17— The Church of Our Savior, Martinez, SC

11-24— St. Augustine of Canterbury, Augusta, GA

Tim with a reminder on his shoulder that he has much to be grateful for!



If you would like to follow Terri and Deacon Tim on Facebook, you are invited to check out "On A Roll With Tim & Terri"

Vestry Minutes * November 17, 2019 @2:30 p.m.

Vestry Door Duty for December

Opener at 7:30am: Joyce Taylor

Closer at 1pm: Tom Rutherford

Vestry Meeting Host: Stacey Beck

2019 Vestry

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All Staff and Vestry have mailboxes in the front office (behind the front desk) with their names on them.

You may also contact them by leaving a note in their mailbox.

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

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Clerk Joyce Taylor; Junior Warden Ron Bouton, Senior Warden Don Greer Stacey Beck, Steve Borst, Wendy King, John Peacock, Mary Kay Predmore, Brian Seguin, Patty Tate, and Dawn Wirbel,
Absent: , Treasurer Rodger Watson, Paul Hickman

FORMATION: Ron Bouton led

Noonday Prayer based on Psalm 136:1-3 "Give thanks to the Lord!"

Tom Rutherford invited us to share what we are thanking God for in our life and in our church.

INFORMATION:

VESTRY MINISTRY TEAM

REPORTS:

OUTREACH: Angela Lopez reports:

a) We have made great progress on the Edgewood Children's Ranch party. We were able to get a great deal on the pizzas and have divided up the responsibility for the remaining supplies among the ministries participating. We have not received as many gifts for the children as we had hoped, but I am following up on a lead of 48 stuffed stockings after Thanksgiving. Doreen Stachowski and I will be out shopping on November 14 th for additional items to donate.

b) As part of the Partners In Education relationship with Dillard St. School, we provide 10 holiday meals for them to send to families in need. I will deliver those on Nov. 22nd. We are also giving out 10 to church members or friends who have a need. I was asked by Dillard School to contribute to winter teacher appreciation, so Julie and I will be bringing hot cocoa and "Episcopal Eclairs" to the staff in mid-December.

c) Everyone who signed up for a one time or ongoing ministry was extended an invitation to an outreach meeting so we could strategize, organize and support different businesses or ministries in the community. We will have one more planning meeting in

January to finalize the goals for 2020.

No other reports received.

Staff Reports:

Staff Transition: The staff transition is finally complete! Financial Minister, Jane Cartelli is mastering her end of our ministry. Treasurer Rodger Watson and former Financial Minister, Elaina Paige are helping her through the learning curve.

Children of the Messiah Pre-school: The financial report was emailed separately.

Children's Ministry: Report by Children's Minister Angela Lopez.

- a) I have contacted every person who signed up to volunteer with children in the Messiah's Way. Several of us needed to update our Safeguarding God's Children classes, so I have sent out login credentials to all. After they are completed, I will host a short training/getting acquainted session.
- b) In Children's Church we have been working on seeking God when we need help and have learned from great stories like Paul in prison, Mary and Martha, King David's bad day and Jarius' daughter. We are transitioning into Thanksgiving lessons for the next few weeks. The kids LOVE Airheads candy for their memory verse and Bible Trivia rewards, if anyone would like to donate, I go through 20-30 mini Airheads a week!
- c) The SHINE kids have had a few fun nights. We wore costumes one night while we sorted and packed up the Thanksgiving meal baskets, we watched a short movie on being

<p>• Bible explorers comparing the 2 different translations we use and drawing the image they see when they read a verse. I have several kids who are 75 or more points out of 100 needed for me join them for lunch at school. It appears I will have a busy December.</p> <p>d) Trunk or Treat was a lot of fun! We had 7 cars participate and on top of all the candy and prizes, we also gave out 80 free hotdogs, drinks, and bags of chips. The kids and adults alike appreciated the food, and many stated they were coming back to see us next year. I handed out flyers on the Children's Ministry here and an invitation to SHINE and Christmas services. Next year we hope to have many more cars and are looking into adding lights, music and possibly the bounce house.</p> <p>e) I have planned a Thanksgiving Party and 2 Christmas parties as well as Advent activities for the children and I am looking into 2020's events and lesson now. I am finishing up a book called <i>Present Over Perfect</i>, which is not specifically children's ministry related but is helping me see how my time and attention can be better used to maximize the impact of my events. I also assisted with the organization and set up of Ladies' Night Out.</p> <p>Messiah School for the Arts: We have several events on the horizon. They're all in the bulletin and <i>Messenger</i>.</p> <p>Office Minister: Julie Altenbach reports: It has been another busy and wonderful month in the office.</p> <p>a) On October 25th, I hosted a luncheon for all 28 people who signed up to be an Office Angel (OA). We ate lunch and a yummy dessert (thank you Father Tom) and spent some time getting to know each other. Each volunteer received an Office Angel Manuel that contains information and</p>	<p>forms to make their time volunteering easier. I explained our main goal is to provide hospitality to all who come through our doors. We need to show the love of Christ to everyone and spend the time we need to make them feel welcomed and loved. I am now scheduling the Office Angels to work throughout the day so that the office can be covered through lunch.</p> <p>b) We have a Pastoral Care Notebook in the office that we use to keep in touch with our folks that have had surgeries, are ill, or need other prayers. The form we use helps us keep track of who needs meals, communion, or prayer. It is also a great way to make sure we are reaching out to those folks on a regular basis.</p> <p>c) My Casserole Patrol has stocked the freezer and when I find people who need a meal, I can give it to them immediately, or send it with an LEV or make plans to have it delivered. These are all the things the OA can offer when they call.</p> <p>d) My day varies from meeting with and praying for people, lending a hand for events like Ladies' Night Out, and trying to establish friendships with folks, like the people who rent our facilities and those who have businesses in our community, in addition to preparing bulletins, fliers, and a myriad of other tasks.</p> <p>e) It has been a blessing to work with Jane as she acclimates to her new position. She is doing a wonderful job, and I am looking forward to getting to know her even better.</p> <p>f) In the coming month, my focus will be on the website. I have a training scheduled with the company that hosts our site. My goal is to increase our social media presence so that those looking for a soft place in a hard world can find us.</p> <p>g) Thanks for letting me work for you guys and God full time. This is the best job I ever had, and I can't wait to do more!</p> <p>Messiah's Way: Please orient your new volunteers this month, as they start their new ministries December 1, on the 1st Sunday of Advent.</p>	<p>2020 Budget: The Finance Committee will email a First Draft Proposed 2020 Budget as soon as it is ready, and we will discuss and tweak it at the December meeting.</p> <p>Potential Vestry Candidates: Tom Rutherford and the Nominating Committee of the retiring vestry (Stacey Beck, Steve Borst, Don Greer, and Paul Hickman) invited 8 folks to stand for election at the Annual Meeting January 26, 2020. So far, Doreen Stachowski has said "yes", and Vita Mazzaluna said, "No". In addition to these nominees, Soner Alexandre and Tom Rutherford are seeking a qualified candidate from the French service to invite to stand for election.</p> <p>Deacon Students: Institute of Christian Studies (the diocesan deacon school) students Rusty Hazelrigg from Church of the Ascension and Nancy Dushensky from St. Peter and St. Luke's in St. Cloud join us December 1 on the first Sunday of Advent and will be with us for 6 months of Field Education, learning the practical part of being a deacon from our clergy.</p> <p>Building Mortgage: We are looking at renegotiating the church mortgage at the end of our 5 year term and are in the process of getting the necessary appraisals done. We hope that will be done around the first of the year. We are looking at possibly getting the same interest rate on the new mortgage (or possibly a lower rate). Please keep this process in prayer as Don Greer continues to work with the bank and the appraisers.</p> <p><u>Discussion (to help make a decision next month)- (none)</u></p>
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Decisions (usually based on the
Discussion last month)

Diocesan Convention Delegates:

Convention is Friday and Saturday, January 24 & 25th at All Saints' Academy in Lakeland. We need 3 lay delegates- one of which needs to be a Vestry member. Bradford Fisher, Janice Hull, Anthony Beckford (Alternate Delegate) and Vestry member Dawn Wirbel have agreed to serve. Our Clergy are automatically delegates.

MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT :

Minutes from the October meeting:
APPROVED

October Financial Report from Treasurer Rodger Watson: IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REPORT, PLEASE CONTACT RODGER DIRECTLY>

1. Operating Account: Income was \$6,844.88 LESS than expenses and increased our year-to-date deficit to \$72,825.14. For comparison, our deficit this time last year was \$81,000. So we're ahead! PLEASE continue praying for God to provide.

2. Building Fund: Net Building Fund income (gifts, fundraising, and facility rental income, less expenses) was \$8,338.54 LESS than what we needed to cover the mortgage of \$12,891.97. We did not pre-pay any of the principal on the mortgage, for which we owe \$1.4 million.

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted ,
Joyce Taylor
Vestry Clerk

CALENDAR STUFF FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

- A. December Door Duty: Open at 7:30am Joyce Taylor
Lock up after 1:00pm: Tom Rutherford
- B. December 15 (Sunday) @ 2:30 Vestry Meeting hosted by Stacey Beck
- C. December 23 (Monday) @ 7pm- Christmas Eve EVE Contemporary Communion
- D. December 24 (Tuesday)

2019 FINANCIAL REPORT (As of October, 2019)

Operating Income	\$507,980.35
Operating Expenses	\$580,805.49
Net	(72,825.14)
ALL Building Fund Income.....	\$108,165.24
ALL Building Fund Expense	\$154,411.02
NET	(46,245.78)



All Souls' Church Plant of Horizon West held their first service at 10:00 a.m. on November 3rd, at Bay Lake Elementary School (12005 Silverlake Park Drive, Windermere, Fl 34787.) They have described themselves as a brand new old church. They celebrated with a Baptism at their first service. Please continue to pray for this church and their rector, Father Matthew Ainsley.

Congratulations to Joyce Taylor for being named Civilian Of the Year for 2019



In November, the Orange County Fire Department celebrated long-time Church of the Messiah member Joyce Taylor, naming her Civilian of the Year for 2019. This designation is even more of an honor for Joyce as this is the inaugural year of the award. OCFD has never given a Civilian of the Year award before. Joyce started with OCFD as a dispatcher, becoming 911 Supervisor, and is now the OCFD Program Manager. Now a 40-year employee of OCFD, Joyce earned this honor for her many charitable and volunteer activities both inside her duties for OCFD and outside those duties with organizations such as the USO at MCO, Better Angels, the USO at MCO, Friends of Troops, and Soldiers Angels.



COTM LIBRARY



Dear Messiah Family,

Advent season is here! It's preparation time! Speaking of preparations, you may have noticed some changes in the parish library recently, as I have been working on "weeding" outdated and damaged materials from our collection -- to make way for new items we hope to add in the coming year.

Featured in the library this month are books and movies to usher in the Christmas season. There are both new and classic stories, fiction and non-fiction, picture books and devotionals. Come check them out!

Also, if you liked the movie *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, you may enjoy *Exactly As You Are: The Life And Faith of Mr. Rogers* by Shea Tuttle.

As always, you can reach out to me at library@churchofthemessiah.com with your questions, suggestions and requests for the library.

Merry Christmas!

Regina



By Helen Farnsworth

This month I was fortunate to remember a Christmas book I bought (but didn't read) last year: **The Greatest Gift**: Unwrapping The Full Love Story of Christmas, by Ann Voskamp. It's designed as a spiritual journey during Advent—a journey which begins December 1st and culminates on Christmas Day. And the book is suitable for private or group use. Each chapter begins with a Scripture reading, followed by a meditation on the same, which is then followed by a brief "Unwrapping More of His Love in the World" and suggestions for spiritual disciplines appropriate for that day. She begins with tracing the Messiah's "roots," from Adam and Eve to Abraham and Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Rahab, Ruth, Obed, Jesse, and David; then she throws in other relevant stories: Jonah, the reluctant prophet, and Elijah on Mount Carmel; then she moves on to the prophecies in Isaiah and Habbakuk; then to the New Testament: Zechariah and Elisabeth, the Anunciation to Mary, and finally the actual birth in Bethlehem. I think it is a very inspirational book. In the chapter on Isaac I had not an "aha" but a "duh" moment! She made me realize that we can all say back to God what He said to Abraham: "Now I know that You love me, because You did not deny me Your only Son whom You love." I plan to re-read this one as my Advent discipline, and hopefully I'll be able to do the "extra" stuff as well.



Prayer and Service for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom

The Church of Messiah will reinstate their chapter on December 22nd with 8 members. We are praying that God will grow our chapter of women who will be part of our chapter.

Daughters of the King are women and girls between the ages of seven and one hundred and seven who desire a closer walk with the Lord. We are Christian women, both lay and ordained, who are strengthened through the discipline of a Rule of Life, and supported through the companionship of our sisters. We are all at different stages of our Christian journey – some have just begun and some have been on this path for a long time. But no matter where we

are on our sacred journeys, our primary goal is the same – to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known to others.

Vision Statement of The Order

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, our vision as Daughters of the King is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world.

If you are interested in learning more, please pray about joining our next study. The details are listed below. For more information contact or to sign up to come hear more, please contact **Julie Altenbach** at 407-462-8001 or email at juliealtenbach@churchofthemessiah.com

Meetings in the Library on Mondays beginning
January 6th through February 17th at 5:30

Beginner Kung Fu classes are held every Thursday evening in the COTM Youth Hall at 6:30. by parishioner, Benjamin Blackman. Please use the side entrance on Woodland St. Classes are open to all family and friends of COTM (middle school age and up). This is primarily geared as a self defense and physical enriching program for any level of fitness. We learn new things every class, so we welcome you all anytime. Wear comfortable clothing, no jeans, no sandals.

For more information, contact Benjamin at dr.benjamin.blackman@gmail.com





Ladies Dining Club

SPECIAL DECEMBER GATHERING

Bring a Wrapped Christmas Decoration
or Christmas Ornament
Under \$10.00 in value
And bring an Appetizer

Gathering will be held Dec. 3, at 6:30 PM

We will meet at the Church of the Messiah.

ATTENDANCE BY RESERVATION ONLY

Call or text Janice Hull at 352-217-0967 or 352-243-8880



Men's Supper

December 3rd at 6:30 in the Youth Hall

Sign up sheet is on the bulletin



Light Up Winter Garden

Friday, December 6th from 6-9 pm

**COTM Praise and Worship Band will be performing.
The bandstand is located across from the fountain,
downtown at the corner of East Plant and South Boyd.**



**INTERGENERATIONAL
ADVENT EVENINGS FOR
ALL AGES, SINGLES,
AND FAMILIES
SUNDAYS AT 5:00 PM IN
THE YOUTH HALL**

December 1st– Make an Advent Wreath

December 8th– St. Nicholas Visits

December 15th– Make A Stained Glass Window

December 22nd– Games and Snacks

Contact the office, or Ms. Angela for more details

Office@churchofthemessiah.com

angelalopez@churchofthemessiah.com

407-656-3218

Sunday Servants 8:00

8:00 Service	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
1st LEM	Marvin Haughton	Joyce Taylor	Linda Bouton	Frank Chase	Don Greer
2nd LEM	Don Greer	Mary Kay Predmore	Deborah Townsend	Steve Dunegan	Joyce Taylor
Lector	Bill Bradford	Larry Cartelli	Aliena Gaye	Mary Kay Predmore	Bill Bradford
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Aiden Morrison	Kayrah Elliot	Mary Kay Predmore	Kayrah Elliot
Ushers/Greeters	Ron Bouton, Carolyn Greer, Ansel & Ina Haughton	Jay & Marsha Dymond, Pete & Nancy Glynn,	Karen Boylan, Bill Bradford, Elaina Paige, Jay Predmore	Trudie Carr, Jay & Marsha Dymond, Carlene Turnock	Ansel & Ina Haughton, Elaina Paige, Jay Predmore
LEV Team	Bill & Elise Bradford	Don Greer		Bill & Elise Bradford	Nancy Dushensky
Prayer Intercessor	Nancy Barber	Elise Bradford	Joyce Taylor	Nancy Barber	Rusty Hazelrigg

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
1st LEM	Kelsey Beck	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck	Susie Marshall	Esther Gonzalez
2nd LEM	Paul Daniel	Stacey Beck	Kelsey Beck	Paul Daniel	Mary Lynn Levine
Lector	Jay Williams	Dawn Wirbel	Ken Anders	Leslie Candes	Kevin Cochrane
Altar Server	Osni Alexandre	Katy Babcock	Julie Altenbach	Chris Brown	Yolwenn Alexandre
Crucifer	Annalisa Puchein	Melanie Field	William Greenwell	Murph Borno	Elijah Roberson
Torch Bearers	William Greenwell, Francesco Fulvi	Annalisa Puchein, Lena Candes	Evan Candes, Elijah Roberson	Ryder Bakios & Francesco Fulvi	Evan Candes, Melanie Field
Ushers/Greeters	Horace & Jacquie Williams, Joseph & Amy Eiden,	Alex Babcock, Osni, Sophie, Yolwenn Alexandre,	Patti & Jay Williams, Chuck & Deborah Grunder,	Ken Miller, Jim & Lynn Passilla, John Puchein	Horace & Jacquie Williams, , Jay & Patti Williams
LEV Team		Jim & Lynn Pasilla	Mike & Bobbi Warren		Jim & Lynn Passilla
Prayer Intercessor	Doreen Stachowski	Nancy Dushensky	Carolyn Greenwell	Chris Greenwell	Susan Keihm

Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
LEM #1	Stacey Jamail	Karen Williams	Roni Pavan	Vita Mazzaluna	Joe Wolfe
LEM #2	Geraldine Remington	Joe Wolfe	Stacey Jamail	Geraldine Remington	Karen Williams
Lector	Norm Anthony	Terry Anthony	Paul Buzzonetti	Leo Henry	Stacey Jamail
Altar Server	Yolwenn Alexandre	Giada Mazzaluna	Sophie Alexandre	Yolwenn Alexandre	Delilah Brueggeman
Usher/Greeter	Lisa Borst Karen Williams	Mary Katulic, Richard & Kelley McCrae	Lisa Borst, Joe Wolfe	Mary Katulic, Lionel Williams	Richard & Kelley McCrae
LEV Team				Lionel & Karen Williams	
Prayer Intercessor	Midge Wade	Rick Wade		Nancy Dushensky	Midge Wade

Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
LEM	Deacon Student	Marvin Haughton	Regina Seguin	Rusty Hazelrigg	Nancy Dushensky
Lector	Wendy King	Kathy Quesenberry	Helen Farnsworth	Wendy King	Kathy Quesenberry
Altar Server	Riley & Aiden Alford	Isabella Figueroa	Julie Altenbach	Caroline & Walter Seguin	Isabella Figueroa
Usher/Greeter	Raul Lopez	Jeanne Ford	Raul Lopez	Mary Pounds	Jeanne Ford
Prayer Intercessor		Wendy King	Nancy Dushensky	Nancy Dushensky	Wendy King

Readings

	December 1	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
1st Lesson	Isaiah 2:1-5	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 35:1-10	Isaiah 7:10-16	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm	Psalm 122 BCP 610	Psalm 72 BCP 685	Canticle 15 BCP 91	Psalm 80 BCP 702	Psalm 147 BCP 804
2nd Lesson	Romans 13:11-14	Romans 15:4-13	James 5:7-10	Romans 1:1-7	Galatians 3:23-25 4:4-7
Gospel	Matthew 24: 36-44	Matthew 3: 1-12	Matthew 11:2-11	Matthew 1:18-25	John 1: 1-18

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 2 Ken Carr
Mary Katulic
- 3 Rachel Ellerbe
Robert Faughnan
Ina Haughton
- 4 Gloyce Fulmer
John Lucey
Anderson Sirkle
- 5 Kayley King
William Kribs
- 7 Yester Adams
- 9 Garine Adams
Xonia Book
Dutch Holt
Nancy Laracuenta
Kirk Smith
- 10 Winford Alleyne
Ernest Lyons
- 11 Ella Duppenthaler
- 12 William Carr
Brandon Imes
- 13 Lena Candes
- 15 Robert Gilbert
- 16 Marc Imes
- 17 Andrea Robertson
Joe Wolfe



Pray for our Expectant Mother

Nichole Tate
(Patty Tate's Daughter-In-Law) due in
December with twins



- 18 Marilyn Kelyman
- 19 Ryan Jamail
- 22 Michael King
Darlene Powers
Walter Seguin
- 27 David Peterson
Bailey Wise
- 28 John Wessels
- 30 Casey Cook
Andrea Vaughan
- 31 Barbara Peterson
Ginger Sirola

- 5 Daniel & Anida Daniel
- 11 Eric & Katy Joiner
- 19 Leo & Nadia Henry
- 20 Craig & Jill Brown
- 21 Jason & Michelle Alford
- 22 Dennis & Pattie Range
Bob & Marion Somers
- 23 Hector & Stacy Figueroa
- 31 Penn & Geraldine Remington



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 _____

- Child Care provided at 9:30, 11:00 & 7
- Children's Church (ages 4-11) at 9:30 & 11



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 BAG SUNDAY 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 11:00 Rite 3 4pm French Service 4:30 Shine and Activate 5:00 Intergenerational Advent in Youth Hall 6:00 Dinner 7:00 pm Rite 3	2 MSftA Lessons	3	4	5 6:30 Kung Fu in Youth hall	6 Light Up Winter Garden Downtown 6 pm	7 Edgewood Children's Ranch Party Meet at church at 3:00
8 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 11:00 Rite 3 4pm French Service 4:30 Shine and Activate 5:00 Intergenerational Advent in Youth Hall 6:00 Dinner 7:00 pm Rite 3	9 MSftA Lessons	10 Fr. Tom's Day Off Men's Supper in Parish Hall @6:30 Ladies' Supper Club in Parish Hall @ 6:30 7 pm Bible Study	11 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study (library) 6 pm Bible Study (library) 6-- Choir Practice 7:15-- Praise Band Practice	12 6:30 Kung Fu in Youth hall	13	14
15 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 11:00 Rite 3 4pm French Service 5:00 Intergenerational Advent in Youth Hall 6:00 Dinner 7:00 pm Rite 3	16 MSftA Lessons	17 Fr. Tom's Day Off 7 pm Bible Study (Library)	18 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study (library) 6 pm Bible Study (library) 6-- Choir Practice 7:15-- Praise Band Practice	19 6:30 Kung Fu in Youth hall	20	21 4 pm -- Alzheimer's Support Group in Library 5-8 pm- Shine Christmas Party
22 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 11:00 Rite 3 4pm French Service 5:00 Intergenerational Advent in Youth Hall 6:00 Dinner 7:00 pm Rite 3	23 7 pm Contemporary Communion with Worship Band in Parish Hall	24 5 pm Children's service in Parish Hall 7pm Rite I 8:30 pm French Creole Service 10:30 pm Rite II	25 11 am Simple service	26 6:30 Kung Fu in Youth hall Office Closed	27	28
29 8am Rite 1 9:30 Rite 2 11:00 Rite 3 4pm French Service 5:00 Intergenerational Advent in Youth Hall 6:00 Dinner 7:00 pm Rite 3	30	31 Fr. Tom's Day Off	Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting every night at 8:00 p.m.		Overeater's Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30pm in	

This Month at COTM



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