

THE MESSENGER

July 2020

A Publication of the Episcopal Church of the Messiah



For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the
Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

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Common Prayer



Sunday Services:

Sunday Services:

8:00 am..Traditional Communion

9:30 am.....Family Communion
(Livestreamed)

Drive Thru Communion

Sundays 11-Noon

&Mondays Noon-1 & 5-6

9:30 am..... Sunday School

11 am.....Contemporary Communion

4:00 pm. French Service
(Livestreamed)

7:00 pm.....Casual Communion

Wednesday Service:

10:00 amCasual Communion

11:00 am Bible Study

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Helping the Grandkids

Two of Debbie's and my 6 grandchildren are staying with us this summer, along with their parents, my son Timothy and his wife Amie. When COVID thrust all their schools online (Amie's a teacher, and the rest are students), they had the choice of sitting in front of their computer screens in a 1,200 square foot apartment on the 3rd floor with no elevator, in a city... OR doing the same thing at our house with plenty of room, a quiet street, woods in the back yard, and a swimming pool (!!!!!)... not to mention, the Messiah family and our Children's Ministry.

Easy choice!

Inviting them into our home is what grandparents do.

The Messiah family has grandkids: All Souls' Episcopal Church plant, that, until COVID struck, was meeting in a school in the Hamlin area down close to Disney. COVID prompted Orange County Public Schools to shut down everything...including renting their space to start-up churches, and that left All Souls' without a place to meet.

Grandmother Messiah came to the rescue, and they're meeting in our Church on Sunday mornings at 11:30.

For free. That's what grandparents do.

But we have the opportunity to do more.

I encourage you to attend one of their worship services...especially since they're on our campus at 11:30 on Sundays. You could even go to our 8 or 9:30 service, grab some brunch, and pop into theirs, without even breaking a sweat!

I especially encourage you to do that, if you live in the Hamlin area or would prefer your worship to be a bit more formal and traditional than what we do at Messiah.

Father Matt Ainsley is deliberately differentiating All Souls' worship style to be "higher" than ours and their mother, Church of the Ascension in Bay Hill (who was the daughter church we planted in the 1980's). All Souls' chants much of the service, uses incense frequently, and are more formal in just about everything they do.

Neither their style nor ours is any "right-er" than the other; they're just different in order to appeal to a wider range of people.

If you've never experienced that style of worship or live down in the Hamlin area, here's your chance try them out, without having to travel anywhere unfamiliar.

Whether you visit one of their celebrations of Holy Eucharist or not, please pray for our granddaughter: for their health, for them to reach the folks God has for them to serve, and for the Lord to provide the right place for them to meet at the right time.

Until then, we're glad to host the grandkids!

I love you all.

Grand-Father Tom

Who Ya Gonna Call

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Vestry Minutes * June 28, 2020 @2:30 p.m.

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Vestry Door Duty for July 2020

Opener at 7:30am: Patty Tate

Closer after 1:00pm: Brian Seguin

Vestry Meeting Host: Joyce Taylor

2020 Financial Report

(as of May 2020)

Operating Income.....\$286,302.63

Operating Expenses.....\$245,795.00

NET.....\$40,507.63

ALL Building Fund Income....\$46,674.88

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$68,687.81

NET.....(\$22,012.93)

If you need to leave something for
Vestry or Staff, you may use their
mailboxes in the office.

The Office is open
Monday-Friday

9-5

2020 June Vestry Minutes
Sunday * June 28, 2020, * 2:30pm

Present (in person or by ZOOM video conferencing): Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Mary Kay Predmore, Junior Warden Chris Brown, and Clerk Joyce Taylor; Ron Bouton, Joe Eiden, Wendy King, John Peacock, Brian Seguin, Doreen Stachowski, Wally Stewart, Patty Tate, and Dawn Wirbel, and Treasurer Bob Tate.

Absent: None

FORMATION: Mary Kay Predmore led Noonday Prayer. Based on 1 Peter 5:8-9a, Tom Rutherford talked about how the Devil prowls around like a roaring lion. As leaders, we are targets. Vestry members shared instances of when there was an increase in difficulties in their lives.

II. INFORMATION:

A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:

1. **Outreach Team** Doreen Stachowski reports many projects and activities have been placed on hold due to the pandemic. Our Team is having a ZOOM meeting sometime this month. Two updates:
 - a) The Christian Service Center is still feeding the poor and homeless, but it has taken on a different format. There are only 9 total volunteers in the building at one time. Only one volunteer from the COTM has been called back and is working one day a week. The meals are prepared and then sent out the door, one at a time, as they stand in line outside. No one is allowed to enter the building. Masks are worn inside and no food that is sent out can come back into the building. The total number of meals has gone down from 160 to around 90 currently.
 - b) The Apopka Pregnancy Care Center has moved to their new location (111 E. 6th St., Apopka). The new Center is beautiful and very welcoming. Thanks to the COTM Youth team and other volunteers who landscaped and worked at the garage sale. We have been administering pregnancy tests for the past few weeks and are waiting for our NEW ultrasound machine. The Center is getting ready for the annual fundraiser, Baby Bottle Boomerang, which will end on Labor Day this year. The COTM parishioners were very generous last year and we hope to have the same success this year. The suggestion was made to add The Pregnancy Center as an option on contributions via the Give Plus application.
2. **Messiah's Way:** Brian Seguin is working with Office Minister Julie Altenbach on the best format for the digital Messiah's Way sign up for this year and showed us a sample of how that might look and work. His initial plan is to use Google forms for this that will prepare a database that the Office Angels can then input into Servant Keeper for next year, and he will review this with Julie to make sure that will work. He probably will have a draft of the Google form for the Vestry in July to use for a test group.

B. Staff Reports:

1. **Children of the Messiah Preschool:** Director Barbara Ellerbe reports the June Summer Camp session went well, and the July Session is FULL! The financial report was emailed separately.
2. **Children's Minister** Angela Lopez reports: Things in the kids' ministry world are trucking along.
 - a) A small group of parish children and I have been getting together a few times a week for mini camp days. We have a different theme each day. It is a wonderful opportunity for the kids to get out and make new friends as well as get to know me and some of my volunteers better. I would like to add this to my summer offerings in the future and will be looking into how to fund this for 2021. As these activities were not planned when I worked out this year's budget, I am using donations to cover some of the cost so that it is a free event for everyone who wants to attend. I have 4 events in June and 3 in July before VBS. I am waiting on word from Orange County Public Schools to see when and how school will start in August before I plan anything else.

- b) It was wonderful to welcome kids and families back to church on Pentecost! Attendance has been a bit low, but I have been in contact with families and some are just not ready to venture out just yet. We are moving on from where we left off in Children's Church, working on Psalm 23. The kids all have their own supply box that I fill and sanitize each week. I have been adding wrapped treats and games to make it exciting. The kids pick up their pack on the way into church, bring it to Children's Church and then return it to the SHINE table in the Narthex at the end of service.
 - c) Everyone has loved our pig hand sanitizer dispenser. It grunts as it squirts or the liquid into our hands and so far, has made everyone want to use it on the way in and out of our room. We will continue to distance ourselves at the tables, except for sibling groups.
3. **Youth:** The summer mission project was cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. Volunteer Youth Minister Murph Borno and the Youth Team are looking at options for ways to serve locally rather than going on a trip and what to do with the funds they raised for that project.
4. **Finance Minister** Jane Cartelli reports (from her Satellite Office...A.K.A. Her Home!): The Payroll Protection Program rules have changed to allow a longer window for utilizing the funds, so it appears we won't have to send anything back to the government!
5. **Office Minister** Julie Altenbach reports: This month we welcomed some of our Office Angels back and continued to check in on those still staying in place. The following is a list of things accomplished with the assistance of the Office Angels:
- a) Created a video of pictures chronicling the events at COTM from the Annual Parish Picnic to Pentecost. This video was shown in the Narthex on the Announcement TV and posted to our YouTube Channel
 - b) Collaborated with Finance Minister, Jane to renegotiate our contract with Carrier Air Conditioning Services. Carrier says our chiller plant is at the end of its life expectancy and needs to be replaced. Carrier will get a quote to us soon of what that would cost. Chris Brown and Brian Seguin will sniff around to see who else may be able to provide that service and, due to our unhappy experience with the chilled water system, to see what it may cost to replace the chilled water system with conventional air conditioning..
 - c) Jane and I are proactively working to get an estimate on major parts for the AC that may need to be replaced so we can inform Father Tom and Vestry for future planning (In the meantime we are praying for longevity for the AC and other major equipment)
 - d) Reordered (COVID-19 disruption) furniture for Messiah Librarian, Regina Sequin, along with a stamp for books.
 - e) Office Angels began stamping all the books in the library
 - f) Made signs for the pews to reserve seating for weddings and funerals
 - g) Helped with getting kitchen ready for new floors and got the Pest Control Company to come in between for good measure
 - h) Created a form for potential and new members to fill out so we have their contact information
 - i) Began crosschecking records from Servant Keeper and the company that sends out the monthly giving envelopes to be sure we have accurate records
 - j) Prepped new laptop that will be used for projecting lyrics and liturgies and livestreaming services in the church

- C) **COVID-19 Response:** The computer used for livestreaming the Sunday worship has been borrowed from Messiah School for the Arts. It did not have the proper capabilities to work without Jeremy Adams there to coax it into cooperation. On June 7, when Jeremy was away leading a youth camp, Rector Tom and Tech Team member Sam Lynn couldn't get it to work by 9:29am, so that Sunday's service wasn't recorded or livestreamed. After a couple of hours that afternoon and a call to tech support for the camera, Tom was able to wrestle it to the ground in time to livestream the French service at 4p. To remedy that issue, we have a new computer solely for the church livestreaming and projection, so we don't have to move one around from place to place and risk dropping or breaking it, or having it poop out. This also gives us a back-up in case either one gets uncooperative. That added another \$299.00 to what COVID-19 has cost us in upgrading our technology, bringing the total to \$4,934.31. THANK YOU, JESUS, that we have the resources to spend \$5 grand without losing sleep!
- D) **Library:** Librarian Regina Seguin updated our library policy. See the attachment at the end of these minutes.
- E) **Bradford Fisher's Parish Discernment Committee (PDC)** finished and recommended he continue in the Discernment Process toward ordination as a Deacon, and the Bishop invited Bradford to be a Postulant, which is the 2nd step in the 4 steps toward Ordination (Aspirant, Postulant, Candidate, and Ordinand). The Rector and Vestry have to endorse him at each step along the way. Vestry will consider that endorsement at our meeting next month, when the Diocese sends the paperwork.
- F) **The Parish Hall Kitchen:** Our ACTIVATE youth painted the walls, and the floor is in. The bug guy is spraying tomorrow at 11am, and all the stuff will be moved back in Thursday July 2 at 2pm.

III. **DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month) – (20 minutes):**

- A. **We have a \$123,000 gift from the Payroll Protection Program.** We gave \$20,000 to the preschool to cover their payroll during the COVID shutdown. After we cover additional pre-school payroll needs, we will still have about \$60,000 left over from our regular funds to utilize for new initiatives. Joe Eiden, Wendy King, Brian Seguin, Doreen Stachowski, and Dawn Wirbel volunteered to join Rector Tom on a Team to pray, think, imagine, research our needs and the costs for meeting those needs and make a list for Vestry to consider to utilize those funds. The Team did not meet this past month and are still collecting ideas and suggestions for what we might do. They will meet on July 1 to begin that process.
- B. **Staff Compensation:** In addition to the PPP money, our Operating Income for the first 5 months of the year is \$40,507.63 ahead of expenses. Last December, when we set the 2020 Budget and were looking at an \$77,000 deficit, we did not give any of our staff raises or cost-of-living increases, but said, "If our financial situation changes in 2020, we will take another look at staff compensation."
1. Vestry agreed it's time to consider increasing compensation for the employees who have been with us longer than a year.
 2. Rector Tom will collect numbers for what a 3.5% Cost of Living increase would cost us per month and per year for us to consider next month.

IV. **DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month):** We unanimously approved the following Corporate Resolution authorizing Treasurer Bob Tate to act as our representative and agent in all financial matters, so he can deal with all our different investment and other financial accounts

CORPORATE RESOLUTION

The Vestry, which is the duly elected Board of the Church of the Messiah of Winter Garden, Inc., a parish congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida and a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, at its regularly convened meeting on June 28, 2020, at which a quorum for the transaction of business was present, hereby:

- Names Treasurer Bob Tate as our official representative and agent for all financial matters;
- Authorizes him to sell, assign, transfer, buy, or otherwise deal with all funds, accounts, and temporal resources of the Church of the Messiah;
- and Authorizes him to execute any and all instruments necessary, proper, or desirable for those purposes.

Certified by Joyce Taylor, Clerk of the Vestry on June 28, 2020

V. MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

A. Minutes from the May meeting: APPROVED.

B. May Financial Report from Treasurer Bob Tate:

1. **Operating Account:** Giving in April was \$5,422.33 MORE than expenses! That INCREASES our SURPLUS year-to-date to \$40,507.63. THANK YOU, JESUS!
2. **Building Fund** net income in April was \$8,673.73 LESS than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, INCREASING the DEFICIT year-to-date to \$22,012.93.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk



Children of the Messiah Preschool



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Please join us as we experiment with fun and excitement at SonSpark Labs!

Monday-Friday, July 27th-31st

From 5:30-8:30 PM

At Church of the Messiah in the Parish Hall

Participants will hear Bible stories, participate in games and activities, make crafts and have dinner and snacks!

Registration is open to the first 24 kids only for students who have completed Kindergarten through 6th grade.

Text or email Ms. Angela for information

321-287-9089

angelalopez@ChurchoftheMessiah.com

If you want to discover God's awesome plan, join us at SonSpark Labs!



To all of my SHINE families who have returned I am so happy to be sharing the love of Jesus with you and having tons of fun! Thank you for entrusting me with your kids for camp days, children's church and SHINE. If you are still sheltering in place, know that I miss you and love you and I am praying for you all! I look forward to the time we will all gather together. Please know that I am taking every precaution to make things safe for everyone. Please feel free to text or email me anytime. I would love to do a drive by visit or yard picnic !
I love you all—

Ms. Angela

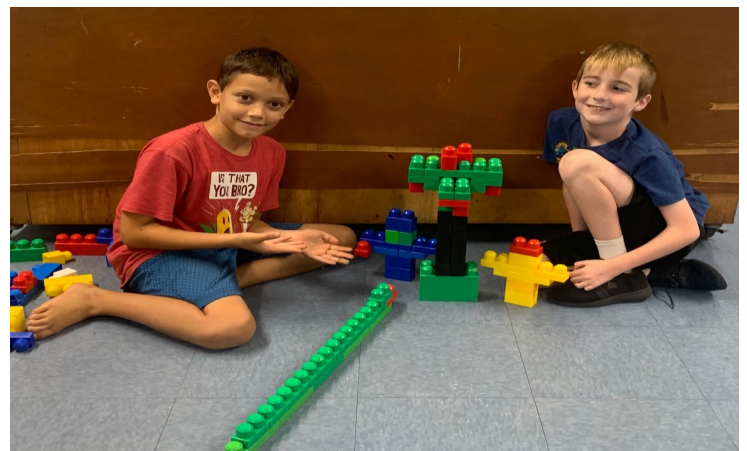


Retelling Bible stories with mega blocks!



Animals gathering
to board the Ark
and a few sea
creatures.

The Serpent talking to Eve
about eating the fruit.



Pokemon
battles be-
tween friends
at SHINE day
camp.



SHINE CAMP



Addison and Asher waiting patiently for their number to be called.



Beowulf and Violet were excellent and hysterical bingo callers.





June has been a series of ups and downs for our youth. We saw several of our family grow up and age out, while at the same time we saw some new graduates from elementary school and Shine age in. We were blessed to resume Activate in person on 7 June. Attendance has been lower than normal with current affairs, but all are welcome when comfortable and ready to return. If there are any other teens not currently active in youth group who would like to join in let me know.

I am heartbroken to have to announce the cancellation of this year's summer mission trip. After praying long and hard, I felt God was telling me this was the best course of action with current world affairs being the way they are. The safety and security of our youth is not worth the current risk level, and I know God has many other opportunities both locally and abroad for us in the future. Thank you for all your prayers and support. All funds donated for the mission trip are still set aside just for that purpose.

Nine of our youth helped paint the parish hall kitchen and adjoining hallway in preparation for the new flooring to be installed. They did an awesome job, with an awesome attitude! We are also focusing on what it looks like to have a Christ centered approach and attitude towards others in these times of stress, strife and discord. I am encouraging them to have open hearts and minds towards everyone, and to be respectful of all people, especially those who may think or feel differently than they do. The youth and I are praying that GOD will provide you with the courage, strength and peace to make it through the current SARS-CoV-2 situation, because he will if you let him! We have the most awesome kid's, make sure you tell them that you love them as often as you can! Please reach out if you are in need of anything (prayer, logistics support, conversation, etc.), we are here to love and serve you.

Please feel free to contact me anytime!

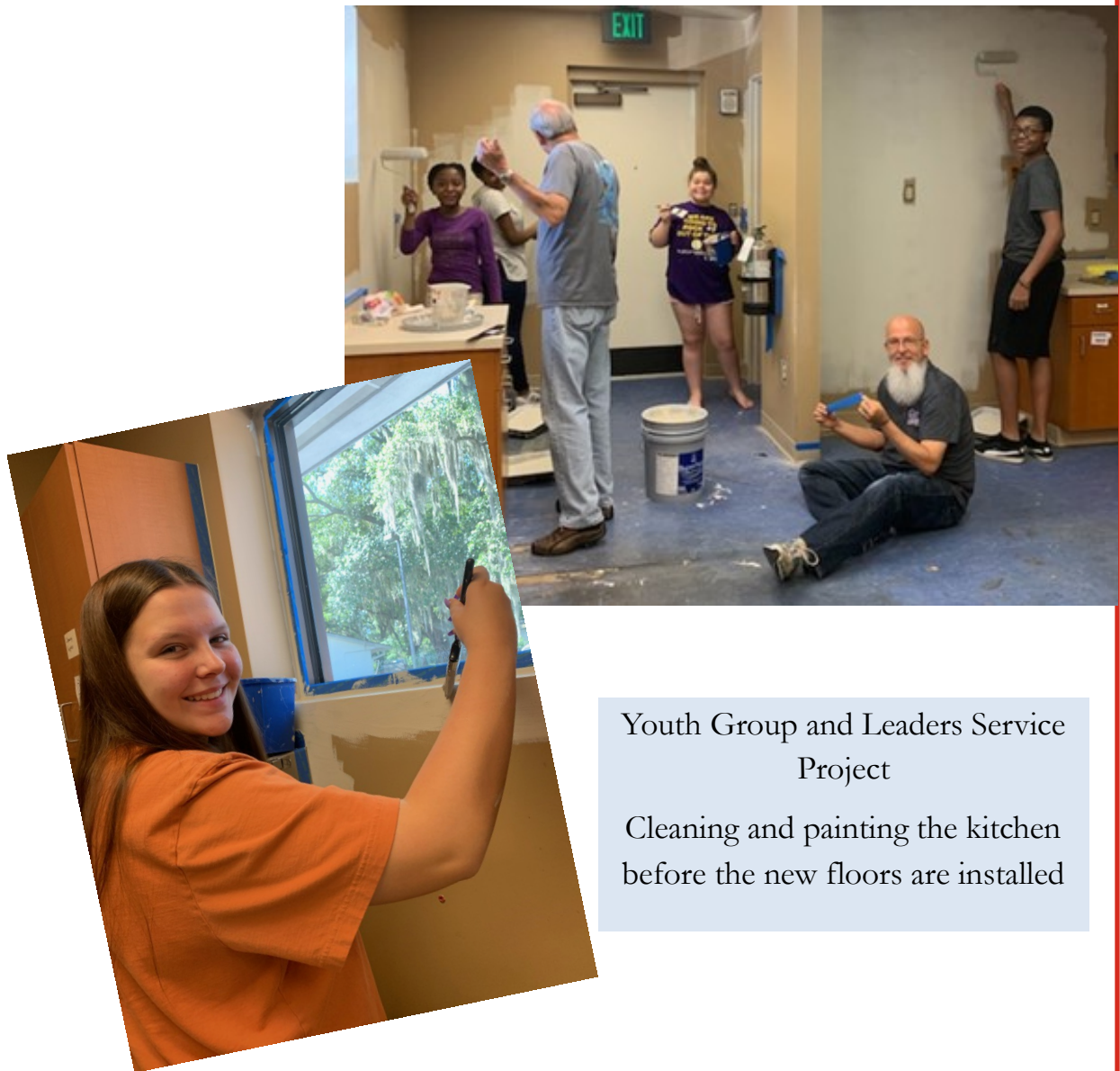
Grace and Peace

Murph Borno

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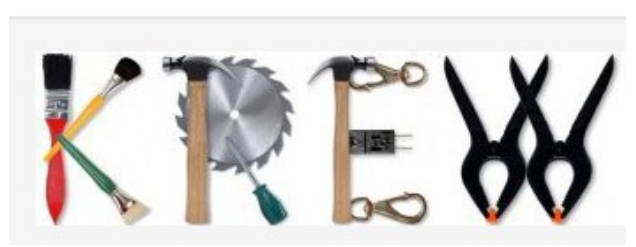
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Youth Group and Leaders Service Project

Cleaning and painting the kitchen before the new floors are installed





Outreach Team

Partners With



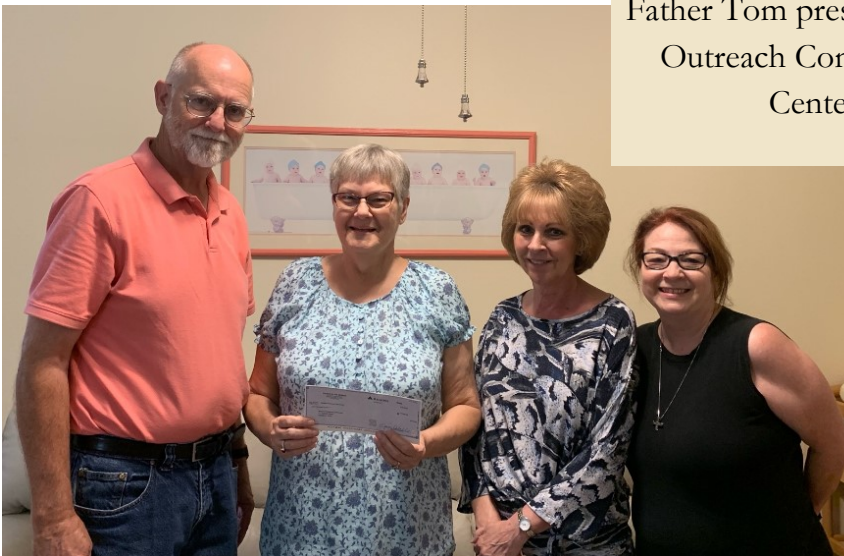
<http://www.apopkapregnancy.org/>

The Apopka Pregnancy Care Center is one of the ministries our church supports. The center performs free pregnancy tests, confidential counseling, referrals, clothing – maternity and baby, and educational parenting assistance. The center moved to a new location at 111 East 6th St., Apopka. The Outreach team budgeted \$1000 to donate to this ministry for help with the move or needed supplies.

The mission of the APCC is “Under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the mission of the Apopka Pregnancy Care Center is to support and care for those affected by an unplanned pregnancy. This will be accomplished by making life-affirming choices through evangelism, instruction and mentoring.”

The APCC’s annual fundraiser will begin in July and end on Labor Day. Baby bottles are distributed to churches to fill with coins or a check or cash as a donation. Last year the Church of the Messiah contributed over \$1200 filling the baby bottles. Please pick up a baby bottle after church OR you can pick up a baby bottle during drive through communion or at the church during this timeframe. Thank you for your generosity this year!

For more information or to ask questions from our volunteers at the Pregnancy Center contact Doreen and Tom Stachowski and Esther Gonzalez.



Father Tom presenting a check from the COTM Outreach Committee to Apopka Pregnancy Center Director, Faye Hull.



Doreen granddaughter and volunteer, Ayla Carroll, showing Father Tom the bottles being prepped for the upcoming fundraiser for the Apopka Pregnancy Center.



Friday, July 24th @ 6:00pm

**This concert is featuring
themes from
movies,
television, and video
games.**



All teachers and students are welcome to perform. We will be performing Lean on Me in the Key of C to close the concert out.

Quarantine Chronicles: Toronto Edition



Hi All!

It is finally and truly summer here in Toronto! We've been getting into the 80's and it's sunny and so magical even though we are still in lockdown.

I'm starting a class in July and cannot believe how quickly these months have flown! I've been working on the residence side of things at Wycliffe, which is what I did at University of Florida and I'm loving it. I've been able to venture out of the city to the suburbs with some friends that are working at a church out there, which is a lovely change of pace downtown.

Some Prayer Requests:

1. For whatever Fall semester will look like both for classes and for residence.
2. For a fall job opportunity– hopefully at Wycliffe.
3. For cases to continue to drop and the city to continue to open up!

I miss you all at Messiah and love seeing you at church in Sunday's!

Miss you and love you all,
Laura Cook

I found this garage door painted with
Albert the Alligator! I couldn't believe it!
Go Gators (even from the Great White North)



CHURCH LIBRARY

"Love the Lord your God with all your mind."



Dear Messiah Family,

Many of us have related a story of knowing we were welcomed at Messiah when Father Tom remembered and called us by our names. He explains that this recall doesn't come easily but requires intentionality.

Our library can help make people feel welcomed, too. Much like calling you by name, a library can welcome you by displaying works by and about people like you on its shelves. Works that reflect your perspectives and experiences. Works that say, we see you. You are part of who we are as a Church. You matter.

There is work to be done in our library. Right now, it does not reflect the racial diversity of our Church community. There are many reasons for this, not least of which is the underrepresentation of Black authors and authors of Color in the Christian publishing industry. But with intentionality, we can build a library that welcomes everyone.

In this time of anguish, Jesus is opening minds and hearts to things yet undone to eradicate racial injustice from our society. Many of us are feeling called to do more. Diversifying our library is not the only thing we can and should do, but it is one thing we can and should do.

If you would like to help, consider doing one or more of the following things:

- ◇ Read a book by a Black author in our library. Some of these are on display on our new mobile book cart in the library. If you like the book, tell someone else about it.
- ◇ Tell me about a book or author whose work would broaden the racial diversity of our library collection. E-mail me at library@churchofthemessiah.com.
- ◇ Donate a book or make a monetary donation to the library. If you would like to donate a book, please e-mail me at library@churchofthemessiah.com and I will provide you with a list of suggested titles.

Love,

Regina





By Helen Farnsworth

Well I finally got off the dime and got some reading done this month. I finished **Take Cover** by Phillip Dacourcey, and I also read **Foundations: Twelve Truths to Shape a Family** by Ruth Chou Simons and Troy Simons, and **The 21 Most Effective Prayers of the Bible** by Dave Earley. All three are marvelous books. And I attribute my motivation to my answered prayer for deliverance from my addiction to cellphone games. (The Lord shut down my cellphone the Friday afternoon I prayed the prayer; and since Memorial Day Weekend followed, I was unable to resume with ANY apps until the following Tuesday! So I got back in the habit of reading.)

Take Cover, got even better the more I read. He not only recapitulated his original thesis, that peace is not the absence of conflict, but the Presence of God in the midst of the conflict; he also looked into the question of whether a Christian is allowed to defend himself, even if he has to use lethal force. At the same time, he tackles the question of capital punishment, which by the way is covered REPEATEDLY in the 34th chapter of the Book of Numbers.

Foundations is put together in 12 chapters, each of which has daily meditations for the family for 5 days which address the topic of the chapter and conclude with a memory verse.

Chapter 1: Love God Above All Else; Chapter 2: Hate Sin, Especially Your Own; Chapter 3: Hide the Word in Your Heart; Chapter 4: Set Your Mind Where Christ Is. This is just to name a few. You get the idea.

21 Most Effective Prayers of the Bible is likewise a winner. It starts in Genesis with the prayer of Abraham's servant, presumed to be Eliezer, who was sent to find a bride for Isaac: "Lord, give me success today," and ends with the Lord Jesus's prayer from the cross: "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they're doing." The question arose, "Is the Lord's Prayer there?" The answer is yes, in an oblique sort of way. The prayer highlighted here is the disciples' prayer: "Lord, teach us to pray." Interestingly, the author points out something I never thought of before: the request is not "Teach us HOW to pray," but "Lord, teach us TO pray. In other words, they didn't need academic knowledge but PRACTICE in praying. Good point. No amount of cookbooks can put food on the table until they're put to use!

Hope you enjoy all three of these.



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Monday in the Narthex 3-5
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Messiah Moola Coin Jars
for the Building Fund

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since February bringing the total to date for
this year

If you would like a jar they are available in the Narthex. If would rather not come in the office, call and we will bring it out to you, or you can ask the clergy on Sundays and Mondays at Drive Thru Communion to give you one.

Thank you for your continued support!

Please check the
website or call the office
for cancellations and
changes to the calendar

July

Due to the pandemic our
Semi-annual Rummage Sales
will now take place in
March and October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting every night at 8:00 p.m. Women Only: Tuesday 6:30pm Men Only: Thursday 6pm https://cflintergroup.org/meetings/three-legacies-group-		Overeater's Anonymous meets every Thursday at 6:30pm in Library. OACFI.org	1MSftA 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study (library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6– Choir Practice 7:15– Praise Band	2 MSftA Online Classes Only	3 MSftA Drum Circle 6 PM All ages welcome	4 MSftA 11-12 pm
5* Sunday School 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 4pm French Service 4:00 Financial Peace 5:00 Diving Deeper 4:30 Shine & Activate 6:00 Dinner– Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3	6 MSftA 4-8:30pm 7 pm Bible Study (Library)	7 MSftA 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off	8 MSftA 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study (library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6– Choir Practice 7:15– Praise Band	9 MSftA Online Classes Only	10	11 MSftA 11-12 pm
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19 * Sunday School 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 4pm French Service 4:00 Financial Peace 4:30 Shine & Activate 6:00 Dinner-Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3	20 MSftA 4-8:30pm 7 pm Bible Study (Library)	21 MSftA 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off 6:30 Men's Group	22 MSftA 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study (library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6– Choir Practice 7:15– Praise Band	23 MSftA Online Classes Only	24 MSftA Summer Concert at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall	25 MSftA 11-12 pm
26* Sunday School 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 4pm French Service 4:00 Financial Peace 4:30 Shine & Activate 6:00 Dinner-Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3	27 MSftA 4-8:30pm 7 pm Bible Study (Library) VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	28 MSftA 10-11:30 am 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off	29 MSftA 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study (library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6– Choir Practice 7:15– Praise Band	30 MSftA Online Classes Only	31	



If you have a July Birthday or Anniversary and are not listed, please email or call the office with your information so we can add the information to our directory.

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Happy
BIRTHDAY



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| 3– Sharon West | 16– Kira Alford |
| 4– Angela Lopez | Frank Chase IV |
| 6– Douglas Duppenthaler | Shelby Montilus |
| 9– Katherine Joiner | 17– Peyton McKenna |
| Iris Sandoval | 20– Alyssa Alleyne |
| 10– Jason Alford | Evan Candes |
| Steve Brueggeman | 21– Rajdai Teeka Singh |
| 11– Cindy Bennett | 23– Linda Bouton |
| Tina Carter | Bob Tate |
| Deborah Grunder | 25– Leo Henry |
| John Hood | Joyce Taylor |
| 12– Shalese Bennett | 28– Jessica Brueggeman |
| Amie Rutherford | 30– Beth Ann Carr |
| 13– Brighton Davis | Patti Williams |
| Jay Dymond | 31– Kelsey Beck |
| Kristopher Strickland | John Carins |
| 14– Frank Chase | Melissa Cottle |
| Ron Lancioni | Monica Pounds |
| 15– Wilna Brown | |

Happy
ANNIVERSARY

- 9– Colby & Stacey Beck
Don & Carolyn Greer
- 10– Don & Deborah Townsend
- 14– William & Carola Pearce
- 21– Ron & Linda Bouton
- 27– Stephen & Jacque Dunegan
- 28– Joe & Jessica Winters

If you will not be able to serve, please call or email the office . We understand this could change week by week.

Sunday Servants 8:00 AM

8:00 Service	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2
1st LEM		Bradford Fisher	Joyce Taylor	Linda Bouton	Deborah Townsend
2nd LEM		Marvin Haughton	Mary Kay	Ron Bouton	Frank Chase
Lector		Larry Cartelli	Aliena Gaye	Alex Hujik	Mary Kay Predmore
Altar Server	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Kayrah Elliot
Ushers/Greeters	Trudie Carr , Jay & Marsha Dymond, Carolyn Greer	Ansel & Ina Haughton, Jay Predmore, Joyce Taylor	Carlene Turnock, Cindy West	Karen Boylen, Trudie Carr, Jay & Marsha Dymond	Ansel & Ina Haughton, Jay Predmore, Elaina Paige
LEV Team		Bradford Fisher	Don Greer		Bradford Fisher
Prayer Intercessor	Nancy Barber		Nancy Barber	Joyce Taylor	Nancy Barber

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2
1st LEM		Kelsey Beck	Susie Marshall	Stacey Beck	Mary Lynn Levine
2nd LEM	Susie Marshall	Stacey Beck		Kelsey Beck	Susie Marshall
Lector				Sharon Puchein	Ginger Sirola
Altar Server	Osni Alexandre	Aidan Brandenburg	Katy Babcock	Francesco Fulvi	Lena Candes
Crucifer					Evan Candes
Torch Bearers					
Ushers/Greeters	Ken Miller, Jim & Lynn Passilla, John Puchein	Jay & Patti Williams	Osni, Sophie & Yolwenn Alexandre, Alex Babcock	Joe & Amy Eiden, Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Ken Miller, Jim & Lynn Passilla, John Puchein
LEV Team	Jim & Lynn Passilla	Mike & Bobbie Warren	Jim & Lynn Passilla	Mike & Bobbi Warren	Jim & Lynn Passilla
Prayer Intercessor	Wally Stewart	Susan Keihm	Sharon Puchein	Wally Stewart	Susan Keihm

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Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 25	August 2
LEM #1	Helen Farnsworth	Stacey Jamail	Joe Wolfe	Stacey Jamail	Vita Mazzaluna
LEM #2	Vita Mazzaluna	Roni Pavan	Geraldine Remington	Helen Farnsworth	Roni Pavan
Lector	Paul Buzzonetti	Leo Henry	Stacey Jamail	Patty Tate	Norm Anthony
Altar Server	Giada Mazzaluna	Yolwenn Alexandre	Sophie Alexandre	Yolwenn Alexandre	Giada Mazzaluna
Usher/Greeter	Richard & Kelley McRae	Bob Somers, Joe Wolfe	Lisa Borst	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic, Bob Somers
LEV Team					
Prayer Intercessor					

Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26	August 2
LEM	Regina Seguin		Regina Seguin		Marvin Haughton
Lector	Kathy Quesenberry	Wendy King	Kathy Quesenberry	Wendy King	Kathy Quesenberry
Altar Server	Caroline Seguin	Kaitlyn O'Brien	Riley Alford	Walter Seguin	Kaitlyn O'Brien
Usher/Greeter	Mary Pounds	Raul Lopez	Mary Pounds	Raul Lopez	Mary Pounds
Prayer Intercessor		Wendy King	Brian Seguin	Wendy King	Brian Seguin

Readings

	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
1st Lesson	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	Genesis 25:19-34	Genesis 28:10-19a	Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm	Psalm 145 BCP 801	Psalm 119 105-112 BCP 772	Psalm 139 BCP 794	Psalm 128 BCP 783
2nd Lesson	Romans 7:15-25a	Romans 8:1-11	Romans 8:12-25	Romans 8:26-39
Gospel	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Father Tom and Deacon Julie touring the Apopka Pregnancy Center with Director, Fay Hull and Outreach Chair, Doreen Stachowski.



We organized the 4 Rivers Smokehouse BBQ fundraiser to benefit the Diocese of Honduras!

7:00 PM Praise Band



Ms. Angela passing out bags for her Zoom Make a Stuffed Animal Party

