

# THE MESSENGER

September 2020

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## Happy 70th Birthday Church of the Messiah!

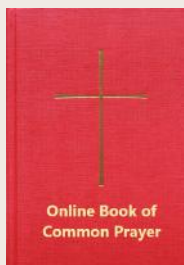
Save the date for a  
celebration on Sunday,  
September 20th  
at 5:00 PM in the  
Parish Hall

Join us for a Picnic Style Dinner  
Bring your own  
food, plates, utensils and drinks.  
There will be fun ways to celebrate  
our Messiah Family!

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### 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 am .....Casual Communion

11:00 am ..... Bible Study

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*From the  
Rector*



## The Messiah Family Needs YOU!

In a healthy family, every member of the family has a role and responsibility: little children pick up their own toys; older children set the table and empty the dishwasher; teenagers vacuum, do laundry, and mow the grass; young adults help with cooking and cleaning; parents pay the mortgage and utilities; and grandparents help care for the kids. As each part of the family does its part, the whole family benefits, and everyone has a sense of belonging and accomplishment.

It's the same in the Messiah Family: every one of us has a role and responsibility. And as each part does its part, the whole congregation benefits, we get to meet and be friends with the precious people in our parish, and each of us has the joy of being partners with God in changing the world.

Here's how that works here: You volunteer to do whatever you like to do, and then get to do it for God!

If you're new to the Messiah family, you may be reluctant to volunteer, because when you've done that before in another congregation, you got stuck doing it till Jesus comes back.

That's NOT how we roll! In the Messiah Family, you volunteer to serve for one year.

If you like it, you can always re-enlist next year. But after a year, if you don't like it, or want to try something else, we say, "Thank you very much for your service," and let you retire gracefully.

That's the Messiah's Way!

If you've been in the Family for a while, you know this is the time of year we usually give you a packet of papers to look through, pray over, fill out, and turn in to volunteer to serve for the next year.

This year, however, thanks to COVID and Vestry Member Brian Seguin's technical wizardry, the Messiah's Way has moved online.

Rather than giving you a pile of paper, I'm asking each teenager and adult to click on this link

**[2020 Messiah's Way Digital Link](#)**

and do online what you would have done on paper. PARENTS, please add your elementary aged children and fill out a form for them, because we don't want any of our children to miss out on being on the Team!

Also because of COVID, we're going to skip the Ministry Fair this year. But you'll be able to catch glimpses of what the different ministries of the parish are doing by clicking the link at the bottom of this page.

If you have questions about anything, check out "Who Ya Gonna Call?" on the next page for the phone numbers and addresses of the leaders of each ministry.

And please don't miss our Parish Birthday Party... on Sunday September 20 at 5:30 in the Parish Hall as we celebrate 70 Years of Serving the Messiah in our community.

The party is a picnic, so please bring your own food, drinks, plates, and utensils – so no one has to touch anyone else's food. We'll have the tables far enough apart to be safe, but close enough together to share laughter and conversation.

COVID cancelled lots of stuff this year, but let's NOT let it keep us apart as a parish family.

I love you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Rutherford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

If you have any questions, need help, or would like a printed copy call the office at 407-656-3218 and the Office Angels will be happy to assist you.

Please double click the picture below to view the  
**Digital Ministry Fair.**



As part of this Parish Family, we love God,  
our neighbors and the folks in the Messiah Family  
by serving in many ways!

# Who Ya Gonna Call

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# Vestry Minutes \* August 23, 2020 @2:30 p.m.

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## Vestry Door Duty for September 2020

Opener at 7:30am: Doreen

Stachowski

Closer after 1:00pm: Doreen

Stachowski

Vestry Meeting Host: Joe Eiden

## 2020 Financial Report

(as of June 2020)

Operating Income.....\$417,796.57

Operating Expenses.....\$358,163.57

NET.....\$59,633.00

ALL Building Fund Income....\$81,866.64

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$93,489.79

NET.....(\$11,623.15)

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 \* August 23, 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, Wendy King, Wally Stewart, Patty Tate, and Dawn Wirbel, and Treasurer Bob Tate.

Absent: Joe Eiden (helping with a family matter), Brian Seguin (family vacation), Doreen Stachowski (out of state visiting family)

**FORMATION:** Wally Stewart led Noonday Prayer. Based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, Tom Rutherford talked about how the Messiah's Way helps the Messiah family be a healthy Body of Christ, and asked each of us, "What part of the Body do you see yourself to be?"

## II. **INFORMATION:**

### A. **Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

#### 1. **Outreach Team** Doreen Stachowski reports

- a) Outreach received two really awesome Thank you letters from the Apopka Pregnancy Center and The Edgewood Children's Ranch. They are both so appreciative of what The Church of the Messiah does for them. Thanks to all of you for your support of those ministries.
- b) God has been blessing the Apopka Pregnancy Center with an abundance of formula and clothing. Last week they were able to help the JMJ Pregnancy Center in Orlando who desperately needed sleepers and formula.

#### 2. **Messiah's Way:** Brian Seguin worked with Office Minister Julie Altenbach to develop a digital Messiah's Way sign up for this year. There will be paper forms for those who don't do computers, and volunteers to help people fill out their forms on laptops in the narthex on the Sundays in September.

### B. **Staff Reports:**

#### 1. **Children of the Messiah Preschool:** Director Barbara Ellerbe reports they opened on August 20 with "Meet Your Teacher," and the financial report was emailed separately.

#### **Children's Minister** Angela Lopez reports:

- a) Over the last few weeks, I have designed and put together a back to school prayer journal for the kids. I mailed out 18 to the kids who I have not seen in a while and the rest will be distributed on Sunday during Children's church or SHINE. I also included a DIY SHINE Bible bookmark, and, if they made a build a bear with me earlier this summer, I sent them a "Born to SHINE" t-shirt for their furry friend.
- b) In children's church we are talking about what it means to be a Godly kid. Our Memory verse for the month is 1 Chronicles 16:11 "Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always." We talked about following Jesus, having a Godly attitude, honoring your mother and father, and spending time with God. The lesson series was based on a popular children's book/movie series, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. We watched a few movie clips that showed us the opposite of what we all need to do to be Godly Kids!
- c) In SHINE we have been focusing on one Bible superstar each week. After I read the story, we have a race to find the scripture that contains the answers to our review questions and then work together to unscramble a large memory verse. We have been into art lately so we make either a cooperative drawing where we draw a portion of the story then exchange it and each person adds their part to the project or we use different mediums to create fun art reminders of the lesson.



- d) The last week of July we had a small but fulfilling Vacation Bible School experience. I had 20 kids register and 18 show up daily. The small group was fantastic this year because it allowed us to give each child a chance to try the experiments and answer the question or share a thought. We learned all about God's plan for us (Jesus) and we learned how many of our neighbors around the world do not have access to clean drinking water. We learned about kids in 5 countries and the daily struggles they have. We raised money for Charity Water and will continue raising until Christmas. We sent home small water jugs for the kids to fill with coins or paper money and return for gold stars. When they earn enough gold stars, they will receive a prize!
- e) I selected dates for VBS 2010 – June 21-25 – and we are all praying to be able to invite a large group into our building to hear and experience God's love.
- f) While looking around at other churches websites to see what and how much they are offering to kids at home, I found some cool ideas. I am working to change up my next series to include some videos that will work well at home, and I would like to add them and some printable files to the website in an area called At Home Ministry. Right now, I am working with my personal tech gurus (my sons) to get a design together that will work. I am anxious for families to return but want to meet them where they are right now. I do not see this going on forever.
- g) I have attended a few webinars/online conferences in the past 2 weeks. One on effective ministry in the time of COVID-19, one on maximizing your God given capabilities as a leader, and two on the essential elements of ministry specifically related to children and youth. I have taken many notes and am looking forward to applying the new things. I have 3 more sessions on the elements of ministry to get to in September.

4. **Finance Minister** Jane Cartelli is still working diligently searching for all the numbers surrounding a possible Cost of Living Adjustment in Staff compensation. She has not been able to find them all, because the Diocesan Administrator has not been as cooperative as he could have been.

5. **Music Minister** Linda Ellison reports:

- a) I am very thankful for those who are willing to sing and play with me for the three morning services, while still being respectful of those who choose to stay at home. The musicians and I who are there on Sundays are adapting to the greatly reduced numbers. I have changed keys, arrangements, and so forth, to accommodate these unusual circumstances.
- b) I am working my way through a book called *The Diagnosis and Correction of Vocal Faults*, by James McKinney. This is a classic textbook used in vocal pedagogy classes I have both taken and taught. I hope to continue to improve my own voice and help our volunteer singers improve their voices and keep them healthy.
- c) As I continue to search for new repertoire, I found a beautiful new song that we will introduce soon: "King of Kings" by Hillsong United. In 4 verses, the song presents a short synopsis of the whole Gospel story, along with a chorus filled with praise and honor. Here is a link to hear it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQl4izxPeNU>

6. **Office Minister** Julie Altenbach reports:

- a) The Office Angels and I have started going through records to update and organize past and present records to make finding things easier. The archives have been organized as well to preserve Church of the Messiah's rich history.
- b) The program we use for social media and other digital art work, Canva (which we get without any cost because we are a church and we are registered as a nonprofit) has been making improvements. I have been learning the new techniques to ensure our digital presence is up to date and attractive.
- c) I added two new Office Angels to the Ministry Team. Activate Youth, Yolwenn Alexandre and Joeyne Bossicot have started helping in the office and are doing a wonderful job.

- d) We are mailing Forward Day by Day Devotion Booklets to parishioners who are choosing to shelter at home.
  - e) I was blessed to help with VBS and it was a reminder that my job descriptions as Office Minister and Deacon often intersect. With the help of Joel Lopez, I was able to create a video of the week to show the congregation and will be on our website soon.
  - f) I walked around with the representative from Massey Pest Control and scheduled a follow up for them to treat Linda Ellison's office and the Youth Room Kitchen for some termite activity.
  - g) I am taking a week vacation with my family August 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Office Angels will keep things on track while I'm away, and I am so appreciative of each of them .
7. **School for the Arts:** Garine Adams reports: We are currently doing well at Messiah School for the Arts. We have a few more interested students with our 25% off the first month private lesson discount for Aug/Sep. We are also in works to add more online classes to have available. We're looking forward to potentially working with a new teacher to teach an online arts history class. The only current in person group class is our First Friday Drum Circle, and one on one lessons are mostly in person now (taking all COVID-19 precautions). We still have a few online lessons with our out of town students (one is out of state now!). We feel so blessed to be able to use the church facilities to work with. Our concert last month was possible only because of the large size of the Parrish Hall. We were able to safely still have our final large ensemble performance with 13 performers. It was live streamed at the time, and you can go to our Facebook Page to watch it at your leisure. We are always striving to advance local arts through quality education for all, so please send anyone interested in the arts our way. Our scholarship program is currently covering two 100% and two 50% scholarship students. Blessings all around!

C. **COVID-19 Response:** We've had another month without a new wrinkle or piece of technology to buy or install!

### **III. DISCUSSION (to help make a decision next month):**

- A. **Funds the Payroll Protection Program freed up for other projects.** The Money Team of Joe Eiden, Don Greer, Wendy King, Tom Rutherford, Brian Seguin, Doreen Stachowski, and Dawn Wirbel are still chasing down the costs for possible projects. We will not make any decisions about this until September ...or later. What they have so far was emailed separately.
- B. **The roof of the house at 227 North Main Street leaks.** Junior Warden Chris Brown and Facility Minister Jeremy Adams put a giant tarp over the roof as a temporary fix as we explore our options. So far they are:
- 1. Repair the roof (with a 90-day warranty) for \$1,225.
  - 2. Replace the roof for \$15,000-\$22,000 (depending on the contractor) with a 10-year warranty.
  - 3. Renew the roof with a spray on foam and silicone for \$9,000-\$16,000 (we'll get a more precise number when the guys come to look at it September 2.).
  - 4. Slather on a coat of roof sealer ourselves for \$12,600 (\$35/gallon X 1.5 gallons/100 square feet X 2,400 square feet).
  - 5. Tom Rutherford will pass the word from when the guy comes on September, and we may be able to make an email decision then.
- C. **Gift of a mini-van:** A parish family gave the church a 2010 Honda Odyssey 8-passenger mini-van with 123,000 miles on it. It was originally intended to go to the Alexandres, since their car died, but Tom Rutherford's priest friend in South Carolina, who initially hooked us up with the Alexandres, raised \$10,000 and bought them a Toyota Highlander. Only Soner can drive legally, so they don't need 2 vehicles.



1. We have several options for the Odyssey:

- a) Sell it and use the money for something else. They're going on car.com for \$3,500-\$10,000. If we do this, the Rector's Discretionary Fund gets the first \$1,586.84 to pay for fixing the air conditioning.
- b) Keep it as a Church mini-van to help provide transportation for the children, youth, and French congregation (Father Soner volunteers to keep up with maintenance and upkeep).

(1) If we do this, Tom Rutherford would like the Rector's Discretionary Fund to be reimbursed for fixing the A/C.

(2) Insurance through the Church Insurance Company would cost \$1,440/year for full coverage or \$1,080 for liability only.

- c) Keep it to give to a parish family in need, when the need arises. In that case, the Discretionary Fund will cover the A/C repair.

2. We'll make that decision next month.

D. **Staff Compensation:** Finance Minister Jane Cartelli is still collecting the numbers for what it costs to get our current staff current on retirement benefits we didn't know we owed for them and giving our Staff, who were hired before 2019, a 3.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). The details of the numbers we know so far were in last month's Agenda.

1. Here's a summary:

- a) **WithOUT giving the Staff a COLA, we owe an additional \$20-25,000 now for retirement benefits plus an additional \$8,000 in retirement payments for the rest of this year, for a total cost of \$28-32,000 over this year's current budget.**
- b) **If we adopt the COLA and keep payroll the same in 2021, that increases our payroll costs \$14,000/year or \$1,200/month over what we pay now (or SHOULD have been paying!) for stipends and retirement benefits.**

2. We'll discuss this again next month when we have all the numbers

#### IV. **DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month) :**

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#### V. **MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT – (10 MINUTES):**

A. **Minutes from the June meeting:** APPROVED

B. **July Financial Report from Treasurer Bob Tate:** APPROVED

- 1. **Operating Account:** Giving in July was \$8,898.70 MORE than expenses! That INCREASES our SURPLUS year-to-date to \$59,633.00.
- 2. **Building Fund** net income in July was \$4,320.03 MORE than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, DECREASING the DEFICIT year-to-date to \$11,623.15.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk

# Back to P reschool

The week of August 17, the preschool teachers met for our preplanning session.

We welcomed new staff member, Valery Rice. Valery will be a teacher's aide on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Ms. Stacey Duppenthaler is on maternity leave following the birth of her daughter Clara Rose. We are thrilled to welcome Clara to our pre-school family and hope that she and Stacey will be joining us soon.

Taffy Howard returned to teach an additional Pre-K class this year.

Jill Smicherko will teach the 3 year olds.

Noemi Gonzalez will be teaching our 2 year olds.

Kim Pass has joined our staff and will be teaching the toddlers.

Melody Wise has returned and will be teaching our babies.

Missy Cottle returned as our Art Teacher.

Kaila Woods, Katrina Nugent, Lora Mullens and Sandra Lopez all returned as teachers' aides.

The teachers cleaned and sanitized the classroom building and playground area as part of their COVID19 precautions this year.

The teachers were trained in all of the additional precautions that need to be taken this year due to the virus during preplanning.

Meet the teacher was held on August 20. The children visited their classrooms and parents received information regarding the school year. It was wonderful to see the children again after such a long

break. The school year began on August 21. We are all thrilled to be back with the children once again.

We are praying for a safe and healthy school year.

## Upcoming Dates

September 7 – No School – Labor Day Holiday

September 16 – School Advisory Council Meeting 9am In the library



**Our amazing preschool teachers were busy this month getting ready to greet their students.**









# End of Summer Party







# 14 WAYS TO PRAY FOR KIDS

- o Pray that kids will come to know Christ as Savior.
- o Pray that they will love God with all of their hearts.
- o Pray for their parents and families.
- o Pray that they will choose the right kind of friends.
- o Pray for spiritual stability during tough times.
- o Pray for the needs of their hearts that you may not know about.
- o Pray for physical protection in their lives.
- o Pray that kids will love God's Word.
- o Pray for their continued connection to the body of Christ.
- o Pray that kids will find their identity and worth in Christ and not in our world.
- o Pray that God will give them compassion for others.
- o Pray that they will have integrity in all areas of their lives.
- o Pray that they will look for ways to serve the Lord.
- o Pray that kids will learn to pray too!

Please join me in prayer for our Kids.

Love—Ms. Angela , Children's Minister





# ACTIVATE

## YOUTH

**Contact Youth Minister, Murph Borno at  
[youthminister@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:youthminister@churchofthemessiah.com)  
or (407) 413-4220, or via remind once  
you receive a link.**

August was a relatively quiet month, but filled with apprehension and concern over the reopening of the school year. I made a risk based decision to shift back to virtual attendance at the beginning of July to minimize the number of exposure risks/events that our youth and their families would experience. My plan is to continue that posture through September and see where SARS-CoV-2 trends are. Attendance has been consistent, and we have been enjoying short scripture lessons, and playing games such as skribblio and virtual scavenger hunt.

Big thanks and great job by Osni, Yolwenn, Sophie, and Chelsea in their service work for Linda Gold. If there are any other teens not currently active in youth group who would like to join in let me know.

We continue to focus 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. Please pray for our kids and their families as they work through returning to school. The youth and I are praying that GOD will provide you with the courage, strength and peace to endure what looks to be an extended 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

Activate Youth Minister



## On a Roll with Tim & Terri



**Missionary Misadventures  
with Deacon Tim  
and Terri Wetherington**



Last Spring, which seems like a loong time ago, we were merrily headed west with the next ten months carefully planned. Routes were laid out. Fuel and provisioning stops were worked into the itinerary, and the budget. Campgrounds were reserved. And of course, visits with friends and family all along the way were all planned. Like many folks, we had plans for 2020.

We left Central Florida in mid-February, and got as far as east Texas by mid-March when the first Covid shutdown hit. All our plans fell like dominoes. The plan had been to spend two weeks crossing Texas. Instead, we spent two months sitting in east Texas where we endured not one but two tornadoes.



*Tornado forming in north Texas – time to head for shelter!*

By mid-May, we were grateful that we could get rolling again. The weather in east Texas was starting to get hotter, so we decided to head north before continuing our journey west. *North!* North, right into the maw of ‘Tornado Alley.’ Over the next two weeks, we got another tornado - this time with a flash flood. But we finally made it through northwest Texas, and crossed into New Mexico on our way to Colorado.

We had long since abandoned our carefully planned itinerary in favor of spending a safe (and cool) summer in the mountains of Colorado. Shortly after arriving in Colorado, wildfires, sparked by dry lightning, raged out of control less than ten miles from us.



*Smoke from Colorado wildfires  
about eight miles away*

One more piece to the summer-of-fun was a broken tooth and an emergency trip to the dentist.

The long and the short of all this excitement is that each crisis, though all-consuming at the time, eventually passed. Each was contained, cleaned up, and soon relegated to memories and stories. But in the midst of each storm, one gains (maybe regains) a certain perspective in one's relationship to God.

Everyone has stories because everyone has had storms. Actual weather related storms, as well as personal emotional storms, relational and familial storms, professional, academic, financial, political, and theological storms. Some of the memories and stories that resulted are painful still...

I'd like to share my perspective into my relationship with God through these storms. 1) Jesus is in the boat with you. If you think he must be sleeping in the back, you can be assured that he has one eye open to see how you handle things – and he's not going to let you sink. 2) God wastes nothing. Every storm, no matter what or who caused it, and no matter how much of a surprise it is, is an opportunity to make you a little bit more like him. 3) We shouldn't waste it either. If God uses the surprises and storms in our lives to bring us closer to him, then we should too! We can choose to see God drawing closer to us in times of our crises. We can face our storms knowing Jesus is with us. We can see the very works of the Holy Spirit – who is the source of all life and healing – as nature grows back after the floods and the fires.

Luke 8:22-25 is the story of Jesus and the disciples out in that storm. I commend it to your reading. I would also encourage you to read Job's perspective on his relationship with God through his storms. Job 23:8-10





This month, at Deacon Julie's request, I read ***Becoming Mrs. Lewis*** by Patti Callahan. It is largely fiction, though based on thorough research on the part of the author, using the few letters that were extant (most of the ones between her and C.S. Lewis were destroyed) and on published and unpublished poetry of Helen Joy Davidman.

Her intent is to understand the heart of this elusive woman whose life was to become so wonderfully intertwined with that of C.S. Lewis. In my opinion she did a FANTASTIC job, showing how Joy, who became Mrs. Bill Gresham struggled to become the woman God wanted her to become under horrendously challenging circumstances. Her writing became her outlet, which was fortunate in that it offered a peek into her very soul. I think ***Becoming Mrs. Lewis*** gives a wonderful portrait of both Joy and "Jack," which is what the friends of C.S. Lewis called him. It shows how they helped to mold each other into the people God wanted them to be. It is very inspirational, and I highly recommend it.

Additionally, I watched a wonderful documentary: "***Uncle Tom***," produced by Larry Elder and featuring blacks from many walks of life. It challenges "traditional wisdom," and presents many facts of history that you probably aren't familiar with. It has been praised to the skies, and I think you'll find it eye opening. I have the DVD still on order (they've been swamped with requests) so I watched it directly at Salem-Now.com.

I'm also flying through Ralph Reed's book, ***FOR GOD AND COUNTRY; The Christian Case for Trump***. I'm two-thirds through it, but wanted to review it for September. It is a wonderful book, and makes me understand why some Christians were hesitant to trust him (and why 81% of evangelicals ended up supporting him). We would all love to have a candidate that's 100% pure, but the Lord Jesus isn't on the ballot. (He doesn't have to be; He's already King of Kings.) Ralph Reed's point is that Trump deserves to be judged on the basis of his record, which, I might add, he attained under VERY adverse circumstances!

Please do yourself a favor and see "***Uncle Tom***" and read ***For God and Country*** before you vote in November. I'd like to add that if you disagree, that's fine. My father used to say, "I may not agree with what you say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it" That to me is the best definition of America in existence. And I pray that God will recreate us again into the UNITED States of America instead of warring camps.

### Church of the Messiah Library

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Dear Messiah Family,

It's back to school time and this might be the most unusual back to school experience in your family's life -- I know it is in mine. Whether you're attending school face to face or online, our parish family is praying for your success and safety and looking for ways to support you in your studies. As a librarian in

my career, as well as my volunteer time, I am happy to help students who are working on research assignments for school, or anyone in the parish family who would like help searching for information on a topic. (I'm especially well positioned to help our Valencia College students!) Please reach out to me at [library@ChurchoftheMessiah.com](mailto:library@ChurchoftheMessiah.com).

Love,  
Regina



# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b> <b>Open Meeting every night at 8:00 p.m.</b> <b>Women Only: Tuesday 6:30pm</b> <b>Men Only: Thursday 6pm</b> <a href="https://cflintergroup.org/meetings/three-legacies-group-">https://cflintergroup.org/meetings/three-legacies-group-</a>		1	2	3	4 MSftA First Friday Drum Circle at 6:00 pm	5 MSftA 11-12 pm
6* Sunday School 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 2:30 Activate Zoom 4pm French Service 4:00 Financial Peace 5:00 Diving Deeper 4:30 Shine 6:00 Dinner— Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3 <b>BAG SUNDAY</b>	7 Office Closed for Labor Day NO DRIVE THRU COMMUNION MSftA 4-8:30pm	8 MSftA 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off	9 MSftA 3:45- 5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6— Choir Practice	10 MSftA Online Classes Only	11	12 MSftA 11-12 pm
13 * Sunday School 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 2:30 Activate Zoom 4pm French Service 4:00 Financial Peace 4:30 Shine 6:00 Dinner-Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3	14 MSftA 4-8:30pm 6 PM Daughter's of the King Meeting in Library 6:30 pm Bible Study (Library)	15 MSftA 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off	16 MSftA 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6— Choir Practice	17 MSftA Online Classes Only	18	19 MSftA 11-12pm Alzheimer's Support Group 4:30 in the library
20 * Sunday School 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 2:30 Activate Zoom 4pm French Service 4:30 Shine 6:00 Dinner-Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3	21 MSftA 4-8:30pm 6:30 pm Bible Study (Library)	22 MSftA 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off 6:30 Men's Group	23 MSftA 3:45- 5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6— Choir Practice	24 MSftA Online Classes Only	25 MSftA Summer Concert at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall	26 MSftA 11-12 pm Conference on Ministry in the Parish Hall
27* Sunday School 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 2:30 Activate Zoom 4pm French Service 4:30 Shine 6:00 Dinner-Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3	28 MSftA 4-8:30pm 6:30 pm Bible Study (Library) VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	29 MSftA 10-11:30 am 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off	30MSftA 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall			

# HAPPY Birthday

1- Marit Cairns  
Kelley McRae  
Regina Sequin

3- Andrew Alleyne

4- Denise Alleyne  
Susie Marshall  
Ken Miller

5- Addison Wise

7- Timothy Rutherford  
Iris Smartt

8- Marie Felix  
Beatrice Hosten

9- Natasha Brueggeman  
Anna Clare Wilkinson  
James Wirbel

Karalyn Wirbel

12- Jenna Go

13- Athena Ackerman  
Alice DeRosa

14- Lauren Robertson

15- Debbie Wilkinson-Borno

17- Linda Gold

Lilly Paredes  
Sharon Puchein

18- Ken Carr

19- Doug Ellerbe  
Asher Rutherford

21- Noah Altenbach  
Marsha Dymond

22- Adam Shriver

23- Roni Pavan

24- Holly Matzelle

25- Eileen Ford-Gilbert  
Margaret Winters

26- Mary Pounds

28- Mary Ann Collings  
Jorge Sandoval  
Jessica Winters

30- Aiden Alford  
Bill Bradford  
Andrea Strickland

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5- Michael & Cortney Rollo

6- Sean McKenna & Jenny Cirillo  
Tom & Debbie Rutherford

10- Joe & Amy Eiden

12- Sam & Mary Katulic

17- Larry & Jane Cartelli

18- Mike & Wendy King

24- Ansel & Ina Haughton

27- Dennis & Stacey Jamail  
Jim & Lynn Passilla

Please pray for our  
expectant mother

SHEENA HAUGHTON  
DUE IN SEPTEMBER

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
DUPPENTHALER FAMILY

Clara Rose was born on  
August 10th!



**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	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	October 4
1st LEM	Linda Bouton	Frank Chase	Linda Bouton	Marvin Haughton	Joyce Taylor
2nd LEM	Ron Bouton	Ellie Chase	Ron Bouton	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore
Lector	Mary Kay Predmore	Deborah Townsend	Alex Hujik	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Kayrah Elliot	Mary Kay Predmore	Kayrah Elliot	Aiden Morrison
Ushers/Greeters	Cindy West, Jay Predmore	Marsha Dymond, Pete Glynn	Ron Bouton, Jay Predmore, Joyce Taylor	Cindy West, Pete Glynn	Trudie Carr, Jay & Marsha Dymond
LEV Team					
Prayer Intercessor				Joyce Taylor	

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	October 4
1st LEM	Mary Lynn Levine	Kelsey Beck	Susie Marshall	Stacey Beck	Mary Lynn Levine
2nd LEM	Susie Marshall	Stacey Beck		Kelsey Beck	Susie Marshall
Lector	Dawn Wirbel	Jay Williams	Dawn Wirbel	Jay Williams	Leslie Candes
Altar Server	Francesco Fulvi	Chris Brown	Osni Alexandre	Chelsea Borno	Katy Babcock
Crucifer					
Torch Bearers					
Ushers/Greeters	Jay & Patti Williams	Jay & Patti Williams	Osni, Sophie, Yolwenn Alexandre, Alex Babcock	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	John Puchein
LEV Team		Mike & Bobbie Warren		Mike & Bobbie Warren	
Prayer Intercessor		Susie Marshall	Sharon Puchein		

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### Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	October 4
LEM #1	Stacey Jamail	Vita Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth	Stacey Jamail	Joe Wolfe
LEM #2	Helen Farnsworth		Joe Wolfe	Vita Mazzaluna	Vita Mazzaluna
Lector	Paul Buzzonetti	Joe Wolfe	Stacey Jamail		Paul Buzzonetti
Altar Server	Yolwenn Alexandre	Giada Mazzaluna	Giada Mazzaluna	Sophie Alexandre	Giada Mazzaluna
Usher/Greeter	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic	Lisa Borst	Richard & Kelley McRae	Lisa Borst
LEV Team					
Prayer Intercessor					

### Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	October 4
LEM	Marvin Haughton	Marvin Haughton	Marvin Haughton		
Lector	Wendy King	Kathy Quesenberry	Wendy King	Kathy Quesenberry	Wendy King
Altar Server					
Usher/Greeter	Raul Lopez	Mary Pounds	Raul Lopez	Mary Pounds	Raul Lopez
Prayer Intercessor		Wendy King		Wendy King	

### Readings

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	October 4
1st Lesson	Exodus 12:1-14	Exodus 14:19-31	Exodus 16:2-15	Exodus 17:1-7	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm	Psalm 149 BCP 807	Exodus 15:1-11	Psalm 105 37-45 BCP 738	Psalm 78 1-17 BCP 694	Psalm 19 BCP 606
2nd Lesson	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-30	Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16	Matthew 21:23-32	Matthew 21:33-46

# Worship Time





