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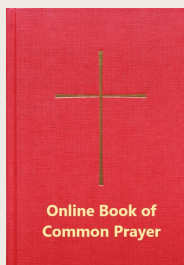
THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL,  
BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW.  
THEREFORE PRAY EARNESTLY  
TO THE LORD OF THE HARVEST  
TO SEND OUT LABORERS INTO  
HIS HARVEST

Luke 10:2

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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*



## “Mail-Out” Communion?

Never in my life did I ever imagine I would be a “tele-evangelist:” broadcasting our worship online to the world! Nor would it ever have crossed my mind to offer Communion in single-servings or at a Drive Thru, like McDonald’s!

COVID-19 keeps trying to shut us down, but the Messiah stays ahead of the disease by prompting us to find new ways to serve you in his family.

The newest is Mail-Out Communion.

“MAIL-OUT”????? Why would we do something that outlandish?

Because only about half of our folks are attending in-person worship on Sundays, and another quarter are coming to Drive-Thru Communion after watching us online. That leaves 25% of us not getting the sacrament.

I don’t want anyone to miss that grace.

On top of the Messiah folks not getting Communion, we have 300-1,000 people watching each of our online services: in English at 9:30am and in French at 4pm.

That’s 600-2,000 folks seeing us that we don’t see, and they’re not just from the Messiah family or the West Orange community. They’re checking in from all over the country – and internationally!

They’re watching our service and singing and praying along with us, and they’d like to have the bread and wine with us, when we get to that part of the liturgy.

That’s what prompted Mail-Out Communion.

Here's how it works:

If you're watching our worship, and tell us how many are in your family or watch-party, and live in the United States (we haven't figured out, yet, how to send bread and wine through the mail internationally!), and contact us by phone (407-656-3218) or email ([Office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com](mailto:Office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com)); we'll send you a month's supply of single-serving Communion for you and your family.

And we'll do that every month you contact us and request it.

While you're on the phone or email, please tell us how to pray for you, because we want to serve you that way, too.

Receiving Communion in front of your TV or computer is NOT the same as being here, but it's as close as we can get, given the dynamics of the disease and distance.

So far a couple dozen families are taking us up on the offer, and we're sending communion to several states. I anticipate those numbers will grow as we attract more folks to our online worship, and word gets out that communion is available.

And we're on it! We just got the shipment of our 6<sup>th</sup> thousand servings of communion, so we're ready to share the sacrament with everyone who's hungry and thirsty for God: in person, at Drive Thru, and now through Mail Out.

I love you all and hope to see you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink. The name "Tom" is written in a simple, slightly slanted font. Below it, "Rutherford" is written in a more stylized, cursive-like font. A long, sweeping horizontal line arches over the entire signature.

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

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## Vestry Door Duty for October 2020

Opener at 7:30am: Joyce Taylor

Closer after 1:00pm: John Peacock

Vestry Meeting Host: Patty Tate

## 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

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2020 September Vestry Minutes  
Sunday \* September 27, 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; Joe Eiden, Wendy King, John Peacock, Doreen Stachowski, Wally Stewart, Patty Tate, and Dawn Wirbel, and Treasurer Bob Tate.

Absent: Ron Bouton and Brian Seguin

**FORMATION:** Joe Eiden led Noonday Prayer. Based on 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and our Guidelines for Vestry membership, Tom Rutherford talked about the qualities we're looking for in potential Vestry nominees.

**II. INFORMATION:**

**A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

**1. Outreach Team** Doreen Stachowski reports

- a) Since we may struggle with food donations for the Thanksgiving food baskets, we will give parishioners the opportunity to give gift cards, or give financially to buy gift cards, and let the families shop for their own Thanksgiving meal. This means that 20 families, both inside and outside of the church, will receive at least one \$25 gift card for their meal. Larger families will be given more than one gift card, depending on how many people are in the family. We moved \$400 from the Dillard Street Partners in Education to the Holiday Food Baskets so we can do the same at Christmas this year and will stay within budget. Thanksgiving cards have been purchased and the gift card will be included. If you know anyone that is struggling due to job loss or any other reason, please let Doreen or Angela know and we will add them to the list for Thanksgiving. Parishioners are welcome to donate money or Aldi gift cards for this effort. Doreen will write up a notice for the bulletin/Messenger. Fr. Tom will look into creating a line item so that money could be designated for this cause.
- b) The Edgewood Children's Ranch are deciding how we can help the children at Christmas. We have budgeted money for a Christmas party and gifts, however, due to Covid19, we will not have a party. We will buy one big gift for all of them, or decide once they have reached back out with suggestions.
- c) An information and instruction memo will be included in the next Messenger detailing how to participate in Operation Christmas Child this year. You can build-a-box directly on their web site for \$25 including shipping. Thank you, Vita Mazzaluna, for pulling this together.

**2. Messiah's Way:** Brian Seguin and Office Minister Julie Altenbach report the online Messiah's Way sign-ups are working!

**B. Staff Reports:**

**1. Children of the Messiah Preschool:** Director Barbara Ellerbe reports:

- a) COVID reduced their number of students initially, but some are trickling back. We got 3 new ones this month.
- b) There was a burglary a month ago. The thief stole and cashed several payroll checks. The Winter Garden Police caught the crook, and Regions Bank repaid the Preschool for the criminally cashed checks.
- c) The financial report was emailed separately.

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

- a) Children's Church: Even with attendance fluctuating, we started a new lesson series called Average Pete. Not only are we learning a lot about Peter, we are learning a bit about Elvis as an Elvis impersonator introduces us to our weekly Power Verse. The kids think he is crazy! It makes it really fun to repeat the verse several times as we try to sound like Elvis as well. I have been sending Sermon-at-Home sheets or recap notes of the children's lessons to parents via the REMIND app.
- b) The children have all started school using either face to face or virtual model. I have not heard of any illness with our kids even though a few of their schools have had positive cases of Covid.
- c) SHINE: We read a couple books by R.C. Sproul; The Priest with the Dirty Clothes and The Prince's Poison Cup. The books told the story of some children who were chatting with their grandfather who was telling them fantastic stories. In the stories the priest represented us and our dirty sin cover clothes. He got a brand-new white robe from the prince (Jesus) to wear before the King (God). The Prince's Poison Cup was about the prince (Jesus) taking on great suffering and dying to save the people that his father (God) loved. We made an origami cup and talked about all of the sufferings that were in the "cup of suffering" that Jesus took on for us. We will be talking about grandparents of the Bible and learning about praying the Anglican Rosary in the coming weeks.
- d) Future: With the canceling of public Christmas events, and the further postponement of many places opening, I have decided to go with a take home family Christmas project. I am getting the impression that many children will not be returning until they see things in the community returning to normal. So I am putting together a box of 4 weeks of activities, a family workbook and all of the supplies needed to complete the projects. I have started gathering the supplies and will get a few volunteers to help assemble them in November. I will see where things stand in Mid-November and decide if having a party will be possible/wise.
- e) I am participating in a virtual 2 day conference on September 21 and 22 entitled "Rooted," for children, youth and family ministry leaders. There will be opportunities to enter breakout rooms to video chat with others.

## **3. Facility Minister** Jeremy Adams reports:

- a) This month, we're continuing our partnership providing training facilities for the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as providing space for All Souls Episcopal Church while they continue looking for a place to hold weekly worship.
- b) As you can imagine, we've had a lot of cancellations and rescheduling due to COVID-19, however, we're slowly starting to get more interest in rentals.
- c) It seems to be the season of roofing issues here at the church. The Parish Hall roof was repaired by Tanenbaum Roofing on September 9th and 10th. To my knowledge we have not had any further leaks since 9/10. There was also a sizable hole in the roof of the storage shed that was patched by Harry Hull, Chris Brown, and myself. Father Tom informed me that the roof at 227 N. Main St. is scheduled to be repaired in the near future. Prayers for water tight repairs are appreciated.
- d) As far as minor repairs around campus go, I've been keeping an eye out for any wasps nests that have been popping up and I've been cleaning out clogged gutters. My next project is to replace the dead light bulbs and damaged sound panels in the Parish Hall. If you have any ideas of things that could improve our campus please feel free to let me know.

**4) Finance Minister Jane Cartelli reports:**

a) Staff Pensions:

(1) Last week I was finally sent the figures from the Episcopal pension fund for Deacon Julie's account. We owe \$9,563.61 in back payments and \$795.00 a month from now on.

b) I am waiting for the application for Fr Soner's pension to be completed by the Pension Fund, and for them to send us the final numbers, but, based on the percentages the Diocese gave, we owe approximately \$7,500 for his 2019 pension and \$8,000 for 2020 for a total of \$15,500 to catch him up through the end of this year.

c) When Children's Minister Angela Lopez moved to  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, she became eligible for a pension after one year at that level. We owe approximately \$1181.25 to bring her pension current. Additionally, we have a match program. Angela can elect to add 4% of her salary to the pension fund, and COTM must match it starting in January. The good news is there is no requirement to match the additional 4% for the arrears period.

d) Jeremy Adams is paid as an Assistant Music Minister and as a Facility Minister. The diocese says that the combination of both jobs will bring Jeremy to the pension level one year from the date he took over 1 Sunday a month for Linda. We have one year before we pay 5% to 9% of Jeremy's compensation into his pension. This is unless his hours go under 1000 regular scheduled hours a year. (2  $\frac{1}{2}$  days a week).

5. 3% Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA's) for long-time staff to begin in 2020:

a) Children's Minister Angela has not had a raise since getting one dollar an hour raise in 2017. She moved from half time to  $\frac{3}{4}$  time in 2018, but that did not increase her hourly rate. If she received a 3% COLA, it would increase her compensation \$709.00/year from \$23,625 to \$24,334. This would cost the parish \$709 plus \$54 in taxes (a year) plus an additional \$36 in pension, if she doesn't contribute to the plan, or \$58, if she contributes to it, and we match her contribution.

b) Music Minister Linda Ellison received an increase in 2020 and one Sunday off a month starting a few months ago. Her salary is \$50,000 a year and will stay the same, since she's getting that Sunday a month off.

c) Rector Tom Rutherford's last raise was in 2019. If he receives a 3% COLA, it will cost \$3056.23 plus \$550.12 a year in additional pension. There are no payroll taxes for his position.

d) Office Minister Julie Altenbach, Facility Minister Jeremy Adams, Maintenance Minister Kara Altenbach, and Finance Minister Jane Cartelli started their jobs in late 2019, so they weren't being considered for this cost of living adjustment to begin in 2020.

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

a) Those of us who serve in Music Ministry are very glad to welcome some additional singers who are willing to assist in leading music: Valerie Rice at the 9:30 am service, and Debbie Rutherford at 9:30 am and 11 am (returning after a necessary hiatus). Also, Patty Tate will soon be returning to sing with us at the 11 am service. We also continue to be thankful for the singers and instrumentalists who have faithfully been serving for the past many weeks.

b) I'm exploring an interesting book called "Extravagant Worship" by Darlene Zschech, who wrote "Shout to the Lord." Psalm 78 tells us that King David shepherded the people of God with "integrity of heart" and with "skillful hands". Ms. Zschech says: "My heart's desire is that as God searches the earth, he will find me to be an extravagant worshiper". That is the desire of my heart as well, and my prayer for us at Church of the Messiah.



**5. Office Minister** Julie Altenbach reports this month was busy with:

a) Preparing the Messiah's Way Launch

(1) I created a Digital Ministry Fair and put it on our YouTube Channel, as well as running it on the TV in the Narthex and having it run during our services on Sunday.

(2) Preparing copies to be printed for folks that would rather do it that way instead of digitally

(3) I reset the 4 Chromebooks we have to be used for our Messiah Family to sign up for Messiah's Way. I set up tables in the Narthex Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> to help people sign up with the Chromebooks (or with hard copies if they preferred)

b) Called to update any members without an email listed in our directory and if no email was available, added those names to our list of members to have Messengers and announcements mailed to them

c) Handled the hospitality side of the Diocese Conference on Ministry

d) Preparing the funeral reception for Patty Robertson's father, Ed Cortez. The Office Angels called the people who signed up on Messiah's Way to help and coordinated the food, and we set up the Parish Hall. (I was able to buy some pretty plates with the gift card I received for taking part in the marketing phone call with Constant Contact)

e) In preparation for being home after my cancer surgery, I prepared the bulletins and the Messenger going into October. My Office Angels were amazing at helping and being willing to cover for me while I am out of the office

f) I have created a book with all the contact information, how to do the daily and monthly tasks, and general knowledge to run the office. I made a copy so I can work from home and if needed, help the Office Angels if they have questions

g) Thank you for your prayers, love, and support. The Office Angels helped me create a schedule to have someone in the office while I am recovering. I appreciate the people on this ministry team, and truly am blessed by their service.

**C. School for the Arts:** Garine Adams reports:

1. We're doing well going into the coming Fall. Our student numbers are growing by a few each month, and everyone is in gear to have a great concert on December 18<sup>th</sup>.
2. The monthly drum circle has had a consistent handful of folks drumming their worries away each month on the first Fridays at 6:00pm.
3. We are working with the preschool to bring seasonal music classes in the near future.
4. We are excited to announce a new hip hop/jazz dance class in the works. If you know of anyone looking to start learning more about music/art/dance/theater please don't forget to send them our way.

**D. COVID-19 Response:** We launched a new ministry this month: Mail Out Communion to parishioners who are self-quarantining, even from Drive Thru Communion. We contacted everyone we hadn't seen in a while to offer Mail Out, and half a dozen replied they'd like it. We sent them enough individual servings for the rest of this month and let them know we'd continue sending a month's supply at a time, as long as they contact us to ask for it. Mailing the boxes costs about \$4 each. We also picked up some former parishioners who have begun watching us online, and we sent communion to them also. Now we're going to offer it to those who live far away, with the expectation that they'll watch the service and take communion when we get to that part of the liturgy.

**E. Bradford Fisher's ordination process:** Bradford met with the Standing Committee, and they loved him!

**F. Vestry Nominees:** Please come next month with suggestions for folks to invite to stand for election to Vestry in January 2021. We're looking for people who love Jesus and the Messiah family, are active in a ministry in the parish, and demonstrate leadership skills. Tom Rutherford will screen the names for pastoral concerns and to see if they appear to be tithing. He will invite those who qualify to stand for election and to attend vestry meetings to see how we operate.

**G. Insurance:** The end result of the research into a more cost-effective insurance policy for the church was that there is no financial benefit to changing insurance companies. .

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

**A. Funds the Payroll Protection Program freed up for other projects.** While the US government loaned/gave us \$123,000 with the PPP, after covering the back pensions for Deacon Julie, Father Soner, and Children's Minister Angela, and paying the Preschool teachers and our mortgage interest, **it appears we may have \$26,000** of our regular Operating Funds that the PPP freed up. We won't know that for sure, however, until the US government clarifies what the PPP money can be used for and how much of that loan will be forgiven – or how much we will need to give back. In the meantime, 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 October ...or later, when all the numbers get nailed down. In the meantime, a list of the projects the Team is considering – and their costs – were emailed separately.

**B. Media Minister:** COVID-19 has made our online presence more vital than ever. That's won't change when the pandemic passes. Therefore, Tom Rutherford wants to add a part-time Media Minister to the staff.

### **IV. DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month) (2 minutes):**

**A. The roof of the house at 227 North Main Street.** We decided by email communication to contract with Stanley's Roofing for \$9,860 to coat the roof with silicone. The job was completed on September 25<sup>th</sup>. It carries a 10-year warranty.

**B. 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.

1. We discussed several options for it last month:

a) Sell it and use the money for something else.

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.

(3) Volunteer Youth Minister Murph Borno writes: *Having this type of resource would be highly useful when we eventually return to a post SARS-CoV-2 environment. From a youth ministry perspective, having an 8-passenger vehicle would simplify and enhance our ability to do group events away from the church. It would eliminate, or reduce, the number of vehicles and drivers required for events like mission work, fun outings, the Lift-tour, concerts, Soul in the City and Camp Wingmann events. It would also be useful in transporting cargo and other material to local parishioners or others. I would also add that there is potential added benefit for the DART if called upon to respond to a disaster. Cargo space as well as the ability to load people would come in handy, especially post-disaster.*

c) Keep it to give to a parish family in need, when the need arises.

d) The vestry decided to keep the van for the rest of this year and see how much it is used. If it's not used, we will reconsider in January and perhaps sell it. People who drive it will have a driving background check to ensure they're safe drivers.

- C. Father Richard Gonzalez** volunteers 15 hours a week as a non-stipendiary Priest Associate. In return we agreed to pay for his wife's medical insurance until she turns 65 and can receive Medicare in 2021. In a conversation with the Diocesan Administrator Earl Pickett about a separate medical insurance question, Tom Rutherford realized we could bring Richard on staff and pay him the amount of her insurance and call it "Housing Allowance," and it would be tax-free income for Richard. Making this change is revenue-neutral for the parish. The vestry agreed to this change.
- D. Deacon Julie Altenbach's compensation:** The same deal applies to Julie. If we call a portion of her compensation "Housing Allowance," it becomes tax-free income for her, while remaining revenue-neutral for the parish. The vestry agreed to this change.
- E. Cost Of Living Adjustments (COLA) for longtime staff:** After several months of discussion, vestry decided to give Fr. Tom and Angela Lopez a 3% COLA retroactive back to January 1, 2020.

#### **V. MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

##### **A. Minutes from the August meeting: APPROVED**

##### **August Financial Report from Treasurer Bob Tate:**

1. **Operating Account:** Giving in August was \$3,843.57 MORE than expenses. That INCREASES our SURPLUS year-to-date to \$63,452.13.
2. **Building Fund** net income in August was \$8,953.43 MORE than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, DECREASING the DEFICIT year-to-date to \$3,092.08.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk

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## **Messiah's Way**

**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!**

Attendance at the preschool has been slowly increasing as COVID numbers decrease and families feel more comfortable with their children returning to school. I am happy to report that the preschool has not experienced any COVID related illness at all. I believe this is due to the hard work of our wonderful staff and their diligent sanitizing efforts. They are truly the best.

The preschool had the first School Advisory Council Meeting of the school year in September. For the first time, parents were able to attend by Zoom from their homes and offices. This helped us to get many new parents involved. We will continue this even after COVID restrictions are eased so that more parents can attend meetings. Kerry Lewandowski was elected our SAC President again and Natalia Socorro was elected Vice Chair. Missy Cottle volunteered to act as Secretary for the meetings. The committee is off to a great start.

Barbara Ellerbe

## Important Dates

### September 30 & October 1-

Picture Me Perfect Studios will be on campus to photograph the children.

### October 12- Teacher Work Day

No School. Preschool Staff meeting at 9:00 am in the Library

October 21- School Advisory Council Meeting in the Library at 9:00 am

October 30- No School

















# Disney Villains Cooking Camp

October 30, 8:30-3:00 pm

\$20 per participant

Gaston's 5 Dozen Egg Casserole

Gaston's Cinnamon Rolls



Cruella's Mini Corn Dogs

Jay's Seasoned Fries

Mal's Love Spell Cookies

Scar's Prey

Dr. Facilier's Dirty Rice

Wicked Queen's Poison Apples







# ACTIVATE

## YOUTH

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

### Activate Youth Ministry

September was a relatively busy month, filled with fun and engaging Zoom sessions. We plan to continue that posture through September, and see where SARS-CoV-2 trends are in the first weeks of October. We also had a socially distanced, in person, movie night last month in the Parish Hall. 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. There are many people who are struggling mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Please pray with the youth and me that GOD will provide 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 kids, 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**

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### Psalm 139:7-12

Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?  
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.  
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.  
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"  
even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.



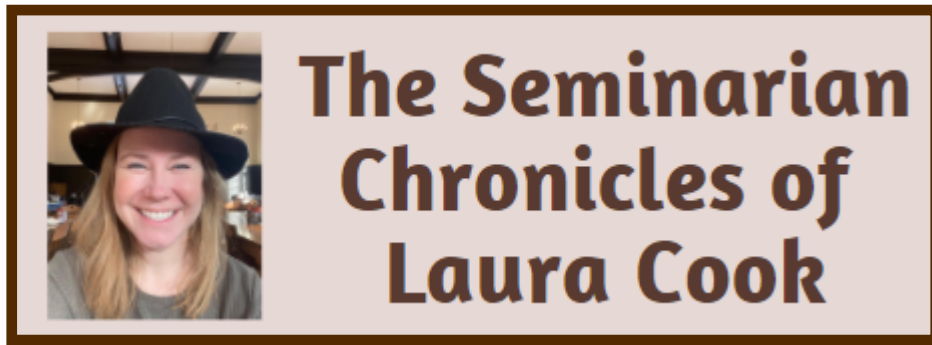
This is a 360° panorama shot of our "campsite" taken 09/19/2020 from the roof of our RV. Terri and I spent three days here – just outside Zion National Park, in southern Utah.

Distances are a little hard to grasp in a picture like this, but those mountains are about ten miles away. As you can see, there is no one and nothing but scrub brush anywhere near us. Yet out here, as in-the-middle-of-nowhere as I've ever been, God is present and God has a plan for us. Not just here, but here and now!

Yesterday afternoon, about a quarter mile from us, a mountain biker had a flat tire. That's not surprising considering the terrain. We offered to help him, of course. He politely declined since he had a spare and a pump. "Well, if you need anything, we're right over there." Turns out, his pump didn't fit his tire. And he's out of water. And it's 100°. And he's camped ten miles away.

When you camp on Federal land like this, you camp just about anywhere. There was no reason for us to be in that location. But God was there. And this biker needed assistance. And we were there...

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to those he would have us serve. We are grateful to, and we praise our God who answers our prayers.



Hello and Greetings from Toronto!

Well y'all I survived a summer in quarantine in Toronto! Classes have started in full swing. Apologies for missing a September update, but life got crazy leading up to school! I had the opportunity to get away with some friends for a camping trip before school started and it was absolutely beautiful-even if it did pour the first night we laid in our tent; but praise the Lord for good strong tents!

I'm officially in my second year of Seminary and one of the newbie's is asking all the questions to ( how is that even possible?!) I have joined ( unofficially as elections have not yet happened) Student Council and helped host our first virtual orientation week which was a success!

I also got the job opportunity to work as the "Floor Don" or Resident Assistant (RA) on the girls' floor this year which is such a daunting task in a pandemic, but one I am excited about as we attempt to build community during such a different year!

I miss you all so very much and am praying for you constantly!

Love,

Laura Cook







This month I've read one marvelous book I borrowed from the Church Library: ***Out of the Salt Shaker & Into the World*** by Rebecca Manley Pippert, and viewed as much of the DVD "***No Safe Spaces***" on my cell as Twitter allowed me to watch. (I have the DVD on order.)

***Out of the Salt Shaker*** really struck a nerve with me. Some of you may know that my "evangelical" style as a teenager and a new believer was to tell my colleagues they were going to Hell if they didn't believe as I did; and for some unfathomable reason, I didn't find this message very effective. (Actually I had been a believer as a child, but for some reason turned away until I was about 16. I think a big part of my problem was anger with God for what He did to Jesus. But I tuned into the Radio Bible Class with M.R. DeHaan, back in the days when there were Christian programs on regular radio on Sunday. There I learned that everything that happened had been prophesied, and that satisfied me at the time. It was YEARS later that the light went on, and I realized that the culprit—the reason for what happened to Jesus—was ME!) So anyway, I was a very reluctant "evangelist" (or thought I was) for a while, though I think even then I had no trouble telling others what God had done for me. And I think I realized that I needed a relationship with people before I could really talk to them. Of course, it helped that the Gospel moved the 18 inches from my brain to my heart! Plus I may have realized that I was only responsible for sowing seed—making it grow was God's job.

Anyway, Mrs. Pippert does a masterful job of demonstrating that "technique" is irrelevant; love is the key, (Ding, ding ding!) And she does provide some reassuring approaches to "letting other beggars know where the Bread is." This should be just as "natural" as discussing anything else instead of being treated as a "duty,"

As for "***No Safe Spaces***," you may not want to watch it. It's pretty scary, showing how the death of freedom of speech has come about in most of our colleges and universities, where students ostracize or even physically assault those that don't agree with their point of view, and get riotous when a speaker is invited to speak who has a different point of view. "Academic Freedom?" Doesn't sound like it to me. And, as I alluded to earlier, I streamed it on SalemNow.com, and was interrupted TWICE by Twitter. The first time I was able to continue, but the second time it went back to the beginning; and being "technologically challenged," I didn't know how to fast forward; so I ordered the DVD, which was also hard (partly because I AM technologically challenged). I tried to order it from Amazon for I'd say an hour, and finally gave up and went back and ordered it from somewhere else. But I was able to view an hour or more, anyway, so I can make a reasonably accurate report about it.

## Church of the Messiah Library

Librarian: Regina Seguin

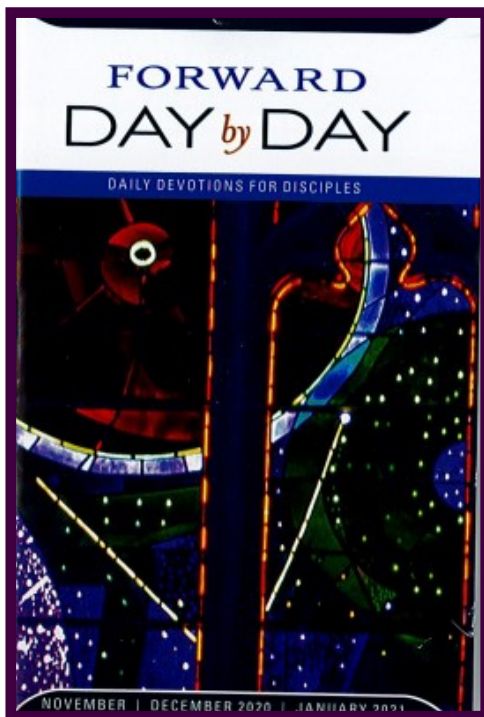
[library@ChurchoftheMessiah.com](mailto:library@ChurchoftheMessiah.com)



Dear Messiah Family,

If you're like me, heading into October this year feels like speeding through a labyrinth - - a coming election, a complicated pandemic, an active hurricane season, the second quarter or an unprecedented school year, and the holidays just over the horizon with travel restrictions still in effect for many places. In difficult times, libraries, like Churches, have often served as safe havens. Libraries are places to take shelter, to escape, to connect, to gain knowledge. A Church library is even better: a place to shelter with, escape with, connect with, and gain knowledge of Jesus. I invite you this season to visit our library and check out an item, particularly if you never have before. We'll have new books this month! If you're not attending Church services in person but feel comfortable visiting the building, the library is open, available and quiet throughout the week. Also please send me your feedback and ideas anytime at [library@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com](mailto:library@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com).

Love,  
Regina



The copies of the Forward Day By Day Devotional Booklets are here. You may pick up a copy in the Narthex or if you would like me to mail you copy, please send an email to:

[office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com](mailto:office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com).

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See her website : [StichesByLeyla.com](http://StichesByLeyla.com)

**LAYWEEDERS**

Dear LAY Weeders,

It's that time of the year again, our fall cleanup. Our fall cleanup will be Saturday, October 17, 8am – 12ish.

Our mission as Lay Weeders is to spruce up the church grounds by taking care of all the landscaping needs except cutting grass and edging.

Please bring yourself, friends, gloves, rakes, trimmers, etc.

Thank you for Volunteering and Hope to see you there.

Attached please find a list of cleanup tasks. It will also be posted on the Tilden St. Doors the day of the cleanup.

God Bless,  
John Peacock  
407-758-2728





## **Operation Christmas Child 2020**

### ***Collection Week: November 16-23, 2020***

Proverbs 11:25

**"A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."**

It's already that time of year! Our gifts and the hope they provide are needed like never before.

Please consider participating in the Operation Christmas Child drive this year if you are in a position to do so.

See below for some changes to this year's process.

#### **Updates to the 2020 Donation Process and NEW Options**

##### **We will NOT be distributing or collecting boxes this year!**

- If you would like an official Operation Christmas Child box, please visit the website to find a pick-up center.
- The plastic shoe boxes are still welcome at the drop-off sites!
- Please visit the website provided below to pay for your shipping label and find a contactless collection site. They will be updating the website as soon as they have confirmed locations and safe, contactless protocols.

[www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box)

##### **NEW THIS YEAR!!**

**Build your box ONLINE!!** Visit the website to select the option to have the Operation Christmas Child team build your box for you OR build one based on your category selections. They will handle the rest! See the back of this flyer for instructions.

[www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/)

# ALTAR FLOWERS

**If you would like to  
reserve a date for  
Altar or Chapel  
flowers,  
please call the office at  
407-656-3218.**

**Altar flowers are \$35  
and Chapel flowers are  
\$25.**

**There are dates  
available, so please  
call to make sure you  
secure the date you  
want.**

## Thanksgiving Baskets

This year we will be offering gift cards and using the food from our Food Pantry to support families at Thanksgiving. If you would like to donate food for these holiday meals such as gravy, boxed potatoes, yams, cranberry, vegetables, etc., please put them in the baskets located by the Food Pantry in the hallway. If you would like to donate money for the gift cards, you may put it in the offering plate with a note designating it for Thanksgiving Baskets, or bring it to the office. Aldi gift cards would also be appreciated.

Please look for more information about how to sign up to receive a food basket for Thanksgiving.

Thank you,

The Outreach Committee





# October



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 MSftA First Friday Drum Circle at 6:00 pm	3 MSftA 11-12 pm
<b>4* Sunday School</b> 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 2:30 Activate Zoom 4pm French Service 5:00 Diving Deeper 4:30 Shine 6:00 Dinner– Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3  <b>BAG SUNDAY</b>	<b>5</b> DRIVE THRU COMMUNION Noon-1:00 pm MSftA 4-8:30pm	<b>6 MSftA</b> 10-11:30 am  Fr. Tom's Day Off	<b>7 MSftA 3:45-5:30</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6– Choir Practice	<b>8</b> MSftA Online Classes Only	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> MSftA 11-12 pm
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<b>18 * Sunday School</b> 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	<b>19</b> DRIVE THRU COMMUNION Noon-1:00 pm MSftA 4-8:30pm 6:30 pm Bible Study (Library)	<b>20</b> MSftA 10-11:30 am  Fr. Tom's Day Off 6:30 Men's Group	<b>21 MSftA</b> 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6– Choir Practice	<b>22</b> MSftA Online Classes Only	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> MSftA 11-12 pm
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# HAPPY Birthday

1– Sheena Haughton  
Caroline Seguin

3– Chuck Grunder

4– Midge Wade

5– Addison Lynn

Bob Somers  
Sarah Wolfe

6– Ken Anders  
Alex Babcock

7– Anida Daniel  
Aiden Morrison  
Tina Sydnor

10– Hector Figueroa  
Kayla Jean

15– Jonsie Dowdy  
Melissa Jamail

16– Janice Hull

18– Shelby Beck

19– Nadia Henry

20– Sam Katulic

21– Tina Buchanan  
Marvens Duverger  
Scott Roberson

22– Leslie Candes  
Menelao Gonzalez

23– Sean McKenna

25– Jane Cartelli  
Pilar Ivory

26– C.W. Abell

27– Becky Fulmer  
Lily Levine

28– Horace Williams  
Jacqueline Williams

29– Jacque Dunegan  
Christopher Lynn

30– Chris Brown  
Pete Glynn

31– Elaina Paige

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6– Winford & Denise Alleyne

Frank & Ellie Chase

7– Ken & Cindy West

17– Travis & Rachel Smith

18– John & Sharon Puchein

21– Peter & Jenna Gold

22– Stuart & Tina Carter  
Larry Kulchar & Livi Fulvi

26– Harry & Janice Hull



**PLEASE PRAY FOR  
EXPECTANT MOTHER  
SHEENA HAUGHTON**

**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	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25	November 1
1st LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Linda Bouton	Frank Chase	Marvin Haughton	Ron Bouton
2nd LEM		Ron Bouton	Ellie Chase	Mary Kay Predmore	Linda Bouton
Lector	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend	Alex Hujik	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
Altar Server	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore	Kayrah Elliot	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/Greeters	Jay Predmore Trudie Carr	Marsha Dymond	Ron Bouton Jay Predmore Joyce Taylor	Cindy West Pete Glynn	Trudie Carr & Jay & Marsha Dymond
LEV Team					
Prayer Intercessor	Wally Stewart	Joyce Taylor	Wally Stewart		Joyce Taylor

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25	November 1
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	Jay Williams
Altar Server	Katy Babcock	Aidan Brandenburg	Francesco Fulvi	Murph Borno	Osni Alexandre
Crucifer					
Torch Bearers					
Ushers/Greeters	Jay & Patti Williams	Jay & Patti Williams, Alex Babcock	Osni, Sophie, Yolwenn Alexandre,	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Jay Williams, Osni, Sophie & Yolwenn Alexandre
LEV Team					
Prayer Intercessor		Susie Marshall		Susie Marshall	

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### Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25	November 1
LEM #1	Vita Mazzaluna	Vita Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth	Helen Farnsworth	Joe Wolfe
LEM #2	Helen Farnsworth		Joe Wolfe	Vita Mazzaluna	Vita Mazzaluna
Lector	Paul Buzzonetti	Joe Wolfe	Paul Buzzonetti	Joe Wolfe	Paul Buzzonetti
Altar Server	Giada Mazzaluna	Yolwenn Alexandre	Sophie Alexandre	Giada Mazzaluna	Yolwenn Alexandre
Usher/Greeter	Mary Katulic	Mary Katulic	Lisa Borst	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic
LEV Team					
Prayer Intercessor					

### Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25	November 1
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		Wendy King

### Readings

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25	November 1
1st Lesson	Exodus 20:1-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm	Psalm 19 BCP 606	Psalm 106:19-23 BCP 743	Psalm 99 BCP 728	Psalm 90 BCP 717	Psalm 34 BCP 627
2nd Lesson	Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	1 John 3:1-3
Gospel	Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46	Matthew 5:1-12



**Happy Birthday  
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one child, one person,  
one family,  
one community at a time.**





