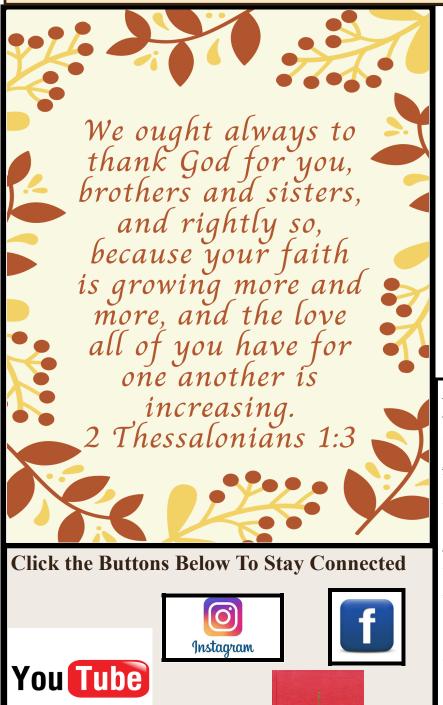
THE MESSENGER November 2020

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Sunday Services:

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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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Building the Parish Family Budget for 2021

Unlike most churches, we don't look at last year's budget and just tweak it for next year.

Nor do we add up all the financial pledges from the Messiah's Way, subtract 10% for those who don't give as much as they say they will, and work from that amount.

No! Instead, our Vestry and Staff plan in faith.

We pray and listen to God for what we discern the Messiah might want to do in his family.

We talk to you, our parishioners, to hear what you think would be wise – or cool! – to do to serve our community and our parish family in the next year.

Then we research what those ideas would legitimately cost.

THAT becomes the First Draft Wish Budget in October.

In early November, the Finance Committee – consisting of the Senior Warden Mary Kay Predmore, Junior Warden Chris Brown, Treasurer Bob Tate, longtime parishioner Don Greer, any Vestry member who wants to help, and me – gathers to look and pray over the Wish Budget to decide what – if anything – we might recommend needs tweaking.

The Finance Committee presents the Wish Budget to the whole Vestry – with the Committee's recommendations – at the November meeting. Vestry discusses the Budget and those recommendations and takes them home to pray over them for a month.

In December – ideally! – the Vestry makes any changes to finalize the Budget and adopts it.

If there is not agreement, we pray for another month and meet in early January to adopt it.

In early January, we publicize the Proposed Budget to you, so you have time to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the numbers and be ready to ask any questions before the Budget is presented at the Parish Annual Meeting, which next year is on Sunday January 24 at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

And then we pray for God to provide, and we give as the Holy Spirit prompts.

Even as we trust God, the Vestry and Staff are frugal with God's money – spending only what seems good to the Holy Spirit and the Vestry.

If we find ourselves in a deficit after several months, and any expense or project is not absolutely necessary, we don't do that project or buy that stuff until the resources appear.

As we pray, listen, and seek to spend wisely and faith-fully, God provides – just as he promises! And, over our history, we've ended almost every year in the black.

And when we haven't, we had savings from previous years with financial surpluses that carried us over.

In our 70 years as a parish family, we have never bounced a check, missed a payment, or even been late with one. God is THAT good!

And when we are faithful to pray and give generously, God is faithful to provide generously for all our needs according to his riches in Christ Jesus in glory (Philippians 4:19).

Please pray for our Vestry, Staff, and Finance Committee as we work through this Budget Season.

Please pray for God to provide.

And in those prayers, if you hear God say, "Give!" Please obey.

I love you all.











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For \$15, Leyla at **Stiches by Leyla**

at 13020 West Colonial Drive in Winter Garden

will embroider this on any piece of clothing you take her.

Tell her Father Tom sent you!

See her website: **StichesByLeyla.com**

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Vestry Minutes * October 25, 2020 @2:30 p.m.

2020 Vestry

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Vestry Door Duty for November 2020

Opener at 7:30am: Joyce Taylor

Closer after 1:00pm: John Peacock

Vestry Meeting Host: Patty Tate

2020 Financial Report

(as of September 2020)

Operating Income......\$513,117.66

Operating Expenses.....<u>\$479,355.59</u>

NET.....\$33,762.07

ALL Building Fund Income....\$109,623.48

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$123,689.86

NET.....(\$14,066.38)

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 September Vestry Minutes Sunday * October 25, 2020, * 2:30pm

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

Absent: Clerk Joyce Taylor (on vacation), Ron Bouton (ill), Brian Seguin (at work)

FORMATION: Christ Brown led Noonday Prayer. Based on Philippians 4:19, Tom Rutherford invited us to talk about how our 2021 Budget will help us change the world with Jesus: one child, one person, one family, ore community at a time.

II. **INFORMATION:**

A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:

- 1. Outreach Team Doreen Stachowski reports
 - a) Faye Hull, Executive Director of the Apopka Pregnancy Care Center went to be with our Lord on Wednesday, October 7th, 2020. Service was held at the Calvary Baptist Church in Winter Garden. If you knew her, you would know how much she loved Jesus and how she shared that love with all of the ladies that visited the Pregnancy Center. She will be missed!
 - b) Angela Lopez is gathering information on how we are going to help with the Angel Tree this year. This ministry is purchasing gifts for the children of parents who are in prison, and sharing God's word and love with them. We will ask the Messiah family to help with buying gifts once we have more information.
 - c) We are still gathering names for the Thanksgiving gift cards for families in need. If you have a suggestion, please let us know as soon as possible. We also help with families from Dillard Street Elementary school.
 - d) The Edgewood Children's Ranch requested gift cards to Wal Mart for the 51 children currently at the home, for Christmas. We have purchased the cards and will be shopping for stockings and other small gifts for them and will deliver in December.
 - e) Joyce Taylor is asking the Foster Friends of Central Florida how we can help the 5 foster girls at Christmas. More to come.
- 2. **Messiah's Way:** Your list of Volunteers will be in your box by Sunday before our meeting. Please touch in with them to thank them for volunteering and to orient them to do their ministry. And then please call them to do the ministry for the next year.

3. B. Staff Reports:

- 1. Children of the Messiah Preschool: Director Barbara Ellerbe reports:
 - a) The preschool is filling up with new and returning students, and income has already started to increase. I hope by January we will be back to normal capacity.
 - b) Everyone at the preschool has remained COVID-free.
 - c) The financial report was emailed separately.
- 2. Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports:
 - (a) Children's Church:
 - (1) I came across a new curriculum and downloaded a free week. It is really fun and has tons of material. They have several series that I have never seen on a variety of topics. The only issues I see are, it's a bit pricey and it is designed for use on a 2 Mac. I spend one afternoon downloading things and reading tutorials on how to convert all of the files. Now that I have everything for one week converted I will see how long it takes me to reformat it into something that fits our time together.

- b) We are wrapping up our Average Pete series and will move on to Pumpkins and Thanks-giving.
- c) I either delivered to their door step or mailed out treats to the kids with a note reminding them that I am praying for them and that I miss them. I try to do something every few weeks either via messenger or email. This month is was popcorn.
- 3. SHINE Kid's Club: We have been working on a series entitled Who God Made You To Be. We use a lot of YouTube to teach us why it matters whom we follow, what we lose from following someone other than Jesus, and how it feels to be judged. We have a few more weeks of this. The kids have been working on a giant YouTube home page that includes who they follow, what it teaches people about them and last week we added what our SHINE friends like most about us and what we like most about ourselves.

4. Conferences:

- a) Last months Rooted conference was great. I have so many notes and have joined a few more groups with children's ministers where we discuss what to do and how to stay positive during the Covid crisis as many of us do not have our regular numbers and have restriction on what we can do.
- b) On October 29 I will be participating in the Youth Pastors Summit. I typically go every year, this year it is virtual. This is mostly to uplift and encourage children and youth leaders and to fill us up with a message so that we have great stuff to pour into our kids.
- 5. I have a Disney Villain themed cooking camp coming up on October 30 since the Orange county kids are off school that day.
- 6. Advent and Christmas plans are moving along. I am hoping to have many families back by that time.
- 7. My 2010 budget request has been sent to Treasurer Bob, Vestry liaison Dawn Wirbel, and Father Tom.

3. Finance Minister Jane Cartelli reports:

- a) The U.S. Government keeps tweaking the rules for the Payroll Protection Program. We're waiting until they solidify before we do anything about applying for forgiveness of the loan.
- b) Back pension for Julie Altenbach cost us \$9,560 and for Angela Lopez was \$2,400. The Church Pension Group has not given us numbers for Soner Alexandre yet.
- c) On the plus side: Since Tom Rutherford has Medicare now, we are not allowed to contribute to his Health Savings Account, which saves us \$1,500 this year.
- d) We got another \$2,600 in Disney matching funds. Thank you, castmembers!

4. Office Minister Julie Altenbach reports:

- a)) My cancer surgery was September 22nd, and I was officially able to return October 9th. (I stopped in a few times in between.) Thank you for the prayers, love, and support. I'm feeling fantastic and so happy to be back full time.
- b) My Office Angels kept things running smoothly while I was recuperating. We are truly blessed to have such amazing people in this ministry.

- c) This month was busy with:
 - (1) Inputting information from Messiah's Way
 - (2) Checking in with people either by phone, or email if they turned in Messiah's Way last year, but have not done so yet this year
 - (3) Assisting with preparing for Ladies' Night Out
 - (4) Continuing to mail Communion to people who request it and check on our Messiah Family that are continuing to join us online
 - (5) Advertising and uploading Diving Deeper Videos
 - (6) Created a Diving Deeper Groups Page on Facebook for anyone who wants to participate in Diving Deeper throughout the week (Especially our people who are not able to join live on Sunday evenings)

5. School for the Arts: Garine Adams reports:

- a) Before I get to the report, I've been wanting to tell you how thankful I am to be part of the Messiah family. The people are so kind, patient, and understanding.
- b) We've been doing really well overall with Messiah School for the Arts. Our numbers are growing, and people are leaving our classes and lessons with a smiles. Our youth band has performed for two services at our church already, and we plan to keep it up.
- c) MSftA stats: 535 lessons, 29 unique students, 19 currently active students, 22 classes, 2 concerts (3rd in December), 2 ensemble performances, \$1372.87 spent in scholarships for a total of 104 scholarship lessons and 5 classes (youth band).
- d) Upcoming: The videos we've been planning are coming along and should be ready to start recording in the coming weeks. We're starting a weekly dance class taught by our very own Isabella Eaton in November as well as a monthly kids' art class held on the second Saturday of each month.
- C. **THANK YOU!** Patty Tate expressed a hearty THANK YOU!" to Staff members Barbara Ellerbe, Angela Lopez, Jeremy and Garine Adams, Jane Cartelli, and Julie Altenbach for their extra-effort that has carried us through the pandemic and kept us actively serving our parishioners and community.

D. COVID-19 Response:

- 1. We began posting Diving Deeper (Tom Rutherford's one-year look at the Old Testament) on our FaceBook and YouTube pages on Sunday evening. We would live stream it as well, but it begins before the French service ends, and we can't live stream two programs at the same time. A dozen folks are attending in-person, and we've had 300 viewers per week online.
- 2. Until 2 weeks ago, there were only two French Episcopal worship services online: ours and one from Haiti. The Haitian Church resumed in-person worship and stopped posting their service online. The number of folks watching our service immediately doubled from 1,000 to 2,000! Soner's a Rock Star! He's not been publicizing ways for his online community to give financially in the past, but he's going to start doing that in November.
- E. **Bradford Fisher's ordination process:** Bradford is doing his Field Education (like we did for Rusty Hazelrigg and Nancy Dushenski this past year) at the Episcopal Church of St John The Baptist in Washington Shores in Orlando. He starts that on the 1st Sunday of Advent (November 29) and will be away from us through Pentecost (May 23, 2021). He's scheduled to be ordained a deacon in September 2021.
- **F. Vestry Nominees:** Current Vestry members suggested 15 people to invite to stand for election to Vestry for 2021-2023. 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. The roof of the house at 227 North Main Street was coated on September 25th. It leaked once after a downpour, and Stanley Roofing came and fixed a 3-inch gap where a seam had popped. The house stayed dry for a week, and then leaked again. Mr. Stanley came back with a manufacturer's rep of the coating they used, and discovered they needed to use a different metal for the flashing. Stanley replaced the flashing, and the roof has not leaked in the week since then, in spite of several days of rain. If it stays dry another week, we'll go to work repairing the ceiling inside the house. The job cost \$9,860 and carries a 10-year warranty.
- H. 2021 Budget Requests: Staff has turned in their budget requests. If you have not turned yours in yet, please email them ASAP to Bob Tate and Tom Rutherford. Bob will compile all the requests into a First Draft Wish Budget. The Finance Committee will meet soon to look at the Wish Budget, which it will present to you at our November meeting with their recommendations of what to tweak. We'll discuss the Budget in November and (ideally) adopt it in December, so we can publicize it to the congregation in January.

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

- **A.** Payroll Protection Program money. Though we know how much the Government loaned us (\$123,000), we still don't know how much of that if any we may have to pay back, since the rules for the PPP continue to evolve. When those rules solidify, we'll know if the PPP frees up any money for other projects, and if so, how much. Maybe next month.
- **2021 Diocesan Convention Delegates:** Convention is Saturday February 6 and all online. In addition to all our clergy, we need 3 lay delegates (and up to 3 lay alternate delegates), one of which is supposed to be a member of the Vestry. Junior Warden Chris Brown volunteered. Tom Rutherford will recruit our other delegates and nominate them for us to elect next month.
- IV. <u>DECISIONS</u> (usually based on the Discussion last month): Dying trees on the Tilden Street side of the campus: Wally Stewart got bids for taking out or trimming the two dying trees next to the Tilden Street entrance.
 - 1, To remove them, grind the stumps flush with the ground, and haul off the debris was \$4,000.
 - 2. To trim off only the limb that threatens the library and haul off the debris was \$1,000 from one company and \$375 from Mark's Tree Service.
 - 3. Vestry agreed to ask Mark to take down the offending limb.

V. <u>MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT – (10 MINUTES)</u>:

- A. Minutes from the last month's meeting: APPROVED.
- B. Last month's Financial Report from Treasurer Bob Tate: APPROVED
 - 1. **Operating Account**: Giving last month was \$29,690.06 LESS than expenses. That DE-CREASES our SURPLUS year-to-date to \$33,762.07... which is still light-years ahead of the \$60,000 deficits we've had in October year for the past 10 years!
 - 2. **Building Fund** net income last month was \$10,974.30 LESS than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, INCREASING the DEFICIT year-to-date to \$14,066.38.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer at 3:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Senior Warden,

Mary Kay Predmore

Acting as Clerk in Joyce Taylor's absence.





This past month, we were able to have Picture Me Perfect studios come and photograph the children. They always do a wonderful job for us and we loved being able to have them back on campus. The month of October will end with the classes having individual Fall Parties in celebration of All Saint's Day. We also welcomed Garine Adams on the 23re if this who held an outdoor dancing/music class. She will be back on December 18th. Sadly, due to COVID, we were unable to plan our Fall Festival this year. We can't wait for next year's celebration!

In November, we will celebrate Thanksgiving in our individual classrooms. Each teacher is making plans for a special celebration in their classrooms.

Barbara Ellerbe

Important Dates

Wednesday, November 18th-

@ 9:15- SAC Meeting in the Library and on Zoom.

Thursday & Friday, November

21&22 @ 11:00 am- Classroom Thanksgiving Feasts

November 23-27—Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving







WELCOME TO THE FAMILY TO THE FAMILY

We are excited to have Hazen Jones join us for Children's Church!



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Kaitlyn and
Mckenna
wear the
cutest masks
to church!



Are you ready for an ADVENTure?



Would your family like to take an adventure this Advent?

Sign up for Christmas in box and I will gather all the supplies and devotions needed to enjoy 4 weeks of family fun!

The boxes will be ready for pick on Nov. 29th at Drive Through Communion or church. You may also pick them up on Monday the 30th at drive through or in the office.

Please email or see me to let me know you would like one and I will have it labeled and prepared for your family!

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Fall Events

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We're starting a weekly dance class taught by our very own **Isabella Eaton in** November as well as a monthly kids' art class held on the second Saturday of each month. Activate and Shine students get free entry to most of our group classes, but please email Garine Adams to reserve a spot. Sibling and family member discounts available as well.

MSftA Concert on December 18th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall (Livestreamed for the safety of everyone)

This concert features our students and teachers at MSftA doing what we love; playing music, dancing, and painting. We will have a gallery of our art students' works and an artist painting live throughout the evening of music and dance.

We are asking everyone participating to please wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines.

God's Peace, Garine Adams

> Weekly - Dance Class: Hip Hop in Parish Hall at COTM Ages: Middle School/Upper Elementary (parental discretion) Mondays from 3:30-4:30pm Starting in November \$12 per class or \$40 per month

Monthly - Second Saturday Art: Fall
Ages: Elementary
November 14th 10-11am in Youth Hall at COTM
\$12 per person



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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

October was an exciting month, filled with fun and engaging zoom sessions. It is amazing how inventive we have gotten in finding different games and activities to do virtually. The youth enjoyed watching Napoleon Dynamite at our socially distanced, in person, movie night in the Parish Hall. I was quite impressed with some of the positive takeaways they perceived in the story. We are also getting ready to start watching episodes of The Chosen, a multi-series drama about the life of Christ. A warm welcome to Katie, who joined us last month!! 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 I, 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 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



Please feel free to contact me anytime!

Grace and Peace

Murph Borno

Activate Youth Minister



The Seminarian Chronicles of Laura Cook

Hi all once again from the Great (not quite yet white) North!!

It's definitely fall here and with that has come some cooler weather and lots of Zoom classes! Classes are all online right now so we've spent some time building our little in person community and loads of time sitting in front of our computers. Toronto has gone back into shut down as of this writing so I'm really thankful for the friends up here for making it a much more enjoyable experience.

I was voted Vice President of Community at Wycliffe this year, so with Student Council we've been taking on all kinds of projects in order to build community and stay connected through COVID and our second lockdown.

I miss you all so much and am still thankful for livestreamed services! It makes it feel a little bit like home every Sunday, and for that I am extremely thankful.

Love and miss you all!

Laura







Dear Messiah Family,

On display in the library this month you will find a selection of books on dealing with difficult times -- from social unrest to ill health to personal grief and sorrow. Some of the featured books are new to our collection. Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament by Mark Vroegop won the Evangelical Christian Publishers' Association's Christian Book of the Year Award. Bishop Michael Curry's newest book, Love is the Way: Holding On To Hope in Troubling Times is a timely offering from the Episcopal Church leader. There are books of prayer and devotions on this theme as well. My prayer for you is that you will find something in our library that speaks to your own needs and helps bring you God's comfort. Please continue to pray for our library, that it may provide for the enjoyment and enlightenment of every one in our parish family.

Love, Regina



I read one book and watched one of two DVDs this month. The book was <u>Courageous Parenting</u> by Jack and Deb Graham, and the 2-DVD set was <u>Amazing Grace</u>: The Stories, Music and Words of America's Most Beloved Hymns.

The book, <u>Courageous Parenting</u>, was filled with common sense and sound Biblical principles for parenting from the womb to the adult stage. Their point is that a strong, Christ-honoring family begins with a committed marriage relationship and that, like the marriage vows, the parenting is forever; it just assumes different roles at different stages; and, like marriage. parenting is more about relationship than rules, mirroring our relationship with the Lord Jesus. And the bottom line is that the process should be filled with joy and laughter and a minimum of rules (though obviously there are <u>basic</u> rules that must be enforced faithfully). The objective is to train your children to choose the right for themselves, because that is what their heart tells them, which must be Spirit directed. And typically, they speak of parents who have bemoaned the fact that "all they could do now was pray," when in reality that is the MOST important thing they can do for their children (or themselves). The book brought back tender memories for me, also, of how my parents dealt with me. I always knew they were in my corner and cheering for me. God couldn't have blessed me with better parents.

I'm still "a work in progress" where my DVD player is concerned. Consequently I let too much time elapse after viewing the first DVD of <u>Amazing Grace</u>, and when I went to watch the second one, I not only couldn't start it; I couldn't even get the DVD back out so I could view it on my laptop! O well.... At least I can report that I absolutely <u>loved</u> the first one which featured "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," and "It Is Well With Thy Soul," among others. The stories <u>and</u> the performances were enormously inspiring, and I can't wait to have Kathryn (my nephew Doug's wife) put me on track again so I can see the rest.



In lieu of my monthly in person Dementia Support Group I will be producing articles in the Messenger to assist family and caregiver in recognizing early stages of Dementia. It is my hope these articles will help in caring for and understanding Dementia. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need any clarifications.

How many times have we said to our parents and grandparents "you just asked me that question' or 'The key is in your pocket.' How often have we given them that crazy look when they said, 'I have not had anything to eat for the day', when you know you both had lunch together. "I got lost I could not find my way to your house' but, mom you drove to my house three days ago. Are we dismissing these issues as signs of 'old age' or are we paying attention to the frequency with which they occur? While not always the case these occurrences can be signs of early stage Dementia.

Dementia is defined as a loss of mental ability severe enough to interfere with normal activities of daily living. It lasts for more than six months, not present since birth, and not associated with a loss or alteration of consciousness. Dementia is one of the major causes of disability and dependency among older people worldwide. It can be overwhelming, not only for the people who have it, but also for their caregivers and families.

There are three stages of Dementia. The first stage, which is usually overlooked, can include forgetfulness, getting lost even when going to familiar places and losing track of time. The second stage is usually more noticeable and includes forgetting recent events, behavior changes, inability to communicate clearly, and needing assistance with personal care. The third and last stage is the late stage of dementia which is one of near total dependence and inactivity. The physical sign become more obvious, your love one may have difficulty walking, and may need increasing assistance with their daily activities. There may be become very aggressive both verbally and physically, especially since at this stage they may have difficulty in recognizing relatives and friends. Wandering is also very common in late stage Dementia.

Dementia is a disease which can be very difficult for patients who have no idea what is happening to them, and it is no easier for caregivers who have to accept or understand what is happening to their love ones. It is often referred to as the long goodbye, or the slow funeral, because the displacement and detachment of the victim from normal daily life is so powerful.

The impact of dementia on caregivers, family and society at large can be physical, psychological, social, and economic. Often a lack of awareness and understanding of dementia, which results in stigmatization and barriers to diagnosis and care. In my next article I will discuss steps family members and care givers should take if they suspect their loved one may be in the early stages of dementia.



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14TH ANNUAL
LADIES' NIGHT OUT
NOVEMBER 5, 2020
FROM 6-9 PM
IN OUR PARISH
HALL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
OF FOOD,
DOOR PRIZES,
AND SHOPPING WITH LOCAL VENDORS
AN ONLINE SILENT AUCTION
WILL BE OFFERED THROUGHOUT
THE EVENING.

Masks are required and social distancing will be observed.



RESCHEDULED

Dear LAY Weeders,

Do to a conflict in Harry's schedule and the leaves are not falling as expected, I am rescheduling our fall cleanup for **Nov**, **14 2020**, 8am – 12ish.

I will be sending out a reminder the closer we get to the date.

Sorry for the mix up and hope you can all make it on Nov. 14, 2020.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you and God Bless,

John Peacock





Please take some time this month
to write a note to our clergy and staff to share
a special memory or story you have of them.
A handwritten note will help them know how much
they are appreciated. Please encourage
your children to participate as well.
You can find a list of the clergy
and staff on our website at
www.ChurchOfTheMessiah.com
Go to the Welcome Tab, then click Staff.
You can mail notes to
241 North Main Street
Winter Garden, Fl 34787



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

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/



November



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1* 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 5:00 Diving Deeper 4:30 Shine 6:00 Dinner- Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3 BAG SUNDAY	2	3	4	5	6MSftA First Friday Drum Circle at 6:00 pm	7 MSftA 11-12 pm
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15 * 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	16 DRIVE THRU COMMUNION Noon-1:00 pm MSftA 4-8:30pm 6 PM Daughter's of the King Meeting in Library	17 MSftA 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off	18 MSftA 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study (library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6- Choir Practice	19 MSftA Online Classes Only	20	21 MSftA 11-12pm Alzheimer's Support Group 4:30 in the library
22 * 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	23 DRIVE THRU COMMUNION Noon-1:00 pm MSftA 4-8:30pm 6:30 pm Bible Study (Library)	24 MSftA 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off 6:30 Men's Group	25 MSftA 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study (library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6- Choir Practice	26 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 MSftA 11-12 pm
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Happy Birthday

2– Lamar Powers
Debbie Rutherford

3– Julie Altenbach

4– Sherri O'Brien

5- Soner Alexandre

5– Elijah Roberson

6– Lynn Passilla

7– Linda Ellison

8- Joshua Lopez

10– Steve Borst

Stuart Carter

Bailey Imes

William Pearce

12-John Peacock

13- Ellie Chase

Doreen Stachowski

14- Derek Cho-Sam

Amy Eiden

15– Nathan McRae

Sean Wise

16- Susan Kiehm

Johanna Watson

17– Bibi Cho-Sam

Jean-Abner Dubic

18– George Daniel

Alexa Jean-Giles

20- Laird-Michael Hinz

Erin Hinz

21– Ron Bouton

Minette Roberson

Ashley West

22– Violet Eaton

Rodger Watson

Chelsea Wilkinson-Borno

23– Victoria Eaton

24 Sophie Alexandre

Kathy Quesenberry

27– Donna McGarvey

30– Isma Davidson

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16- Tom & Dawn Wirbel

19- Jay & Marsha Dymond

23- Brian & Erin Hinz

27- Frank & Nancy Kolski



Sheena and Terrell welcomed their daughter, Phoenix, into the world on October 14th.

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	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
1st LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Frank Chase	Frank Chase		Ron Bouton
2nd LEM		Ellie Chase	Ellie Chase	Mary Kay Predmore	Linda Bouton
Lector	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend	Alex Hujik	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/Greeters	Jay Predmore Trudie Carr	Marsha Dymond Jay Predmore	Jay Predmore Joyce Taylor	Cindy West Pete Glynn	Trudie Carr & Jay & Marsha Dymond
LEV Team					
Prayer Intercessor	Wally Stewart	Joyce Taylor		Wally Stewart	Wally Stewart

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
1st LEM	Mary Lynn Levine	Kelsey Beck	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck	Mary Lynn Levine
2nd LEM		Stacey Beck		Kelsey Beck	Susie Marshall
Lector	Dawn Wirbel	Jay Williams	Jay Williams		Jay Williams
Altar Server	Osni Alexandre	Chelsea Borno	Katy Babcock	Aidan Brandenburg	Francesco Fulvi
Crucifer					
Torch Bearers					
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Jay & Patti Williams, Alex Babcock	Osni, Sophie, Yolwenn Alexandre,	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Jay Williams, Osni, Sophie & Yolwenn Alexandre
LEV Team					
Prayer					

Sunday Servants11:00

11:00 Service	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
LEM #1	Joe Wolfe	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna		Helen Farnsworth
LEM #2	Vita Mazzaluna				
Lector	Paul Buzzonetti	Joe Wolfe	Helen Farnsworth	Joe Wolfe	Paul Buzzonetti
Altar Server	Yolwenn Alexandre	Sophie Alexandre	Giada Mazzaluna	Yolwenn Alexandre	Sophie Alexandre
Usher/Greeter	Mary Katulic	Mary Katulic	Lisa Borst	Kelley & Richard McRae	Mary Katulic
LEV Team					
Prayer Intercessor					

Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
LEM	Marvin Haughton	Marvin Haughton	Marvin Haughton	Kathy Quesenberry	Kathy Quesenberry
Lector	Valery Rice	Cara Adams	Kathy Quesenberry	Valery Rice	Wendy King
Altar Server					
Usher/Greeter					
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King		Wendy King		Wendy King

Readings

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	November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
1st Lesson	Revelation 7:9-17	Joshua 24:1:-3a, 14-25	Judges 4:1-7	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm	Psalm 34 BCP 627	Psalm 78:1-7 BCP 694	Psalm 123 BCP 780	Psalm 100 BCP 729	Psalm 80 BCP 702
2nd Lesson	1 John 3:1-13	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46	Mark 13:24-37

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS

Proud Grandmother, Deborah Townsend reported that her grandchildren recently decided to love their neighbors in a wonderful way. Her granddaughter, four year old Sariyah came up with the idea to cook food and take it to feed people at Lake Eola. She told her parents, Denecia and Tevin Morrison and they thought it was a great idea. With the help of her brothers, Aiden, aged 7 and Dominick, aged 2, the family prepared mac & chesse, green beans and chicken. Sariyah insisted they make cake so the recipients could enjoy desert. The family took the food and served people on Saturday, October 3rd. Deborah is thankful to God for the guidance of the grandchildren's parents and their teaching from Church of the Messiah, to change the world for Jesus one community at a time.





Dominick passed out Gatorade.

Aiden passed out meals.



