

THE MESSENGER

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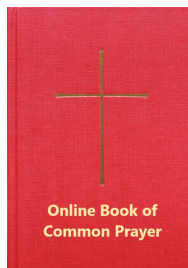
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Beloved,
Let us
Love
one another

1 John 4:7

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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)

5:00 pmDiving Deeper Bible
Study with Father Tom Rutherford

7:00 pm.....Casual Communion

Wednesday Service:

10:00 amCasual Communion

11:00 am Bible Study

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*From the
Rector*



Beloved, let us love one another.

1 John 4:7

We've spent a year now evading a virus: staying home and apart from people, hiding behind masks, and slathering on sanitizer.

The Good News is: Very few of us in the Messiah family have gotten COVID. Only two were sick enough to go to the hospital, and they got well! No one caught it at Church, and – best of all – though some of us have lost loved ones to the pandemic, no one in our parish family has died.

All that prayer seems to be working!

The Bad News is: It ain't over yet. And, even with folks getting vaccinated by the millions, we don't know when the pandemic will pass.

So what do we do now?

"Beloved, let us love one another."

We're loving God in our in-person and online worship, and those of us physically attending are waving and speaking at the Peace and before and after the liturgy.

There are, however, still a bunch of us not ready to come back to Church in-person, and some of us still not willing even to emerge from our shelter. And the isolation is wearing us down.

"Beloved, let us love one another."

Let's work on ways to interact again – not with the whole congregation as we watch online worship, or even posting comments during the service – but touching in – figuratively speaking, of course! – with each other emotionally, spiritually, and personally.

"Beloved, let us love one another."

If you're missing your Messiah family or anyone in it, call that person on the phone, text them, email them, or write them a note, card, or – gasp! – a letter.

If you don't know their phone number or their email or physical address, call the parish office, and we'll hook you up.

"Beloved, let us love one another."

Make a date to meet outside somewhere. We live in Florida! We can do "outside" all year round!

Meet for a walk on the West Orange Trail or at the Oakland Nature Preserve, or for laps around the retention pond across Tilden Street from Church.

Meet for a meal, drink, or ice cream at an outside eatery.

"Beloved, let us love one another."

When Lent rolls around – on February 17 – sign up for a ZOME Group, which is like a Home Group, except done as a ZOOM video conference. There will be in-person ZOME Groups at Church on the Sundays in Lent at 9:30 and 11am and at 6pm, and online in the comfort of your own home several other times a week. DETAILS COMING SOON!

"Beloved, let us love one another."

The pandemic has pushed us apart long enough. It's time to reconnect and encourage one another, pray with and for one another, and laugh and weep with one another.

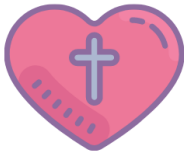
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I love you ALL!

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Small Group Opportunities

Lenten Zome Group Formation Series



- Want to build stronger relationships with others in the Messiah Family?
- Want to spend more time in the Word?
- Want to do both at the same time?

**February 21st - March 28th @ 9am, 11am, & 4:30pm
OR Whenever Works for YOU if you would like to lead!
In the Library or Parish Hall with Zoom-in Option**

Zome Groups are 5-12 people sharing life in conversation and discussing the Chewing on our Daily Bread questions from the Sunday Bulletin. See the From the Rector article in the Messenger for more details.

EVERYONE is invited! Spend time exploring the Word and getting to know other parishioners over the 6 weeks of Lent.

If you would like to lead or host a Zome group, please contact
TomRutherford@ChurchofTheMessiah.com or
VitaMazzaluna@ChurchofTheMessiah.com

Calling all Young Adults, 18 to 30-ish

Are you looking for a church group designed just for you? Do you have FOMO? Need Adulting 101? Are you wondering where God is in your life? Stress no more! Let's open the door to more...friends, faith, fun!



What? Launch – A new Young Adults group at COTM

When? Friday Evenings in Lent at 7pm

Where? Initially at church, but we can explore new locations in the future

Why? Christ wants us to be together, even if we wear masks and distance ourselves and really...aren't you ready to be a tiny bit social again??

Who? All of you and this new lady – Laura Buckner

Need more info? Call 352-630-3869 or email: Lgb94@yahoo.com

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Opening Prayer

Father Tom opened meeting with prayer.

Election of Secretary

Mary Kay Predmore was appointed recording Secretary.

Vestry Election There are four vacated Vestry positions and four candidates to be considered for election. Candidates for consideration are: Marci Babione, Steve Borst, Ron Lancioni and Sarah Wolfe. Father Tom called for nominations from the floor and there were none. The four candidates presented were elected by acclamation.

Retiring Vestry members are: John Peacock, who was the organizer for Lay Weeders and will continue in that ministry. Mary Kay Predmore, who has assumed the position of Central Scheduling. Patty Tate sings in the Worship Band and will continue as head of the Kitchen Krewe. Dawn Wirbel sings in the choir and is on Altar Guild.

Ministry Reports and Questions

Fr. Tom called attention to the various Ministry Reports contained in the 2020 Annual Report and fielded questions from the floor. Fr. Tom gave thanks to all staff ministers and volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

Presentation of 2020 Budget

Treasurer Bob Tate presented the 2021 Budget as contained in the 2020 Annual Report and fielded questions from the floor. The GOOD NEWS is that Church of the Messiah had a great year. Operating income stayed ahead of Operating Expenses, and we ended the year with an Operating Surplus of \$23,188.69.

Closing Prayer

Fr. Tom closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm

Respectfully submitted

Mary Kay Predmore

Recording Secretary

Annual Parish Meeting



Annual Parish Meeting



Go to:
<https://www.youtube.com/c/churchofthemessiahwg>
or click here to see
the COTM video
of 2020 and the Annual Parish Meeting



Vestry Minutes * January 24, 2021 @2:30 p.m.

2020 Vestry

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Vestry Door Duty for February

Opener at 7:30am: Wally Stewart

Closer after 1:00pm: Wendy King

Vestry Meeting Host: Wendy King

2020 Financial Report

(as of December 2020)

Operating Income.....\$674,685.30

Operating Expenses.....\$650,348.42

NET.....\$24,336.88

ALL Building Fund Income....\$157,901.10

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$166,287.15

NET.....(\$8,386.05)

Next month the updated Vestry
Members and contact information
will be included in the Messenger.
Thank you for serving on our Vestry,

Marci Babione

Steve Borst

Ron Lancioni

Sarah Wolfe

And thank you to our retiring Vestry
Members; **John Peacock, Mary Kay
Predmore, Patty Tate and
Dawn Wirbel**

2020 January Vestry Minutes
Sunday * January 24, 2021, * 2:30pm

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

Absent: Brian Seguin (at work) and Junior Warden Chris Brown (volunteering at a charity event)

I. **FORMATION:** John Peacock led Noonday Prayer, based on Psalm 126:3-4, Tom Rutherford invited us to share How God has touched us through our time on Vestry and how our Vestry time made us a better "Me."

II. **INFORMATION:**

A. **Vestry Ministry Team Reports:** See Annual Report

B. **Staff Reports:**

1. **Children of the Messiah Preschool:** The Financial Report was emailed separately.

2. **Finance Minister** Jane Cartelli reports:

- a) We were happy to learn the Small Business Administration has changed the forgiveness requirements on our Payroll Protection Program loan. We are now permitted to submit the forgiveness application on the EZ form and sign for forgiveness on the basis of Fr Tom's word – and if Fr Tom's word is not good enough, it's ok because we also have to hold on to the records for 6 full years in case they want to double check us in the future. The banks have not yet released the PPP forgiveness applications for loans above \$50 and under \$150,000 so that will probably happen in February. I submitted an EZ application for a \$46,000 PPP loan at the company I work for full time, and my employer received full forgiveness within two weeks of submitting the application. Each bank is different in their responses, and our bank at COTM is slower than many, but everything happens in God's time and we can be patient.
- b) We have no intention of submitting an application for the 2nd round of PPP loans. We are not in need at this time. God has been very good to COTM and our income in 2020 disqualifies us from the 2nd round.
- c) Are you experiencing delays in the US Mail? My daughter's Christmas presents have been 'in route, arriving late' to Maryland for over a month. Several of our vendors have been getting our payments late despite being mailed in plenty of time. To abate this issue, we are now using electronic payments for vendors who accept payment in that manner.
- d) Our Mortgage company, does not accept electronic payment. We only receive the monthly invoice within 7 days of the due date, sometimes less. To ensure the mortgage is always paid on-time, I or my husband bring the COTM mortgage payment to a branch of Center State each month. COTM has never paid a mortgage late and God willing, we never will.
- e) The Diocese requires we pay pensions to any employee who regularly works over 1000 a year after they have regularly worked that amount for a full year. On September 15, 2021 Jeremy Adams will have worked a full year regularly scheduled, over 1000 a year, and we will add him to the Pension Plan.
- f) I have been working with Office Minister Deacon Julie Altenbach on Zoom and together we have been exploring the steps to automate more features in Servant Keeper for email of statements. All annual statements will be emailed no later than January 31st. If you do not have an email listed with COTM your statement will be snail-mailed to you by the end of this month.

3. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:

- a) First of all, I want to extend a HUGE thank you to Father Tom, the rest of the staff, and the Vestry for following the Lord's call to my placement as the Media Minister. I am very excited to put my skill set to use helping to grow our Messiah Family as well as to provide support to the other staff members, allowing them to focus more on their particular call to serve.
- b) I have been dabbling in desktop publishing/design since middle school and added freelance web design to the mix about 5 years ago. I'm basically an office systems nerd and am excited to apply those passions to the work I will do for Messiah.
- c) First up to bat, I am already working to update the website within the current Worship Times platform. However, our longer-range goal is to migrate the website to a more user friendly platform. The current platform really requires that someone has web design background and experience or has the time to really learn how to use it, it is not intuitive. But there are many platforms out there that are much simpler to use and intuitive AND that offer more features. I will be spending some time compiling a feature "wish list" from various staff members and then will begin to hunt! Of course, balancing the cost will be at the top of the list.

C. COVID-19 Response: Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna will livestream the Annual Meeting this afternoon, and Deacon Julie Altenbach will be online to pass on any questions or comments people post during the meeting on FaceBook.

D. Annual Meeting is January 24 at 5:30pm. Wendy King will tell us what we need to do for set up. "Retiring" members John Peacock, Mary Kay Predmore, Patty Tate, and Dawn Wirbel will count ballots, if we have any nominations from the floor for the election.

E. In-House Vestry Retreat in the Parish Hall is this Friday and Saturday, January 29-30. We begin Friday with supper at 6pm and will be done by 9pm. We pick up Saturday morning at 9am and will end by 1pm.

F. Virtual Diocesan Convention is Saturday February 6. Our Lay Delegates are Anthony Beckford, Chris Brown, and Janice Hull. Our Alternate Lay Delegates are Laura Cook and Mary Kay Predmore. All of our clergy are Clergy Delegates. Please pray for our diocese and our delegates. Tom Rutherford is a nominee for Standing Committee, which is a council of advice to the Bishop.

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

A. The Christmas Offering was \$7,066.91. Last year we used it to replace the parish hall kitchen floor. We discussed using it this year for expenses on the Maintenance Day February 20.

B. 2020 Surplus: The Yearend Operating Fund surplus was \$23,188.69. The Yearend Building Fund deficit was \$8,324.42, for a combined NET of \$14,864.27. We discussed several options, including prepaying on the mortgage or applying some to the Apprentice Rector.

IV. DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month): None

V. MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:

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 \$11,239.92 LESS than expenses. That DECREASED our 2020 SURPLUS to \$23,188.69. Still not too shabby!
- 2. **Building Fund** net income last month was \$10,719.37 MORE than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, DECREASING the DEFICIT year-to-date to \$8,324.42.

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 3:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk

CASSEROLE PATROL

If you are home recovering from an illness or injury, or welcoming a new baby to your family, the Casserole Patrol Ministry would like to bless you with a meal or meals. We have soups, casseroles and quiches in the freezer ready to deliver. If you, or someone you know, could be blessed by this ministry, please call the church office and let us know.

Messiah's Missionaries



**Changing the
world for Jesus:
one child,
one person,
one family,
one community at
a time.**

**Chuck and Deborah Grunder visited St. Paul Church of Epleyanna
in Davis, Illinois on January 3, 2021.**

**If you visit another church, please put your name on the bulletin
and put it in Julie's mailbox, or email the information to**

Office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

CHILDREN
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10 MONTHS -
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OUR
FOUNDATION

CURRICULUM

Registration for returning students
begins February 1.

Registration for new students begins on
February 8.

Jesus said, "let the little children come to
me, and do not hinder them for the
Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as
these.."

- Frog Street Curriculum
- Conscious Discipline
- Art, Music, and chapel are
included

CONTACT US:

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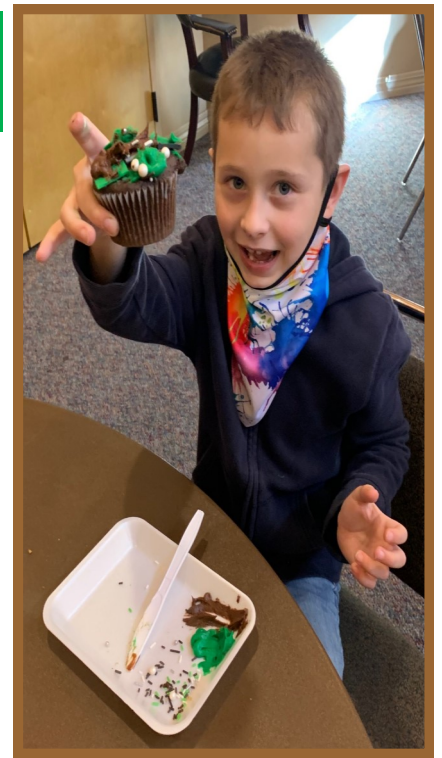


School's Out



When school is out, we hang out! Watch out for the next themed hang out day over spring break!

Minecraft Day Camp





ACTIVATE

YOUTH

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

It was a true blessing that we were able to do an in person event at Tucker Ranch in Winter Garden. Being able to see each other, and spend time in communion with God and one another, is something we all sorely miss. I must say, that my soon to be 58 year old body still kept up with the youth in our capture the flag/dodge ball game (but not so much for the 3 day recovery afterward). Mary Kay kicked everyone's tail BTW!! The group finally got a chance to meet Katie in person, which was awesome. There are two new volunteers in the youth program, Alexis Whitted and Tom Bruckner. We are so happy to have them as part of the ministry team! We continue to have weekly zoom meetings, and are still learning, laughing and growing together in our relationship with Jesus. Looking to start a visitation rotation for those who have not been able to get out, taking one or two youth at a time for short outdoor, masked visits. The intent is to share a little love and hope. There are many people who are struggling mentally, emotionally and spiritually. We will endeavor to serve and minister to them in safe and loving ways. Please pray with the youth and me, that people will have faith that GOD will provide courage, strength and peace as he leads us through the valley ahead. 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





What are Daughters of the King (DOK)?

The Order of the Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church, churches in communion with it, or churches in the historic episcopate but not in communion with it. Our membership currently includes women in the Anglican, Episcopal, Lutheran (ELCA) and Roman Catholic churches.

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

Started in 1885 in Manhattan, NY as a Bible study group, their mission was simple – to spread the Kingdom of Christ among young women. The Bible class would contact more women and encourage them to come and study the Word of God. They would be “neighborly” to strangers and hand them books. They would get to know these newcomers and establish a basis on which they would be attracted to the Kingdom of God.



For more information contact:

Jacqueline Arthurs, jac.arthurs@gmail.com, Marsha Dymond, nuttylady@aol.com or Julie Altenbach, juliealtenbach@churchofthemessiah.com

Currently, we meet the 2nd Monday of each month in the Church at 5:30pm

To my Messiah Family,
Words cannot express to you the comfort, love and peace that I received from you during the passing on my husband, Hubert Gaye! Your cards, flowers and phone calls meant so much to me. More than you can imagine.
Thank you and see you all soon.
Aliena Gaye



**Sundays at 11:00 in the library
from 11:00-12:00
April 11th - May 16th**

What is this program about?

"Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death" bereavement program is a Christ-centered format to provide small group conversations about life, death, grief, and hope.

Why is this program important?

This small group setting of 6 or 7 participants provides a safe environment of trust by:

- ❖ Sharing stories of loved ones.
- ❖ Listening to our feelings, thoughts, actions, and beliefs.
- ❖ Learning from each other.
- ❖ Providing tools for personal growth, coping skills, and moving forward in our lives.
- ❖ Bonding with and supporting each other through the journey.

Who is this for?

This program is for people who have suffered the death of a loved one in the recent past (3 or 4 months ago), or as long as 25 or 30 years.

What materials are used?

The cost is \$20 and includes a workbook, authored and published by the Reverend Greer McBryde. Facilitators are Julie Altenbach, Jill Brown, Sarah Wolfe, and Linda Gold.

For registration or further information contact:

Julie Altenbach (attends all services and is in the office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
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Sarah Wolfe (attends 11:00 service)
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Linda Gold (attends 9:30 service)
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The Chronicles of Seminarian Laura Cook

Hello From the Great White North!

It has been a while but we're still here! Well due to passports and borders and COVID, I was not able to travel home for the holidays, which was so hard. I missed being at Messiah! I have not missed a Christmas at Messiah since I was eight...wow!

I did however get a bucket list item in my life— a WHITE Christmas! Some of my very best friends from up here, who are from Texas, also stayed for Christmas and we celebrated together and played in the snow and ya know, it wasn't so bad, though I dearly missed you all!

Classes have resumed and I'm excited about what I'm learning, even if we are still on Zoom. Ontario is currently on a stay at home order so we're quite locked down and isolated. But it has snowed again, which is still magical to me and makes the cold weather worth it. It's supposed to be down to 9 degrees Fahrenheit!

I miss you all and look forward to the day that I can be back at Messiah!

Love you all,

Laura

If you would like to write to
Laura her address is:

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Toronto, ON CA
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She would love to hear from
her church family!





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zoom



Virtual

Multidenomination

Youth Revival

February 19th at 6:30 pm

Register at
www.ChurchOfTheMessiah.com



**AMIDST
THE WAVES**

Hosted by Messiah School for the Arts
at Church of the Messiah, Winter Garden, FL

Church of the Messiah Library

Librarian: Regina Seguin

library@ChurchoftheMessiah.com



Dear Messiah Family,

This month I would like to offer some friendly guidelines for donating books to the library. First, please know that your thoughtfulness is always deeply appreciated. Nevertheless, because we have limited space on our shelves, I am not able to include every item that is donated. If I can't add a book to our library, and it is in good condition, I try to donate it elsewhere, such as the Christian bookstore.

Unfortunately, libraries and bookstores cannot accept items that are in poor condition. If your item is stained, torn, or has writing in it, please consider recycling it. As a librarian, I know how much people hate to throw away books, but I am giving you permission! :) Recycling is a great way to give old books new life. Here are some additional thoughts to keep in mind:

-We rarely need duplicates. If we already have a copy of your book, please consider giving it to a friend, or an organization such as Operation Paperback or Better World Books.

-Books designed for personal use, such as workbooks and journals, don't lend themselves as well to library circulation. Recycle used ones; blank ones can be given to friends or save for a future rummage sale.

-If you're purchasing a book specifically to donate, feel free to email me for suggested titles we could use. I am always happy to answer questions.

Love,
Regina

Book Reviews
by Helen
Farnsworth



I got two things done this month: I read **Ordering Your Private World** by Gordon MacDonald, and I watched **From Poor to CEO: The Incredible Journey of Herman Cain**. I can definitely recommend both.

Initially I thought **Ordering Your Private World** would help me organize my house, and in a way it will. But it's not about organizing your house; it's about organizing your time in such a way that you devote needed time to spiritual growth, and after that, needed time for family and work (in that order). He has gotten to know himself well enough to know when to schedule each type of activity most effectively; and that means not only in terms of daily schedule, but overall schedule for the week and even for the year. (Some things are best scheduled for the summer months, for example, and others for the other seasons of the year.) I hope to be able (with God's help) to "go and do likewise!"

From Poor to CEO started a little slow for me; but I'm glad I persevered. The story is not JUST a story of a poor boy achieving the American dream; it highlights the man's total faith in and reliance on God. It also shows what perseverance can do, even when winning a mate. (It took a YEAR before his wife-to-be would even TALK to him! She just didn't LIKE him!) I think his whole philosophy can be summed up in the immortal words of the song from **Sound of Music**:

Climb every mountain, search high and low, Follow every byway, every path you know.

Climb every mountain, ford every stream, Follow every rainbow till you find your dream



In my last newsletter I addressed the signs of Dementia/Alzheimer's and the steps one should take when you recognize suspect signs of dementia in your loved ones. This month however I would like to take some time to offer a few tips to caregivers in this time of COVID-19. Many caregivers are living with the person who is in their care whether is a parent or a spouse who has Alzheimer's. It is not easy, and the coronavirus has made it more difficult in several ways. While there has been some change with regards to visiting your loved ones, who are residents in a Nursing Homes Dementia there are still some restrictions. It is a bit confusing for these already confused residents to understand what is happening around them, why they cannot see the entire face of their caregivers, why people around them are wearing masks, why their family members are speaking to them through a window. They are confused as to why their children and or spouse is spending so little time with them when they come to visit. How do we address these questions, how do we help our confused loved ones. If you can visit your loved one give them your undivided attention, talk to them about them. Forget the nice weather, the clean room, the helpful staff, rather tell them how beautiful they look, ask them about their favorite song, what they ate, make the conversation personal. It is important that you tell them about the virus. Though they may not grasp what you are saying at that moment, it will register. Make sure you take all the necessary sanitization precautions, and allow your love ones to hold your hand, squeeze their hand to reassure them you are there for them.

If your loved one is at home and you do have an aide coming in please be sure to check their temperature, ask the necessary questions regarding any symptoms, you may even request proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test. When the aide is at your residence, explain to your care why the aide is wearing a mask. It is important to let them know that this 'stranger' in the house is there to help and not to harm. Have the aide or you take the person in your care for some fresh air, allow time to take in nature, even if it is just to look up at the sky. In this difficult and confusing time, it is important to have as much normalcy as possible. Under the very best of conditions, being an Alzheimer's caregiver is a difficult and unforgiving task. In the era of COVID -19, it has grown even more complex and demanding. As caregivers you must take the time to examine all the areas which may affect not only your loved ones but also you, there has been a shift in the normal, if we are finding it difficult to accept the new norm can you imagine what our loved ones are going through.

As millions of Americans get vaccinated, we long for the time when we can put aside our computer screens, the social distancing, talking through windows and again meet and touch and experience things in person again. That will make our difficult, wrenching work bearable again and bring fresh air into the lives of the people we love.

Deborah Townsend, CDP, CMCP

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 DRIVE THRU COMMUNION Noon-1:00 pm MSftA 4-8:30pm	2	3	4	5 Messiah School for the Arts First Friday Drum Circle 6:30	6 MSftA 11-12 pm Diocesan Virtual Convention 
7* 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	8 DRIVE THRU COMMUNION Noon-1:00 pm MSftA 4-8:30pm 5:30 Daughter's of the King Fellowship 6 PM Meeting in the Church	9 MSftA 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off	10 MSftA 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study (library) 5:30 pm Bible Study Youth Hall 6— Choir Practice	11 MSftA Online Classes Only	12	13 MSftA 11-12 pm
14 * 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 Bishop Greg here for Confirmations and Receiving 4:30 Shine 6:00 Dinner-Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3	15 DRIVE THRU COMMUNION Noon-1:00 pm MSftA 4-8:30pm 6:30 pm Bible Study (Library)	16 SHROVE TUESDAY MSftA 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off	17  12 Noon & 7 pm Services MSftA 3:45-5:30 11am Bible Study (library)	18 MSftA Online Classes Only	19 Messiah School for the Arts hosted Virtual Youth Revival Multidenomi- national 6:30 via Zoom	20 MSftA 11-12pm Campus Clean Up Day 
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1– Layanna Borno

4– Melanie Field

5– Tristan Smith

6– River Paredes

Jean Pinder

7– Hannah Faughnan

8– Zackary Cho-Sam

9– Pati Cook

Gamalia Jean Delicate

Don Greer

Michael Rollo

10– Jim Passilla

12– Osni Alexandre

Amber Ellerbe

Patrick McRae

Cortney Rollo

Terri Wetherington

13– Esther Gonzalez

Bonnie Miller

15– Gabriella Bossicot

Aliena Gaye

16– Katy Babcock

Bill Sydnor

17– Karen Boylan

Zachary Clemens

21– Christopher Borst

Stephen Barndenburg

23–Melanie Davis

24– Marci Babione

Alexis Whitted

27– Corey Chancellor

Nancy Glynn

Greer McBryde

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1– Rodger & Johanna Watson

3– Patti & William Smith

6– Sherlock & Rajdai Teeka Singh

15– Tom & Sandi Johnston

20– David & Mary Lynn Levine

**Please Pray for our
expectant mom**

Kathy Tate

(Bob and Patti Tate's Daughter-in-law)

KATHY IS DUE IN JUNE

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	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
1st LEM	Linda Bouton	Mary Kay Predmore	Deborah Townsend	Frank Chase
2nd LEM	Ron Bouton	Joyce Taylor	Mary Kay Predmore	Ellie Chase
Lector	Valery Rice	Alex Jukik	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
Altar Server	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/Greeters	Marsha & Jay Dymond	Ron Bouton Jay Predmore	Pete & Nancy Glynn	Joyce Taylor Ron Bouton
Prayer Intercessor	Joyce Taylor	Wally Stewart	Joyce Taylor	Wally Stewart

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
1st LEM	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck
2nd LEM		Kelsey Beck		Kelsey Beck
Lector	Chris Brown	Jay Williams	Dawn Wirbel	Merrily Peacock
Altar Server	Sophie Alexandre	Yolwenn Alexandre	Kary Babcock	Aidan Brandenburg
Ushers/Greeters	Deborah & Chuck Grunder	Alex Babcock Ken Miller	Jay & Patty Williams	Deborah & Chuck Grunder
Prayer Intercessor				

Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
LEM #1	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna
LEM #2				
Lector	Ralph Groves	Paul Buzzonetti	Patty Tate	Ralph Groves
Altar Server	Giada Mazzaluna	Sophie Alexandre	Yolwenn Alexandre	Giada Mazzaluna
Usher/Greeter	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic
Prayer Intercessor				

Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28
LEM	Marvin Haughton	Kathy Quesenberry	Marvin Haughton	Kathy Quesenberry
Lector	Wendy King	Valery Rice	Craig Brown	Wendy King
Altar Server				
Usher/Greeter	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Wendy King	Jill Brown

Readings

	February 7	February 14	February 17 Ash Wednesday	February 21	February 28
1st Lesson	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Isaiah 58:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm	Psalm 147 BCP 804	Psalm 50:1-6 BCP 654	Psalm 103 BCP 733	Psalm 25 BCP 614	Psalm 22:22-30 BCP 610
2nd Lesson	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Romans 4:13-25
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38



Welcome into the Messiah Family through Holy Baptism, Clara Duppenthaler, Charlie Joiner and Phoenix Calloway.

