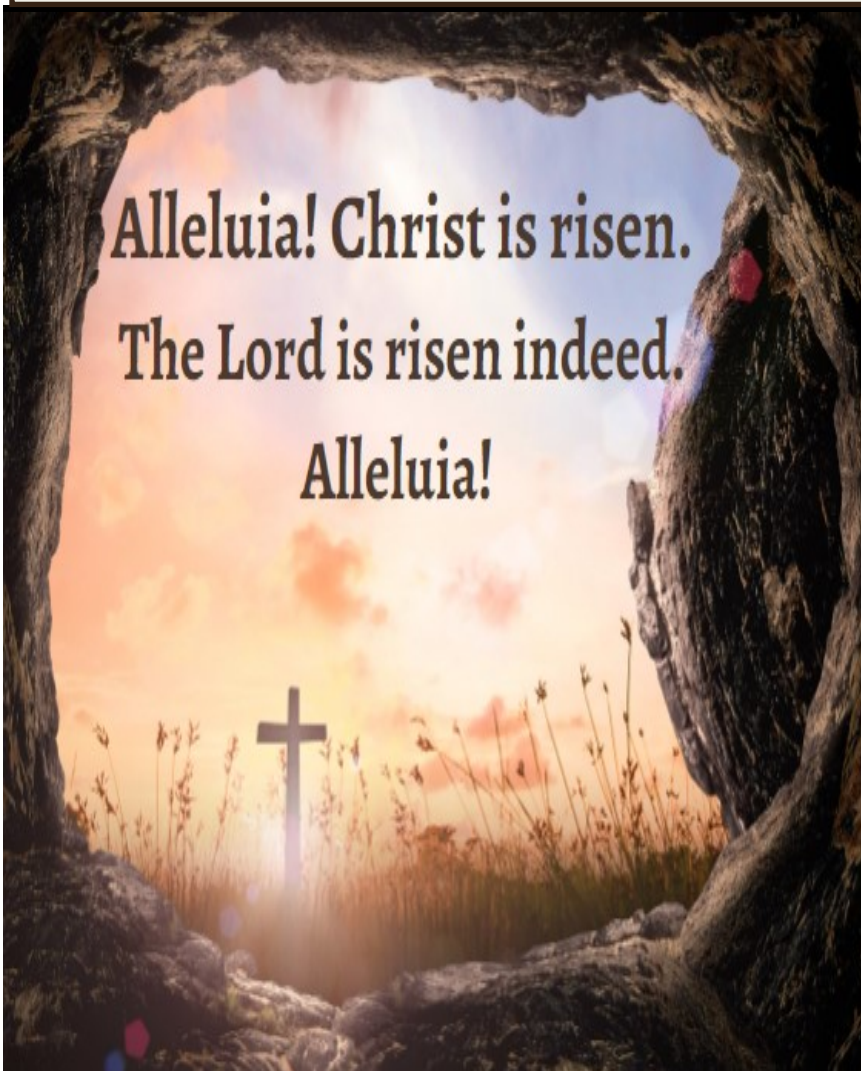


# THE MESSENGER

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Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed.  
Alleluia!

## 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 pm .....Diving Deeper Bible  
Study with Father Tom Rutherford

7:00 pm.....Casual Communion

Wednesday Service:

10:00 am .....Casual Communion

11:00 am ..... Bible Study

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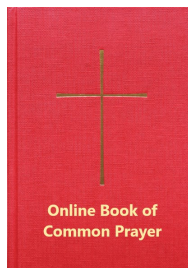
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## A Pandemic Prayer

This time last year, when “pandemic” became a “thing,” all sorts of people responded – and reacted – in all sorts of ways: shutdowns, lockdowns, cancellations, isolations, denial, suspicion, fear, anger, and – weirdest of all – hoarding toilet paper.

In obedience to our bishop, our parish family went from a 7-day-a-week church to a 1-online-service-on-Sunday church for a couple of months and flew into flexibility mode to stay connected to the Messiah and each other.

It worked!

A year later, we’re doing well! In-person attendance is 2/3 of what it was B.C. (Before COVID), giving is roughly the same as it was B.C., and we’re back to being a 7-day-a-week church family.

On top of that, we have 600 to 2,000 people a week watching our online services and events, and some of them are giving money.

It’s often been tough and frustrating, frequently inconvenient and annoying, certainly expensive and labor-intensive (as we invested in new technology and additional cleaning, and I wrote 300 postcards every month), but also greatly gratifying as many of us have stepped up to stay in touch with one another, embraced online giving, rolled with the evolving situation, and generally kept a healthy sense of humor.

And we’ve had it SO much better than lots of other folks:

There are still many parishes – and some whole dioceses – that have yet to reopen for in-person worship.

- ✦ There are even more parishes and dioceses that haven’t had Communion in a year. And most of those who have resumed Communion offer only wafers... while we’ve shared 11,000 servings of bread AND wine and have another thousand of our little chalices on the way.
- ✦ Of those that have reopened, many are still not singing or doing anything at the peace beyond waving at each other.
- ✦ We’re in the black financially, while many other churches and other non-profits have shrunken services, laid off staff, or gone under.

- ✦ Though about 50 of us (out of the 450 in the Messiah family) have gotten the disease – NONE caught it at church! – only 2 of us were hospitalized – and then for only 3 days. Best of all: NONE of us have died from it.

How have we fared so well?

Is it luck? Or because we were so fastidious about wearing masks, cleaning, and staying apart from each other?

OR... is it because we prayed, trusted God, acted faithfully to worship and care for one another, AND washed our hands and respected each other's level of risk management: whether that entailed staying home, staying apart, wearing a mask, not touching, or elbow-bumps only... OR full-on hugs and hand-shakes.

I choose to believe it's because of our Pandemic of Prayer.

We didn't panic; we prayed. We didn't give in to those clamoring for us to close our doors and hide at home; we prayed. We didn't give up on loving God, our neighbors, and each other; we prayed.

And it WORKED!

God's good that way!

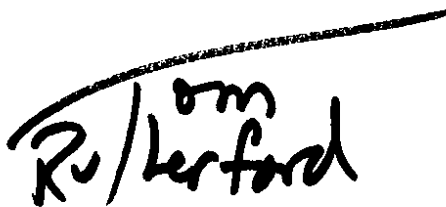
And thank YOU for NOT giving into fear, giving up on God, or giving out in faith, hope, and love.

We made it through a year of COVID. Along with you, I'm praying it's over soon.

But even if it's not, I ain't quitting.

And I trust you won't either!

I love you all.



Tom  
Rutherford



# Vestry Minutes \* March 18, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

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## Vestry Door Duty for April

Opener at 7:30am: Doreen Stachowski

Closer after 1:00pm: Doreen Stachowski

Vestry Meeting Host: Doreen Stachowski

## 2021 Financial Report

(as of February 2021)

Operating Income.....\$114,296.93

Operating Expenses.....\$108,931.91

NET.....\$5,365.02

ALL Building Fund Income....\$20,330.43

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$124,322.07

NET.....(\$103,991.64)

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2021 March Vestry Minutes  
Thursday \* March 18, 2021, \* 6 pm

Present (in person or by ZOOM video conferencing): Present (in person or by ZOOM video conferencing): Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden & Clerk Joyce Taylor, Junior Warden Chris Brown; Joe Eiden, Wendy King, Ron Lancioni, Brian Seguin, Doreen Stachowski, Wally Stewart, and Sarah Wolfe; Treasurer Bob Tate.

Absent: Steve Borst ( family vacation), Ron Bouton ( family event) and Marci Babione (not feeling well),

I. **FORMATION:** Wendy King led Compline. Based on Hebrews 13:17, Tom Rutherford asked the vestry members to share who in their life has been a leader and how they have influenced them.

II. **INFORMATION:**

A. **Vestry Ministry Team Reports: Outreach Team:** Doreen Stachowski and Joe Eiden report:

- a) Father Tom presented a check to the Christian Service Center on February 17th for \$3000. The money will be used for the repair of their oven, professional cleaning of floors and several needed kitchen supplies. Please continue to pray for the homeless and for all the CSC needs to be met.
- b) The Edgewood Children's Ranch is deciding how we can partner with them this year and still be in compliance with COVID-19 restrictions. In addition, the Administrator asked that we pray for *House Parents* for one of the cottages as they have several boys on the "wait list" for the center.
- c) Next Quarterly meeting is on May 18th.

**Staff Reports:**

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

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

- a) Children's Church: We have moved on from NON-Avengers to Jesus in Jelly Beans as we prepare for Easter. Each week we are looking at a different color jellybean to see how we can connect it to Jesus. Of course, the children are allowed to eat the jellybeans that are the color of the week. We are playing a "guess how many" game, whoever gets the closest without going over will win a \$20 Target gift card. This game is open to in person kids and those who view the video lessons at home. The lessons are being shared via email and posted on the website on the children's page.
- b) Thanks to Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna, the children's part of the website is updated with the weekly lessons and any other announcements I need to make. I am very grateful to her for taking this on, the website is a bear to navigate and edit.
- c) SHINE: We are learning some Proverbs in this unit. Our current project is to select and illustrate 5 Proverbs. We will be working on basic Bible skills as well.
- d) I attended the Virtual Youth Revival with one of my 5th graders and one of my 4th graders participated online. It was a super cool event and it made my upper elementary kids feel mature to be included. I am hopeful for more crossover events as more families return to church.
- e) Together with Wendy King and Julie Altenbach I have selected a movie and organized a family movie night. We have some yummy treats to share, and families were invited to bring their dinner and blankets to enjoy an indoor picnic. We will be showing *The Passion Live: New Orleans*. It is a musical retelling of the last week of Jesus' life.
- f) It is time for VBS planning to kick into high gear! This summer I will be using the program that I started writing for last summer but had to abandon due to COVID. I am currently recruiting volunteers and editing some of the lessons to better fit the songs I have selected. I am praying that it is a wonderful time of fun and fellowship with limited restrictions.

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

- a) Our facility rentals have been increasing steadily since the new year. Aside from the additional small group meetings we typically see in Lent, we have nearly \$6000 worth of rentals scheduled for this year and a wedding scheduled for March of 2022. Our church was even used in an Advent Health commercial! You can find it by searching for "AdventHealth the sound of healing" on YouTube. So far, most of our business has been generated through word of mouth and Google search results. Thank you to everyone who has helped spread the word about our facilities!
- b) Thank you, Chris Brown, for organizing the building maintenance day on February 20th and everyone who was able to stop by and lend a hand. The workday was a great success and our facilities (especially the bell tower) are looking beautiful.

### **4. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:**

- a) Weekly announcement videos (as mentioned last month) have been inserted in the services and on the Facebook page. We also had a couple of commercials over the past month with one or two more on the way.
- b) On March 1st, we ran into some issues with the Sanctuary laptop that runs the live stream and it turned out that the hard drive was crashing. We had that replaced on Wednesday 3/3 and everyone is reporting that it is running much better. We are also pricing computer memory for that computer to upgrade it from 8 MB of RAM to 16 MB which will also help the live stream to work more smoothly. The hard drive replacement was \$100 and the RAM shouldn't cost more than another \$30-50.
- c) We are hoping to refurbish the desktop computer that was in the finance office so that we can have a dedicated computer in the Library.
- d) I am also learning a lot about the entire live stream process and appropriate hardware solutions via virtual conferences, online trainings, and connections I have made attending said virtual conference.
- e) I have started building a test website in Wix.com to see if that platform will be easier for the other ministers to update their own material. Wix does offer the Chat pop-up that is on the wish list and has a calendar app plugin that will allow up to 10 calendars to sync. I still need to explore that option to ensure that it will work the way Jeremy needs it to with the 2 separate calendars (facilities bookings and events).
- f) I am going to be working on creating some short videos to encourage the Messiah Family to like and share our Facebook posts as well as to subscribe to the YouTube channel.
- g) The YouTube channel playlists now also include videos of the sermons only - our hope is that people will be more likely to share the amazing messages with friends if they can direct folks right to the sermon only, with no need to search through a liturgy. Ultimately, we hope that's the appetizer that draws folks in to want the whole meal!
- h) Sermon notes are also available for download on our website for those that don't receive the Friday email or who may want to see the notes down the road.

### **5. Office Minister Julie Altenbach reports:**

- a) This month has been busy with promoting events. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna and I work collaboratively on the events we are promoting to ensure the commercials shown on Sunday, in the Narthex, in the Messenger and in the bulletin contain the same information and are consistent.
- b) I attended an online seminar along with Father Tom, Father Soner, Angela and Jeremy entitled "Future of the Church," which was hosted by Exponential. I found some valuable resources for our online and social media campaigns. I have joined a group that was created by one of the presenters and plan on researching more of the topics. Vita and I discussed how we can increase our online presence as people resume worship in person. We will continue exploring our options.
- c) Father Soner, Doreen Stachowski and I toured The Hope Center in Clermont. I attended a West Orange Ministerial Luncheon with Father Tom at Mosaic Church and talked to a few pastors who are investigating opening a nonprofit center like The Hope Center that would serve the Winter Garden community.

- d) The Office Angels and I remain busy greeting people, sending out communion and trying to help in whatever way we can, especially for our people still staying home out of caution. We are offering assistance to folks that need help navigating computers to set up an appointment to get vaccinated.
- e) I prepared the Parochial Report for the Diocese.

### C. **Apprentice Rector:**

1. Tom Rutherford and Wendy King attended a ZOOM meeting with Diocesan Residency Coordinators Justin Holcomb and Jonathan French to kick off the application process. If we win the grant, it will provide \$60,000 the first year, \$45,000 the second year, and \$25,000 the third year. Messiah will have to pay the remainder of the \$100,000 per year cost of the program. Tom will apply for that grant soon.
2. Tom Rutherford applied for a \$15,000 grant from the Episcopal Church Foundation for "Leadership Development." The Foundation will make its decisions and let us know in May if we got the grant.

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

A. **Dying Trees:** Sarah Wolfe called Davey Tree Service, who sent out an arborist, who says we have 4 dying trees that need to come out. There are 2 on the Tilden Street side and 2 more on the Woodland Street side, plus taking out the old Ligustrum in the Memorial Garden. The 4 oaks have green ribbons around the trunks. Wally Stewart talked to 2 more tree specialists, and West Tree Service approached us after seeing the green ribbons.

1. Here are the 4 bids:

a) Davey Tree Expert Company:

- (1) Prune oaks and bald cypress trees and remove 75% of the Spanish Moss: \$13,500
- (2) Remove 4 dying oaks – 2 on Tilden and 2 on Woodland – and the old Ligustrum in the Memorial Garden: \$8,500
- (3) Install 4 trees to replace the oaks taken out – either Red Maples or Magnolias: \$5,800
- (4) Grind the 5 stumps: \$950
- (5) Fertilize the roots of the remaining oaks and cypress" \$2,000 in April and another \$2,000 in October.
- (6) For a total of \$32,750, if we do it ALL.

b) West Tree Service: Remove the 4 dying oak trees and grind the stumps: **\$4,400.**

c) Advance Tree Pros: Take out the trees on Tilden Street, take out the trees on Woodland and Trim the trees on Woodland St, including stump grinding and removal of all debris, **\$5,050.**

d) Mark's Treeworks:

- (1) Trim 2 trees on the Tilden St side and remove Spanish Moss and debris – \$800
  - (2) Trim 2 trees on Woodland St side, remove Spanish Moss and debris – \$1,850.
  - (3) **\$2,650** to do it all.
2. Since several of us were suspicious of an arborist who works for a tree company that wants to cut down our trees, we discussed paying an independent arborist to come assess our trees, which would cost several hundred dollars.
  3. **AFTER THE MEETING**, the City of Winter Garden let us know they won't approve our permit to remove the trees without a report from an independent arborist. We don't need a permit if we choose to only trim the trees.

**B. Building Maintenance:** Junior Warden Chris Brown resent the Survey he and Brian Seguin did listing the repairs needed now, soon, or eventually. In addition to those on the Survey,

1. Chris reports these items are in urgent need of attention:

- a) The ceiling in Messiah School for the Arts/Youth area, which is 48 years old and failing.
- b) Insulate and replace the drywall between the Youth Hall kitchen pantry and the men's and women's bathrooms, where condensation occurred inside the wall from the cool air-conditioned side met the moist air from the non-air-conditioned side and decayed the studs and drywall. That building was built in 1963, so it's a problem that took 48 years to manifest!
- c) Replace 5 interior doorknobs in Fr. Soner's house
- d) Put drywall in the second bedroom of Fr. Soner's house where the pipes are showing and repair ceiling damaged from the roof leaks.
- e) Add gravel in the Tilden St parking lot under the trees.

2. Chris will get us numbers for the costs of the above items for the next meeting.

**IV. DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month):** The Parochial Report is the statistics about our attendance, ministries, and finances we share with the Diocese and national church every year. It's required to be approved by the Vestry. APPROVED.

**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 \$14,501.71 LESS than expenses, DECREASING year-to-date SURPLUS to &5,365.02.
2. **Building Fund** net income last month was \$2,960.42 LESS than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, INCREASING our year-to-date DEFICIT to &103,991.64... which LOOKS bad! But remember, that includes the \$100,000 we set aside for Contingency/Mortgage Principal Prepayment.

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:38.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk

Messiah's Missionaries



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

**March 14th– Joyce Taylor attended Christ the King Church  
in Hiawassee, Georgia**

**March 21st– Father Tom Rutherford celebrated Communion and  
preached at Christ Episcopal Church in Cedar Key, Florida**



# Preschool News

The preschool children and teachers enjoyed a spring break in March. We celebrated Dr. Seuss week in our classrooms with special activities which included Green Eggs and Ham. YUM! Picture me Perfect also came on campus in March to photograph the children. Our Pre-K students posed for their graduation photos.

Registration at the preschool continues to be brisk. We have several classes that are full already. We seem to be on a path to open in August with a waiting list once again. We also hope that with the COVID vaccine becoming more readily available, we will be able to resume our normal activities and field trips in the fall.

Barbara Ellerbe



April 2 – Good Friday, Preschool closed  
April 26 – Teacher Appreciation Week







# SPRING BREAK







Each school break I try to have a special hang out day with any of the kids who want to get together. This spring break some of the girls wanted to try SUSHI and DUMPLINGS. Some of them are very picky eaters so this was an adventure! We tried several varieties of sushi, wasabi, crawfish, and steamed dumplings...Some of us mastered chopsticks, some did not.. After eating all this fun stuff they wanted to go shopping. We hit up Old Navy and Ross where school shoes and Easter treats for friends were purchased. We ended our day with some Starbucks and load of girl talk about make-up, hair, parents, church and integrity. I absolutely love this special time with them, and being a bonus adult in their lives. It fills my heart with joy to be a person to others that I really needed as young girl.

HANGOUT



Schools out hang out day with the younger SHINE kids!!

We had a theme day: Flora and Ulysses. It's a Disney movie about a squirrel with "superpowers" and a little girl who form a friendship. In the Movie, Ulysses gets loose in a donut shop—so we had donuts for breakfast! MMM!!

For lunch we made turkey burger sliders with garlic and shallots, topped with butter lettuce and cheddar cheese. We had sweet potato fries and LOTS of Ketchup! ‘

For our snack we made "super squirrel snack mix": plain popcorn, chocolate drizzled popcorn with candied nuts (that the kids made) and chopped up Nutter Butter cookies.

For our craft we used oil pastels to draw a tree and scenery and then pasted on a large squirrel that the kids could draw a costume on!







Stay tuned for information on our next hang out day! The theme will be the Little Mermaid!!







# WHY Y'ALL TRYIN' TO TEST THE JESUS IN ME?

RoadRescuer

Parenting is HARD!! Sometimes our kids want to test the Jesus in us. Don't worry, don't fear you are the only one! Besides praying for you, and comiserating with you I have found some really cute books to help you and your children! These books are written through the eyes and words of a child talking to God about an undesirable behavior . Each book contains a scripture and ends with a prayer. I recommend reading them at bed time or during their quiet thinking time. These books are available to borrow as needed. They will live in a basket in my office. If I am not here, there will always be someone with a key. Just drop me a note in the basket so I know where the book is and so I can pray for you more specifically! You and your kids are amazing, I love you all..Ms. Angela







Happy Easter! We had our first in-person, socially distanced youth gatherings this month, and will alternate between Zoom and in person meetings going forward if COVID safety allows. I am also still looking for interest in attendance at New Beginnings at Camp Wingmann on April 10th. It is a one day event, from 10 am- 3 pm, with a cost of \$35. Anyone who may be interested please let me know so we can coordinate the registration and logistics details. Please reach out and check on your family, friends, and neighbors to share a little love and hope. There are many people who are struggling mentally, emotionally and spiritually. We as a group/family 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 valleys 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.

Grace and Peace

Murph Borno

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MESSIAH SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS



# SPRING ON! RECITAL



FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021

6:30 PM

IN THE PARISH HALL

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**FROM METALLICA AND  
HENDRIX TO BÜRGMULLER  
AND WILLIAMS, THIS  
RECITAL WILL BE  
FEATURING ALL THE  
ARTS!**



Through the Valley  
of the Shadow of Death  
Grief Group

New Group April 11th-May 16th  
Meeting on Sundays at 11:00 am in the library.

For more information or to sign up:

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# Art, Dance, & Music Classes For All Ages

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Currently, we meet the 2nd Monday of each month

in the Library at 5:30pm

The Daughters of the King, Messiah sent a care package to our Seminarian, Laura Cook, in Canada. Since the pandemic, Laura has been in lockdown and taking classes online. The restrictions mean she is not able to socialize with many people. The care package from home reminded her how loved she is by her Messiah Family. She would love to hear from you.

If you would like to write to  
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## The Chronicles of Seminarian Laura Cook

Hello From the Great White North!

Well guys it's been a month! We're entering finals season which isn't the most fun, but it's starting to get warmer which is making it more enjoyable!! It's in the 40's and 50's frequently now and I am officially crazy as I think that's warm. The Floridian has finally adapted it seems. We're still in a pretty strict lockdown and can't see each other in the building, but with the nicer weather we've taken to spending lots of time (and meals) outside, which has been so good for my soul.

I was officially voted Senior Student for next school year so I will be acting Student Body President, which is an honor! I'm excited to get to serve the Wycliffe community and hopefully make some positive change in the upcoming year.

So far with border restrictions it looks like I'll be here for summer. I'm looking into doing a placement at a church that is in "The Beaches" which is just outside the city and right on the lakeshore. It seems like a really cool church, so I'm hopeful for that.

I miss you all and am still thankful that online streaming of services is happening! I think about you all often and am continually praying for you!

Love + Prayers

Laura Cook





# Annual Women's Retreat

On Friday, March 19th and Saturday, March 20th, women of the Church of the Messiah met for a retreat. The theme for this year was "Pivoting Towards God" and the "Pivotal Moments" that creates in our lives. Music was led by Garine Adams, accompanied by Debbie Rutherford, Ginger Sirola and Patty Tate. Talks were given by Mary Kay Predmore and Julie Altenbach, followed by small group discussions. Father Tom celebrated a Eucharist on Saturday afternoon to conclude the retreat. Several women shared their pivotal moments as their offering. It was a wonderful time, and we pray many more will be able to join us next year.







Jeremiah 29:11



"For I know the plans I have for you,"  
declares the Lord. "plans to prosper you and  
not to harm you. plans to give you  
hope and a future."

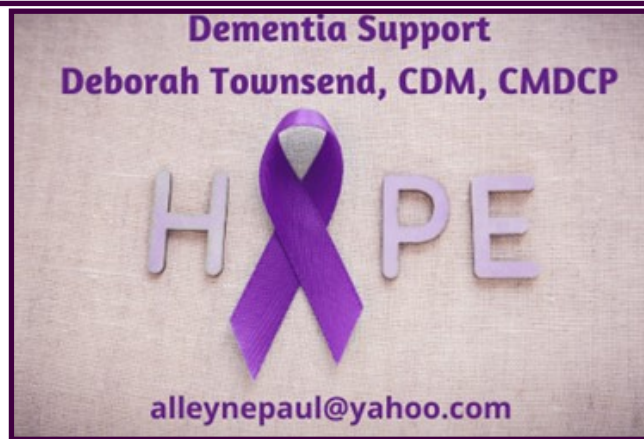




I didn't get a lot done this month, but I did get into the book my sister-in-law Marilyn gave me for Christmas: **So That's Where I Put That!** It doesn't appear to list an author, oddly enough, but it takes a humorous look at "the golden years" that many of us can relate to. (Actually it has applied to me for many years—I've pretty much always had these problems!) Even though I haven't finished it, I can recommend it. Obviously it's the type of book that must be read in small bites, but it will definitely bring a smile. I particularly like the story of the lady who went to a dentist because she thought she recognized his name as one of her high school classmates. When he came out, however, she thought she must be mistaken. He was balding and had a belly that would rival Santa Claus. But she asked him if he had gone to her high school, and he said, "Why yes, I was class of '75. And that was your high school, too? What subject did you teach?"

I also made it through eight out of twelve episodes of the DVD set **A.D.: The Bible Continues**, a Roma Downey production, which begins with the Crucifixion and proceeds through Acts. I personally was disappointed. It tends to be long and tedious, and introduces some "gospel according to Hollywood" in at least one episode—Ananias and Sapphira. They make it appear that their sin was in not giving all the money they received for their house; but Peter specifically says, "Wasn't it yours to do with as you pleased? Why have you LIED to the Holy Spirit?" It was the lying, trying to make themselves appear more "holy" than they were in order to get the praise of men that was their sin. Nonetheless it does have its moments, and I'll be putting a copy in the library for you to decide for yourselves.





I am sure most of you with a loved one who has been diagnosed with dementia are breathing a little sigh of relief as restrictions are slowly being lifted. Steady and slow it may be but the opportunity to visit your loved ones who are residents of care facilities is definitely long awaited. For those who are caring for their loved ones at home, being able to take them out of the house is just as exciting. While we are excited about the availability of the Covid vaccines and the fact that we now have opportunity to take our loved ones out we must remember there are still strangers in masks walking around. Strangers who our loved ones have not seen for months, in some cases almost a year.

Now that we all can have a little freedom, we must think of ways to entertain dementia patients, both at home and during visits to the facilities. To bring back any semblance of normalcy we need to lift the spirits of the patient. Convincing them that they are not around strangers but in the company of people who love, care for and want to spend time with them is very important at this time.

Remember once a man twice a child, how do we make up to a child after working late all week? Think of the smile on their faces when you took them to the park, played games with them or the visit to the ice cream shop.

For our love ones with dementia, we need to make the same effort to get back on their 'good side' whether they are at home or in a facility. Begin by taking walks with them, walk to a garden area with colorful flowers, where you can sit and enjoy the beauty. Take in a sunset together, talk about the different colors in the sky.

Music is one of the greatest forms of therapy, it reduces depression and stress. Put on some music or play an instrument. You will notice the patient slowly begin to tap their fingers, then their feet, eventually bobbing their head. Take their hand and dance with them, you see while the music is relieving their depression, it is also relieving your stress. You may be surprised of the fond memories this simple activity can ignite.

In the home, involve your love one in everyday activities, remember you have to make them feel useful, as part of the family. Let them help set the table for dinner, fold laundry or simply dust a table. Anything that encourages independence and promotes skill will lift the mood of a person with dementia. Get a jigsaw puzzle for your love one which you can build together. This not only builds motor and problem-solving skills but the joy of completing even one section will be seen as a great accomplishment by the patient.

It will take some time for the dementia patient to no longer see us as strangers who popped into their lives, but we need to make it as simple for them as possible. Covid has changed a lot in our lives, however it did not change the fact that someone in our life is a dementia patient. Please be patient and do not hesitate to ask for assistance. Remember if they were at home there were few visitors if any and at the facility the partial faces of the staff were all they saw. Breathe that sigh of relief that you can be with your love ones, you can take them out to a restaurant or park, or shopping but please do not forget their condition and the complications which come with caring for someone with dementia.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or simply want to talk.

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Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

<p><b>Happy Easter</b> He is Risen</p>	<p><b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>  <b>Open Meeting every night at 7:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Women Only: Tuesday 6 pm</b>  <b>Men Only: Thursday 6 pm</b>  <a href="https://cflintergroup.org/meetings/three-legacies-group-8/">https://cflintergroup.org/meetings/three-legacies-group-8/</a></p>			<p>1 Soup Supper  5:30-6:30 in  Parish Hall  <b>Maundy</b>  <b>Thursday</b>  <b>Service at 7 pm</b></p>	<p>2 Good Friday  Services at  Noon  (Livestreamed)  5:00 pm French  &amp; Creole  7:00 pm</p>	<p>3 MSftA  11-12 pm  <b>Easter Party</b>  <b>with Ms. Angela</b>  <b>from 11am-2pm</b></p>
<p>4* 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  <b>BAG SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>5 DRIVE THRU  COMMUNION  Noon-1:00 pm  MSftA 4-8:30pm  5:30 Daughter's  of the King  Fellowship  6 PM Meeting in  the Library</p>	<p>6 MSftA  10-11:30 am  Fr. Tom's Day Off</p>	<p>7 MSftA  3:45-5:30  10am Holy  Communion  11am Bible Study  (library)  5:30 pm Bible Study  Youth Hall  6- Choir Practice</p>	<p>8  MSftA Online  Classes Only  Kung Fu in the  Youth Hall  6:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p>9 <b>Messiah</b>  <b>School for the</b>  <b>Arts Concert</b>  <b>in the Parish</b>  <b>Hall and</b>  <b>Livestreamed</b></p>	<p>10  MSftA  11-12 pm</p>
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<p>25* Sunday School  8am Rite 1  *9:30 Rite 2  *11:00 Rite 3  11:30 All Souls Service  2:30 Activate Zoom  2:30 Vestry Mtg. Library  and Zoom  4pm French Service  4:30 Shine  7:00 pm Rite 3</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28MSftA  3:45-5:30  10am Holy  Communion  11am Bible Study  (library)  5:30 pm Bible Study  Youth Hall  6- Choir Practice  7:15- Praise Band</p>	<p>29  MSftA Online  Classes Only  Kung Fu in the  Youth Hall  6:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p>30</p>	



2– Kathy Barrett  
Annette Spigener

3– Cydney Babione  
Tom Knappman

5– Zion Jefferson

6– Peyton Cottle

8– Anthony Beckford  
Emmeline Duppenenthaler  
John Puchein

10– Tom Rutherford  
Jay Williams

11– Murph Borno  
Paul Buzzonetti

12– Noah Ackerman  
Kara Altenbach

13– Ansel Haughton  
Dennis Jamail

14– Lloyd Cho-Sam  
Brian Seguin

15– Aya Carroll  
Jeanne Teter

16– Doug Faughnan

18– Elise Bradford  
Georgia Gold

20– Penn Remington

23– Jackson Joiner

24– Taylor Gonsalves

25– Lisa Field

26– Stephanie Abell  
Richard McRae  
Chadd Smith

27– Tom Stachowski

28– Lynda Hoyte  
Tom Johnston

29– Nancy Siddens  
Joe Winters

30– Sawyer Lynn



4– C.W. & Stephanie Abell  
Paul & Patty Robertson

7– Mike & Bobbi Warren

14– Chuck & Deborah Grunder

15– Bill & Elise Bradford

16– Doug & Barbara Ellerbe

21– Tom & Regina Knappman

24– Don & Rose Marie Hubert



**If you will not be able to serve, please call or email the office.  
If you would like to serve on Sunday, please contact the office.**

### Sunday Servants 8:00 AM

8:00 Service	April 4 Easter	April 11	April 18	April 25
1st LEM	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend	Linda Bouton	Ellie Chase
2nd LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Joyce Taylor	Ron Bouton	Frank Chase
Lector	Aliena Gaye	Alex Hujik	Deborah Townsend	Joyce Taylor
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore	Aiden Morrision	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/ Greeters	Ron Bouton Pete Glynn	Jay & Marsha Dymond	Jay Predmore Pete Glynn	Joyce Taylor Ron Bouton
Prayer Intercessor	Wally Stewart	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor	Wally Stewart

### Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	April 4 Easter	April 11	April 18	April 25
1st LEM	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck	Mary Lynn Levine	Kelsey Beck
2nd LEM	Stacey Beck	Kelsey Beck		Stacey Beck
Lector	Jay Williams	Chris Brown	Beth Ann Carr	Dawn Wirbel
Altar Server	Francesco Fulvi	Aiden Brandenburg	Francesco Fulvi	Chris Brown
Ushers/Greeters	Ken Miller Alex Babcock	Jay & Patty Williams	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Ken Miller Beth Ann Carr
Prayer Intercessor				

### Sunday Servants 11:00

<b>11:00 Service</b>	April 4 Easter	April 11	April 18	April 25
<b>LEM #1</b>	Vita Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth
<b>LEM #2</b>				
<b>Lector</b>	Paul Buzzonetti	Ralph Groves	Patty Tate	Paul Buzzonetti
<b>Altar Server</b>	Sophie Alexandre	Yolwenn Alexandre	Giada Mazzaluna	Sophie Alexandre
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>				

### Sunday Servants 7:00

<b>7:00 Service</b>	April 4 Easter	April 11	April 18	April 25
<b>LEM</b>	Marvin Haughton	Kathy Quesenberry	Marvin Haughton	Kathy Quesenberry
<b>Lector</b>	Wendy King	Craig Brown	Wendy King	Valery Rice
<b>Altar Server</b>				
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Wendy King	Jill Brown

### Readings

	April 1 Maundy Thursday	April 2 Good Friday	April 4 Easter	April 11	April 18	April 25
<b>1st Lesson</b>	Exodus 12:1-14	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Isaiah 25:6-9	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 116 BCP 759	Psalm 22 BCP 610	Psalm 118:14-29 BCP 761	Psalm 133 BCP 787	Psalm 4 BCP 587	Psalm 23 BCP 612
<b>2nd Lesson</b>	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 John 1:1-2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24
<b>Gospel</b>	John 13:1-7, 31b-35	John 18:1-19:42	John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18





Lynn Somers

Jennifer Roper giving a spruce up to the church doors



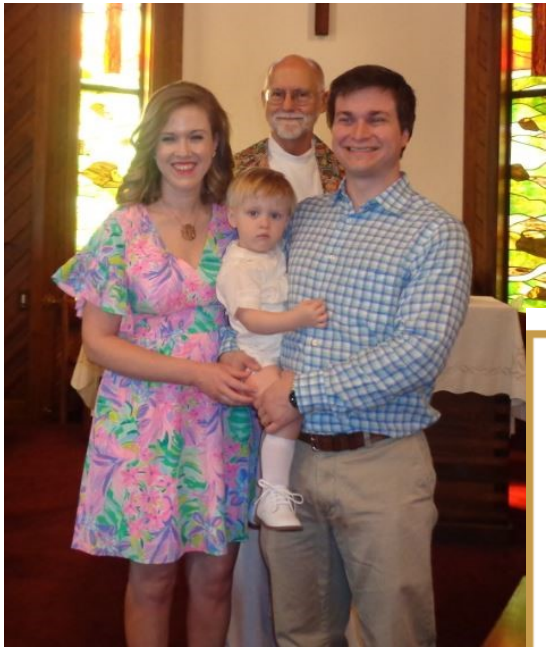
Harry Hull and John Peacock getting our campus ready for Easter.



Wendy King and her mom, Mimi engraving new cooking pans for the kitchen.



Jason Eaton changing our signs to invite all for Easter.



*We welcomed into the Messiah Family, through the sacrament of Baptism, Sterling Wilkinson, son of Philip and Anna Clare Wilkinson, at the 10:00 am service on March 17th.*