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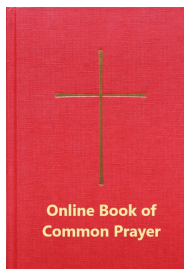
*"Honor her for all that her
hands have done,
and let her works bring her
praise at the city gate."
Proverbs 31:31*

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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*



Changing the World with Jesus: 30 Children at a time!

On May 9 – Mothers' Day! – we have the chance to Change the World with Jesus: One Child at a Time through **The Compassion Journey**.

For \$38 a month, Compassion International connects compassionate donors with local churches in Third-World communities to sponsor and serve individual children by offering food, clothing, education, and medical care.

The Compassion Journey is an interactive display that shows how Compassion does that. It will be in our Narthex hallway and Library on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday May 7, 8, and 9.

In **The Journey**, you'll catch a glimpse of a child living in poverty and what Compassion does to help lift them out of that condition. At the end of **The Journey**, you will have an opportunity to see pictures of a bunch of children waiting for sponsors. And if the Holy Spirit touches you, you get to choose one – or more – of them to sponsor and change their world.

Sponsors get a picture of the child they support and information about their family and community and the opportunity to connect with that child through letters, postcards, and pictures.

If they so choose, sponsors can go visit their child in his or her community. Debbie and I did that in 2017 with Rando, the teenager we supported in the Dominican Republic back then. Rando has since graduated from the program, and we now support Geury, who's in the same church, school, and town we visited in the Dominican Republic.

The Messiah family has partnered with Compassion numerous times since 2016, and as a result, Messiah families are changing the world for 30 children around the world!

THANK YOU, Sponsor Families!!!!

And since those 30 children live in Central and South America, the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia, we're not only changing the world for those children; we are, indeed, changing the world!

If you still have children at home, you are already DEEP into Changing the World with Jesus: One Child – or however many you have – at a time! And thank you for engaging in that adventure! You may not have the time, energy, or resources to sponsor a child.

But for those of us who don't have children, or whose children are grown and gone, we still can help Jesus change the world for a child... through Compassion.

OR... if you have children at home and would like to give them the opportunity to change the world for a child somewhere else in the world, Compassion is a great way to do that.

When my children were young – 35+ years ago! – we sponsored children the same ages as they were, so my kids could put a human face on human need: a face that looked a lot like theirs. Compassion helped my children grow up to be more compassionate adults.

Compassion is helping us as a parish family do the same.

If you'd like to know more or to find out how you, too, can change the world with Jesus one child at a time, please visit **The Compassion Journey** May 7-9.

With COVID-Precautions still in place, rather than just showing up, please go to <https://journey.compassion.com/events/215> to reserve your time for **The Journey**.

And if you can't take **The Journey**, but would like to find out more about sponsoring a child, please visit <https://journey.compassion.com/digital/events/311>.

I love you all.

*Tom
Rutherford*



Please join us for the experience
Friday, May 7th between 1:00–6:00 pm
Saturday, May 8th between 10:00 am– 4:00 pm
Sunday, May 9th between 9:00 am–3:00 pm

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Vestry Door Duty for April

Opener at 7:30am: Ron Bouton

Closer after 1:00pm: Wendy King

Vestry Meeting Host: Ron Bouton

2021 Financial Report

(as of February 2021)

Operating Income.....\$155,661.58

Operating Expenses.....\$193,566.51

NET.....\$(37,904.93)

ALL Building Fund Income....\$33,064.46

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$171,876.62

NET.....(\$138,812.16)

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2021 March Vestry Minutes
Thursday * April 15, 2021, * 6 pm

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

Absent: None

I. **FORMATION**: Doreen Stachowski led Compline. Based on Luke 24:30-35, Tom Rutherford asked us to share where we have seen the risen Jesus recently.

II. **INFORMATION**:

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

- 1) Father Tom presented a check for \$3000 to the Apopka Pregnancy Care Center from the Outreach budget that was approved and planned for April this year. Debra Torchia is the new Director and was excited that the center will be able to purchase new online training for pregnant Mom's. The Center shows the Mom how to take care of herself during her pregnancy and also how to take care of the new-born via videos specific to trimester.
- 2) The Christian Service Center sent a thank you note with sincere gratitude for the check they received in February from the Church of the Messiah.

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 all loved the "Jesus in Jelly Beans" series and learned a lot about the life of Jesus. Attendance is picking back up. We are moving into a series called "CURIOUS?", in which we will go over 4 BIG questions about Jesus and any other questions the children come up with.
- b) SHINE: We have been jumping around with our lessons depending on who and how many show up. We have had several new SHINERS, so I am going to do a back-to-basics series. We will first be covering what is the Bible, what is in it and can we believe it. We will also restart our memory verses and implement a few new point systems.
- c) Vacation Bible School: Registration is open, volunteers are signing up and plans are rolling along. Updates for the website should be posted in the next week and then I will start publicizing outside of the church.
- d) Facility: I understand that Chris Brown is working on the water/condensation problem in the youth hall kitchen/bathroom/closet. In the meantime, the smell of mold permeates the room and is horrendous when no one is in and out of there to vent the room during the week. I will spray everything down with a bleach solution if it will not interfere with progress. I plan to throw away EVERYTHING that is in the closet soon, so if anyone wants anything please remove it and clean it well. The Rubbermaid tubs I am keeping and will bleach and store elsewhere until the repairs are made. I would like to schedule a deep clean day for the whole kitchen prior to VBS. There is mold growing on the appliances, for people with allergies and or breathing difficulties this is a nightmare. Also, as recommended by Bill Adams, I would like to replace the hot water heater in the youth hall. He is convinced that it is not safe and will be breaking down very soon as it has already outlived its life expectancy. I will work together with Bill to get the best price possible on all supplies and purchase them as a donation to the church, if you will allow it. I would prefer that area be as safe and sound as possible as that is where we serve the youngsters of COTM and the preschool.

3. Facilities Minister Jeremy Adams reports:

- a) Happy Easter to everyone! It is a great joy to see so many familiar faces returning to in person services. The maintenance ministers did a fantastic job preparing our facilities for the Easter Sunday crowd, and continue to keep everything looking and feeling clean. If you notice anything amiss concerning our facilities please let me know.
- b) Here are some notable events coming up on the calendar:
 - (1) Kung-fu classes have resumed on Thursday's at 6:30pm in the Youth Hall.
 - (2) Messiah School for the Arts Dance classes continue on Monday's in the Parish Hall. Youth Hip Hop Dance classes are at 3:30pm and Adult Tap Dance classes are at 6:30pm.
 - (3) A homeschool co-op will be hosting an International Day for their students in the Parish Hall on April 23rd from 9am - 2pm.
 - (4) All Souls is hosting an event for their congregation in the Parish Hall on April 24th from 8am - 10am.
 - (5) The next Shine Movie night is in the Parish Hall on April 24th from 5:30pm - 8:30pm.
 - (6) The Horizon West Theater Company is presenting a youth production of Disney's Aladdin on May 7th and 8th. They will be using the Parish Hall and Youth Hall starting in the afternoon from May 3rd - May 8th.
 - (7) The Horizon West Theater Company is presenting a selection of works by William Shakespeare on May 21st and 22nd. They will be using the Parish Hall and Youth Hall starting in the afternoon from May 19th - May 22nd.
- c) The leak in the parish hall roof by the sound booth came back in the rain from April 11. Tannenbaum Roofers, who thought they'd fixed it, will be back this week to try again

4. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:

- a) We did some memory and hard drive upgrades to both the Sanctuary and Parish Hall laptops. The Sanctuary computer upgrades/repairs were about \$160 since it was an emergency, and we had Ken Lyons work on that for us. The Parish Hall laptop upgrades were less expensive as Romeo volunteered to do the changes and recommended the best price hardware. Those items were right around \$100. These upgrades will allow us to have less problems live streaming from both locations and allow for smoother operation during service and/or meeting presentations.
- b) We are slowly getting some more interest in Media Team volunteers as well as some cross-over between Media and Sound volunteers, so Assistant Music Minister Jeremy Adams and I are working together on that.
- c) Jeremy and I have also discussed how to both streamline and divide the jobs/coverage necessary to live stream the 9:30am services. The Facebook and YouTube live streams are now pre-scheduled so that the posts contain all the information needed in the description and title ahead of time, allowing the Sunday volunteer to more simply and quickly go through the live stream process. We are working on recruiting and training volunteers to manage the live stream sound. The final component would be to have a 3rd person who monitors the streams to interact with those watching and commenting.
- d) During the 9:30am Easter Sunday service, we offered overflow church in the Parish Hall by playing the FB livestream, doing a separate collection, and offering communion to those who either wanted to be more spread out or those who would have otherwise been "standing room only" participants. It was wonderful to be able to accommodate so many people during that service while still allowing people to feel comfortable!
- e) I have started creating the 4pm French Service slideshow so that the online viewers are able to follow along with the service. I will be training Father Soner on how to edit in PowerPoint and will be recruiting someone from the 4pm attendees to take over creating that slideshow each week. This will allow for more opportunities for service!

- f) We have evaluated Wix website building platform for potential site migration. Staff feels that it is indeed easier to edit their ministry pages on that platform, we like the chat feature, and the calendar options will allow Jeremy to have more visually appealing calendars while reducing the steps needed to update the calendars since they can be synced to Google calendar.
- g) I will have some evaluation meetings/sessions in May or June where parishioners are able to provide feedback about what they like or don't like about the website so that the rebuild will provide for the general needs of our congregation.
- h) Camera and lighting upgrades are still being explored.
- i) The onscreen commercials and announcements during each service have received positive feedback so those will continue.
- j) As always, please let me know if you have any questions or feedback!

5. Office Minister Julie Altenbach reports she and the Office Angels:

- a) Helped prepare for the Maundy Thursday Simple Soup Supper
- b) Prepared bulletins for Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and Easter Lilies
- c) Mailed an Easter Lily Bulletins to those who contributed with a thank you note
- d) Set up and updated the Prayer Vigil sign-up sheet and prayer guide
- e) Began updating orders for supplies for next year's Easter services
- f) Helped prepare for Messiah School for the Arts Spring Concert
- g) Helped prepare for Family Movie Night
- h) Prepared materials for Through the Valley Grief Group
- i) Prepared for and participated in the Women's Retreat

6. School for the Arts' Co-director Garine Adams reports Messiah School for the Arts is doing well, thanks to God. We just had our first recital featuring all the arts in some capacity or another this past Friday. The livestream video will continue to be up on our Facebook page for anyone to watch the performances progress through the program. Our student base is increasing little by little each month, and we are so happy to see the progress of our current students week to week. The Monday dance classes we started this past Fall are still ongoing and growing as well. Our dance instructor, Bella Eaton, has received a great scholarship and honors college acceptance to FSU and will be there in the Fall, so we are looking for someone to take on her class load (with training starting this summer – tap dance/hip hop). Thank you to everyone who's kept us in your prayers. We feel supported by our church family.

C. Apprentice Rector: Tom Rutherford is writing the Proposal for the Diocesan Residency Grant and waiting to hear from the Episcopal Church Foundation in May whether or not we won that grant. Parishioner Beth Ann Carr is a professional fundraiser and has been researching other grant possibilities for the Apprentice, and she has found 4 other foundations that are possibilities for further funding. She's working with Tom to apply for those after he finishes the proposal for the Diocese.

D. Bradford Fischer is back with us after his Field Education.

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.. All 4 have green ribbons around the trunks.

1. The City of Winter Garden says we have to get a report from a Certified Arborist before they will grant us a permit to remove the 4 trees.
2. We do not need a permit to trim them.
3. Sarah Wolfe got bids from Certified Arborists to evaluate our trees and provide written reports on their findings. Vestry went with the low bid for a written report, and we will discuss this again at the next vestry meeting.

B. Building Maintenance:

1. Junior Warden Chris Brown reported that the ceiling in the School for the Arts portion of the Youth Hall, the Youth Hall kitchen pantry, and the ceilings and bathroom in the house at 227 North Main all need drywall work. The first quote came in at \$8,000. We can do the kitchen pantry ourselves and save \$1500 off of that price. Chris will get another quote and go with that, if it's lower. If it's not lower, Vestry authorized spending up to \$6500 on this project.
2. The emergency lighting in the Parish Hall and in the Narthex hallway need to be replaced, and batteries for the parish hall lights and the fixtures in the Narthex are very expensive. The Narthex lights run around \$9,000. The fixtures in the Parish Hall are about \$500 each. Chris will continue researching more economical options and report back next month.
3. Don Greer and Harry Hull are working on getting the gravel to level out the Tilden Street parking lot. They hope to get that done by May.

IV. **DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month):** Seminarian Laura Cook is ready to be elevated from a Postulant to a Candidate (The steps are Aspirant, Postulant, Candidate, and Ordinand). The Rector's and Vestry endorsement is needed for that to take place. Vestry unanimously endorsed her.

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

A. **Minutes from the last month's meeting:** APPROVED.

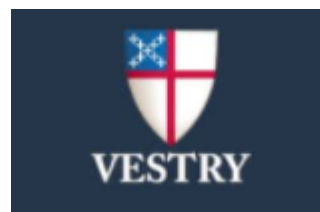
B. **Last month's Financial Report from Treasurer Bob Tate:** APPROVED

1. **Operating Account:** Giving last month was \$42,064.76 LESS than expenses, taking the year-to-date SURPLUS into a DEFICIT of \$37,904.93. The deficit included having to pay \$20,000 to retroactively catch up with Fr. Soner's pension.
2. **Building Fund** net income last month was \$34,820.52 LESS than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, INCREASING our year-to-date DEFICIT to \$138,812.16, which LOOKS bad! But remember, that includes the \$100,000 we set aside for Contingency/Mortgage Principal Prepayment. We also paid down \$45,000 on our mortgage which will shorten our loan by approximately 4 months and will save us approximately \$17,500 in interest. \$31,000 of that \$45,000 were designated gifts toward the mortgage.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk





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

April 4th – Chuck and Deborah Grunder attended Messiah Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

Andrew Brandenburg will be traveling with Antioch Community Church to Washington D.C. Once there, they will partner with Antioch DC. They will be feeding the people in DC and sharing the Gospel with them.

Andrew would like us to:

- ✝ Pray that the people of DC would be receptive to the Gospel, especially those that have never heard it before. Pray for the team to meet the hungry and the humble.
- ✝ Pray that everyone's finances would come in and every one who wants to go will be able to .
- ✝ Pray that we may be focused on Jesus the whole time and there to do his work instead of our own.
- ✝ Pray for safe travels to and from DC.

Pictured below is Andrew and some of the members of the Missionary Team





**For more information
about Activate activities contact Mr.
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PRESCHOOL NEWS

On May 26, we will say goodbye to our graduating Pre-Kindergarten class with a graduation ceremony. Before they leave us we like to ask our graduates what they would like to be when they grow up. These were the responses this year.



Caroline Clark- Teacher

Dakota Kari- Veterinarian

Emme Duppenthaler- Police Girl

Otis Lewandowski- Police Man

Mia Elias- Mommy

Cora Preisser- Cowboy

Kateri Gonzalez- Teacher

Braxton Price- Firefighter

Stella Hall- Police Officer

Shelbie Summers- Teacher

Sadly, this month we will be saying good bye to our teacher's Aide Lora Mullens as she begins her internship at UCF. We will miss Lora and her quiet servant's heart. We wish her all the best as she continues her education.

While this school year is ending, we look forward to beginning a new school year. We are happy to see that families are feeling safe about returning to school and we expect to be completely full by the time we open in August.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Barbara Ellerbe



Easter Party



shine kids



Wonder



Joy



You are invited to join us on Wednesday, May 26th between 5:15 and 6:15 for soup and a time to share in fellowship in the Parish Hall. We are offering a casual small group feel to share a meal and conversation. No reading or prepping necessary, just come ready to eat and enjoy each other's company.

For more information contact Julie at office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com

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The Chronicles of Seminarian Laura Cook

Hello From the Great White North!

Well we finally had our Spring snow so here's to hoping we just keep getting warmer weather!

Ontario as a whole is back in a very strict lockdown. So we're all isolated and everything is closed again. This has been really hard as we finished up finals, but finals still ended, so that is a great thing! I'm officially done with year two, a very strange year of school and am looking toward my last year in Seminary! What a wild ride.

I was voted Senior Student for next year and typically there is a ceremony passing on the "Senior Stick" to the new senior student at graduation. Because there is not ceremony this year, and rather than a Zoom celebration, we reenacted the moment for photo purposes after Morning Prayer this month.

I'm starting a summer internship (hopefully in person at some point) at a church near The Beaches on the Lakeshore of Ontario which I'm very excited about! I'm looking forward to being back in a church after over a year and to be near the lake! So much joy!

I miss and love you all!

Laura Cook

Laura would like us to:

- † Pray for the lockdown to end
- † Pray for new friendships as most or all of her friends will be moving out of the building soon
- † Pray for clear discernment on what to do about all of this for herself





Messiah School for the Arts is doing well, thanks to God. After three years of concerts, our first recital featuring ALL THE ARTS was a success. The livestream video will continue to be up on the Messiah School for the Arts's Facebook page for anyone who missed the live performances (It's called Spring On!). The Monday dance classes are still ongoing and growing. Beginners are welcome. Our dance instructor, Bella Eaton, is doing an exemplary job teaching the adult tap and middle/elementary aged hip hop groups.

Our youth band has been asked to lead worship a few times throughout the year with the youth group from First United Methodist Church in WG, and we are looking forward to collaborating more with them this summer for a local mission project. We continue to meet every Wednesday night (6-7pm) with the youth band to prepare music and spend time together. Email me or stop by if you or someone you know is interested in joining the ensemble.

Adult painting class coming soon! We are planning to revive our Paint Like a Pro! evenings starting with the butterfly painting on display in the Narthex. Sign up sheet and more information coming later this month.

Thank you to everyone who's kept us in your prayers. We feel supported by our church family.

Peace,
Garine Adams

CURRENT WEEKLY CLASSES

***MIDDLE/ELEMENTARY HIP HOP CLASS-**
MONDAYS FROM 4:30-5:30 PM

***ADULT TAP CLASSES**
MONDAYS FROM 6:30-7:30 PM

***FIRST FRIDAY DRUM CIRCLE**
6-7 PM FREE EVENT FOR ALL





Father Tom presented a check in the amount of \$3,000 on behalf of the Outreach Ministry of Church of the Messiah to Debbie Torchia. Debbie is the new director of the Apopka Pregnancy Care Center. Doreen Stachowski volunteers at the center and would love to tell you about the work they are doing there. Beth Ann Carr is now on the board helping Debbie.





The **A P O P K A** *Pregnancy Care* C E N T E R

Serving our community with compassion and dignity

April 13, 2021

Church Of The Messiah
241 North Main Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Dear Congregation:

You are such a blessing. Your faithfulness in supporting the Apopka Pregnancy Care Center is much appreciated. We thank you for your gift of \$3000.00 (check #27824, dated 3/31/21). Your donation helps us with meeting the needs of the ladies who come in for service.

Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 1064, Apopka, FL 32704. Our local address is 111 East Sixth Street, Apopka.

Please pray that abortion minded moms will decide to keep their babies and come in for training to be a good parent. Please pray that we will grow and be able to help save lives of babies and that moms will find the Lord.

May God bless you as you donate to the ministry of the Apopka Pregnancy Care Center. When you support us you become a partner in this ministry.

Please come by and see what God has blessed us with.

In God's Love,

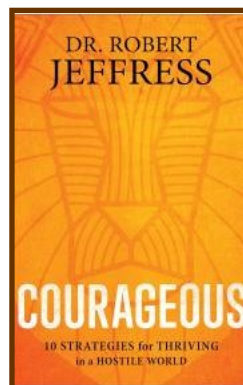
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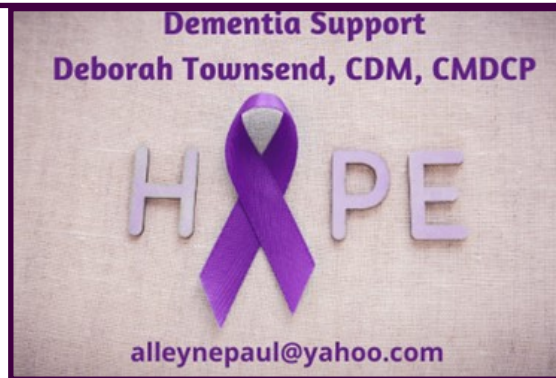
Debra V. Lorchia, Director



This month I read **Courageous** by Robert Jaffres, senior pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, and host of the program “Pathway to Victory” on WTLN. It is a wonderful sequel to the book by Robert Morgan, **The Strength You Need**, which I reviewed previously.

The irony is that I commented to Father Tom and Father Soner, before I began reading the book, that “If we think we live in a time of gross immorality and political corruption, welcome to St. Paul’s world!” And that is precisely what Dr. Jaffres says in **Courageous!** But he addresses how to deal with living in a hostile world--”enemy territory.” (Actually, the world always has been “enemy territory” for the Christ follower; it’s just that we’ve all been blessed to live in a country that was founded on freedom of worship; but this may not always be true, even of America.) Anyway, he illustrates the steps we need to take, beginning with staying alert. And he describes the nature of the armor we must put on every day: the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the boots of the Gospel, the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, and the sword of the Spirit. And he emphasizes the need to stick together, because we are each other’s protection, as well. As I expected of a book by a man of the caliber of Dr. Jaffres, it is an inspiring and helpful read.





Once a man twice a child is a true description of the emotions of a dementia patient. Dementia patients usually go back to their childhood not just with their memory but also with their actions, for this reason children can have a positive emotional effect on dementia patients. Children bring serenity to dementia patients leaving them feeling calm and at ease. A person with dementia sees a child, especially younger children as a friend, the innocence of the child, the simple smile of a child can work wonders for the dementia patient. We as adults can be very impatient as much as we understand the disease, we can be very judgmental, children on the other hand who do not understand what the person is going through are non-judgmental providing that much needed support to the patient.

Whenever a child speaks the simple innocence of the conversation can lift the spirit of the patient. Children see things either black or white, plain and simple which is exactly the mentality of a person with dementia. The children can have sing along with the patients. Children can be encouraged to read to the patients, reading exciting stories especially with all the facial expressions can lighten the mood of your love one. Encourage the children to read stories which include about animals, imitating the sound of the animals will encourage participation from the patient.

Children love to give and receive hugs, dementia patients love to cuddle with children, especially if they are family. Dementia patients can sometimes be seen holding baby dolls or even using blankets or pillows to improvise as a child. Allowing a dementia patient to hug a child can bring a sense of warmth to the patient. The feeling of belonging, comfort and love can drastically change the mood of a dementia patient. Sitting with a young child in their lap can bring that much needed feeling of security a dementia patient usually yearns for on a daily basis.

Encourage children to chat about school, and the games they played at school, this will bring back pleasant memories and a huge smile on the face. When dementia patients hear the stories or accounts of the child's day you will find the patient will join in the conversation, bringing back those memories will have an uplifting effect. Let the child ask questions about the patient's own childhood, let them make the conversation move to the past life of the patient, the interest in the patient's life will give a feeling of being needed.

Children also need to understand the patient's condition, have an age-appropriate conversation with the child before taking them to visit the relative. Escort children to the visit and be sure to stay with them, just as a dementia patient needs to feel secure, children need to know they are safe around the patient. If the patient gets agitated remove the child from the room. A simple game of hide and go seek can be an excellent way to do so, while the child is hiding strike up a conversation with the patient. This is effect creating a much-needed distraction and a means of calmly ending the visit.

Children are not social workers, doctors, nurses or aides, and should not be considered to be a full-time therapy for dementia patients, however since they have such calming effects on the patients, they can be part of the dementia patient's therapy. Children play a massive role in dementia care at all stages and must not be shielded from reality.

Children have an enormous role to play in dementia care and are often seen as the best medicine. People with dementia look forward to seeing their grandchildren and family. It gives them a sense of worth and wellbeing. Whatever we can do to make our loved ones who suffer with dementia more comfortable, and calmer is very important. While we know there is no cure for dementia, we can do everything possible to make it a little easier both for the patient and especially for the care givers.

MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 MSftA 11-12 pm
2* 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	3 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	4 MSftA 10-11:30 am Fr. Tom's Day Off	5 MSftA 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	6 MSftA Online Classes Only Compassion Experience 1-6	7 MSftA First Friday Drum Circle 6:00 pm outside School for the Arts Classroom Compassion Sunday 9-3	8 MSftA 11-12 pm
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30 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	31 Office Closed DRIVE THRU COMMUNION Noon-1:00 pm 			Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting every night at 7:00 p.m. Women Only: Tuesday 6 pm Men Only: Thursday 6 pm https://cflintergroup.org/meetings/three-legacies-group-8/		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2– Kathy Barrett
Annette Spigener

3– Cydney Babione
Tom Knappman

5– Zion Jefferson

6– Peyton Cottle

8– Anthony Beckford
Emmeline Duppenthaler
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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

**Please Pray for our
expectant moms
Kathy Tate
and Cortney Rollo**

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

Sunday Servants 8:00 AM

8:00 Service	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
1st LEM	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend	Don Greer	Linda Bouton	Frank Chase
2nd LEM	Don Greer	Mary Kay Predmore	Deborah Townsend	Ron Bouton	Ellie Chase
Lector	Deborah Townsend	Alex Hujik	Aliena Gaye	Mary Kay Predmore	Joyce Taylor
Altar Server	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/ Greeters	Ron Bouton Carolyn Greer Jay Predmore	Nancy & Pete Glynn Marsha Dymond	Jay Predmore Ron Bouton	Nancy & Pete Glynn Marsha Dymond	
Prayer Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Wally Stewart	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope	Wally Stewart

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
1st LEM	Tom Buchner	Stacey Beck	Dawn Wirbel	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck
2nd LEM	Mary Lynn Levine	Kelsey Beck	Tom Buchner	Dawn Wirbel	Kelsey Beck
Lector	Dawn Wirbel	Jay Willimas	Chris Brown	Beth Ann Carr	Dawn Wirbel
Altar Server	Sophie Alexandre	Yolwenn Alexandre	Francesco Fulvi	Aidan Brandenburg	Francesco Fulvi
Ushers/Greeters	Jay & Patty Williams	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Ken Miller Alex Babcock	Jay & Patty Williams	Beth Ann Carr Ken Miller
Prayer					

Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
LEM #1	Vita Mazzaluna	Bill Smith	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth
LEM #2					
Lector	Bill Smith	Vita Mazzaluna	Patty Tate	Paul Buzzonetti	Ralph Groves
Altar Server	Giada Mazzaluna	Sophie Alexandre	Yolwenn Alexandre	Giada Mazzaluna	Sophie Alexandre
Usher/Greeter	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic
Prayer Intercessor					

Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
LEM	Marvin Haughton	Kathy Quesenberry	Marvin Haughton	Kathy Quesenberry	Marvin Haughton
Lector	Wendy King	Craig Brown	Valery Rice	Craig Brown	Wendy King
Altar Server					
Usher/Greeter	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Wendy King

Readings

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
1st Lesson	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:44-48	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Acts 2:1-21	Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm	Psalm 22: 22-30 BCP 611	Psalm 98 BCP 727	Psalm 1 BCP 585	Psalm 104:25-37 BCP 736	Canticle 13 BCP 90
2nd Lesson	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:1-6	1 John 5:9-13	Romans 8:22-27	Romans 8:22-27
Gospel	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17	John 17:6-19	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	John 3:1-17



Celebrating our friendly,
neighborhood rector's
birthday at our weekly
staff meeting.

Simple Soup Supper
Maundy Thursday



Resurrection Sunday

