

# THE MESSENGER

June 2021

A Publication of the Episcopal Church of the Messiah

**Blessed is the man  
who trusts  
in the Lord,  
and whose hope  
is the Lord.  
Jeremiah 17:7**

## **Sunday Services:**

Sunday Services:

8:00 am..Traditional Communion

9:30 am.....Family Communion  
(Livestreamed)

**Drive Thru Communion**

**Sundays 11-Noon**

**&Mondays Noon-1 & 5-6**

9:30 am..... Sunday School

11 am.....Contemporary Communion

4:00 pm. .... French Service  
( Livestreamed)

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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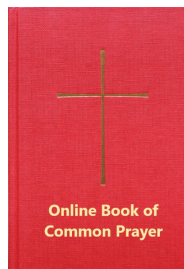
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*From the  
Rector*



# NO MORE BLUE STRIPES!

With the CDC changing their COVID Guidelines, our Bishop Greg Brewer has followed suit and loosened the restrictions on us as well!

Here's a summary of the changes:

1. Masks are optional for everyone for all outdoor events.
2. Masks are optional for indoor events for all vaccinated persons. They are still urged for unvaccinated persons. **IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE OR HAVE MEDICAL CONDITION THAT MAKES YOU PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE, PLEASE CONTINUE USING A MASK.**
3. You're on the "Honor System" whether you're vaccinated or not. **NOBODY** is the mask or vaccination sheriff! But please don't lie to God.
4. There is no need for social distancing for those who are vaccinated. **THE BLUE STRIPES AND X's ARE GONE!** Non-vaccinated persons are urged to continue staying 6 feet away from others.
5. The Nursery and childcare has resumed as they were pre-COVID.
6. We are allowed 100% occupancy indoors for all events.
7. We are going back to Offering Plates instead of the baskets for the Offering.
8. We may resume all food events, including pot-lucks and buffet lines. Coffee Hour is back!

9. Women's Supper resumes June 1, and Men's Suppers and Sunday Simple Suppers will resume in July.

10. We have resumed laying on hands as we pray for people for birthdays, anniversaries, for healing on Wednesdays, and in the Prayer Chapel.

11. LEV (Lay Eucharistic Visitors) will resume visiting people and taking Communion to them after the Sunday services as needed.

Here's what has NOT changed:

1. We will continue offering masks and hand sanitizer for all events.
2. The Common Cup is still not allowed for Communion.
3. Clergy and Lay Eucharistic Ministers will be masked for the distribution of Communion.

Thank you for praying! Thank you for being flexible through COVID-tide.

I love you all.

*Tom  
Rutherford*





The Compassion Journey was offered for our Church Family, friends and community May 6-the 9th. A total of 47 children were sponsored. Approximately 22 volunteers helped with the event and many visitors came through to be a part of the Compassion Experience.

Gerald Lorenzo, was our speaker preacher share how his life was transformed by being sponsored thorough the Compassion Program.



# Who Ya Gonna Call

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## Vestry Door Duty for June

Opener at 7:30am: Marci Babione

Closer after 1:00pm: Wendy King

Vestry Meeting Host: Marci Babione

## 2021 Financial Report

(as of April 2021)

Operating Income.....\$202,124.61

Operating Expenses.....\$224,311.19

NET.....\$(22,186.58)

ALL Building Fund Income....\$56,025.90

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$197,038.78

NET.....(\$141,012.88)

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2021 May Vestry Minutes  
Thursday \* May 17, 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, Brian Seguin, Doreen Stachowski, Wally Stewart, and Sarah Wolfe; Treasurer Bob Tate.

Absent: Ron Lancioni (Family vacation)

I. **FORMATION**: Ron Bouton led Compline. Based on Acts 2:14, 36-41, Tom Rutherford talked about how churches tend to operate and communicate and how their expectations of their clergy and leaders differ, based upon their Average Sunday Attendance (ASA). In the past 25 years, we've grown from a Pastoral Size Church (ASA of 50-150) to a Program Church (ASA150-350).

II. **INFORMATION**:

A. **Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

1. **Pentecost Picnic** is this Sunday at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.

2. **Outreach Team**: Doreen Stachowski reports:

a) Completed tasks since our first meeting on February 9, 2021:

(1) Father Tom presented a check for \$3,000 to the Christian Service Center on 2/17/21.

(2) Apopka Pregnancy Care Center received a check for \$3000 presented by Father Tom on 4/8/21.

(3) Joyce Taylor and I had lunch with the Foster Friends of Central Florida on 4/18 to discuss ways to serve them.

(4) Contacted the Edgewood Children's Ranch. They are still on COVID restrictions.

(5) Joyce has been in contact with the Friends of the Troops.

b) Decisions made for this quarter:

(1) We budgeted \$200 for Friends of the Troops. They can use the money now to mail Girl Scout Cookies to the troops. A check will be sent in May.

(2) There is a new Pregnancy Center in Winter Garden. If anyone is interested in contacting them to see how we can partner, please see Doreen. It is called the Fiona Jackson Center for Pregnancy, Inc. They are in the West Orange Church of Christ and open Tuesday and Saturday.

(3) Foster Friends of Central Florida would like to take an outing to a Water Slide in Florida this summer. They have money in our Outreach budget (\$500), however, we would need to add to this for a Christmas present for the teens later this year. The decision was made to increase their budget another \$500 for Christmas since we still have available money in the budget.

(4) Edgewood Children's Ranch needs food supplies: toilet paper, paper towels, butter, meat, breakfast cereal, flour, pancake mix, syrup, condiments and produce. We can shop at either Sam's Club or Costco or the Restaurant Depot. Several team members volunteered to go shopping and deliver to the Ranch in May/June.

(5) Children's Minister Angela Lopez is communicating with the Dillard Street Elementary school for our involvement in school activities for now and when school re-opens in the fall.

(6) Deacon Julie Altenbach will update us once she attends the next meeting for the Hope Center in Winter Garden. c) Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2021

3. Junior Warden Chris Brown reports he changed out the emergency lights in the Parish Hall and repairs to the drywall in the rental house and the youth hall ceiling will begin Monday.



## **B. Staff Reports:**

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

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

- a) April was a fun month! I joined together with Julie Altenbach to show the Preschool teachers some love during Teacher Appreciation Week. We also provided breakfast treats to the 79 teachers at Dillard Street Elementary on behalf of the Outreach Team and Church of the Messiah. We received a few thank you cards from the last teacher treat we handed out at Dillard Street, and they are hanging on the Outreach bulletin board in the Narthex hallway.
  - b) I have had several new kids join SHINE, and we do something special for newbie when they've attended 3 times in a row. The kids were given Bibles of their very own and all of the other SHINE materials. Then they are able to start earning Messiah money and are allowed to highlight things we talk about in their Bibles. We celebrated with pizza and root beer floats! The very next week, 2 of the new SHINERS came in and had learned 2 memory verses. They were very proud!
  - c) Now that the majority of kids/families have returned to service on a pretty regular basis I have informed the parents that I will no longer be putting together the online lesson. Thanks to Constant Contact Tracing I could see who was and WAS NOT opening the lessons. It was taking me several hours a week to get that together, and I really need the extra time to focus on VBS and other upcoming events. I will be sending a couple families, who are not planning to return to SHINE or church for a few more months, resources via email.
  - d) In Children's Church we enjoyed the Curious series and asked loads of questions. We are moving on the GROSS, weird and squishy stories from the Bible. I am looking forward to some fun activities like making salt dough, eating gummy worms, smelling sardines and hearing about piggies who go splat!
  - e) The SHINE crew is continuing to learn what it means to be a Christian and how to find things in their Bible. We have been enjoying large group games again and have been taking time for the kids to get to know each other and become friends who look forward to seeing each other every week.
  - f) I ran out of gifting Bibles and thankfully received a \$200 donation to Children's Ministry the next week! I was able to buy 14 more Bibles, and now I am ready for the next crew to age into SHINE or new friends to join! Receiving my first Bible changed my life, and I find great joy in being able to gift Bibles to all the church kids. One of my littles was so excited to receive her Bible that she carried it to school the next day! That just melted my heart!
  - g) I have reached out to Z88.3 and West Orange Observer to find out about publicizing VBS. I have done so in the past, but with several churches not hosting events I am not sure if anyone will offer free advertising this year. I would like to have VBS on our signs outside for 2 weeks if possible. I will send a separate email for that. I have sent personal invitations to kids who have attended in the past and are still the correct age. Registration is going slower than I would like, but I know it will be what God wants it to be. People are still being very cautious with group gatherings, and I am trying to accommodate as much as I can while still making it a fun and friendly time for all who participate.
3. **Facilities Minister Jeremy Adams** reports: Horizons West Theater group has rented the Parish Hall several times... including this week, which is why we're meeting in the Library tonight.

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

- a) Volunteers for the 9:30am slide show and streaming services are starting to sign-up! YAY! The goal is to have 5-7 per service so that each volunteer only covers once per month, with a backup or two. So far in May, I have begun training Laura Buckner for the 9:30am - she did FANTASTIC so I'm very excited! Wilna Brown is up next for training for the 9:30am.
- b) The 8am and 7pm services are still very low on volunteers. If we don't get enough volunteers by the end of May, we'll end the PowerPoints at those services and go back to BCP's and Hymnals.
- c) I have started using the recorded services as a training tool for new volunteers so that I can have them practice/train during the week vs. during an actual service.
- d) The nursery now has a TV (thanks to BethAnn Carr and her son for the TV and Chris Brown for mounting it!) and a Roku so that the nursery attendant (or any parent that may end up in there with their child) on Sundays can tune into the Live Stream service at 9:30am.
- e) I am still working on the camera upgrade. Julie Altenbach's nephew in the audio/video business came to see what we've got and give suggestions of next steps. Julie and I are going to see about having the Best Buy Geek Squad or other such experts come out to help us dial it in more. We want to take our time and do the right thing!
- f) We have a "retired" desktop computer ready to go for the library when Regina Seguin is ready to launch her catalog.

**5. Office Minister Julie Altenbach reports she and the Office Angels were busy this month:**

- a) Welcoming new parishioner Sheryl as a new Office Angel.
- b) Scheduling volunteers for the Compassion Journey
- c) Preparing welcome bags for the two Compassion volunteers, Jordan and McKenzie and for our Compassion Speaker, Gerald and his wife, Vanessa and daughter, Valerie
- d) Preparing a photo op for families on Mother's Day. A special thank you to Vivian Johnson for making the flower arrangement for our backdrop.
- e) Getting food and supplies for a Teachers' Appreciation Breakfast at our Partner in Education school, Dillard Elementary.
- f) Organizing the Coffee Hour Ministry and contacting those who signed up to help through Messiah's Way.
- g) Preparing a bulletin for Karen and Lionel Williams 40th Wedding Anniversary and renewal of vows.
- h) Getting casseroles to our folks who have had surgery
- i) Interviewing our high school seniors, Kelsey Beck and Isabella Eaton to spotlight them in the Messenger.
- j) Helping Janice Hull prepare for Ladies' Dining-In as we resume meeting the first Tuesday of every month for food and fellowship in the Parish Hall (with boxed meals)

**C. Apprentice Rector:** We did not win the grant from the Episcopal Church Foundation. We're still waiting to hear if we win the one from the Diocese.

**D. Investment of the Britt gift:** Deacon Tim Wetherington, who manages that money reports it showed a 6% return on investment last year for a gain in value of \$25,000. (from \$402,625.42 to \$428,365.13)

**E. Father Richard Gonzalez** accepted a call to be Interim Rector of the Episcopal Church of St Luke & St Peter in St Cloud (where he's been on Sundays since early December), which means he's not working for us anymore, as of May 16. He'll be here on a Sunday soon to say "goodbye."

**F. Bradford Fisher** withdrew from the ordination process, so he will not be ordained a deacon this fall. He and Tom Rutherford are fine with that and are glad he's back with us on Sundays.



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

- A. **Dying Trees:** As authorized by the Vestry last month, Sarah Wolfe contacted Certified Arborist Chris Evers to evaluate our trees. Chris was unable to help us. The next higher price for an Arborist's evaluation was \$350 from Mary Edwards. Vestry agreed to hire Mary to provide us with the required report.
- B. **More Retirement Back-Payments:** Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe and Rector Tom were under the mistaken impression that employees had to work over 1,500 hours a year before we are required to contribute to a retirement plan. As we have been getting our clergy caught up, Finance Minister Jane Cartelli discovered that number is 1,000 hours... which made several preschool teachers and aides eligible...for several years. Jane had done an estimate on what those payments will be to catch them up for as many as 6 years of back payments, and it's between \$26,000 and \$30,000. We won't know the exact figure until the Pension Plan sends us a bill... as happened with Father Soner and Deacon Julie last year.
1. There are several options to catch the preschool up:
    - a) The Preschool can pay it all, which will wipe out all their reserves for the next year.
    - b) Vestry can pay it out of Operating Funds, which will greatly increase our Deficit.
    - c) Since our PPP loan was forgiven, we have \$55,000 to \$60,000 left over from what we used last year for payroll.
  2. The discussion leaned toward using PPP money to pay it. We'll decide next month, when we should have an exact number of the cost.
- C. **Gifts for prepaying the principle of our mortgage:** We're grateful for the gifts we've gotten for prepaying the mortgage, but we're behind in our regular Building Fund income and in a deficit for paying that.
1. Tom Rutherford recommends we accept those gifts, but with the condition that we can use it to pay the regular mortgage, if we're behind. Otherwise, too many people might give toward the prepaying principle, and not enough give to the regular Building Fund, such that we can't pay the regular mortgage.
  2. Tom also recommends we show those prepayment gifts on the Financial Report in the Building Fund section and use those positive numbers to offset the negative number in "Contingency/Mortgage Prepayment," so don't show a \$100,000 deficit... when that's not an accurate reporting of our situation.

IV. **DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month): Hurricane Preparedness Plan** in the past has been for each person to call the two people ahead of them and behind them in the Directory to check on them. Very VERY few of our folks ever actually do that. In the event of a disaster, Vestry members agreed to contact the folks we are praying for to check on them and see if they're okay or need any help.

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 \$8,680.76 LESS than expenses, INCREASING the year-to-date DEFICIT to \$46,585.69.
2. **Building Fund** net income last month was \$2,200.72 LESS than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, INCREASING our year-to-date DEFICIT to \$141,012.88, which LOOKS bad! But remember, that includes the \$100,000 we set aside for Contingency/Mortgage Principal Prepayment. Once again, Bob will explain how some designated gifts toward prepaying the Principal make this not nearly as bad as it looks.

Meeting adjourned and closed with prayer at 7:15

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk



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

**Joyce Taylor visited St. Marks in Islip, New York  
on May 16th.**



Andrew Brandenburg traveled with Antioch Community Church to Washington D.C. Once there, they partnered with Antioch DC. They fed the people of DC and shared the Good News of the Gospel. Andrew reports:

†for The group was able to plant the seeds of the Gospel 444 people in DC.

†The group handed out 600 Gospel tracks.

†Seven people they shared the Good News with prayed and asked Christ to be a part of their lives.

**Pictures include Andrew and members in  
his Life group and Discipleship group.**





## The Chronicles of Seminarian Laura Cook

Hi All from the Great not white but surprisingly confused weather of the North!

Well I thought we'd hit summer here but I'm learning that May is the most confusing month of the year here, kind of like winter in Florida. As I type this we've had 80 degree weather for days and yet today it's 43. So I dug my jacket back out after having put it away last weekend thinking surely as it's ALMOST JUNE we wouldn't need this but, here we are.

A few updates: I had a crazy month of May taking a bunch of classes and starting a placement. I'm so happy to say that St. John's Norway Anglican Church is one of the most special places I've found in Toronto. I'm so very thankful to our Chaplin at Wycliffe for reaching out to Rev. Molly Finlay and setting this summer internship up. I have not found any church in Toronto that reminds me or even comes CLOSE to Church of the Messiah, however St. John's Norway is the closest one yet. It has been such a joy and a pleasure to join in livestream worship in a church building again, even as our lockdown has been extended.

Another exciting update is that at the end of May I met with the Diocese of Central Florida's Standing Committee that gave me the green light to continue through the process on the way to Priesthood! This means I am officially a Candidate for Holy Orders. This is extremely exciting, and was made even better because I got to see our very own Fr. Tom on Zoom since he's on the Standing Committee!

We're praying huge prayers for the possibility to stay on at St. John's through the academic year as Molly and I are discussing ways to make this possible and possibly provide a small income. We're also praying that this lockdown set to end in June is NOT extended and that we are able to open up, which as always I'm praying means opening up to travel.

I miss all of you. Church of the Messiah is one of the most special places and communities on the planet and I can't wait to be back with you one day!!

Love,

Laura

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She would love to hear from  
her church family!

Enjoying a treat  
from home! I am  
grateful for cards,  
letters and care  
packages!





# Preschool News

The preschool year came to a close with graduation on May 26. We celebrated our wonderful Pre-K class moving on to Kindergarten. It was our first and last event of the school year due to COVID. Celebrating this milestone was a perfect way to end this crazy year. I would especially like to thank Helen Farnsworth and Jeremy Adams for their part in helping with the graduation ceremony. And of course our amazing Pre-K teacher Stacey Duppenthaler who gives her absolute best to our Pre-K children every day.

Even though the school year is ending, the summer will be filled with fun as we begin our Safari and Outback summer camps. The camps are full and we expect to have lots of adventures exploring these strange and wonderful eco-systems God has created.

Due to very high enrollment, the preschool is hiring for the upcoming school year. If you or someone you know would be interested in a part-time position working with the youngest members of our church family, please contact the preschool office at 407-654-8415. Training is required - DCF 45 hours and/or CDA preferred.

Barbara Ellerbe



Safari Camp – June 8-24

Outback Camp – July 6-22

Teacher Staff Meeting – August 2- 9-  
1 in the Library

Teacher Preplanning August 2-6

Meet the Teacher – August 6 – 9 am  
Parish Hall

August 9 first day of school.





# CONGRATULATIONS 2021 GRADUATES





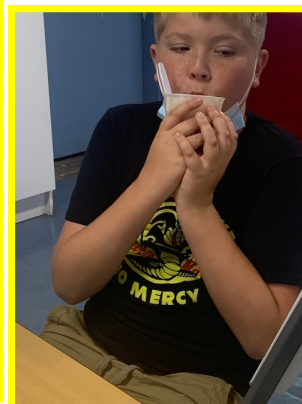


Celebrating new SHINIE friends, new Bibles, and the love of Jesus with pizza and root beer floats!

Lily

Hawk

Melanie



Jackson



Kaitlyn

Remy

Jack and Ava



James enjoys a treat after nursery with Miss Bailey



**Our nursery is now open at 9:30am, 11am and 7pm! Miss Bailey and Miss Chelsea are some of COTMs finest young adults. They have both been volunteering here as well as babysitting for parishioner's for several years! They love our little ones.**

**Thank you Tom Wirbel for making us a new cross for the Children's Ministry room! Ours was broken several summers ago. The kids have been filling some of the 200 holes with prayers. We look forward to decorating it seasonally.**



#### **REMINDER:**

**Vacation Bible School is June 21-25, 5:30-8:30 pm**  
**Children in kindergarten through entering 7th grade are welcome!**

**Free event, dinner included!**





For more information  
about Activate activities contact Mr.  
Murph at  
[YouthMinister@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com](mailto:YouthMinister@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com)

Happy 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season! We have continued to have in-person, socially distanced youth gatherings, and will be returning to normal in-person activities beginning in June going forward if COVID safety allows. I am looking for interest in attendance at Soul in the City July 21 and 22 (day only events) and Mission Service Week 25-30 July (day only events). Depending on the level of interest, I will have enough youth budget to cover all the registration fees (\$35 each for SITC and \$150 each for Mission Service Week. Anyone who may be interested please let me know no later than June 13<sup>th</sup> so we can coordinate the registration and logistics details. 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 kids, make sure you tell them that you love them as often as you can! Please reach out if you are in need of anything (prayer, logistics support, conversation, etc.), we are here to love and serve you.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at [youthminister@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:youthminister@churchofthemessiah.com) or (407) 413-4220, or via remind once you receive a link.

Grace and Peace

Murph Borno

Saturday, May 8th Activate had a blast at a youth hang out day with Garine, Jeremy, and Yester Adams.. The Adams brought some homemade cookies this time around and made some Mother's Day cards before taking turns batting and catching. No one wanted to leave when we were finished, so we went ahead and kept playing. We tightened some loose bolts and nuts on the seesaw and went flying.







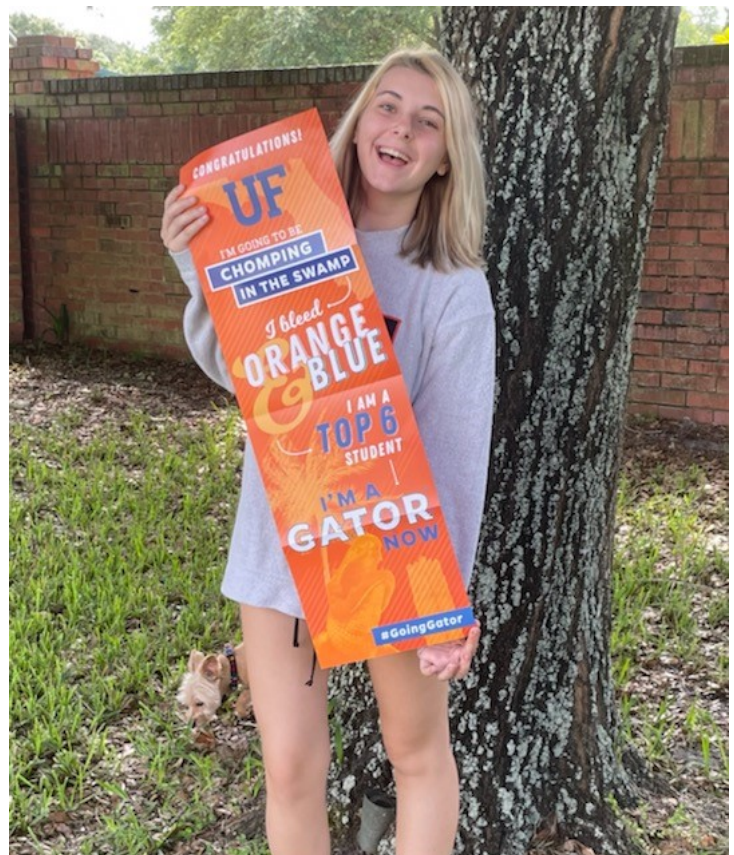


# CONGRATULATIONS KELSEY BECK

Kelsey is a 2021 graduate of West Orange High School. While in high school, Kelsey served on Yearbook and as editor her Senior Year. She also participated in fencing, Peer Counseling and Best Buddies, a program that pairs students with a special needs student. She also enjoyed learning American Sign Language. Kelsey plans to attend The University of Florida in Gainesville beginning this June. Her plan is to study Digital Marketing, Finance and Data Science.

If you would like to send a note to congratulate Kelsey her home address is:

431 Lake Amberleigh Drive  
Winter Garden, Florida 34787





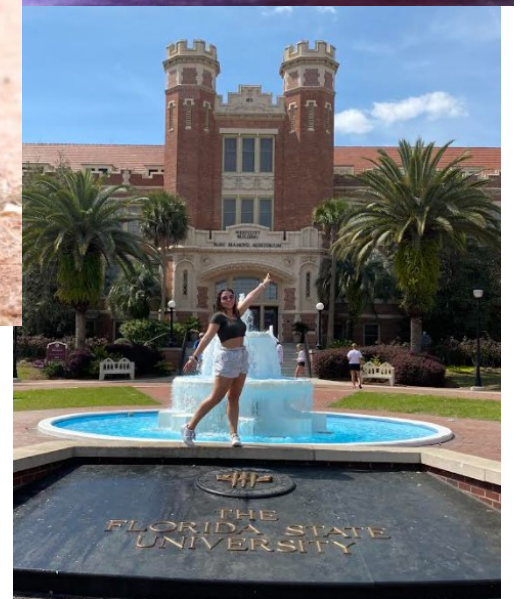
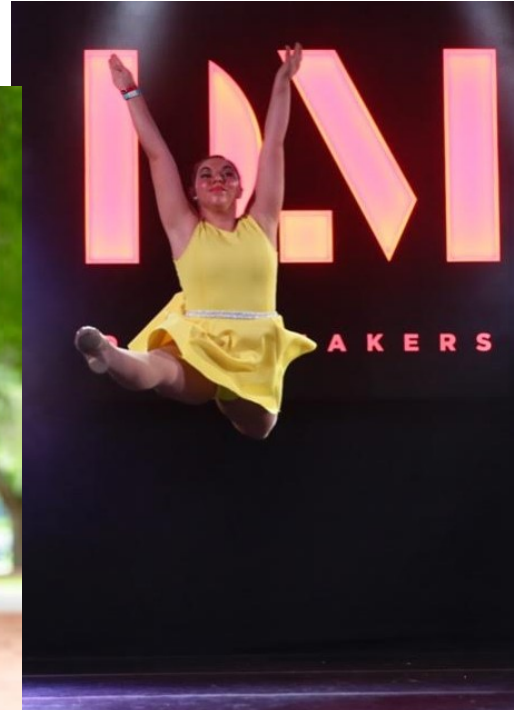
# CONGRATULATIONS ISABELLA EATON

Isabella is a 2021 graduate of Olympia High School. While in high school, Bella was a competitive dancer. She also participated in Best Buddies, a program that pairs students with a special needs student. She was a member of the Science Honors Club, Math Honors Club and National Honor Society. Bella is a Youth Ambassador for JDRF, a nonprofit organization that funds and advocates for Type 1 Diabetes Research. Bella, a Presidential Scholar, plans to attend Florida State University in Tallahassee in their Honors College. She leaves in August to attend a Leadership Summit. Her plan is to study Biology.

If you would like to send a note to congratulate Bella her home address is:

3452 McCormick Woods Drive

Ocoee, Florida 34761





Join us on Wednesday,  
June 16th at 5:15  
in the Parish Hall for  
Soup & Sharing.  
Get to know each other  
by sharing answers to  
Chewing On  
Our Daily Bread Questions



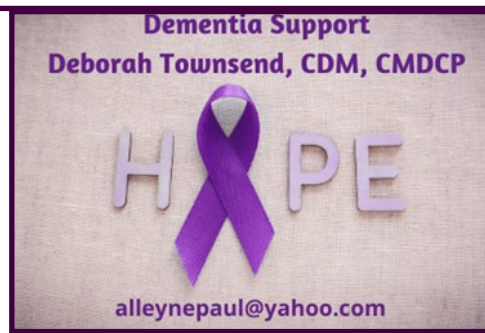


Members of the Outreach Ministry; Doreen and Tom Stachowski, Angela Lopez and Julie Altenbach, shopped and delivered food to Edgewood Children's Ranch on Tuesday, May 25th. Edgewood Children's Ranch provides help for at-risk children and their families. Three meals a day are provided for 90 people, adults and children who are part of this program.



Praise God! I finally finished a book—***Spiritual Discipleship; Principles of Following Christ For Every Believer!*** And a wonderful book it is, which also dovetails with what we've been studying at our Monday night small group—***Jesus In Me*** by Anne Graham Lotz, which deals with effective Bible study and understanding the Person and Works of the Holy Spirit, and ***Tough As Nails***, a DVD dealing with evangelism. (The first section dealt with fearfulness in believers—a subject that's close to my heart!)

***Spiritual Discipleship*** explores all aspects of discipleship: the ideal disciple, conditions of discipleship, evidences of discipleship, tests of discipleship, the disciple's Master, the disciple's Senior Partner (the Holy Spirit), servant hood, ambition, love, maturity, discipline/training (as for the Olympics), compassion, prayer life, rights, example, loneliness, second chance, commission, dynamic, and hope. Every chapter ends with questions to reflect on that personalize it, and there's a study guide in the back for personal or group use. Space doesn't permit me to go into any details of all this, but I feel sure that any believer could greatly benefit from reading this. And although we haven't finished either of the other two in our group as yet, I feel comfortable in highly recommending both of them as well.



Have you ever heard the saying, “We are what we eat,”? Well in that same light what we eat can have a huge effect on how we age. On Sunday when I receive communion, I consider the sacrament I receive to be my spiritual nutrition. I pray that the bread and wine be my spiritual food protecting me against negatives and allowing me to glow that others will see God’s work when they look at me. Almost in the same way we use vitamin C to boost our immune system and promote health skin.

As our loved ones age, we must ensure they eat the right foods especially if we recognize any early signs of dementia. While there is no cure for dementia, we can slow down its progress by eating right, even after a diagnosis. Weight loss is common in patients with dementia partly because of the difficulty they have with using utensils but also their inability to communicate.

For our loved ones with dementia, some of the eating related challenges may be a result of:

Cognitive issues they may not be able to let you know when they are hungry, or they do not know how to start eating. Sometimes they may start eating and suddenly stop as they have forgotten what they are doing. Due to visual-perceptual challenges they often cannot tell which is food and which is plate.

Secondly behavior and psychosocial issues can be responsible for their weight loss depression often causes one to lose their appetite and depression is a huge factor with dementia patients. Dementia patients are usually very agitated and so they cannot sit still to eat; they pace up and down and pacing uses up calories they cannot afford to waste.

Finding themselves feeling tired quite easily combined with other physical problems eating may be a real issue for the patient. They may be unable to hold and use utensils; they may have tremors or decreased depth perception.

There are some patients who may have dry mouth or swallowing issues which of course will make eating an unpleasant experience.

Environment issues also play a part in the diet of dementia patients, too much noise, confusion, visual stimulation, or poor lighting makes it uncomfortable for your loved ones. Dementia patients are usually always feeling cold therefore not having the right temperatures all serve to distract from the business of eating.

Do not give your loved ones too many food choices at once and always try to make the presentation of the food interesting and appealing or they think it may not be appetizing. It is important to give the patient food which are familiar to them, considering any other medical conditions. Caregivers must Try to maintain the same mealtime so as no to confuse the patient, it may not always be possible, but it is important to avoid the patient getting agitated.

It takes time to make certain your loved one eats enough but we can view mealtimes as opportunities for interaction, creating the right environment by using a warm, happy tone to start can make mealtime calm. We must remember to be patient, avoid rushing, your loved one give enough time to finish. Always look out for any signs of possible frustration, confusion, and anxiety. It is important to minimize distraction during the meal, make it a connection time even if it means spoon feeding the patient. Remember ‘once a man, twice a child,’ just as we sometimes need to sit with, coax and make food interesting for a child food we may need to do the same for our loved ones with dementia.

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

## Getting to Know Messiah Folks

By Patty Tate

Each month Patty will interview  
a parishoner so we can get to  
know them better.

Let's Get to Know

Carlene Flood



If you happen to  
phone the Church  
Office or stop by  
on a Monday  
morning, that  
friendly voice at  
the front desk is  
Office Angel,  
Carleen Flood.

### **EARLY YEARS:**

Carleen grew up in Corona Queens and then Floral Park, New York. She was raised in a blended family with four step siblings. She attended public schools and enjoyed the best teachers. After receiving a Merit Scholarship, she attended two years of college and studied to become a nurse. Realizing this was not the career path for her, she went to work for Union Carbide as a Key Punch Operator and Billing Clerk.

### **ADULTHOOD:**

Her next job was working at LaGuardia Airport. A young man working there would come by and bring Carleen a coffee. The rest of that story is she fell in love and married, Raymond. They were married 50 years. Raymond passed away in August of 2015.

She has worn many hats of employment while raising her three children, including housecleaning, selling real estate and her favorite, being a Teacher's Assistant to High School for emotionally challenged teens. Teaching was her most beloved position. She can also tell you some funny stories about being a school bus driver.

She now enjoys her three grown, married children, Tracey, Danny and Kelly and her 4 grandchildren, 3 girls and one boy.

### **BECOMING PART OF THE MESSIAH FAMILY:**

Carleen was raised Catholic but after moving to Florida, she was looking for a church and her friend, Charlene Turnock invited her to COTM.

### **BEST PART OF BEING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Carleen loves the casual atmosphere and the friendly people. She also loves that coming to church is fun. She has had some significant health issues, and she has felt God has put her at COTM and the prayers have healed her. Her faith has increased and God is continually opening new doors for her.





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1 MSftA</b> <b>10-11:30 am</b> Ladies' Dinner 6:30 in Parish Hall  Fr. Tom's Day Off	<b>2 MSftA</b> <b>3:45-5:30</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 6- Choir Prac-tice	<b>3</b>	<b>4 First Friday</b> <b>Drum Circle</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> <b>outside School for the Arts Classroom</b> 	<b>5 Activate</b> <b>Hang Out Day</b> <b>10-11 am</b>
<b>6</b> 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 4pm French Service 5:00 Diving Deeper 4:30 Shine 6:00 Dinner- Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3  <b>BAG SUNDAY</b>	<b>7 DRIVE THRU</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>Noon-1:00 pm</b> 3-5 Knitting Ministry MSftA 4-8:30pm 6:30 pm Bible Study (Library)	<b>8</b> Fr. Tom's Day Off	<b>9 MSftA</b> <b>3:45-5:30</b> 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study ( library) 6- Choir Prac-tice 7:15-	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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<b>27</b> 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 4pm French Service 5:00 Diving Deeper 4:30 Shine 6:00 Dinner- Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3	<b>28 DRIVE THRU</b> <b>COMMUNION</b> <b>Noon-1:00 pm</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<div> <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> </div>		



# Happy Birthday

1– Donalson Felix

4– Isabella Figueroa

8– Larry Cartelli

Austyn Frazier

11– Carola Pearce

13– Jean Thony Duverger

16– Kathy Franklin

17– Monty McBryde

18– Jenny Cirillo

Patty Robertson

20– Charile Joiner

21– Jason Eaton

22– Karen Boyden

Giada Mazzaluna

Grayson Range

23– Katelyn Laracuenta

24– Annalisa Puchain

27– Sharon Lancioni

28– Tim Wetherington

29– Timothy Henry

30– Carolyn Greer

Sterling Wilkinson

# Happy Anniversary

12– Richard & Esther Gonzalez

13– Ken & Bonnie Miller

16– Jeremy & Garine Adams

22– Wally & Karen Stewart

24– Murph & Debbie Borno

27– Horace & Jacquie Williams

29– Same & Heather Lynn

30– Derek & Rita Cho-Sam



Please pray for our  
expectant mom  
Cortney Rollo



Congratulations to parents, Robby and Kathy Tate,  
who welcomed their daughter, Juliana Diane  
on Monday, May 24th.

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	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
1st LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Don Greer	Ellie Chase	Linda Bouton
2nd LEM	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend	Frank Chase	Ron Bouton
Lector	Alex Hujik	Aliena Gaye	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/Greeters	Pete Glynn Ron Bouton	Joyce Taylor Jay Predmore	Marsha Dymond Pete Glynn	Jay Predmore Joyce Taylor
Prayer Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Wally Stewart	Joyce Taylor	Wally Stewart

### Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
1st LEM	Stacey Beck	Tom Buchner	Mary Lynn Levine	
2nd LEM	Mary Lynn Levine	Dawn Wirbel	Stacey Beck	Tom Buchner
Lector	Ralph Groves	Chris Brown	Jay Williams	Beth Ann Carr
Altar Server	Chris Brown	Sophie Alexandre	Osni Alexandre	Yolwenn Alexandre
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Ken Miller Alex Babcock	Jay & Patty Williams	Beth Ann Carr Ken Miller
Prayer Intercessor	Doreen Stachowski			
Tech Minister	Sam Lynn	Wilna Brown	Laura Buchner	Alexis Whitted



### Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
LEM #1	Bill Smith	Vita Mazzaluna	Bill Smith	Vita Mazzaluna
LEM #2				
Lector	Paul Buzzonetti	Patty Tate	Vita Mazzaluna	Paul Buzzonetti
Altar Server	Yolwenn Alexandre	Giada Mazzaluna	Yolwenn Alexandre	Sophie Alexandre
Usher/Greeter	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic
Prayer Intercessor				

### Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
LEM	Wendy King	Kathy Quesenberry	Marvin Haughton	
Lector	Craig Brown	Wendy King	Craig Brown	Wendy King
Altar Server				
Usher/Greeter	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez
Prayer Intercessor	Jill Brown	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Wendy King
Tech Minister				

### Readings

	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
1st Lesson	1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm	Psalm 138 BCP 793	Psalm 20 BCP 608	Psalm 133 BCP 787	Psalm 130 BCP 784
2nd Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	2 Corinthians 5:6-17	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Gospel	Mark 3:20-35	Mark 4:26-34	Mark 4:35-41	Mark 5:21-43

# PENTECOST









