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**Blessed is the
nation whose God
is the Lord, the
people he chose for
his inheritance.**

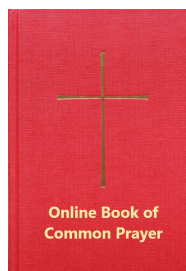
Psalm 33:12

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Sunday Services:

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8:00 am..Traditional Communion

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

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*



NO MORE DRIVE THRU COMMUNION

With most of us vaccinated and the CDC and our Bishop Greg Brewer loosening our COVID restrictions, almost everyone is coming back to in-person worship on Sundays.

YAY!!!!

And THANK YOU for doing so! I missed you!

One result of this change is: the number of carloads of folks coming for Drive Thru Communion on Sundays and Mondays has dropped to zero most of the time.

Therefore, the last day for Drive Thru Communion is Monday June 28.

If you choose to continue avoiding Sunday in-person worship, there are still 3 options for receiving the sacrament. All you have to do is contact the parish office and ask.

Call us at **407-656-3218** or email us at **Office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com**.

Here are the options:

- ✦ We will mail you a month's supply of Communion every month.
- ✦ We will send a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring you Communion on Sundays after one of the services.
- ✦ One of our Clergy Team will bring you Communion at least once a month.

For the past 15 months, Drive Thru Communion has been a sweet time of seeing you, touching in with you, catching up with you, answering Bible questions, praying with you, and praying for you.

Thank you to Fathers Soner Alexandre and Richard Gonzalez and Deacons Julie Altenbach and Sam Katulic for offering the sacrament, and thank you, all of you who came by to receive it. It was a vital link in our ongoing care and communication to maintain our regular relationships through a highly irregular time.

I loved sharing it with you. But I'm loving even more getting to see you outside your car and seeing the Messiah family together again face-to-face.

The next milestone in recovering from COVID-time will be resuming Communion with a common cup, and we'll do that as soon as our Bishop lifts that restriction.

When he does, we will continue offering the individual servings for those who prefer them, but for us, for whom the symbolism of the oneness of the common cup is meaningful, it can't happen soon enough!

I love you all.

*Tom
Rutherford*



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Vestry Door Duty for July

Opener at 7:30am: Ron Bouton

Closer after 1:00pm: Steve Borst

Vestry Meeting Host: Joyce Taylor

2021 Financial Report

(as of May2021)

Operating Income.....\$363,314.02

Operating Expenses.....\$373,324.34

NET.....\$(10,010.32)

ALL Building Fund Income....\$96,024.44

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$109,034.79

NET.....(\$13,010.35)

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2021 June Vestry Minutes
Thursday * June 17, 2021, * 6 pm

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

Absent: Junior Warden Chris Brown, Steve Borst, and Doreen Stachowski (all visiting relatives), Ron Bouton

I. **FORMATION**: Marci Babione led Compline. Fr. Tom read Romans 8:28 and asked us to share what good the Lord brought about in our home lives and in our parish family as a result of the pandemic.

II. **INFORMATION**:

A. **Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

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

- a) As budgeted for Edgewood Children's Ranch, four members of the Outreach team delivered \$750.00 worth of groceries to them on May 25th. The Ranch is still praying for a House Mom and Dad for one of the Cottages. They have children on the "wait" list and unable to bring them on. Please pray!
- b) The Apopka Pregnancy Care Center is starting to use new software for training, with the monetary gift from the Church of the Messiah. This training includes: Pregnancy/Birth, First Year, Toddler, Parenting, Co-parenting, Life Skills, Love Lessons, Special Circumstances (healing from abuse etc.), Positive Partnerships, Fatherhood Lessons and Bible Study. The Center is most grateful for our gift!
- c) Our next quarterly meeting is scheduled August 31, 2021.

B. **Staff Reports:**

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

2. **Children's Minister Angela Lopez** reports: Vacation Bible School is next week June 21-25. We have 50 children registered, with a majority of them from outside the parish family (!), and about that many teenaged and adult volunteers as Staff.

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

- a) As COVID restrictions are being lifted we're seeing a gradual increase in interest in our facilities. Thank you for helping to spread the word! Keep us in mind if you have any needs for a rental facility.
- b) This was a busy month at our church. The drop ceiling in the west part of the Youth Hall had been in disrepair for some time and is currently being replaced with a sheetrock ceiling. The new ceiling is about four inches higher which makes the whole room feel larger. When it's completed, I encourage you all to peak in and see the excellent work that's being done. Thanks to Chris Brown for getting quotes and coordinating with the contractor to get this job done. Along with the renovation, Messiah School for the Arts will be revamping the room to make it more inviting for youth and more functional for music and art lessons.
- c) Office Minister Julie and I have been working with our pest control people to reduce the number of wasps on campus. Please let me know if you see any nests and I'll be happy to spray them.
- d) We have a few rentals on the books for the next month. There's a private party taking place in our Parish Hall on Saturday, June 26th and the AA group will be using the Parish Hall for a meeting featuring a guest speaker on July 3rd.
- e) If you notice anything amiss around the church please let me know.

4. Finance Minister Jane Cartelli reports: Our \$122,900 Payroll Protection Program loan was completely forgiven!

- a) We paid all of last year's payroll out of our regular Operating Account, because we did NOT want to use PPP money, and then find out we had to repay all or part of it. Therefore, that \$122,900 sat in our account untouched until we got the final determination in May from the Small Business Administration that it was forgiven.
- b) That money has been reclassified from a "Loan" last year to "Income" this year and shows up on the Financial Report as "Other Income – PPP" in May.
- c) Last year while the Preschool was shut down due to COVID, we paid the Preschool teachers \$59,395.93. That leaves \$63,504.07.

5. Messiah School for the Arts Co-Director Garine Adams reports:

- a) Our Youth Band is working alongside First United Methodist Church to offer music to their youth group. The last two weeks have been loads of fun. We had a Nerf war and studied the scripture with them.
- b) Please pray for us to find the right teachers on our teacher search for the Fall. We are looking for a weekly art, monthly drama, and a few music instructors as well as replacing Bella Eaton as our dance teacher, as she's going away to Florida State University (on a full-ride Presidential Scholarship!). Contact Garine Adams if you know someone who might be a fit at garineadams@churchofthemessiah.com
- c) Our Youth Band performed an offertory May 30th and June 6th for the 9:30am and 7pm services at our church. We have been so blessed to have these great performance opportunities.
- d) Two of our high school aged members are joining Jeremy and myself the week of June 13th for a wonderful high school camp experience with Alive Ministries at North Florida Christian Service Camp, Keystone Heights, FL.
- e) Pardon our dust announcement – Thank you for everyone who uses the youth hall facility during the week for being so flexible with the new ceiling being put in. We've had to put the rooms on hold for two weeks, but now the space will be more useful for everyone.

6. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:

- a) We have all the Tech Team Volunteers we need for 9:30, 11, and 7pm. They will be listed in the Sunday Servants schedule in the Messenger and the Sunday Bulletins.
- b) We did not get enough volunteers to continue projecting the liturgy on the screen at 8am, so we're back to *Hymnals* and BCP's.
- c) We met with Ken Lyons, our technology repair/networking vendor, on Wednesday June 9 to discuss his suggestions for camera upgrades and some cable management corrections for our live streaming process. He is going to get a quote to us for running some additional cabling and some conduit in the event that I can make our desire for 2 camera system a reality, so our viewers can see the choir and musicians. I'm looking for good, less expensive cameras to make that happen! Stay tuned!
- d) I would like to schedule some website review sessions on campus in July to get feedback on the website and on some ideas that we have for streamlining the site. I will discuss details and dates with our other staff.
- e) I am hoping to offer computer literacy classes, as a few parishioners voiced interest a couple months back, but I needed a to wait until "slower" time of the year in my life.

f) Facility Minister Jeremy, Office Minister Julie, and I trouble-shot some of the tech issues the volunteers are running into for the 9:30am service and have created a separate login for the media volunteer so that they should have better control over authenticating logins, etc. It also helps us increase our overall account security by not having Julie, Jeremy, or my login information saved to a shared computer. Prayers for less tech glitches are always welcome!

g) THIS IS FROM TOM RUTHERFORD: Hearing what Vita's doing and working on: Aren't we glad we hired her!!! So none of us have to keep up with all that or figure out how to do it!

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

a) Worked with Children's Minister Angela Lopez to host first monthly "Soup and Sharing" – a soup supper in the Parish Hall – on Wednesday, May 26th to help people get to know each other better. We used questions from Chewing on Our Daily Bread from the Sunday bulletin as conversation starters.

b) Met with Vicar of Christ the King Episcopal Church in Lakeland Mother Carolyn Biggs and her Parish Administrator on May 27th to discuss collaborating on a training session for other Office Ministers in our Diocese.

c) Continue to create fliers and commercials to play on the T.V. in the Narthex as activities resume.

d) Helped with the first Ladies' Dinner In since the restrictions were put in place.

e) Met with new members and helped them find ways to plug in between now and the next Messiah's Way.

f) Prepared materials for the Boundaries class facilitated by Wendy King and Debbie Rutherford.

g) Helped prepare for Vacation Bible School, including the slideshows for the music.

h) Continue calling parishioners who have not returned to in person worship.

i) Shopped at Restaurant Depot with Outreach Ministry members; Doreen and Tom Stachowski, and Angela Lopez and delivered food to Edgewood Ranch.

C. Apprentice Rector: We're waiting to hear if we won the grant from the Diocese.

D. Laura Cook's Ordination Process: Laura was approved by the Standing Committee to be made a Candidate for Holy Orders. That's the next-to-the-last step toward Ordination as a Transitional Deacon and then a priest. If all goes as expected, she'll be ordained a Deacon in January or February of 2022 and then eligible to be ordained a Priest 6 months after that.

E. Church History: Jill Brown gave us a brief history of the Church of the Messiah and stressed our need to keep writing down our story as a parish and the impact that we have had in the community and in the Diocese. She asked us to consider the project of "catching up" on the documentation of our history. We will celebrate our 75th anniversary as a church in September of 2025 and we need to begin this massive project in order to have it done in time for this important anniversary. We need leaders to recruit and encourage volunteers. We need interviewers and photographers. We need to collect information and photos and to verify the information submitted. The information needs to be organized into chronological order and the narrative needs to be written and prepared for publishing into the next volume of our church history documents. Everything needs to be done by July of 2025 in order to have the books available for the anniversary celebration in September.

III. DISCUSSION- (None):

IV. DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month):

- A. **Dying Trees:** Sarah Wolfe got a report from Certified Arborist Mary Edwards, who diagnosed each of our 4 sick trees as a "High Risk Tree," that is "in a state of decline that is irreversible at this point and will continue to worsen." The best offer we have to take the 4 trees down and grind down the stumps is \$4,400. One company only offered to trim the trees. We will re-contact him to get a quote to take all 4 trees down and go with the better of the two bids.
- 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 estimates it will take between \$26,000 and \$30,000 to catch them up for as many as 6 years of back payments. Irritatingly, the Church Pension Group won't give us a precise number for what we owe, until they send us a bill... which may not be for another 3-5 months ... as happened last year when we faced this same issue with Father Soner and Deacon Julie. We considered several options to catch the preschool up, including letting the Preschool pay it all... which would wipe out all their reserves for the next year. Vestry authorized paying up to \$30,000 of the back payments from the PPP money.

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. Stephanie Abell, who has been working with Bob Tate and Jane Cartelli to migrate all our financial information from Quicken to Quick Books sent some explanations about the new look of the Financial Reports.
2. Stephanie, Bob, Jane, and Father Tom are going to meet next week to discuss how to improve the Financial Reports and make them clearer and easier to read.
3. **Operating Account:** With the transfer of \$122,900 in Payroll Protection Program from a "Loan" to "Income," our **Operating Income last month was \$110,181.25 MORE than Expenses, turning our year-to-date DEFICIT into a \$61,364.16 SURPLUS! THANK YOU, JESUS!**
4. **Building Fund** net income last month was **\$418.03 LESS than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, INCREASING our year-to-date DEFICIT to \$6,408.85.**

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk





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

Leo & Nadia Henry and Tom & Debbie Rutherford celebrated with Lionel & Karen Williams as they renewed their wedding vows on their 40th Anniversary on June 5th on Siesta Key Beach in Sarasota.



Nancy Barber, Bill & Elise Bradford, Don & Carolyn Greer, Tom Rutherford, Annette & George Spigener, Wally & Karen Stewart, and Bob & Gretchen Tope attended the funeral of Messiah's first Rector, Art Dasher on June 8th at St. James Catholic Cathedral in Orlando.

Tom Rutherford attended the Requiem Mass for Susan Shannon, one of his coworkers on the Diocesan Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee at the Cathedral in Orlando on June 9th.

Soner Alexandre and Joyce Taylor attended The Episcopal Church of St. Luke and St. Peter in St. Cloud, where Father Soner celebrated while Father Richard Gonzalez, their new Interim Rector, was on vacation.



The Chronicles of Seminarian Laura Cook

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Hi all,

Well what a whirlwind month it has been! The first exciting thing I have to share is a HUGE thank you for all your prayers... at the publication of this I have a new address!! Please find it above.

I cannot say how much this is an awesome answer to prayer! So THANK YOU for praying!! Everything about this little space is wonderful. It's close to campus and friends and brand new and a great deal! I'm so very thankful for it.

There has also been a lot of updates about the border! Canada is looking to open hopefully sooner rather than later so please keep praying! This would absolutely change my final year here getting to actually travel home. There has also been a slow reopening of shops and patio restaurants (still nothing indoors) but it has been so fun to sit with friends at dinner again!

In other updates, I'm still interning at St. John's Norway Anglican Church here in Toronto. This has been one of the best blessings of my summer! This parish is growing and vibrant, even through out Zoom worship. I'm thrilled to say I've been able to preach not only on Zoom, but also via our livestream! It's so nice to be in a church again.

I love you and miss you all am so excited for the day we can be together again!

Love,

Laura



P r e s c h o o l

S u m m e r C a m p

The preschool opened for our first session of summer camp on June 8. Our theme was Safari. The children learned about the plants and animals one might find on a safari adventure. Ms. Katrina's class made safari vests to wear as they used their imaginations to take them on the adventure.

July's camp will be themed "The Outback". This camp will explore all of the unique animals and cultures down under. Sadly, in July, we will say good bye to Katrina Nugent. Katrina has been a teachers aide at the preschool for 3 years, Katrina is leaving to pursue her Masters Degree in Speech Therapy. We will miss you Katrina.

Barbara Ellerbe



July 6 - 22 - Outback Summer camp

August 2 - Preschool Staff Meeting -
Library 9 am - Preplanning begins

August 6 - Meet the Teacher 9 am
Parish Hall

August 9 - First day of School -
Parent's Boo Hoo Breakfast - Youth Hall



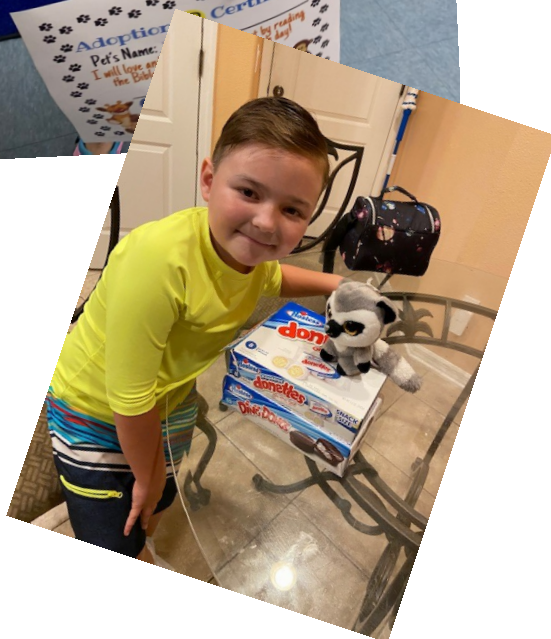




ADOPT-A-PET

SHINE kids adopted a furry pet to take on a summer quest!

For 6 weeks the kids are going to be on a quest to grow closer to God while praying with, reading their bible to and taking their pet fun places.



LADIES' DINNER

Ladies' Dinner resumed on Tuesday, June 1st. The ladies met in the Parish Hall and enjoyed a boxed dinner. Janice Hall, the hostess of the event, instructed participants to change tables for dessert so they could get to know more women.

The ladies' decided to continue with dinner in the Parish Hall next month for a catered meal.





Alive! Worship arts and service camp. We just got back from a camp week with three of our high school aged youth members. They will be sharing their experience at the 9:30am service as well as the 4pm French service Sunday, June 27th. We had five baptisms that week, served the community of Keystone Heights, and put on an amazing program by the end of the week highlighting all the ways to worship God. It was a truly inspiring week.

Our next big group event is a **day at the springs** on **Saturday, July 3rd**. We need to meet early to ensure we can make it in to one of our local springs before they close the gate for capacity (Meeting at **8am** at Church of the Messiah back parking lot near the Parish Hall). Rock Springs is our first choice, but we have backup swimming plans at Father Tom's house if the spring is closed for the day. Please email Garine Adams by the Wednesday before so we can find the right amount of drivers needed.



If you have a gently used three seater couch or bench (preferably with storage) please reach out to Garine Adams at garineadams@churchofthemessiah.com.

Peace,



Reactivating Activate Sundays! 5-6pm each Sunday for 6-12th grade students in the Youth Hall.
Saturday, July 17th, from 10-11am Nerf Fight Saturday hang out is in the Parish Hall. We will provide the bullets. BYOG (bring your own guns), and we have some to share. Please bring protective eyewear for participants and bystanders.

July 21st & 22nd Soul in the City (Registration is closed for this year)

July 26-30th Mission Week with First United Methodist Church youth group . You have until **Wednesday, June 30th**, to sign up with Garine Adam

Aug 4th, 2021 starting Wednesday Activate! Youth Group hangouts from 6-7pm – We'll have worship and time to talk and play games.



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A Meditation For July 4th

Actually, this meditation is not my own; I found it on my Bible app for June 5th; but I felt compelled to pass it on.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed in Him, “If you continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

People have lived and died fighting over freedom. Being able to lead your life in a way that you want is what most would consider true freedom. But is that what God intended? Believe in Him, trust His word, and the truth will set you free. Anything else is not freedom at all.

Prayer:

I want to be set free. I want to actively seek the truth. I want to live a life that helps others see truth through me, my merciful and loving God. This is the freedom I choose. There is no other way for me. Thanks be to You and Your Son, Jesus Christ, and it is in His Name that I pray. Amen.

I read a really fabulous book this month in anticipation of our celebration of Independence Day: **100 Bible Verses That Made America—Defining Moments That Shaped Our Enduring Foundation of Faith**, by Robert J. Morgan. It begins with “Antonio de Montesinos and His Blowtorch,” December 21, 1511, in other words, with the Spanish conquistadors; it continues through the centuries, ending with quotes of Barrack Obama and Donald J. Trump at the Presidential Prayer Breakfast, then concludes by challenging America to repent and return to the God of our fathers, which is the only way to make America truly great again. Included are astounding recounts of “the weather changing history,” of how God always raised up exactly the right people for the job to be done, and of how each “Great Awakening” started with one person calling people to prayer for the nation. They’d start by themselves at these “meetings,” but persevered until millions, not only in America, but around the world had turned to Christ. It reminded me of the first line of a praise song from decades ago--“Pass It On.”

“It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around will warm up to its glowing.”

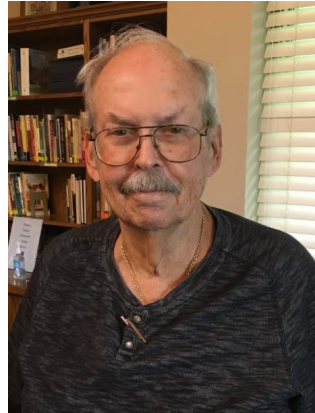
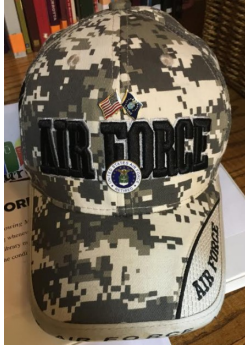
Please do yourself a favor and read this one! I really believe it expresses the values that all of us could rally to, regardless of our political views.

I also began, at Father Tom’s recommendation, to watch “The Chosen.” As of today (June 18th) I have only watched two episodes, but I recommend it, as well. The theme is eloquently expressed in the first episode, which begins with Mary Magdalene as a girl. She is learning the wonderful verse from Isaiah: 43:1:

Thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by name; thou art mine.”

I do suggest, as Father Tom did, that you use the subtitles, because it is sometimes hard to understand. (I’m glad he said that—I thought it was just me!) You can either watch it free by downloading the app “The Chosen,” or it is available on DVD in the church library.

Bob Somers



Let's Get to Know:
Bob Somers
Do you think only
Messiah women serve
God through the
Altar Guild?
Read about
Bob Somers and
learn why he sets up
the altar every week!

EARLY YEARS: Bob grew up in Redlands, Florida. That's in South Dade County. He attended all 12 grades of his early education at Redlands School. Following his 1953 graduation, he attended the University of Florida for one year.

He decided to join the US Army and after basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and an assignment in Japan, he was released from service in 1959.

EDUCATION AND JOB CAREER: After Bob was released from service, he returned to UF to finish his degree, and that became the best path he ever took. He met and fell in love with fellow student, Marion Lynn Mitchell from Winter Garden. Lynn was Episcopalian and Bob was a Methodist, but as Bob said, "They still let me get married to her." (Yes! Bob has a great sense of humor!) Here's the best part you will love, they got married at our Church of the Messiah! That was on December 22, 1960!

The United States Air Force was form for the Somers for the next many chapters of this family, starting in 1963. Bob went to Officer Training School and some of the places he was stationed and was a Commissary Officer were Roswell, New Mexico; Ft. Lee, Florida; Brindisi, Italy; Plattsburgh, N.Y.; Goose Bay Labrador, Oklahoma; Turkey, Michigan, and Arkansas. During this time, he and his beloved Lynn had three beautiful daughters; Stacey, Melanie and Lora. I asked Bob if he enjoyed the travel of being in the Air Force. He said, "They were paying me." He retired in 1979 in Niceville, Florida. While attending St. Jude's Episcopal Church, Bob became confirmed.

BECOMING PART OF THE MESSIAH FAMILY: Lynn wanted to return to her family in Central Florida so they purchased their current home in Oakland, Florida in August of 1981 and that is when the Messiah folks were blessed with the Somers. Bob worked at Winter Garden Citrus Products Co-op as Personnel Manager from then till 1999.

BEST PART OF BEING IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY: "I feel welcome and at home, people get along with me." For many years Bob would open up the Church and hall on Sunday mornings and spend time picking up trash in the church yard. Bob and Lynn have always helped wherever needed at Messiah. Two of their 5 grandchildren regularly attend our church. His grandson, Ryan is the talented guitar player you can hear at the 11:00 service. When his wife Lynn was unable to help with Altar Guild jobs, Bob was given an Altar Guild notebook with his name on it! From that day on he has set up the altars on Wednesdays and Sundays.

According to Bob:

"My most shining moments at Church of the Messiah were my two trips with Father Tom and team to help with the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and working at the Youth Camp as well as Teen Mission Trips to Tennessee. I am proud of my experiences there."



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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/				1	2 First Friday Drum Circle 6:00 pm outside School for the Arts Classroom 	3 Activate Event
4 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 4pm French Service 4:30 Shine 5:00 Diving Deeper 6:00 Dinner– Picnic Style 7:00 pm Rite 3 BAG SUNDAY	5 The Office is closed in observance of 	6 Fr. Tom's Day Off 6:30 pm Men's Supper in the Youth Hall and Ladies' Dinner in the Parish Hall	7 MSftA 3:45-5:30 10am Holy Communion 11am Bible Study (library) 6– Choir Practice 7:15– Praise Band	8	9	10
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25 8am Rite 1 *9:30 Rite 2 *11:00 Rite 3 11:30 All Souls Service 4pm French Service 4:30 Shine 5:00 Diving Deeper 5:00 Activate 6:00 Dinner– Simple Supper Provided in the Parish Hall 7:00 pm Rite 3 Activate Mission Week with FUMC (1st United Methodist Church)	26 Activate Mission Week with FUMC	27 Activate Mission Week with FUMC	28 Activate Mission Week with FUMC	29 Activate Mission Week with FUMC	30 Activate Mission Week with FUMC Closing Party 6 pm in the Parish Hall	31 7:00am- 2:00 pm 

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3– Sharon West	12– Shalese Bennett	23– Linda Bouton
4– Angela Lopez	13– Brighton Davis	Bob Tate
6– Douglas Duppenthaler	Kristopher Strickland	25– Leo Henry
7– David Teter	14– Frank Chase	Elaine Nathurst
9– Katie Joiner	Ron Lancioni	Joyce Taylor
Iris Sandoval	15– Wilna Brown	28– Jessica Brueggeman
10– Jason Alford	16– Kira Alford	30– Beth Ann Carr
Steve Brueggeman	Whitner Chase	Patti Williams
11– Cindy Bennett	Shelby Montilus	31– Kelsey Beck
Tina Carter	17– Peyton McKenna	John Cairns
Jackson Groenendaal	20– Evan Candes	Missy Cottle
Deborah Grunder	21– Rajdai Teeka Singh	Monica Pounds
John Hood		

Happy ANNIVERSARY

9– Colby & Stacey Beck	14– William & Carola Pearce
Don & Carolyn Greer	21– Ron & Linda Bouton
12– Mike & Linda Ogata	27– Steve & Jacque Dunegan
	31– Paul & Holly Matzelle

*Please Pray for our
expectant mom,
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	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
1st LEM	Joyce Taylor	Mary Kay Predmore	Frank Chase	Linda Bouton
2nd LEM	Deborah Townsend	Don Greer	Ellie Chase	Ron Bouton
Lector	Alex Hujik	Aliena Gaye	Deborah Townsend	Joyce Taylor
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/Greeters	Pete Glynn Ron Bouton	Jay Predmore Joyce Taylor	Marsha Dymond Ron Bouton	Jay Predmore Pete Glynn
Prayer Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Wally Stewart	Joyce Taylor	Wally Stewart

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
1st LEM	Dawn Wirbel	Stacey Beck	Tom Buchner	Dawn Wirbel
2nd LEM				
Lector	Vincent Truglia	Ralph Groves	Jay Williams	Chris Brown
Altar Server	Francesco Fulvi	Sophie Alexandre	Francesco Fulvi	Chris Brown
Crucifer	Kellin Cook	Melanie Field	Kellin Cook	Yolwenn Alexandre
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Ken Miller Alex Babcock	Jay & Patty Williams	Beth Ann Carr Ken Miller
Prayer Intercessor	Doreen Stachowski		Doreen Stachowski	
Tech Minister	Wilna Brown	Alexis Whitted	Laura Buchner	Sam Lynn

Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
LEM #1	Vita Mazzaluna	Bill Smith	Vita Mazzaluna	Bill Smith
LEM #2				
Lector	Patty Tate	Vita Mazzaluna	Paul Buzzonetti	Patty Tate
Altar Server	Giada Mazzaluna	Jackson Groenendaal	Giada Mazzaluna	Lily Groenendaal
Usher/Greeter	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelley McRae	Mary Katulic
Prayer Intercessor				

Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
LEM	Kathy Quesenberry	Wendy King	Marvin Haughton	Kathy Quesenberry
Lector	Craig Brown	Wendy King	Craig Brown	Wendy King
Altar Server		Kaitlyn O'Brien	Violet Eaton	William Greenwell
Crucifer				Daniel Greenwell
Usher/Greeter	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Wendy King	Jill Brown
Tech Minister	Jill Brown	David Peterson	Cherie Greene	David Peterson

Readings

	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
1st Lesson	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm	Psalm 48 BCP 651	Psalm 24 BCP 613	Psalm 89:20-37 BCP 715	Psalm 14 BCP 598
2nd Lesson	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Ephesians 1:3-14	Ephesians 2:11-22	Ephesians 3:14-21
Gospel	Mark 6:1-6	Mark 6:14-29	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	John 6:1-21



Steve and Aidan Branendburg

John, Jackson and Lily
Groenendaal



Livia, Francesco, Larry and Allegra

Sharon & Ron Lancioni
Bobby, Lisa, Melanie and Joe Field





Father Tom with grandsons, Asher and Beowulf.

MaryLynn and Lily Levine!



The Chase Family



Julie and Kara Altenbach

