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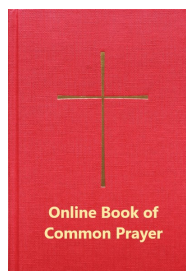
Ezekiel 36:26
**I will give you a
new heart and put
a new spirit in you;
I will remove from
you your heart of
stone and give you
a heart of flesh.**

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Sunday Services:

Sunday Services:

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*



The Messiah Ministry Mill Cranks Out Another

You may have been missing **Father Richard and Esther Gonzalez** ... since December!

Here's what's up.

The Rector of the Episcopal Church of St Luke & St Peter in St Cloud left last year in March to accept a call to a church in California – just in time for the pandemic to hit. Since then, that congregation had a succession of Supply Priests filling in on Sundays, as the lay folks there scrambled to figure out how to do church online without a Rector.

In November, they asked Father Richard to come and be their Supply Priest for December through Christmas.

It didn't take long for them to fall in love with him and Esther!

After Christmas, they asked him to stay through Easter.

After Easter, they began to talk to him about staying permanently.

Richard and Esther prayed and listened and consulted with me and our diocese, and negotiated with the Vestry in St Cloud, and, in May, the church issued a call, and Richard accepted.

The Vestry wanted him to be their Rector. But because this is his first time to be Priest-in-Charge, Richard preferred to be their Interim Rector for a year. If all goes well, they will renegotiate their relationship next year, and he will become their "real" Rector.

As soon as Richard and I saw this was all falling into place, I asked him to come back to us on a Sunday, so he could say "Bye," and we could send him out with our blessing. He and both I hoped to do that in June... and then in July ... but it appears it can't happen for a while. St Luke's & St Peter's is in a rebuild mode, and they need him there every Sunday.

I hadn't gone public with this before because I wanted Richard to be able to tell you himself, but since he may not have the opportunity to do that for several more months, I wanted you to know: He didn't abandon us, I didn't fire him, and there's no cloud – other than St Cloud! – darkening our relationship.

The Good News is: the Messiah Ministry Mill cranked out another fine clergyperson, and Jesus, the Head of the Church, transferred him from our part of the Kingdom to another.

Richard and Esther are grateful for their time with us, for our working him through the ordination process to become a priest, and for the rich preparation he received here to be able to lead a congregation – not just in Sunday worship, but in every area of a going and growing congregation – which St Luke's & St Peter's has been in the past, and which it's becoming again with Richard at the helm.

The Messiah family is grateful, too, for Richard and Esther's love and ministry here. We've missed them since December, when we thought their absence was temporary. Now that we know it's permanent, we still miss them, but it's an honor to be part of their formation as a clergy couple.

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful. The workers are few. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send workers into his field." I pray that daily! And I am humbled that the Lord of the Harvest works through the Messiah family to answer that prayer: to find, equip, empower, and send workers into his harvest field.

Thank you for your part in cooperating with God in answering that prayer: for welcoming new folks among us, for being patient with new leaders as they learn their craft, for praying for them to become all God created them to be, and for sending them out with your blessing when the Lord of the Harvest moves them to another part of the field.

I love you all.

*Tom
Rutherford*

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Vestry Door Duty for August

Opener at 7:30am: Sarah Wolfe

Closer after 1:00pm: Sarah Wolfe

Vestry Meeting Host: Sarah Wolfe

2021 Financial Report

(as of June 2021)

Operating Income.....\$414,981.17

Operating Expenses.....\$139,140.75

NET.....\$275,840.42

ALL Building Fund Income....\$118,591.95

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$121,514.34

NET.....(\$2,922.39)

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2021 June Vestry Minutes
Thursday * July 15, 2021, * 6 pm

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

Absent: Junior Warden Chris Brown (celebrating his wife's birthday), Brian Seguin (at his brother's wedding), and Doreen Stachowski (in Illinois with family).

I. **FORMATION:** Joyce Taylor led Compline. Based on Matthew 20:25-28 and Neal Michele's book *Beyond Business as Usual*, pp. 69-70, Tom Rutherford talked about "The People Pyramid," how leaders give up rights and accept responsibility in the parish family.

II. **INFORMATION:**

A. **Vestry Ministry Team Reports: Messiah's Way:** If you'd like to delete or edit anything in your section of the Messiah's Way questionnaire, please let Brian Seguin know by August 1, so he can have it ready for the parish family by the end of August.

B. **Staff Reports:**

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

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

- a) VBS recap: We had 55 children and 43 adult/teen volunteers this year! I asked God to send the people He wanted, and we really got a fun mix of wonderful children and volunteers from all services. While we can physically accommodate 90 children comfortably, 50-60 is our sweet spot for allowing everyone to have some individual attention and allow for breathing room in all rotations. I really feel this year was a success, in that we had many new volunteers who discovered a new love for serving children. Some of our older volunteers had just as much fun as the children. I especially enjoyed watching their eyes light up at the joy and delight the children were expressing. Writing the curriculum myself allowed me to adjust and flex to fit the needs of our space and time as well as tailor it to the children we serve. It freed up some budget funds that I could spend on better craft supplies and tastier snacks. The addition of the Youth Band was a lot of fun, and it forced me to flex my choreography muscle – one that I didn't know I had! Our music and motions were a lot of fun and easy for all ages to learn. With the encouragement and prayers of some volunteers, I have decided to write the curriculum for VBS 2022 and have the structure already laid out. One thing I would like to add is a rotation/session for adults. I am praying about the content and space we may have open. A HUGE thank you to the anonymous donor who sponsored the half page ad in the West Orange Times. It was beautiful! It was really cool that they also came and covered the first night of VBS and did a lovely online gallery and in print recap! I pray that that will attract some new families! We had 2 families attend the Sunday after VBS, both of which are seeking a new church home. One family has expressed an interest in volunteering with children and is an OCPS elementary teacher.
- b) In Children's Church we have begun a new series called "God Speaks?" We are going to discover who God spoke to, if He speaks to kids, and how to hear him. This will be a six-week series. I have restocked the treasure box, and the kids are all working hard on the memory verse: John 10:27.
- c) SHINE kids are still on their summer quest with their adopted animal to grow closer to God. We have many fun activities scheduled: Fondue and Fun night, parish ice cream and beach games, and Little Mermaid Cooking Camp.
- d) I will be working with Patty Tate to clean out the old kitchen and gather goods for the rummage sale. Office Minister Julie and I have planned the next few Soup and Sharing events and are working on a Ladies Luau Party.

3. Facilities Minister Jeremy Adams reports:

- a) Interest in renting our facilities continues to grow. Thank you for your prayers! We are again hosting Horizon West Theater Company from November 29th - December 4th for their youth production of "Once upon a Mattress." There have also been other organizations and individuals seeking to use our space on a continuing basis. One of these individuals will be starting a weekly class, called Becky's Milestones through Music Preschool Classes, on August 13th in the Parish Hall starting at 10am.
- b) Our rummage sale is Saturday, July 31st. The Parish Hall will be occupied the entire week (7/26-7/31) in preparation for the sale.
- c) In other news, Tom Tannenbaum Roofing came out to inspect the new leak in the Parish Hall that was discovered during VBS. They reported that it was most likely caused by old, rusty nails that had lost their tops. The roof was patched the same day that it was inspected. Please let me know if any leaks are seen in the Parish Hall or if any unexplained wet spots in the carpet are discovered.

4. Finances: Children's Minister Angela Lopez works enough hours that we're required to provide medical insurance for her, unless she receives it some other way. Until the end of June, her husband's employment provided insurance for the family. He left that company at the end of June, so as of July 1, we are paying \$1,716 per month for her insurance. If his next employer provides medical insurance for them, we won't have to pay it anymore.

- a) That's the rate for "Employee + 1," which is what we do for our Clergy. National Canons require us to offer the same benefits to lay employees who work 1,500 hours a year that we provide clergy.
- b) We currently provide medical insurance for the Rector and Office Minister.
- c) Assistant Music Minister Jeremy Adams crosses that threshold in 2022.
- d) Music Minister Linda Ellison has Medicare, so she doesn't ask for insurance.
- e) Rector Tom will go on Medicare at the end of this year, so we won't have to pay for him anymore.

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

- a) We are still looking for a weekly art, monthly drama, and a few music instructors as well as replacing Bella Eaton as our dance teacher. Contact Garine Adams if you know someone who would be a great fit.
- b) Our MSftA Youth Band performed the music for Vacation Bible School and then played the theme song for the offertory at the 9:30am service on June 17th. We have been so blessed to have these great performance opportunities. VBS week was a great time sharing His word and learning some new things.
- c) The room/stage is starting to come together, and we are more than happy to start having worship again this Sunday at 5:45pm in the Youth Hall.
- d) Summer Recital August 6th at 6:30pm will be in the Parish Hall Featuring our students and staff. We will have a live audience and also livestream it online.

6. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:

- a) Facility Minister Jeremy and I have made some headway with mapping out cables in the Sanctuary so that we will have a better idea of how to streamline the setup in the coming weeks/months.
- b) After some discussion with Fr Tom, it seems prudent to wait on an upgraded camera purchase. I will continue to develop my proposal so that I have that ready for budget submission time. Please be praying that the computer/electronics chips issue is corrected so that prices come back down...or that someone decides they would love to contribute to the upgrade! My VERY rough estimate is between \$3000 and \$5000 to do some nice but not extensive upgrades.

- c) The Sunday Tech Ministers are doing SPECTACULAR WORK! So very blessed and grateful for those we have and still praying for more to come! Jeremy and I would like to split the job into 2 as space/setup allows.
- d) Office Minister Julie and I discussed, and I implemented, further website changes. The thought process for our changes is that most people likely access our website on a mobile device, so we wanted a website that was well organized for mobile but still appealing on a desk/laptop.
- e) I have a couple of prospects for folks to take updated, high resolution photos for us so that I can further update the website.
- f) I have NOT forgotten about offering some tech classes! However, as I've been praying about it, I've been feeling prompted to change up my idea a bit and instead of group classes, offer either "office hours" specifically for folks to come in with personal tech questions/setup help/etc. or possibly even gather a few more volunteers to serve as a "Geek Squad/Genius Bar" of sorts. There is just SUCH a broad array of technology and applications that I feel like trying to figure out (or efficiently run) a group class wasn't the way to go. Right now, the answer I'm getting is "Keep thinking and praying. You don't have the right thing dialed in yet."
- g) Any and all prayers are appreciated to help facilitate all these wonderful areas and ideas! As always, feel free to reach out!

7. **Office Minister** Julie Altenbach reports she and the Office Angels:

- a) Helped prepare and participated in Epic Battles of the Bible Vacation Bible School.
- b) Collaborated with Media Minister, Vita Mazzaluna to update the website layout.
- c) Greeted newcomers, gave them tours, and spent time getting to know them.
- d) Attended the West Orange Ministerial Luncheon at Church of the Messiah.
- e) Welcomed new Office Angel and member of them Messiah Family, Paulette Isaacs.
- f) Helped plan and organize the Ladies' Dinner, catered by Olive Garden.

8. **Youth:** Murph Borno stepped down as our Volunteer Youth Minister, and Garine Adams stepped up into that role, as of this month. She hit the ground running and is already coordinating these events:

- a) Sunday, July 11th – We restart weekly in-person Activate! Youth Group from 5-6pm in the Youth Hall. We're playing music and singing at 5:45, and everyone is invited.
- b) Saturday July 17th – Nerf War and target games in the Parish Hall 10am-11am
- c) Wednesday-Thursday July 21-22 – Soul in the City (mission project with the Diocese of Central Florida)
- d) Monday-Friday, July 26-30 – Mission Week with First United Methodist Church of Winter Garden. We're hosting the Closing Party Friday night
- e) Wednesday, August 4th – Kick Off Wednesday Activate! Youth Group Hangouts from 6-7pm in the Youth hall, with music, games, and time to talk.

C) **Dying Trees:** Last month we authorized up to \$4,400 to remove the 4 trees and the debris and grind the stumps. West Tree Services will do it for that. We asked Mark's Tree Services for a bid, since his first bid was to trim the trees instead of remove them. Mark wanted \$8,000, so we're going with West. Tom Rutherford contacted them to let them know we're going with them. Tom also forwarded the Arborist's Report to the City of Winter Garden, so they'll issue the permit for the work.

D) **Apprentice Rector:** We successfully made it through the first hoop toward winning the Diocesan Grant! Father Jonathan French, who is the gatekeeper for the Grant, wants to meet on Monday, August 2 to ask us: "Why do you want an Apprentice Rector? What will you do to form him/her – especially for preaching and teaching? And how and where will you find your candidates? He'd like to meet at 4pm with our Wardens, Clergy Team, and Staff; at 5pm with Vestry members; and we'll end with supper together.

III. **DISCUSSION-** : The suggestion was made to pre-pay an additional \$5500 each month on our mortgage so as to pay it off by December 2027. There was also a suggestion to use some of the money in our brokerage account to make a lump sum payment on our mortgage to cut down the number of years it would take us to become debt free. Pros and Cons of these choices were discussed. The vestry agreed to pray about this for discernment about what the Lord would have us do.

IV. **DECISIONS:** (None)

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

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

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

1. Operating Income last month was \$29,924.71 LESS than Expenses, DECREASING our year-to-date SURPLUS to \$38,396.11.
2. Building Fund net income last month was \$4,279.04 MORE than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, DECREASING our year-to-date DEFICIT to \$2,937.35.

Note from Treasurer Bob Tate: Our year-to-date Operating Income is \$43,000 lower than we anticipated it would be for the first half of the year. Payroll is \$4500/month higher than the first 6 months of 2020, due to raises the Vestry approved last August for Father Tom, Children's Minister Angela Lopez, and Assistant Music Minister Jeremy Adams. Our cash balance in Regions Bank has declined by \$106,000 from the beginning balance of \$345,000 in January to \$239,000 at the end of June.

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Taylor, Vestry Clerk
Vestry Clerk

Messiah's Missionaries



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

Doreen and Tom Stachowski visited Christ Episcopal Church in Vicksburg, MS on June 20th.

Julie Altenbach visited Church of the Annunciation in Holmes Beach, Florida on July 4th.

Joyce Taylor visited St. Peter the Fisherman Episcopal Church in New Smyrna Beach, FL on July 4th.

Annette Spigener visited The Episcopal Church of St. John in the Wilderness in Flat Rock, North Carolina on July 4th and July 11th.

If you visit a church, please bring a copy of the bulletin with your name written on it.
If you can, we would love a picture of you at that church as well.
Email pictures to office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com



The Chronicles of Seminarian Laura Cook

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

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Greetings from what is a beautiful summer up North!

It has continued to be a whirlwind of a summer, but I am thankful for all the forward movement. I am finishing up a full summer course load, which we could all say was a choice, but I know that come the school year I will be extraordinarily thankful. This also means finishing up my summer placement internship. This placement has been one of the absolute best things to happen to me in the past year and is the congregation most like Messiah I have found up here! It would be sad to say goodbye, but God is detail oriented and I officially have a JOB at St. John's Norway! In all the transitions they have experienced this last year, they are in need of a new Children's Minister for the upcoming school year. So beginning in September you are looking at the new Children's Minister at St. John's Norway Anglican Church! This has been a HUGE answer to prayer and allows me to stay on with Reverend Molly Finlay and continue learning and growing with her, which I am forever thankful!

In case you missed it: I have a new address! I am still feeling blessed to call this little place home and settle in for my final year.

I love and miss you all!

Love,

Laura Cook



Laura and Reverend Molly Finlay at St. John's Norway Anglican Church



Preschool News

During the month of July, we held our second session of summer camp. The theme was The Outback. The children had a such fun learning about the unusual animals found in the Outback.

Sadly, we also said, “goodbye” to Katrina Nugent and Kim Pass in July. Katrina is relocating to finish her Master’s Degree at Florida Atlantic University. Kim Pass has accepted a new position outside the preschool. We wish them both all the best in their new adventures.

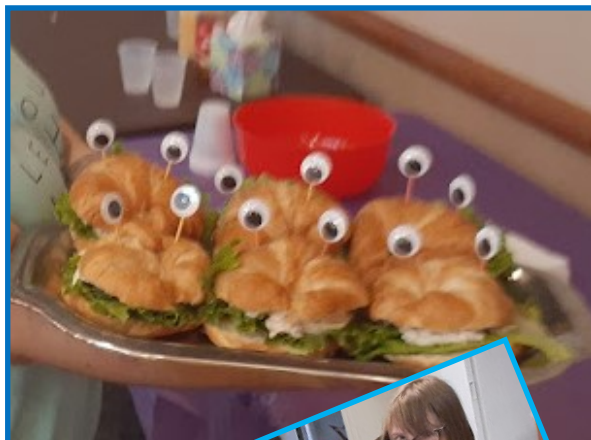
The preschool will begin the new school year on August 9th. This year, we will be adding a second 2-year-old classroom and a toddler room. To accommodate these classes, and replace our former staff members, we have wonderful additions to our staff. Therese Duhon will be teaching the new 2-year-old class. Kio Perez will be teaching the toddlers. Emilyann Stalker and Sondra Ryan will be teacher’s aides. Our returning staff members are Missy Cottle –Art Teacher, Stacey Duppenhalter Pre-k, Jill Smicherko – Three Year olds, Noemi Gonzalez – Twos and Melody Wise Babies. Our aides Sandra Lopez and Kaila Woods are also returning.

Please pray for our Preschool Ministry as we begin the new school year. We are praying that we will be able to resume all of our normal activities this year despite the current uptick in COVID case numbers. The Lord has kept all of our children safe during the pandemic and we pray that he will continue to do so.





COOKING CAMP



Ice Cream Party



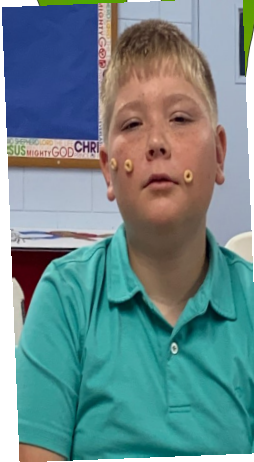
Jaiden, Haizen and Annalisa attended SHINE and hung out for the parish ice cream party! Mmmmm!!



SHINE QUEST



GROSS lessons from the Bible



Edible leprosy, to remind us that when the leper OBEYED and dunked in the water 7 times, he was healed!



Squished piggy pudding to remind us that even evil spirits OBEY Jesus! The spirits were terrified of punishment and when cast into the pigs they jumped off the cliff and were squished and drowned.



We tasted and smelled sardines in tomato sauce to remind us how Jonah was stuck in a whale for 3 days because he Disobeyed.



We ate gummy worms to remind us of Jonah's apple being gobbled up by the worm so he would be less self centered



Finally we dug into a fishes mouth to pull out quarters. Peter OBEYED Jesus' weird direction to catch a fish, pull the coin out and pay the temple taxes.



Dear Messiah Family,

It's good to be back! My family has recently returned to in person services and will be attending at 8 am. Also, it's been a few months since I've included library announcements in the Messenger. Thanks for reading!

This month, I will be starting a 4 month sabbatical from Valencia College and will spend the Fall semester developing an online catalog for Messiah's library. I'm excited about this project!

A friendly request: So that I can ensure all of our items make it into the online catalog, please return any Messiah Library items that you've had more than four weeks. If you're not sure whether you checked an item out, please review the binder located in the library. Please feel free to continue checking items in and out; I just want to make sure all our materials are accounted for.

We have more exciting library news coming in the weeks and months ahead— stay tuned.

Love,
Regina



This month I got two things done: I read ***Liturgy of the Ordinary*** by Tish Harrison Warren, which we are studying at my Monday night small group, and I watched "***Frank versus God***," a DVD that I saw at the Monday night group, as well, and borrowed to watch again.

Tish Warren is not only a writer, but a priest in the Anglican Church in North America, who serves with her husband Jonathan at Church of the Ascension in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while writing and raising a family! In ***Liturgy of the Ordinary*** she shares her secrets of making her whole life one of consecration to the Lord, whether she is preaching, writing, washing dishes, making beds, talking with friends, or sleeping. It's a wonderful book for injecting joy and meaning into everything we do.

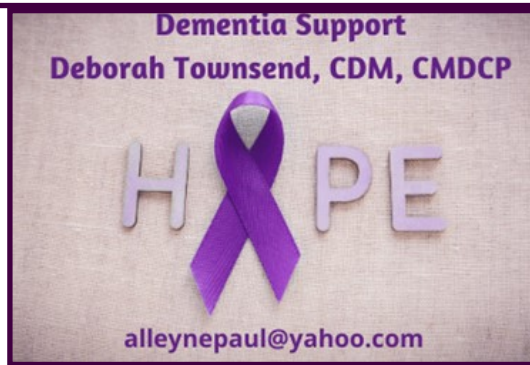
As for "***Frank versus God***," I thoroughly enjoyed watching it both times. Initially I had trouble with my DVD player until my extensive training in electronics came to the fore—I remembered to try unplugging it and reconnecting it, and it worked! The movie brought to mind a similar scenario in an episode of "Touched By an Angel" years ago, when a man sued God for withholding the rain. That particular episode ended in uniting the community, which caused God to send the desired rain. In "***Frank versus God***," the hero, a seemingly crazed lawyer with the last name of Frank, turns against God initially when his wife is killed in an automobile accident. Then a tornado levels his home and kills his dog, and insurance won't pay anything, because it was "an act of God!" So he sues God for damages to his home and his life. He issues subpoenas to all the religious figures he can think of: an Episcopal rector, a Roman Catholic bishop, a Jewish rabbi, etc., and even consults an Islamic imam and an American Indian mystic. The plot explores in dramatic detail the question of how God can be omnipresent, omnipotent, omniscient, and all-loving, and still allow the tragedies that we see in the world. And thrown into the story is a young girl whom Mr. Frank loves very much who is dying, adding to his frustration with God. To add to the fun, a part of this movie was filmed at our own Church of the Messiah, though the rector doesn't look anything like Father Tom! Anyway, without giving too much away, let's just say that God ***definitely*** moves in mysterious ways to resolve the situation and to bring His good out of it!



Activate Youth, Murph Borno, Garine Adams, and Father Tom Rutherford participated in the Central Florida Dioceses Soul in the City Mission. On Wednesday, July 21st they got to help beautify the community. They also went door to door handing out sunflowers and flyers of their upcoming events. In addition, they helped sort items to give to those in need. On Thursday, July 22nd, they went to St. Edward's Episcopal Church in Mt. Dora. They spent time hanging out and playing games!

Peace,
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One of the major challenges of caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or another dementia is coping with the troubling behavior and personality changes that often occur. Aggressive behavior is not uncommon with dementia patients. This can be accompanied by hallucinations, wandering, and eating or sleeping difficulties. Such behavior can be upsetting and make your role as caregiver even more difficult. By making some simple changes, you can ease your loved one's stress, you may not be able to change the behavior but better manage their symptoms. By improving their state of mind, you will be improving your own caregiving experience as well.

Dementia patients may lose much of their memory and may not be touch with reality however their emotions are always at its peak. They will cry at the drop of a pin, the next moment they can be laughing hysterically. We must always be aware of the message we convey when we are in their presence. Dementia patients may remember who you are but your reaction and expressions around them will awaken varied reactions.

When talking to your loved one it is important to keep eye contact, this is a way of building trust. When you maintain eye contact your loved one feels a sense of security. Keep smiling when speaking to the patient, a smile can bring comfort. We have all heard the saying. 'Laughter is the best medicine' well this is evident when dealing with dementia patients. A bit of lighthearted comedy may not always bring out hearty laughter but a tiny smile or a twinkle in the eye will be visible.

While the aggressive behavior and anger fits displayed by dementia patients will get to you, caregivers must do their utmost best to avoid showing their frustration. Patients can easily pick up on these frustrations, their reaction may be to take their own action. Such actions can be physical or emotional, shutting down and refusing to eat or talk, wandering off or physically attacking any and everyone.

It is important that we prepare for these moments when troubling behavior begins and develop strategies as to the best way to handle the behavior. The first step to resolving the troubling behavior is to establish why your loved one is stressed or what is triggering their discomfort. Be calm, watch your body language and choose your words carefully. It is important to reassure your loved one that it is going to be okay A calm disposition is very important as it allows the care giver to take control of the situation. Remember very often when dementia patients become upset, they 'walk' away.

Dementia patients may not score a 4 out of 10 where their memory is concerned, however they can score 10 + on emotional scale.

Smile even when you are hurting frustrated and confused, a smile can reassure and calm your demented loved one.

Getting to Know
Messiah Folks
By Patty Tate

Elise Bradford



Who keeps track of 50+ people on Messiah's Prayer Chain and updates our Prayer Warriors daily via email to ask for God's help when needed?

I spent a delightful summer afternoon with Elise Bradford at her home in Windermere. I felt relaxed and welcomed the moment she invited me in. Her southern hospitality greeted me, and she immediately offered a cold glass of lemonade as we sat in her cozy home overlooking the lake and the house filled with flowers, artwork, and family photos, all a reflection of Elise. As Elise was walking me out she remarked, "We are so blessed!"

EARLY YEARS: Elise was born in Charleston, South Carolina. Her father was an ENT doctor and the family lived in Chicago, Maryland and Lawrence, S.C. He died after medical complications flowing a serious car accident. Elise was only 7 years old; her brother was 3. Elise has memories of him being a fun and funny dad. Her mother met 33-year-old Bob, while working at a man's store and fell in love. Bob asked the children, "Will you marry us?"

The new family moved to Connecticut and then Indiana and New York, but Elise longed to return to the South.

EDUCATION AND JOB CAREER: BECOMING PART OF THE MESSIAH FAMILY: Elise graduated from the University of North Carolina as a Physical Therapist. This is where she met her beloved future husband, Bill Bradford. Bill was a Med student, and they became man and wife even though Elise had said, "I'd never marry a doctor!" The next chapter was a Residency at the University of Florida.

The couple then moved to Windermere, Florida in 1964 to their current beautiful home. They raised three children: Rob, Rutledge, and Bo. Between the two sons, they enjoy 5 grandchildren. Rutledge is single. She takes special care of her mother. They enjoy gardening together and Elise describes Rutledge as "my Rock".

BECOMING PART OF THE MESSIAH FAMILY: Bill had attended Episcopal Prep School but did not attend church in Florida. Elise would worship at the United Church of Christ and take their children. She met Art Dasher and loved his Bible Study. She introduced Father Dasher (Church of the Messiah Rector) to Bill at a social event and Bill liked him. From that time on, in 1969, the Bradford Family worshipped at Messiah!

WHAT ELISE LIKES ABOUT BEING PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY: It's a melting pot of many different people, but we are all full of love. There's no bickering or complaining.

One of Elise's fondest memories is doing Bible Study with the Youth Club. She also has enjoyed volunteering through Messiah at Shepherd's Hope and on the Edgewood Children's Ranch Board. She has been head of the Altar Guild and still works on the Altar Guild.

At 85 1/2 years old, Elise stays active. She rode a bike for the last 30 years with friends. She loves to garden and play Bridge. And yes! That's Elise who sends out prayer requests to the Prayer Chain!

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 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—Simple Supper 7:00 pm Rite 3 BAG SUNDAY	2	3	4	5	 Summer Concert @ 6:30 in the Parish Hall & Virtually	7
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HAPPY Birthday

2- Colby Beck

3- Laura Cook
Donnie Mazzaluna
Kaitlyn O'Brien

4- Steve Dunegan
Patricia Smith

7- Eric Joiner
Wendy King

8- Sterling Hinz
Ski Hutchinson

9- Tyler Lynn

10- Clara Duppenhaler
Vita Mazzaluna

11-Jaysen- Xavier Felix

12- Mike Warren

13- Betty Stanton

16- Romeo Mazzaluna
Jay Predmore

18- Pattie Range

19- Anne Bailey
Helen Farnsworth

Jordan Felix
Bobby Field

20- Liam Gold
Mary Lynn Levine

21- Alyse Duppenhaler
Jennifer Roper
Dawn Wirbel

23- Addison Duppenhaler

24- Dwight Cho-Sam

25- Susana Cochrane

26- Mike Candes

28- Rick Wade

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1- Pete & Nancy Glynn

5- Bob & Patty Tate

6- Brian & Regina Seguin

7- Ron & Sharon Lancioni

10- Stuart & Linda White

11- Gloyce & Becky Fulmer

12- Gerald & Donna Moseley

15- Marc & Nikki Imes

16- John & Marit Cairns

19- Tom & Doreen Stachowski

20- David & Jeanne Teter

21- Monty & Greer McBryde

22- Norm & Terry Anthony

23- Bill & Kathy Barrett

27- John & Martha Ficquette

28- Ken & Trudie Carr



*Please pray for our
expectant moms,
Cortney Rollo and
Tanya McDonald,
daughter of Lionel & Karen Williams*

For questions or to volunteer to serve, please contact Mary Kay Predmore at marykayp413@aol.com.

If you see an opening that you can fill, please email Mary Kay or call the office at 407-656-3218.

Sunday Servants 8:00 AM

8:00 Service	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Lector	Alex Hujik	Aliena Gaye	Mary Kay Predmore	Joyce Taylor	Deborah Townsend
1st LEM	Joyce Taylor	Mary Kay Predmore	Deborah Townsend	Linda Bouton	Ellie Chase
2nd LEM	Don Greer	Deborah Townsend	Joyce Taylor	Ron Bouton	Frank Chase
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore	Aidan Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/Greeters	Pete Glynn Ron Bouton	Jay Predmore Pete Glynn	Marsha Dymond Ron Bouton	Jay Predmore Pete Glynn	Joyce Taylor Marsha Dymond
Prayer Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Lector	Ralph Groves	Jay Williams	Vincent Truglia	Chris Brown	Beth Ann Carr
1st LEM	Stacey Beck	Tom Buckner	Stacey Beck	Tom Buckner	Stacey Beck
2nd LEM					
Altar Server	Asher Rutherford	Sophie	Francesco Fulvi	Chris Brown	Francesco Fulvi
Crucifer	Beowulf Rutherford	Melanie Field	Kellin Moseley	Yolwenn Alexandre	
Ushers/Greeters	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Ken Miller Alex Babcock	Jay & Patty Williams	Beth Ann Carr Ken Miller	Chuck & Deborah Grunder
Prayer Intercessor	Wally Stewart	Doreen Stachowski	Wally Stewart	Doreen Stachowski	Wally Stewart
Tech Minister	Romeo Mazzaluna	Sam Lynn	Laura Buckner	Wilna Brown	Romeo Mazzaluna

Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Lector	Patty Tate	Vita Mazzaluna	Paul Buzzonetti	Patty Tate	Paul Buzzonetti
1st LEM	Helen Farnsworth	Bill Smith	Helen Farnsworth	Bill Smith	Helen Farnsworth
2nd LEM					
Altar Server	Giada Mazzaluna	Jackson Groenendaal	Giada Mazzaluna	Lily Groenendaal	Giada Mazza
Usher/Greeter	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelly McRae	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelly McRae	Mary Katulic
Prayer Intercessor					

Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Lector	Craig Brown	Wendy King	Craig Brown	Wendy King	Craig Brown
LEM	Kathy Quesenberry	Wendy King	Marvin Haughton	Kathy Quesenberry	Marvin Haughton
Altar Server	Kaitlyn O'Brien	Violet Eaton	William Greenwell	Kaitlyn O'Brien	Violet Eaton
Crucifer			Daniel Greenwell		
Usher/Greeter	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez	Raul Lopez
Prayer Intercessor	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Wendy King
Tech Minister	Jill Brown	David Peterson	Cherie Greene	David Peterson	Cherie Green

Readings

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
1st Lesson	2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15,	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43	Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm	Psalm 51 BCP 656	Psalm 130 BCP 784	Psalm 111 BCP 754	Psalm 84 BCP 707	Psalm 45 BCP 647
2nd Lesson	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	Ephesians 5:15-20	Ephesians 6:10-20	James 1:17-27
Gospel	John 6:24-35	John 6:35, 41-51	John 6:51-58	John 6:56-69	Mark 7:1-23



Soup and Sharing

3rd Wednesday of each
month at 5:15
in the Parish Hall



Fred & Ingrid Haines have been joining our services online from Tallahassee during the pandemic. They were able to join us in person when they were in town visiting family.



Dawn Wirbel with new members of the Altar Guild; Linda Ogata and Becky Gossett

