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Whoever serves me must follow me;
and where I am, my servant also
will be. My Father will honor the
one who serves me.

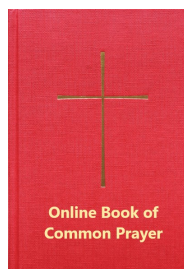
John 12:26

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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*



Saying “Bye” to the Grandkids

Those of us who are grandparents know the joy of welcoming the grandkids for a visit... and the equal joy of sending them back home!

The Messiah family had our ecclesiastical grandchildren with us for the past 16 months.

All Souls’ Episcopal Church is the new church plant in the Hamlin/Horizons West area. It’s also the daughter church of our daughter Church of the Ascension in Bay Hill, that the Messiah family birthed in the early 1980’s by sending 16 families to launch it.

That makes All Souls our granddaughter!

As many new church plants do, All Souls began in rented space in Bay Lakes Elementary School in November 2019. That served them well: it had plenty of parking, an inside welcome area, an auditorium for worship, a classroom for childcare, and the school allowed them to store their stuff there between Sundays.

Then COVID struck in March 2020, and Orange County Public Schools suspended renting their facilities county-wide.

With All Souls now homeless, I – as Grandfather Tom! – offered them to meet at Messiah.

That worked! All Souls’ is Anglo-Catholic in its worship style, so they needed to be in the Church. Since our 11am Contemporary Service meets in the Parish Hall, both congregations could worship on our campus. They shifted their morning service to 11:30, and it worked!

With COVID teasing us about subsiding this past summer, All Souls’ planned on going back to Bay Lakes in August. But when cases spiked in July, OCPS closed its doors again to rental groups. We didn’t want our grandkids out on the street, so we welcomed them to stay with us as long as they needed to.

OCPS reversed their policy again, and on September 12, All Souls’ relaunched at Bay Lakes Elementary School. We celebrate with them that they’re back in the community they’re called to serve.

It was a sweet time with the grandkids, as we worshiped together on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and passed by each other on Sunday mornings. And it was very helpful to All Souls’.

OCPS charges them over \$2,000 a month in rent, and for 16 months, they had full use of our facility, sound system, internet, and stuff for FREE.

Their time with us allowed them to bank \$32,000 to use for other needs – perhaps as a down payment on a property of their own. We’ll see.

Thank you for your hospitality with the grandkids. It was great having them here!

I love you all.

*Tom
Rutherford*

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Vestry Door Duty for October

Opener at 7:30am: Joyce Taylor

Closer after 1:00pm: Steve Borst

Vestry Meeting Host: Steve Borst

2021 Financial Report

(as of September 2021)

Operating Income.....\$478,810.25

Operating Expenses.....\$486,564.48

NET.....\$(7,754.23)

ALL Building Fund Income....\$144,821.11

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$149,605.39

NET.....\$(4,784.28)

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2021 September Vestry Minutes
Thursday * August 16, 2021, * 6 pm

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden & Clerk Joyce Taylor, Steve Borst, , Joe Eiden, Ron Lancioni, Brian Seguin, Doreen Stachowski, Wally Stewart, and Sarah Wolfe; Treasurer Bob Tate.

Absent: Junior Warden Chris Brown (working), Marci Babione (schedule conflict), Ron Bouton (illness), and Wendy King (visiting family out of state).

I. **FORMATION:** Joe Eiden led Compline. Based on Philippians 4:19, Tom Rutherford invited us to talk about how our 2022 Budget will help us change the world with Jesus: one child, one person, one family, one community at a time.

II. **INFORMATION:**

A. **Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

1. Outreach Team: Doreen Stachowski reports: We met on August 31.

a) We received “thank you” notes from The Friends of the Troops and the Edgewood Children’s Ranch for our gift to them this past quarter. These will be placed on the Outreach bulletin board.

b) Haiti – we will send Haiti \$1000 from our budget to help with relief and send to the Diocese for distribution – in addition, Deacon Julie Altenbach will add information to our web site and create a flyer on how to give to Haiti

c) Habitat for Humanity – we decided that we are still praying our Operating Income will allow us to donate \$10,000 at the end of the year. If we do not meet the exact total, we will take what we have and write a check to close out 2021 and then add to it next January to make up the total \$10,000.

d) Victoria and Sergiu are missionaries to Moldova, who might come here for a presentation. Doreen will work on this with them and Father Tom.

e) Dillard Street Partners in Education

(1) We will create an Angel Christmas Tree with lists of toys the children want and ask the congregation to purchase

(2) We will also include some of the families in our food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas

f) Thanksgiving food baskets will include food donations from the congregation and a gift card for the turkey – Marsha Dymond and Angela Lopez will work with the Office Angels to fill them

g) Christmas - food gift cards will be purchased for 20 families to buy food for the holiday

h) Foster Friends of Central Florida – the budgeted money will be used to make Christmas stockings and fill with things the girls can use in addition to a gift card – Doreen and Amy Eiden are working on this

i) Edgewood Children’s Ranch – We are planning a Christmas Disney themed pizza party and it will be on December 4th at 5:00. Vita is checking if the Youth Band will be available. We will have crafts and gifts for the children. We will need plates, forks, napkins, cups, drinks and tablecloths.

j) Hope Center is on hold for now. 2

k) Operation Christmas Child will be online again this year. Instructions will be placed on our web site and in the monthly newsletter. Vita Mazzaluna and Julie Altenbach are working on this.

2. **No others received.**

B. **Staff Reports:**

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

2. Children's Minister Angela Lopez reports:

- a) Things in Children's Church are going well! We are enjoying the Jesus in Jeans curriculum. We completed the first unit and had a review week. It was awesome to see how many of the kids were able to remember the monthly focus verse and 4 focus facts as well as many of the details from the stories. I awarded 10 pts for the verse and 2 pts for the facts and 1 pt for every other question they answered correctly. The 9:30 service has the most consistent attendance, so those kids were able to earn more points which translates into more candy! Our focus was on why we need Jesus.
- b) SHINE has been difficult with holidays and church gatherings, so we have been having free standing lessons. We had one on Angels – Lucifer in particular – that will direct us into a series on the spiritual realm and spiritual warfare. We were able to take a walking trip to Scoops to get some delicious ice cream and take pictures on the old fire truck and tractors downtown. After double checking my budget, I found I had some extra funds for Kids' Club, so I made a Target run to resupply the snack cabinet and Messiah Mall goodies.
- c) One of my SHINE kiddos suffered the unfortunate loss of his mother last month. This was the first time I have dealt with a child losing a parent, so I did some research and bought the child some really great books. One was called The Memory Box by Joanna Rowland. It talked about creating a box of pictures and notes from family to capture memories of the loved one. I included a box for the family to fill and decorate. The other book was called Fireflies, Sharing God's Light in the Time of Loss by Ginger Sanders. This was a beautiful story using a glass jar and fireflies to represent the human body and soul. I also purchased a book on children's grief that will live in my office for future reference. God was definitely with me as I was informed of the mother's passing right before Children's Church started. The Spirit gave me words to address the situation with all of the kids as well as reconstruct my lesson on the fly to comfort the grieving child. Our lesson just happened to be on the purpose God has for each of our lives. In SHINE we continued the topic, as the child wanted to express his feelings. I am proud of how all of our children were compassionate and kind with their questions and comments.
- d) On September 5 I got to serve with one of my SHINE kids on the altar. She is shy about being the only kid up there, and I was apprehensive about reading for adults, so we worked it out together and had a great time serving God and our church together. This particular SHINE kid has been with me since 2014, when I started and is now an assistant who works with the youngest SHINERS. She will be serving as an assistant group leader at VBS this summer. Volunteering with the kindergarten and first graders in both SHINE and Children's Church is a great way for the 5th, 6th and 7th graders to serve. Not only are they serving the next group of tiny Episcopalians, they are helping me tremendously! They are also being exposed to another Bible lesson without feeling like they are being taught. Sometimes kids this age feel too old for Children's Church and not quite old enough to sit in regular church. They get a double dose of blessings, learning to serve others and keeping God's word fresh in their mind.
- e) I am going to start a 5th Sunday service for the children that attend the 8 am service. They are quite used to serving and participating in service, but I feel it would be nice to have a Children's Church experience every now and then. The children from that service do not attend every week but I am hoping that after an invitation, they will all join me on the 5th Sunday of the month
- f) Other events on the calendar are the Halloween Trunk or Treat and the Christmas party and play.

3. Facilities Minister Jeremy Adams reports:

- a) Our rental numbers are steadily increasing, and we are currently booking events into the summer of 2022. Our goal for 2021 was to bring in \$15,000 in rental income. Year-to-date, we have already collected approximately \$10,000, with another \$3,600 contracted for the remainder of 2021. Additionally, we have \$6,900 currently contracted for 2022. This makes our total of contracts signed in 2021 roughly \$19,900.

- b) Classic Catering Design approached us to form a marketing partnership. This agreement will benefit us by bringing us more rentals at our full asking price and giving us a partner to promote our facilities. In exchange, we'll list Classic Catering Design as our "Preferred vendor," which means we'll suggest them to all future rental clients, include a link to their website on our facilities page, and update our promotional materials to list their company. We hope this will bring more people into our church, support a local business, and greatly increase our rental numbers.
- c) Thank you to our volunteers for keeping our facilities clean and please continue to let me know if you see anything amiss around our campus.

4. Finance Minister Jane Cartelli reports:

- a) I received an online request to change Fr Soner's payroll direct deposit to a different bank account from where we've been sending it. I suspected a scam and checked with him. It was, indeed, a scam, so the scammers did not get any info. I alerted Fr Soner so he can make sure any donors he has donating to him online do not also fall for this scam.
- b) I also alerted Preschool Director Barbara Ellerbe and School for the Arts Director Jeremy Adams and set up a procedure, so no employee payroll information is changed without a face-to-face exchange of information.
- c) I'm praying scammers will find their way to serving a new Master... in Jesus!

5. Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:

- a) Thank you SO much for approving the equipment portion of the livestream enhancement proposal! The equipment is in, and the camera is SO NICE!! My husband Romeo and I spent a few hours getting all the software ready to go and testing the camera, and I do not believe we will need additional lighting! But I will get some video uploaded for preview over the next few days (possibly by the time of the Vestry meeting). I have not had time to look at the Streamdeck and start to see how that will work but I will do that this week!
- b) As Father Tom asked, I have been tracking my hours, along with what activities I complete during each time frame, since the end of January. He wants to discuss with me whether or not 10 hours per week is an adequate amount for this job.
- c) I would REALLY love to have the camera replaced in the Sanctuary in time for Christmas season. That would allow us not only to have a higher quality broadcast from the Sanctuary but also would allow us to install the current camera in the Fellowship Hall, giving us the option to livestream special events and/or services from that room, as well.
- d) The past month was a whirlwind of ordering the equipment, assisting the Office Minister with media/website related items for Messiah's Way, updating the website and keeping the homepage slider fresh, updating the website with other items such as "Help for Haiti" and general webpage updates. I also did some troubleshooting and updating to the Office Angel computer. Making announcement "commercials" is also becoming more popular, and I'm working at ironing out the details to make those more professional. Thankfully, we have a professional sound tech that can help me with that (thank you again, Jeremy Adams!).

6. **Messiah School for the Arts'** Co-Director Garine Adams reports:

- a) Our next recital is planned for December 10th at 6:30pm. It will be livestreamed as well as open for the public.
- b) We are continuing to fill up our lesson schedules, so thank you all for the prayers!
- c) We're still looking for a dance instructor to replace the one who left us to go to college. We have students, but no teacher. Specifically, we need someone to teach hip-hop/combo and tap for all ages. Please contact me if you know anyone who might help.
- d) Drama club for middle/high school students will be held Thursdays from 3-5pm in the Parish Hall starting September 30th.
- e) Our Friday morning "Mommy and Me" style class is a hit, and the attendance is growing.
- f) The Messiah Youth Band will play for the Ladies' Night Out this fall as well as for the offertories for a few of our Sunday services.

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

- a) Facilitated lunch for Central Florida Diocese Conference on Ministry- taking orders and serving breakfast and lunch
- b) Prepared Messiah's Way Packets
- c) Began inputting information for New Messiah's Way
- d) Facilitated Ladies' Dinner from Ellie Lou's BBQ
- e) Met with Fun and Fellowship Chairperson, Wendy King and Media Minister, Vita Mazzaluna to plan advertising for Ladies' Night Out in November
- f) Continued checking on furniture ordered for the library
- g) Ordered books for Church Librarian, Regina Seguin

C. Apprentice Rector: Tom Rutherford goes to RADVOCO (the RADical VOCation Conference) in Dallas, Texas, September 23-25 to team with Bishop Greg Brewer, Father Jonathan French, and Canon for Vocations Justin Holcomb to promote our diocese, pitch the idea of Parish Residences, and fish for the Apprentice Rector God has for us. Our seminarian Laura Cook will also be there representing her seminary Wycliffe College.

D. 2022 Budget Requests: Please meet with your ministry team to pray, think, and talk about what you discern God wanting us to do in your area in 2022. Please make a list of those priorities, research how much each would cost, and **submit your Budget Requests to Treasurer Bob Tate by September 30.** Bob will assemble all the requests into a First Draft Wish Budget. The Finance Committee (the Rector, Wardens, Treasurer, Don Greer, and any of you who'd like to serve) will look at the First Draft in early October and pass that Draft – with any recommendations for adding to or subtracting from it – onto the Vestry at our next meeting October 21. We'll discuss it at that meeting and work toward a decision in November. If we are not in agreement in November, we'll try again December 16.

E. Vestry Nominations: Please be ready to suggest folks to invite to be nominees for Vestry for the 2022-24 term. The criteria for serving on Vestry are:

1. Be active members of Church of the Messiah.
2. Be growing in their own faith, living the promises we make in our Baptismal Covenant (Book of Common Prayer, page 304), which are to:
 - a) Continue in the apostles' teaching (Bible study) and fellowship (regular worship attendance), the breaking of bread (Holy Communion), and in the prayers.
 - b) Resist evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord
 - c) Proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.
 - d) Seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself.
 - e) Strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.
3. Tithe to God through the Church and/or other charities, **OR** be on a deliberate plan of increasing the proportion of income given to God, so that they will be tithing by the end of their vestry term.
4. Be available for monthly Vestry meetings and the annual **Vestry Retreat, which will be Friday evening and Saturday morning February 4-5, 2022.**
5. Be willing to recruit a team to oversee a particular area of ministry

III. DISCUSSION- :

- A. **The Stained-Glass Windows in the Prayer Chapel** are deteriorating. Several of the chunks of glass have fallen out, costing several hundred dollars each to fix.
1. We have several options to fix them:
 - a) Willet Architectural Glass Company will fix them for \$17,217, and it would take 5- 6 months to do the job.
 - b) OR... we can install up-to-code windows on the outside of the deteriorating stained glass to seal them off from the weather and keep chunks from falling outside.
 - c) OR... we install plexiglass to keep the chunks from falling outside, and when the plexiglass gets foggy, we can rip it out and replace it.
 2. Ron Bouton, who did a career in window replacement, was going to bring us numbers for options (b) and (c), but he got ill, so he'll bring those next month.
 3. We will discuss this further at our next meeting.
- B. Deacon Aspirants:** Assistant Music Minister, Facility Minister, and Co-Director of the Messiah School for the Arts Jeremy Adams and Children's Minister Angela Lopez are both interested in entering the discernment process toward ordination as Deacons. Jeremy was with us to tell us what prompts this move, and Angela will join us next month to do the same.
1. One of the early steps in the process is for each to do a 6-month Parish Internship with the Rector. That'll be easy, since they're both on staff. In that Internship, they'll be exposed to parts of the Church they've not had much interaction with so far, like Vestry, Altar Guild, weddings, and funerals.
 2. Another early step is for each to have a Parish Discernment Committee (PDC) of 4 or 5 parishioners, who meet with them 7 times to get to know them and make a recommendation to the Vestry on whether or not they sense a call to ordination. It's good for one of the PDC members to be on Vestry. Wally Stewart, Ron Lancioni and Sarah Wolfe volunteered to serve in this capacity.
 3. We'll make a decision about endorsing Jeremy for this process next month.

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

- A. **Painting the big cross at the corner of Tilden and Woodland:** When we had the lift to paint the bell tower, we also tried to paint the big cross... but gold metallic paint was not available at Sherwin Williams. Iggy the Sherwin Williams' guy came out to look at the project and give us several expensive options. Vestry decided to paint it ourselves with Behr paint from Home Depot that rolls on, rather than spraying on. It's \$54/gallon, and one gallon may be all we need.
- B. **Dying Trees:** West Tree service removed the trees and ground the stumps. John Peacock, Harry Hull, and Bill Crawford leveled the mounds of grindings. The City of Winter Garden gave us permission to replace the 4 trees with 2 trees "that will provide an equal canopy" as the 4 we removed. Only Live Oaks grow that large of a canopy. Richard and Kelley McRae offered to buy Live Oak replacements and pay to have them planted. Vestry says, "Thank you, Richard and Kelley!"

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. The Finance Committee of Don Greer, Treasurer Bob Tate, Finance Minister Jane Cartelli, helper Stephanie Abell, and Rector Tom Rutherford met on August 6 to discuss how to make the financial reports easier

2. Operating Income last month was \$12,047.33 LESS than Expenses, turning our year-to-date SURPLUS into a DEFICIT of \$7,754.23.

3. Building Fund net income last month was \$5,282.43 MORE than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, DECREASING our year-to-date DEFICIT to \$4,784.28

Meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:10 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.**

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.

Ladies' Night Out
Save the Date
November 4th
6:00-8:30 pm
Church of the Messiah
241 North Main Street
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Come shop and support local artisans
Silent Auction
Delicious Food & Wine
Bring your friends for a night of fun!



Pre-School News

Upcoming Events

October 8 – Staff Meeting –
No School

October 20 – SAC Meeting

October 29 – No School

The preschool is looking forward to celebrating the fall season this month. Due to COVID restrictions, we will be celebrating the season in the classrooms with parties and games instead of our normal large Fall Festival. All of their teachers are making their individual plans to make this a special time for the children. We pray that normal activities can resume later in the school year.

In September, Picture Me Perfect came to photograph the children and Missy Cottle started our Square One Art fundraiser art projects this month. The children are working on creating special works of art for their families. Parents will be able to purchase items with the artwork imprinted on them as gifts for Christmas. All proceeds of the fundraiser will benefit the scholarship fund.

On September 15, we held our first School Advisory Council meeting for the new school year. We welcomed many new faces. Everyone is looking forward to returning to our normal activities as soon as possible.





We had a CHILL afternoon at SHINE on labor day weekend. Whenever we have less than 3 kids we take a field trip!! We walked down to Scoops and had some fun flavors of ice cream—mystical mermaid, playdough, and mint chocolate chip with peanut butter cups. On our walk back home we enjoyed the tractors and trucks in downtown.

Shine meets Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6pm and is open to kids Kindergarten through age 12.



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DECORATE YOUR TRUNK
AND JOIN MS. ANGELA TO
GREET AND TREAT THE
KIDS OF THE COMMUNITY
10/31/2021 5:30-8:30 PM



Our next recital is planned for December 10th at 6:30pm. It will be livestreamed as well as open for the public. We are continuing to fill up our lesson schedules, so thank you all for the prayers! Please continue to pray that we can find a dance instructor soon. We have students interested in dance, but no teacher. Specifically, we're looking for someone versed in hip-hop/combo and tap for all ages. Contact Garine Adams if you know someone who would be a great fit at garineadams@churchofthemessiah.com. As of now, no more weekly dance classes on Mondays in the Parish Hall until we can find a replacement teacher.

Drama club for middle/high school students will be held Thursdays from 3-5pm in the Parrish Hall starting on September 30th. It is a group lead by Wendy Booth and Kim Allen. Our Friday morning mommy and me style class with Becky Sego from 10-11am on Friday mornings is a hit, and the attendance is growing.

We are excited for the coming months. The Messiah Youth Band is planning to perform a few offertories for our church services in the coming months.



Sophie Alexandre preformed "Oceans" at the 9:30 service on August 29th.



Youth Band and worship time with Activate

Messiah School for the Arts

Drama Club
with
Wendy & Kim
for middle and high
school aged
students
Thursdays from 3-5pm

Located at
Church of the Messiah, Parish Hall



Becky's Milestones through Music Preschool Classes

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Activate Youth Group

The youth group is starting to grow! Wow! Our average attendance is 14 on Sundays. It's been really fun getting to know everyone, playing games, and learning about God's Word. We have been diving into the Nicene Creed over the past few weeks, and there has been some great discussions about faith.

Alive Ministries High School Girls' and Boys' retreats are coming up at North Florida Christian Service Camp in Keystone Heights, FL. Girls' Retreat is planned for the weekend of November 12-14th, and Boys' Retreat is November 19-21st. The cost is \$75, and there are some scholarships available. Please contact Garine Adams with any questions. I'll be heading out with the church van the Friday night and returning Sunday afternoon for both weekends and am planning to take as many of our youth kids as we can fit (Hopefully we will have to rent a bigger van if more people sign up than last year). Sign up at NFCSC.org as soon as you can. Spots tend to fill up quickly for these awesome weekends. Please contact Garine Adams once you are sign up up on the North Florida Christian Service Camp website to reserve a spot in the van.

We've begun planning our Summer 2022 Mission Week. Please check in with Garine Adams if you'd like to be a part or help with the funding. Did you know that more than half of our youth group speaks Haitian Creole? We are planning to stay in Florida and are looking to work with the people in the Pine Hills area as well as other places that are primarily Haitian Creole speaking areas of Central Florida so we can use our strengths and resources well. Father Soner and I are planning to start contacting the businesses in those areas as well as partnering with some outreach programs already in place. Please tell us if you have any contacts in the Haitian community that can help us plan an amazing week of service.

Peace,
Garine Adams



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Dear Messiah Family,

Happy Fall! I am enjoying my sabbatical and have been working in the Library on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for the past month. So far, I have added over 1200 items to our online catalog, with just a few more to go!

To catalog our collection, I am using a web-based service called Library Thing. It is designed specifically for personal and small libraries and uses open access data from libraries, including the Library of Congress, and Amazon.

To search the library online, you can visit our preview site at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/COTMLibrary>. The features may change a little bit in the coming weeks, but this should give you an idea of where we're headed!

Occasionally I am asked whether the library has any particular needs. First, I am always grateful to have your prayers! Second, if you're interested in donating books we could use, the website <https://episcopalshoppe.com/books/> has a terrific variety of books from an Episcopal perspective. Please check our online catalog at the link above (or send me an email at library@churchofthemessiah.com) first to make sure we don't already have the book, but any of these would make a great addition to our library.

Love,

Regina





The Chronicles of Seminarian Laura Cook

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Hello from the Great White North!

Well I missed last month's Messenger as I was too busy being able to see all of YOU! August was an absolutely wonderful month getting to come home, worship at Messiah and spend quality time with all of you. I am so grateful for each of you and my time at home before heading back to Toronto and settling into the school year.

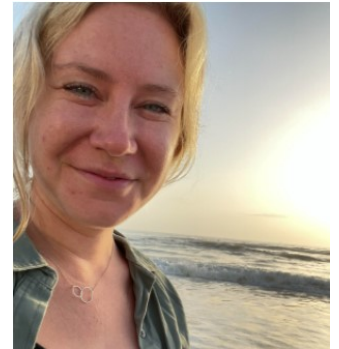
I was able to travel well and though the line to get into Canada was long, it was a breeze getting through customs so Praise the Lord for that!

September has been extremely busy! We jumped into Orientation and classes. Our Orientation Week, which I led, had a huge turnout and for that I was exhausted but so grateful! It is wonderful to have some in person community again after the last year. We are settling into a routine now and I've started my internship at the Hospital for Pastoral Education Hours and am fully back in my role as Children's minister at St. John's Anglican Church. It has been so wonderful to come back and worship in person after worshipping in person at Messiah!

I miss all of you am grateful that we got to spend time together this summer. I hope you're enjoying football season and I'm praying it begins to cool down (at least a little bit)!

Love and miss you all!

Laura Cook



Book Reviews
by Helen
Farnsworth



This month I actually read two books! Yay! The first one, which our new book club is reading, is *The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall. This one was hard to get into initially, because it bounced back and forth between four families which became intertwined. But my patience paid off.

This is an interesting story about two men who went into the ministry, one a minister's son, Charles Barrett, who wasn't sure he believed in God; he just believed in accomplishing good in the world, and this seemed the best route. The other, James MacNally, came from a home in which both parents were atheists, but he got a clear calling from the Lord to become a minister. He was helped financially by an uncle who lived in Scotland. They both studied at the same seminary, and became good friends. Charles married Lily, an avowed atheist, who had been severely wounded emotionally when both of her parents were killed in an automobile accident. James married Nan, a minister's daughter with a joy-filled faith in God. The two couples become joined at the hip when both men are selected to co-shepherd Third Presbyterian Church in New York City, which was a wounded parish—a daunting task for two ministers fresh out of seminary! The story tells how God uses all kinds of terrible circumstances to accomplish His will. It turned out to be quite intriguing.

The other book, which came out of the blue in the mail, was *Life Is Messy* by Matthew Kelly. (Actually, the author wanted "Everett's" [Lee's] opinion of the book, but he'll have to settle for mine.) I loved it. It begins (more or less) by asking, "What do we do with something like pottery that is broken? We Americans generally discard it. But what do you do with broken people? (That would be all of us.) Mr. Kelly says it's only a problem if we allow it to be. There is an alternative. You mean something that is broken can be put back together again? Yes! And not only that, it can become even more beautiful than it was before! He points out what my father used to say, that God doesn't use straight lines and right angles in nature. The Japanese capitalize on this principal in their art of Kintsugi. They glue the broken cup, for example, back together, and emphasize the broken places by mixing gold with the glue. Hence the mended cup becomes more beautiful than the old. God can and does do the same thing with us. And the rest of the book deals with techniques for becoming the best version of ourselves that we can be. And the book is written in short enough segments that pausing becomes effortless. I highly recommend both books. (By the way, *Life Is Messy* may not be available at your friendly book store; but it can easily be purchased on line by going to lifeismessy.com.)



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Happy Birthday

1– Sheena Haughton
Caroline Seguin

3– Chuck Grunder

4– Midge Wade

5– Addison Lynn
Bob Somers
Sarah Wolfe

6– Ken Anders
Alex Babcock

7– Anida Daniels
Aiden Morrison

9– Tina Sydnor

10– Cindi Shaffer
Hector Figueroa

11– Kayla Jean

15– Phonenix Calloway
Jonsie Dowdy

16– Janice Hull

18– Shelby Beck

19– Nadia Henry

20– Sam Katulic

21– Tina Buchanan
Scott Roberson

23– Gerald Moseley

25– Jane Cartelli
Pilar Ivory

26– C.W, Abell

27– Becky Fulmer
Lily Levine

28– Horace Williams
Jacqueline Williams

29– Sam Lynn

30– Chris Brown

31– Elaina Page

Happy Anniversary

6– Frank & Ellie Chase

7– Cynthia & Kenneth West

17– Travis & Rachel Smith

18– John & Sharon Puchain

21– Peter & Jenna Gold

22– Larry & Livia Kulchar

26– Harry & Janice Hull



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

Sunday Servants 8:00 AM

8:00 Service	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Lector	Gretchen Tope	Alex Hujik	Joyce Taylor	Aliena Gaye	Joyce Taylor
1st LEM	Deborah Townsend	Mary Kay Predmore	Don Greer	Linda Bouton	Frank Chase
2nd LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Don Greer	Deborah Townsend	Ron Bouton	Ellie Chase
Altar Server	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/ Greeters	Jay Predmore Marsha Dymond	Ron Bouton Bill Crawford	Jay Predmore Ron Bouton	Bill Crawford Marsha Dymond	Ron Bouton Jay Predmore
Prayer Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor

Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Lector	Jay Williams	Ginger Sirola	Ralph Groves	Beth Ann Carr	Vincent Truglia
1st LEM	Stacey Beck	Tom Buckner	Chris Brown	Mary Lynn Levine	Susan Kiehlm
2nd LEM	Chris Brown	Mary Lynn Levine	Susan Kiehlm	Stacey Beck	Tom Buckner
Altar Server	Sophie Alexandre	Francesco Fulvi	Yolwenn Alexandre	Francesco Fulvi	Sophie Alexandre
Crucifer	Melanie Field	Kellin Moseley	Francesco Fulvi	Melanie Field	Kellin Moseley
Ushers/ Greeters	Jay & Patty Williams	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Alex Babcock Beth Ann Carr	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Alex Babcock Beth Ann Carr
Prayer Intercessor	Doreen Stachowski	Wally Stewart	Doreen Stachowski	Wally Stewart	Doreen Stachowski
Tech Minister	Alexis Whitted	Sam Lynn	Wilna Brown	Laura Buckner	Romeo

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 11:00

11:00 Service	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Lector	Paul Buzzonetti	Patti Tate	Paul Buzzonetti	Vita Mazzaluna	Patti Tate
1st LEM	Vita Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna
Altar Server	Giada Mazzaluna	Jackson Groenendaal	Giada Mazzaluna	Lily Groenendaal	Giada Mazzaluna
Usher/ Greeter	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelly McRae	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelly McRae	Mary Katulic
Tech Minister	Donato Mazzaluna	Ylowenn Alexandre	Donato Mazzaluna	Donato Mazzaluna	Donato Mazzaluna

Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Lector	Craig Brown	Nancy Gordon	Craig Brown	Wendy King	Craig Brown
LEM	Marvin Haughton	Wendy King	Kathy Quesenberry	Marvin Haughton	Kathy Quesenberry
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	Jill Brown	David Peterson	Cherie Greene	David	Cherie Green

Readings

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
1st Lesson	Job 1:1; 2:1-10	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Job 38:1-7, 34-41	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm	Psalm 26 BCP 616	Psalm 22:1-15 BCP 610	Psalm 104:1-25 BCP 735	Psalm 34 BCP 627	Psalm 146 BCP 803
2nd Lesson	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28	Hebrews 9:11-14
Gospel	Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52	Mark 12:28-34

Happy 71st Birthday



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Wayne of Classic Catering







