

# THE MESSENGER

November 2021

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*Give thanks to the  
Lord,  
for he is good;  
his love endures  
forever.  
1 Chronicles 16:34*

## 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 pm .....Diving Deeper Bible  
Study with Father Tom Rutherford

7:00 pm.....Casual Communion

Wednesday Service:

10:00 am .....Casual Communion

11:00 am ..... Bible Study

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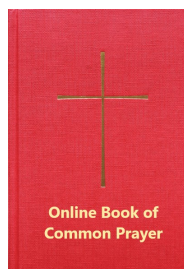
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*From the  
Rector*



## Messiah Ministry Mill Going Strong!

In the past 21 years, the Messiah family has raised up, equipped and ordained 7 deacons and 5 priests.

We currently have another priest in the pipeline: Laura Cook, who's in her last year of seminary in Toronto, Canada, and who will be ordained a Transitional Deacon January 31 at 6pm in the Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Orlando. She graduates in May will be eligible to be ordained a priest in August.

And we just popped two more into that pipeline.

Facility and Assistant Music Minister Jeremy Adams and Children's Minister Angela Lopez have just begun the discernment process toward ordination as Deacons. The Vestry and I endorsed them, and they've begun their classes with the Institute of Christian Studies (ICS). They are currently serving their Parish Internship (REALLY easy, since they're both on staff!) and will begin their Parish Discernment Committees soon. If all goes as usual, they'll take two years of classes with ICS, do 6 months of Field Education in early 2023, and be ordained later that year in September.

That will put them among the first folks our next Bishop will ordain, since Bishop Greg Brewer hits mandatory retirement age in July 2023, and our Diocese will elect his successor in late 2022 or early 2023.... But that's a story for another month.

Why are Jeremy and Angela doing this?

The bottom-line is: Both feel the Holy Spirit nudging them toward this new step in servanthood.

In addition to feeling called, both want to grow in their competence and knowledge of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason. Both want to be even more effective servants and leaders inside AND outside of the Messiah family. And both feel being ordained will give them additional credibility in our community and new gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Some folks have already asked: Does this mean we'll lose them after they're ordained?

Most likely NOT!

We've kept every Deacon we've raised up, so history suggests we'll keep these, especially since we're their employers! BUT... Deacons belong to the Bishop, and, if a Deacon has a particular skill that would greatly benefit the Diocese somewhere other than that Deacon's home congregation, the Bishop can assign them to that other place. That happens very rarely, but it's a possibility.

Here's the truth about this question: Jeremy and Angela belong to the Messiah, and not just the Messiah family, and we trust the Messiah will put them where they'll make the biggest splash for him ... though we hope it's HERE!

Please pray for Jeremy and Angela as they enter this new chapter of their lives, and thank you for your part in the Messiah Ministry Mill cranking out servant-leaders for the Kingdom of God.

I love you all.

*Tom  
Rutherford*

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## Vestry Door Duty for November

Opener at 7:30am: Marci Babione

Closer after 1:00pm: Chris Brown

Vestry Meeting Host: Ron Lancioni

## 2021 Financial Report

(as of October 2021)

Operating Income.....\$514,244.46

Operating Expenses.....\$557,477.69

NET.....\$(43,203.23)

ALL Building Fund Income....\$153,767.07

ALL Building Fund Expense...\$160,762.37

NET.....\$(6,995.30)

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2021 October Vestry Minutes  
Thursday \* October 21, 2021, \* 6 pm

Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden & Clerk Joyce Taylor, Junior Warden Chris Brown, Steve Borst, Ron Bouton, Wendy King, Ron Lancioni, Brian Seguin, Doreen Stachowski, Wally Stewart, and Sarah Wolfe; Treasurer Bob Tate, plus parishioner Angela Lopez and visitor the Rev. Kate Jeffrey.

Absent: Marci Babione and Joe Eiden (both with out-of-town family).

I. **FORMATION**: Steve Borst led Compline. Based on 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and our Guidelines for Vestry membership, Tom Rutherford talked about the qualities we're looking for in potential Vestry nominees.

II. **INFORMATION**:

A. **Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

1. **Outreach Team**: Doreen Stachowski reports they met on October 12 and decided:

- a) Angel Tree for Dillard Elementary School: Angela Lopez will have the tree up soon and the congregation will supply the toys on the list for those families in need.
- b) Thanksgiving Food Baskets - donations are being collected now and a gift card will be included for the turkey. The families have been selected by Fr. Tom and Angela with the greatest needs in and outside of the church.
- c) Christmas Gift Cards will be given to 20 families to help with Christmas dinner.
- d) Foster Friends will be given 6 stockings filled with items for the teen aged girls.
- e) Edgewood Children's Ranch - we will have a holiday pizza party for the children, a gift for each and a board game for each house. We have 21 volunteers who will help with that on December 4th.
- f) "Thank you" cards are still being collected for the Nurses at South Lake Hospital and will be taken there before Christmas.

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) Children's Church: We are learning about the GREAT things Jesus has given us, great words (the Bible), great works, great faith, and a great helper (the Holy Spirit). Each week we have had a "gift" dropped off, and we had to figure out the clues. The first week was a cheese grater and a dictionary to represent great words. We had the letters G and R and a pay stub to represent great works, and bees and leaves to represent belief or great faith.
- b) On October 31, I will offer the 5th Sunday Children's Church at the 8am service.
- c) I am excited to have so many people sign up to volunteer with our children through Messiah's Way, and I am reaching out to them in the coming weeks to see who specifically wants to serve where.
- d) SHINE Kids' Club:
  - (1) We have been working on a spiritual world lesson series and have learned that we have God on our side, and we have the Holy Spirit as a helper so we do not need to fear Satan. We learned about being aware of his plans to steal, kill and destroy and how we can outsmart him with forgiveness, comfort, love and encouragement. We talked about 2 Peter 3:9 and how we should not repay evil for evil and that being mean plants seeds of negative thinking. We learned that hatred stirs up trouble, but love forgives all wrongs.
  - (2) We are working on angel ornaments for the Advent tree. The children will be able to bring them home after the Christmas Eve service.
  - (3) Our next series will be fruits of the spirit as we could all use a reminder of what we are capable of being and showing.



- (4) Since many of the SHINE kids do not come to church here, they are not quite sure what type of behavior is appropriate for our setting, and we have had some challenges. I did some research and discovered a few classroom management techniques that I can use at church. I also ordered a wireless mic to use as we have a few kids who cannot keep from humming or making random sounds, and rather than raising my voice and potentially sounding like I am angry, I will just use the mic. Some of the actions are completely out of the kids' control, so positive behavior incentives have had no effect.
- (5) On November 5 I will be participating in a 7-hour webinar on child abuse prevention and human trafficking. It is sponsored by the Child Abuse Education Program and Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention Initiative.
- (6) I am looking into attending the D6 summit in April. I have attended virtually several times, they will be in Orlando April 20-22. The cost is \$279, so I am praying about it. D6 is a movement to empower parents and church leaders to live out the Deuteronomy 6 story, specifically verses 4-7: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."
- (7) Our Fall Fun Day was loads of fun. We cooked fall themed foods and painted a harvest moon and pumpkin. We made pom-pom turkeys and watched a "scary" Toy Story special. We had a full group of 10 kids, which is all we can safely fit in the old kitchen. Thanks to Cheri Mayfield who came to help and to Karen Stewart who came in and helped out with a few struggling artists.
- (8) Outreach: I received a huge donation of books and games from a parishioner. I let the SHINE kids pick through and take as many as they wanted, and we still had over 200 books left. I called Dillard Street and offered them to any teachers who wanted them. They were very appreciative of them. The tubs that I dropped off contained books from all of the popular children's series and characters. I also delivered 200 reward pencils, a box of "Dragon store" prizes and a box of initial rings for the prize closet. The next projects we will do for them is delivering a few Thanksgiving meals and setting up the Angel tree to provide gifts for their children in the most need. I will also be reaching out to Maxey Street Elementary next year to see how we can partner with them.
- (9) My husband's new job offers medical insurance, and we will be switching to their plan on January 1. Thank you for covering us since he left his former employer last summer

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

- a) This month we will continue to see rentals happen throughout the week. Horizon West Theater Company is using our Youth Hall weekly on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. The library is being rented on Thursday evenings for an online ukulele class, and the Parish Hall continues to be used Friday mornings for a preschool music class.
- b) Horizon West Theater Company is renting the Parish hall on Thursday, November 11th, and Friday, November 12th for a Broadway Revue presented by their adult theater group. Additionally, they are also renting the Parish Hall and Youth Hall each evening from 4-9pm Monday, November 29th through Saturday, December 4th.
- c) If you see anything amiss around campus please email me at [jeremyadams@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:jeremyadams@churchofthemessiah.com)

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

- a) The new camera, Stream Deck, and computer are all hooked up and we have streamed from the set-up twice (10/3 and 10/10).
  - (1) THANK YOU, Vestry, for the approval for the camera and Stream Deck! The process is so much smoother for the volunteers AND, I hope you agree, the livestream looks WONDERFUL!
  - (2) My husband, Romeo, helped me a TON this past month getting the camera and new computer setup so our livestream can be MUCH improved! Thank you, Romeo!

- (3) Also, a HUGE thank you, to Jeremy Adams! I wouldn't have gotten the sound set up without him and it would have taken me a LOT longer to get the multiple displays setup since I couldn't remember how we did it a few months back! So grateful!
- (4) Thank you, Father Tom, for approving the computer - it's so fast!!
- (5) Thank you to Julie for shopping with me so we could see computers in person and get just what we need

b) Website updates:

- (1) I set up a button for the Messiah's way during September
- (2) I have now set up a button for Operation Christmas Child
- (3) I continue to update the website slider on the home page

c) Julie and I met with Quest church volunteers (10/11) to give them pointers on what to look for in a part-time media/tech employee. We also walked them through how Julie manages social media and some of the things that I do with the website and tech support around campus. They pay someone to handle their livestream so that will remain a separate employee for them. They were very grateful for our help and we were excited to help! It is also always interesting to see how other churches handle the workload.

d) Next up:

- (1) Get the former Sanctuary camera set up in the Parish Hall!
- (2) Do some candlelight testing with the new setup in the Sanctuary so we can see if we need anything to make the Christmas services look just as wonderful for our livestream viewers as our in person attendees.
- (3) Tom Knappman is investigating lighting for the Sanctuary (Thank you, Tom!!!)
- (4) Orient our new volunteers for the various Media/Tech ministries
- (5) Sort, purge, and organize the collection of cables we have amassed over the years - some of which are completely outdated
- (6) Continue to work with ministries on filming commercials for their events (20 second spots, I am available to film Mondays between 3pm and 5pm and Wednesdays between 1pm and 5pm - please email me to setup an appointment [vitamazaluna@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:vitamazaluna@churchofthemessiah.com))

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

- a) Our next recital is December 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:garineadams@churchofthemessiah.com).
- b) Drama club for middle/high school students meets weekly Thursdays from 3-5pm in the Parish Hall. They've picked their first performance to be "Clue" sometime in the Spring. Projected to be in May 2022.
- c) Our Friday morning "Mommy and Me Style Class with Becky Sego" from 10-11am on Friday mornings is going great! Lots of laughter and smiles.
- d) Messiah Youth Band is playing music for our children's Christmas service this year. As a revision to our last vestry report, Jeremy and Garine Adams are providing live entertainment for the Ladies' Night Out rather than the youth band.

**6. Office Minister Julie Altenbach reports:**

- a) Confirmed those who signed up for Messiah's Way and distributed lists to Ministry Leaders
- b) Facilitated and decorated the Parish Hall for the lunch for West Orange Ministerial Association Luncheon

- c) Assisted with family who held a funeral (Not someone from the Messiah Family)
- d) Continue to work with Media Minister Vita Mazzaluna to advertise various events in all media and hard copy platforms
- e) Vita and I met with two members of Quest Church to help them with their media needs

**7. Volunteer Youth Minister** Garine Adams reports:

- a) The youth group is starting to grow! 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 Identity and how to choose the right path over the past few weeks.
- b) Alive Ministries High School Girls' and Boys' retreats are coming up at North Florida Christian Service Camp in Keystone Heights, FL. Girls' Retreat is the weekend of November 12-14<sup>th</sup>, and Boys' Retreat is November 19-21<sup>st</sup>. 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 for this year). Sign up at [NFCSC.org](http://NFCSC.org) as soon as you can. Spots tend to fill up quickly for these awesome weekends.
- c) 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.

**C. Apprentice Rector:** Tom Rutherford went to RADVOCO (the RADical VOCation Conference) in Dallas, Texas, September 23-25 to promote our diocese, pitch the idea of Parish Residencies, and fish for the Apprentice Rector God has for us. He didn't find one, so he's still fishing.

**D. Vestry Nominations:** Vestry looked over the qualifications for serving on Vestry and suggested 14 folks to invite to stand for election. Tom Rutherford will screen them to ensure they meet the criteria and invite them to visit our meeting next month.

**E. 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. We had several options to fix them, including having Willet Architectural Glass Company do the job for \$17,217. Ron Bouton and Alex Hujik slathered silicone over all the grout to seal it and glue it in place. That should hold them for many years to come... and cost less than \$50!

**F. Diocesan Convention** is Friday evening and Saturday January 28-29, 2022, in Daytona Beach. All our Clergy are delegates. We need 3 Lay Delegates and up to 3 Alternate Lay Delegates. One Lay Delegate needs to be a Vestry Member. Chris Brown volunteered to serve. Tom Rutherford will recruit at least 2 more lay delegates and bring their names for us to approve next month.

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

- A. 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 have entered the discernment process toward ordination as Deacons. Jeremy was with us last month to talk about that call. Angela joined us this month to do the same, and the Vestry interviewed her.
- B. \$50,000 gift:** We received a gift of \$50,000 in memory of Lynne Passilla. Her husband Jim doesn't have anywhere he requests it go. Vestry discussed possibilities of what to do with it and will revisit that question next month.
- C. 2022 First Draft Budget** was emailed to you for us to take a first look at. The Finance Committee looked over it last night and recommends adopting it as presented. Please pray over it, think about it, and talk it over with folks in your area of ministry and be ready to amend or adopt it next month.



**IV. DECISIONS (usually based on the Discussion last month):** Vestry endorsed both Jeremy Adams and Angela Lopez to enter the Discernment Process toward ordination as deacons.

**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. 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. You'll get to see the new simpler form next month!
2. Operating Income last month was \$30,052.36 LESS than Expenses, INCREASING our year-to-date DEFICIT to \$43,203.23.
3. Building Fund net income last month was \$2,955.05 LESS than our \$11,996.01 monthly mortgage and other expenses, bringing our year-to-date DEFICIT to \$6,995.30.

The meeting closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Taylor, 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.

**Don & Carolyn Greer, Ron Bouton, Wally & Karen Stewart, Bill & Elise Bradford, Tom & Marianne Lyons, and Jay & Mary Kay Predmore visited Church of the Incarnation in Oviedo, Florida on October 3rd.**

**Beauty Ramotar visited All Saints Episcopal Church in Woodhaven, New York on October 10th.**



**Romeo, Vita, Donny and Giada Mazzaluna volunteered to make food bags for the clients of Elyon Church and their outreach program, as well as helping setup their appreciation event for their first responder team.**

# Preschool News

October ended with each classroom having parties to celebrate the Fall season. Our school Advisory Committee and staff agreed that due to the COVID restrictions, we would not have our large gathering this year. The same will be true for our Thanksgiving Feast in November. Each classroom will celebrate together, but no large meal will be held. We continue to pray that the children and staff remain healthy and that everything will be back to “normal” soon.

Missy Cottle has once again organized our Square One Art Fundraiser. The children had a great time creating their individual works of art. Square One then creates items imprinted with the artwork for the parents to purchase. The items make great Christmas gifts for family and friends. All proceeds benefit the preschool scholarship fund.

I was able to attend the annual Central Florida Episcopal School Association meeting in October, via Zoom. It was good to see the other Heads of School even though it was remotely. It had been a while since we were able to meet. Current COVID restrictions, as well as hiring challenges were discussed. It was agreed we should have a table at convention representing all Episcopal Schools.



November 17th & 18th– Thanksgiving Feasts

December 11th from 9:00 am– 2:00 pm– Christmas Shopping Day (Students and siblings)

November 17th– SAC Meeting

November 22nd-26th– Thanksgiving Break





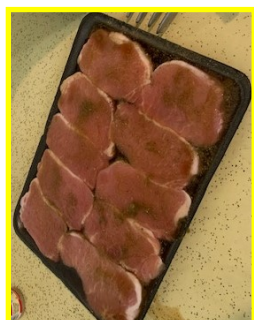




# Kid's Cooking Camp








Fall Funday was SUPER fun! We cooked, snacked, painted, played and even took home a delicious fall supper. We make pumpkin pancakes, chicken pot pies with tator tots, scarecrow cookies, pork-chops with apples and maple syrup, mashed potatoes and individual no bake apple pies! The kids had a great time working together and making new friends! Stay tuned for information on our cookie party!!



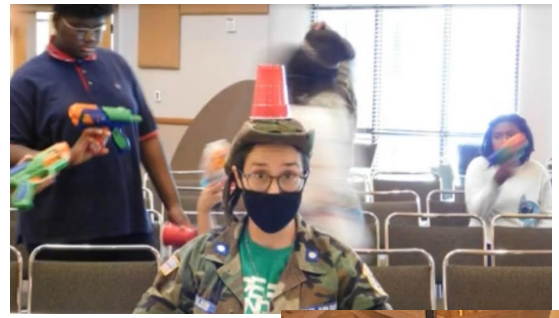


Christmas Pageant  
"The Jazzy Shepherd"

Would your child/grandchild like to participate in our Christmas Pageant? The pageant will take place on Friday, December 24th at 5:00 pm during the Children's Service. If your child would like a speaking part, they should be available to practice at Shine on Sundays at 4:30 pm. For more information, contact Ms. Angela, Children's Minister.







# LAUNCH A YOUNG, SINGLE, ADULT'S GROUP

Are you out of high school and wondering about your future? Do you know what direction God is pointing you towards? Do you understand how God equips you for life? Would you like to be part of a group (both online and at COTM) of your peers?

Welcome to LAUNCH!

Between November 14th and New Years, a Zoom group will be available for you to connect with other young single adults. We will meet at 5pm on Sundays via a Zoom link ( [Click here for link](#)) or in person in the library. It's just one hour! Stop by the church if you are in town or Zoom in for introductions and an outline of our "New in '22" workshops and programs designed to help you see "What God wants to do with me."

Why LAUNCH? When some fledgling birds leave the nest they literally launch themselves out into the air. Some glide down to earth as they are meant to. Others flap their wings and soar into the sky, as they are meant to. There are birds who only make it to the next branch. Others careen wildly down the cliff face until they thump and roll to a stop— NOT injured at all BTW!

When we humans leave the nurturing care of our parents, our home, our friends, our church, and step out on our own, we launch into a new life. Some of us soar, some glide, some tumble. But we all move on. Hence the name: LAUNCH— a platform designed to make that step one you take with God— as you are meant to!

Our first workshop starts January 2nd and runs for about six weeks. "Does God have a plan for me?" will help you build a pyramid of your unique characteristics, starting with your spiritual gifts and moving up through personality types, forms of intelligence and learning styles. Capping the study will be a picture of how God has made you unique and options for putting that to use in your life, studies, career or even

a hobby. Because we have free will, God knows we may choose a different path. But He has given you gifts which can greatly enhance your ability to follow His guidance and will open doors in your future.

LAUNCH is designed to be peer led, with mentoring by those who are a step ahead of you. College students can advise the newly graduated high schoolers. College grads can help those entering university on things you may encounter. First time job holders can help college seniors. And hopefully having Christian friends and mentors will be beneficial to everyone. The group will have a facilitator and a Spiritual Advisor. And the framework for LAUNCH will be a presentation platform with four supporting legs: Faith, Fellowship, Facts, and Fun! The topics and activities will always fit in one or more of these legs.

The LAUNCH facilitator is Laura Buckner. She is a retired Air Force officer, a qualified Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) assessor, and the designer of "Finding Your Focus", a program for teens, young adults and adults transitioning careers that helps them explore potential career paths.

The LAUNCH Kick Off will be November 14th at 5pm. Zoom links will be in the bulletin and at the COTM website.

If you have any questions, please call the office for Laura's phone number, or email her at [Lgb94@yahoo.com](mailto:Lgb94@yahoo.com).



**COTM ONLINE  
LIBRARY  
CATALOG**

**Church of the Messiah Library**

Librarian: Regina Seguin  
[library@ChurchoftheMessiah.com](mailto:library@ChurchoftheMessiah.com)



**EMAIL REGINA**

Dear Messiah Family,

Our new online catalog is up and running! Here's a quick guide to finding and checking out books.

You can search the catalog at <https://www.librarycat.org/lib/COTMLibrary>. Type a title, author, or keyword to discover what's in our library. Of course, you can also browse the shelves like always!

I've re-grouped and rearranged some of the books, and I'm in the process of labeling each book according to its new location. This will take some time, but in the meantime, I've added temporary shelf labels to help you find things.

To check out, there are now two options. Checking out on paper is nearly the same, except you no longer need to include your name or phone number! To check out online, find your item in the online catalog, click the Check Out button, and type the shared Patron ID (you can find the Patron ID posted in the library). Then click Check Out and OK.

Please return your items in a timely manner so that others can enjoy them! When you return an item, just leave it— don't reshelve — that way, we can check the items in.

The purpose of the checkout / check in system is to keep track of which books are available and not, and also to keep track of what's popular so we know what to keep and add in the library. Therefore, please do indicate either on paper or online when you're checking items out.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please email me at [library@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:library@churchofthemessiah.com).

Love,

Regina



*Daughters of the King*  
*celebrate and appreciate our clergy!*





**Getting to Know  
Messiah Folks  
By Patty Tate**

## **Craig Brown**



**Who was our Choir Director  
in 1977 for three years and is  
still singing?**

On a sunny, cool October afternoon I sat down with Craig and his wife, Jill on the porch of their beautiful lakefront home. The two hours sped by as they shared stories of their 49 years at Church of the Messiah. He is an extremely interesting man who stays very active as an eighty-something guy who loves music, genealogy, astronomy, art, reading, photography and photo restoration. He has volunteered at the Winter Garden History Center. If you love Messiah's book: "The First 50 Years, An Illustrated History" you can thank Craig Brown for his creation of same!

### **Where did you grow up?**

"I was born in Columbia, SC but grew up in Sioux City, Iowa till age 11. Then I moved to Orlando and lived with my mother's parents, Howard and Hazel Marks."

### **Education and Job Career:**

Craig attended Kaley & Pine Castle Elementary, Howard Junior High, and Boone HS (graduated 1960). He went straight to University of Florida, Gainesville, to study engineering where he earned BS and Master Degrees in Electrical Engineering. He met his beloved Jill at UF and married her in 1964.

His job career spanning from 1965 to 1997 included working as E.E. for Radiation, Inc. (now Harris Corp.) in Melbourne, Fla., Naval Training Equipment Center in Orlando and Naval Research Lab, Underwater Sound Reference Division in Orlando where he retired in 1997.

### **Tell us about your Episcopal background:**

He was a founding member of St. Mary of the Angels Episcopal Church in 1957. Craig moved to Winter Garden in 1972 and visited Church of the Messiah (Father Dasher) and found a very welcoming and friendly group of people. Father Dasher came out to see Craig and Jill in that first week and they stayed! (plus Craig joined the choir).

### **What do you like about being part of the Messiah family?**

"Friendly folks and we all get along. Great leadership and great music program!"

Oh yes, and Craig joined the Church of the Messiah Choir in 1972 and has been singing and playing guitar at worship services from then till now! You can hear him play and say hello to him at the 7:00 evening service!



This month I got quite a lot done: I read the book for the new Messiah Book Club, *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers* by Amy Hollingsworth, watched the DVD starring Tom Hanks, “*A Day in the Neighborhood*,” and started a trilogy of books that my nephew Bob and his wife Carla, gave me--*The Swan House* by Eliza Musser.

The movie about Fred Rogers helped to refresh my memory on the main themes of the book about him. It was a feel-good movie that I think portrayed Fred Rogers well, assuming he was the same as in the book. He was an unprepossessing man who didn't regard himself as a celebrity, but as a good neighbor. His mission was to teach children how special they are (which, of course, applied to all people), teach them to express their feelings, how to handle their negative emotions, and how to forgive. As a matter of fact, it was hypothesized that when Scripture mentions Jesus returning with a shout that the word he will shout will be “forgive,” because sin and forgiveness cannot exist together. As a footnote, the author of the book was a journalist who became a close friend of Fred Rogers. They prayed for each other and corresponded on a regular basis.

*The Swan House*, as I said, is the first in a trilogy. The plane crash in Paris was an actual historic event, and the places mentioned still exist, but the actual story is fiction. It is, however, a very gripping and spiritually power-packed story of a young girl, Mary Swan Middleton, whose very artistically talented mother dies in the plane crash I mentioned, right after she has been selected to be “the Raven,” and solve the Raven Dare, which turns out to be the disappearance of three paintings, one of which was by her mother, days before they were supposed to be donated to the local art museum. To add to her grief, she learns something about her mother that she really didn't want to know: that she was emotionally unstable. Somehow she realizes that she must solve the Dare to find out the truth about her mother. She almost goes into severe depression, but her “other mother,” her maid Ella Mae, convinces her to deal with her grief by helping out the underprivileged in the inner city. She makes firm friends with many of the people, mostly darker complexioned, and with the white lady, Miss Abigail, who is in charge of providing the spaghetti for the poor every Saturday. Miss Abigail gives her a Bible verse to help her in her quest to discover the whole truth about her mother: “The truth shall set you free.” At first it seems to her that the more she finds out, the worse she feels. But then she encounters the very best friend anyone could have—the Lord Jesus, Himself; and in the end she discovers that Jesus was right, after all. It's a really powerful story with all kinds of interesting twists—highly enjoyable!



## SUPPER & SHARING AND MESSIAH BOOK CLUB



INVITE YOU FOR A SPECIAL EVENING ON  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH AT 5:15 PM IN  
THE PARISH HALL TO WATCH AND DISCUSS  
A CHRISTMAS VIDEO BASED ON  
LUKE'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 2  
FROM THE GROUP THAT PRODUCES THE  
CHOSEN SERIES





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>* Nursery and Children's Church is offered at these services</b></p>	<p>1</p>  <p>All Saints Service at 5:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Fr. Tom's Day Off</p> <p>6:30 pm Men's Supper in the Youth Hall</p>	<p>3 10am Holy Communion</p> <p>11am Bible Study ( library)</p> <p>6- Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15- Praise Band</p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 8am Rite 1 <b>BAG SUNDAY</b></p> <p>*9:30 Rite 2</p> <p>*11:00 Rite 3</p> <p>11:00 TVSD Grief Group</p> <p>4pm French Service</p> <p>4:30 Shine</p> <p>5:00 Diving Deeper</p> <p>5:00 Activate</p> <p>6:00 Dinner- Simple Supper Picnic Style</p> <p>7:00 pm Rite 3</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Meeting @ 5:30 in the library</p>	<p>9 Fr. Tom's Day Off</p> <p>6:30 Men's Group</p>	<p>10 10am Holy Communion</p> <p>11am Bible Study ( library)</p> <p>Parish Hall</p> <p>6- Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15- Praise Band</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 8am Rite 1</p> <p>*9:30 Rite 2</p> <p>*11:00 Rite 3</p> <p>11:00 TVSD Grief Group</p> <p>4pm French Service</p> <p>4:30 Shine</p> <p>5:00 Diving Deeper</p> <p>5:00 Activate</p> <p>6:00 Dinner- Simple Supper Picnic Style</p> <p>7:00 pm Rite 3</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 10am Holy Communion</p> <p>11am Bible Study ( library)</p> <p><b>5:15 Supper &amp; Sharing in Parish Hall</b></p> <p>6- Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15- Praise Band</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 8am Rite 1</p> <p>*9:30 Rite 2</p> <p>*11:00 Rite 3</p> <p>11:00 TVSD Grief Group</p> <p>4pm French Service</p> <p>4:30 Shine</p> <p>5:00 Diving Deeper</p> <p>5:00 Activate</p> <p>6:00 Dinner- Simple Supper Picnic Style</p> <p>7:00 pm Rite 3</p>	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24 10am Holy Communion</p> <p>11am Bible Study ( library)</p> <p>6- Choir Practice</p> <p>7:15- Praise Band</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 8am Rite 1</p> <p>*9:30 Rite 2</p> <p>*11:00 Rite 3</p> <p>11:00 TVSD Grief Group</p> <p>4pm French Service</p> <p>4:30 Shine</p> <p>5:00 Diving Deeper</p> <p>5:00 Activate</p> <p>6:00 Dinner- Simple Supper Picnic Style</p> <p>7:00 pm Rite 3</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><b>Alcoholics Anonymous meets every evening</b></p> <p><b>For more information visit:</b></p> <p><a href="https://cflintergroup.org/meetings/three-legacies-group-8/">https://cflintergroup.org/meetings/three-legacies-group-8/</a></p>			

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2– Lamar Powers  
Debbie Rutherford

3– Julie Altenbach

4– Sherri O'Brien

5– Soner Alexandre

7– Linda Ellison

8– Nancy Gordon  
Joshua Lopez

10– Steve Borst  
Bailey Imes

12– John Peacock

13– Ellie Chase  
Doreen Stachowski

14– Derek Cho-Sam  
Amy Eiden

15– Sherryl Swindler  
Sean Wise

16– Susan Kiehm  
Johanna Watson

17– Bibi Cho-Sam  
Jean-Abner Dubic

18– George Daniel  
Alexa Jean-Giles

20– Erin Hinz  
Laird-Michael Hinz  
Lionel Williams

21– Ron Bouton

23– Tori Eaton

24– Sophie Alexandre  
Kathy Quesenberry

25– Linda Ogata

26– Tyrone Ramotar

30– Isma Davidson

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

16– Tom & Dawn Wirbel

19– Jay & Marsha Dymond

23– Brian & Erin Hinz

27– Frank & Nancy Kolski



*Please pray for our newly  
expectant moms (and dads)  
Garine & Jeremy Adams,  
and Anna and Daniel Puterbaugh*



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

### Sunday Servants 8:00 AM

8:00 Service	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
Lector	Gretchen Tope	Alex Hujak	Aliena Gaye	Joyce Taylor
1st LEM	Mary Kay Predmore	Don Greer	Aliena Gaye	Linda Bouton
2nd LEM	Deborah Townsend	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor	Ron Bouton
Altar Server	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore	Aiden Morrison	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/ Greeters	Jay Predmore Bill Crawford	Ron Bouton Marsha Dymond	Bill Crawford Ron Bouton	Jay Predmore Mar- sha Dymond
Prayer Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor

### Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
Lector	Dawn Wirbel	Beth Ann Carr	Jay Williams	Alexis Whitted
1st LEM	Stacey Beck	Roger Watson	Tom Buckner	Mary Lynn Levine
2nd LEM	Chris Brown	Mary Lynn Levine	Stacey Beck	Roger Watson
Altar Server	Kellin Moseley	Francesco Fulvi	Yolwenn Alexandre	Melanie Field
Crucifer	Katie Joy Brady	Annalisa Puchein	Francesco Fulvi	Katie Joy Brady
Ushers/ Greeters	Alex Babcock Ken Miller	John Puchein Beth Ann Carr	Jay & Patti Williams	Chuck & Deborah Grunder
Prayer Intercessor	Wally Stewart	Elise Bradford	Wally Stewart	Elise Bradford
Worship Tech	Alexis Whitted	Laura Buckner	Wilna Brown	Sam Lynn

**For questions or to volunteer to serve, please contact Mary Kay Predmore at [marykayp413@aol.com](mailto: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	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
<b>Lector</b>	Paul Buzzonetti	Osni Alexandre	Vita Mazzaluna	Elizabeth Kolb-Jackson
<b>1st LEM</b>	Helen Farnsworth	Elizabeth Kolb-Jackson	Helen Farnsworth	Elizabeth Kolb-Jackson
<b>Altar Server</b>	Jackson Groendaal	Giada Mazzaluna	Lily Groendall	Giada Mazzaluna
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Richard, Kelley, & Logan McRae	Mary Katulic	Richard, Kelley, & Logan McRae	Mary Katulic
<b>Worship Tech</b>	Donato Mazzaluna	Donato Mazzaluna	Donato Mazzaluna	Donato Mazzaluna

### Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
<b>Lector</b>	Wendy King	Craig Brown	Nancy Gordon	Craig Brown
<b>LEM</b>	Wendy King	Angela Lopez	Susie Marshall	Kathy Quesenberry
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Bob Greene	Bob Greene	Bob Greene	Bob Greene
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Susie Marshall	Jill Brown	Wendy King	Jill Brown
<b>Worship Tech</b>	Jill Brown	David Peterson	Cherie Greene	David Peterson

### Readings

	November 7	November 14	November 21	Wednesday November 24 10:00 AM	November 28
<b>1st Lesson</b>	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	1 Samuel 1:4-20	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Joel 2:21-27	Jeremiah 33:14-16
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 127 BCP 782	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalm 132 BCP 785	Psalm 126 BCP 782	Psalm 25 BCP 614
<b>2nd Lesson</b>	Hebrews 9:24-28	Hebrews 10:11-25	Revelation 1:1-8	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
<b>Gospel</b>	John 11:32-44	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37	Matthew 6:25-33	Luke 21:25-36





The Ladies of Church of the Messiah said good-bye to Nancy Glynn at the October Ladies' Dinner. If you would like to send a card or note to Nancy, her new address is: 824 East Jefferson Ave  
LaPorte, IN 46350



Men's Supper

Blessing of the Animals on  
October 3rd







Acolytes, Lily, Francesco,  
Melanie, and Sophie.



Marilyn, Nancy  
and Mary Ann at  
the 11:00 service.



Office Angel Appreciation  
and Orientation Luncheon

