

# THE MESSENGER

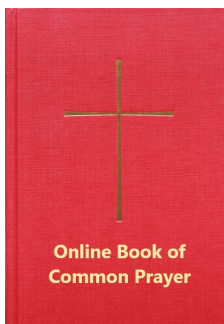
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But as for me, I watch in  
hope for the Lord,  
I wait for God my Savior;  
my God will hear me.  
Micah 7:7

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## Sunday Services:

Sunday Services:

8:00 am.....Traditional Communion

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

9:30 am.....Sunday School

11:00 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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# The Standing WHAT????

At the Diocesan Convention in 2021, I was elected to the Standing Committee of the Diocese. After Diocesan Convention this year, the Standing Committee elected me as its President. Here's what that means.

The Standing Committee (SC) is a "council of advice to the Bishop," it has a role in ordinations, and some other responsibilities. Our national Canons (church law) require one in each Diocese. There are 7 members: 4 clergy and 3 lay.

As a council of advice to the Bishop, we meet monthly to pray with and for him, to let him bounce ideas and issues off us, and to offer our wisdom as seems appropriate.

In ordinations, we have several assignments:

We certify that people who are seeking ordination have satisfied all the requirements of the Canons (we have a checklist to follow), and we interview each person to ensure there is "no sufficient objection on medical, psychological, moral, or spiritual grounds" to ordaining them.

Those interviews are serious, because we are one of four entities who can say "Yes" or "No" to whether someone continues toward ordination or not. The person's Rector, their Vestry, and the Bishop are the other 3. If any of those four say "No," that person will not be ordained.

We also weigh in on every Bishop Election in the 111 dioceses of the Episcopal Church. When a diocese elects someone to be their bishop, a majority of the current bishops and a majority of the Standing Committees in those dioceses must consent to that election before the person may be consecrated a Bishop. If less than 56 bishops or 56 Standing Committees withhold consent, the electing diocese has to start all over and elect someone else to be their bishop.

And the final two BIG roles of the SC – and the ones we do the least – is to be the "Ecclesiastical Authority" in the absence of a bishop and to design and oversee the process of electing a new Bishop when the old one retires or dies. "Ecclesiastical Authority" means SC makes all the decisions assigned to the Bishop, if the bishop dies or resigns suddenly, before the diocese has time to elect a new bishop.

The last role of the SC is to oversee elections of new bishops... which kicked in this past January when Bishop Greg Brewer announced that he's retiring in July 2023. For the next 16 months we will be searching for the person God has to be our next bishop, to carry out an election for that person, to work that bishop-elect through the consent process, and get him or her consecrated.

Our national Canons are vague about HOW to do a bishop's election. They pretty much say only "The Standing Committee will oversee the election." That leaves it up to each SC to design and carry out a process that fits its own diocese, and that's what our SC has been doing since this time last year, when Bishop Greg let us know his retirement date. Since then:

- We formulated the rules for our election: who may nominate someone and how.
- We chose 15 people from around the diocese to be our Search Committee: to accept nominations, get to know each nominee, do background checks on them, and present a slate of 3-5 candidates by the end of this September.
- We appointed Father Chris Rodriguez, rector of Trinity Church in Vero Beach, and my predecessor as President of the Standing Committee, as Chair of the Search Committee. He has 7 lay persons and 7 clergy on that team, and they are feverishly at work on their tasks.
- We hired Father Gary Butterworth as our Election Consultant to help us through the process. Dioceses don't do these elections often enough to get good at them – our last one was in 2011 – and Gary is trained by the Episcopal Church to know all the nooks and crannies of such elections, so we don't drop any balls or let anything slip through the cracks.
- Gary led a 2-day retreat with the Standing Committee and the Search Committee to help us get to know one another and orient everyone to the tasks ahead.
- We laid out a timeline for the Search, Election, and Consecration, and got dates from the national office of the Episcopal Church. We can't consecrate a new bishop without the Presiding Bishop there as Chief Consecrator, so we needed to get on his calendar!
- We built a website to communicate all the details of the process: **[www.DCFSearch.org](http://www.DCFSearch.org)**

We did all that BEFORE Bishop Greg formally announced his retirement at Diocesan Convention this past January.

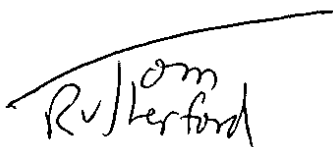
Since then, we've chosen a Transition Team, who will shepherd our candidates when they visit us in-person this fall; put on the Electing Convention on January 14, 2023; help our bishop-elect find a new home and move; and coordinate the Consecration on June 10, 2023.

These next 16 months will be BUSY for our Standing Committee, and as the President, they'll be EXTRA busy for me as I shepherd the Standing Committee as we shepherd our Diocese.

If you want to know more details, please ask me or visit the Search Website: **[www.DCFSearch.org](http://www.DCFSearch.org)**

Please pray for our Diocese, for Bishop Greg as he phases out, for the Lord to raise up his choice as our next Bishop, for our Standing Committee, and for me. We're all praying for you.

I love you all.



*For the Election of a Bishop or other Minister*

*Book of Common Prayer Page 818*

*Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# Who Ya Gonna Call

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## Vestry Door Duty for March

Opener at 7:30am: Doreen Stachowski

Closer after 1:00pm: Doreen Stachowski

Vestry Meeting Host: Doreen Stachowski

## 2022 Financial Report

(as of January 2022)

Operating Income.....\$49,639.00

Operating Expenses.....\$63,683.76

NET.....\$(14,044.76)

All Building Fund Income....\$14,970.17

All Building Fund Expense...\$12494.68

NET.....\$2,478.49

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2022 January Vestry Minutes  
Saturday \* February 20, 2022, \* 2 pm

Present: Present: Rector Tom Rutherford, Senior Warden Wally Stewart, Junior Warden Chris Brown, Clerk Joe Eiden, Marci Babione, Steve Borst, Beth Ann Carr, Anida Daniel, Mildred Dubic, Ron Lancioni, Mary Kay Predmore, Doreen Stachowski, and Sarah Wolfe;

Absent: Treasure Bob Tate

I. **FORMATION:** Wally Stewart led Compline. Based on Exodus 18:5, 7-9, 13-27, Tom Rutherford talked about Shared Leadership and how we make Decisions by Consensus.

II. **INFORMATION:** Since everyone wrote a report for the Annual Report, they didn't submit a monthly Ministry Team Report

**A. Vestry Ministry Team Reports:**

1. **Outreach Team** leader Doreen Stachowski reports: We met on February 8 with Julie Altenbach, Amy and Joe Eiden, Angela Lopez, Vita Mazzaluna, Ginger Sirola, Doreen and Tom Stachowski, and Patty and Bob Tate. Steve Borst, Beth Ann Carr, and Anida Daniel were unable to attend.

a) The meeting opened with prayer and 2 presentations: RIP Medical Debt by Valery Rice and Moldova Missionaries by Sergui and Victoria Matei.

b) The Team decided not to participate in the RIP Medical Debt program and the Summerbreak Food program at this time.

c) They will support the following ministries

Ministry	Budget	Activity or Needs
Hope Center Winter Garden (Food pantry and job placement center for homeless)	\$1000	New center will be open in the Spring. We are gathering information now on how we can support this ministry with
The Nuture Place (new center in Winter Garden for families to connect, play and grow)	\$1000	Julie will work with the Director on how we can support them this year
Friends of the Troops	\$400	Help with mailing costs to send things to
Moldova Missionaries	\$2400	Financial help so they can bring hope through the gospel movement to a country that is the poorest in Europe
Information on Operations Christmas Child	0	Communication on how to support the "shoe box" ministry online or with drop off locations
Edgewood Children's Ranch	\$2000	Spring and Christmas activities and if any budget is left, financially support "Love a Kid" for \$300 ea.
Foster Friends of Central	\$250	Dinner for teens and house Mom

\* See next page for continuation



Ministry	Budget	Activity or Needs
Holiday Food Baskets	\$800	Gift card for meat and parish family will contribute all additional food for both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner
Habitat for Humanity	0	Volunteers for various activities and
Dillard Street Partners in Education	\$1500	Activities throughout the year, Christmas angel tree, Back to school breakfast and/or lunch for teachers Volunteers
Apopka Pregnancy Care Center	\$2500	Volunteers 4 Cribs, 10 cases of wipes, and misc.
Father Soner Utilities	\$3600	
Food Gift Cards for Parish	\$1800	Sarah Wolfe will purchase and Father
Christian Service Center	\$2000	Volunteers Pallets of bottled water (2) and canned meat (other than tuna)
Alive Camp Mission	\$600	G & Jeremy to aid with children's tuition

2. **Tree Trimming:** Wally Stewart reported the team of volunteers trimmed all the trees and had the debris hauled off for about \$2,000.

3. **No others received.**

#### **B. Staff Reports:**

1. **Children of the Messiah Preschool Director** Barbara Ellerbe emailed the Financial Report separately.

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

- In Children's Church we finished up our series on the BIG questions Jesus asked. Several of the girls learned the memory verses and received prizes from the treasure box. We enjoyed a Valentine lesson in which we learned John 3:16 and talked about God loving us first. We will be moving on to a series called NORMAL? Before transitioning to Lent.
- SHINE kids have been continuing to "Eat this Book". We are working through Matthew right now. The kids have been using art, Legos, and short skits to recreate the lessons we read out loud. Each week they are giving a selection of scripture to read aloud to their family. Doing this gives them 5 bonus points towards the Sky Zone trip.
- I have been working on VBS and have several volunteers in place. I am still looking for more! I will create a VBS information station on the kids table in the next couple of weeks to stir up interest and to circulate my wish list.
- This month I am participating in the Bible Creative Conference. 3 days of guest speakers equipping and encouraging Children's Ministry workers to teach and reach. I also have the great privilege to judge a 5th grade oration contest at Dillard Street Elementary. I participated in the Dio Convention viewing party, served at a funeral and attended a speaking engagement of one of my favorite Christian authors. I participated in the vestry retreat dinner and attended a 3-hour outreach meeting. It has been a busy few weeks, just the way I like it.

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

- a) The new year has been off to a great start for our facilities. What I'm most excited about is newly forming partnerships with the community. The Nurture Place will be offering Care-giver Yoga on the 2nd and 4th Monday each month starting at 8:30am in the Parish Hall, one of our neighbors approached us about moving their homeschool German class to our Parish Hall once a week, and I've been working with the local Daughters of the American Revolution chapter to potentially host a tea party in our Parish Hall. This is in addition to the Horizon West Theater Company renting the Youth Hall on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, the Messiah School for the Arts Drama Club meeting in the Parish Hall every Thursday at 3pm, and Becky's Milestones through Music preschool class every Friday morning at 10am.

In the next month we have the Virtual Youth Revival in the Parish Hall (2/18/22) two weddings (2/19/22 and 3/12/22), a funeral (2/19/22), a Daughters of the King Deanery meeting (2/26/22), a study session for Diaconate Postulants (2/28/22), Diocese Vestry Training (3/5/22). Looking a little further ahead, we'll be having a campus workday on March 26th. If you're interested in volunteering to help spruce up our facilities please contact me at [jeremyadams@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:jeremyadams@churchofthemessiah.com).

**4. Finance Minister** Jane Cartelli had nothing to report.

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

- a) Our next recital is April 8th 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! We are pleased to welcome our newest music teacher to our team, Kevin Wellmaker. He's an elementary music teacher by day, and ukulele, piano, and voice instructor for us in the evenings. He will be taking on Gariné's students as she prepares for maternity leave.
- b) Drama Club for middle/high school students is having a performance on May 13th of "Clue." Come be part of this event. Doors open at 6:30pm.
- c) Our Friday morning Mommy and Me style class with Becky Sego from 10-11am on Friday mornings is going great! Lots of giggles.
- d) Messiah Youth Band played for our second Youth Revival February 2022, and we plan to continue this event each year.

**6. Music Ministers** Linda Ellison and Jeremy Adams had nothing to report.

**7. Office Minister** Julie Altenbach reports: We added two new Office Angels and are blessed to have many honorary Office Angels, who help with special projects. In January we:

- a) Compiled, prepared, and published the Annual Parish Report
- b) Coordinated with the Diocese and with the help of Father Tom and Debbie Rutherford, ordered and set up a small reception for Laura Cook and the other Ordinands and their family and friends at her ordination.
- c) I went to Canterbury Retreat Center and assisted the Diocesan Staff for the Virtual Diocese Convention
- d) Ordered lunch and set up breakfast in the library for our Diocesan Delegates and Clergy as they gathered to watch the convention online.
- e) Helped set up the tables in the library with Church Librarian, Regina Seguin. (Look for information about an Open House)
- f) Continued to coordinate with Tech Minister and ministry leaders to inform and advertise the different events for COTM.



**8. Tech Minister Vita Mazzaluna reports:**

- a) I created instruction pages for how to set up the live streams each week and how to separate out the sermon from the livestream recording each week.
- b) I programmed a button onto our website that links directly to Laura Cook's ordination livestream and kept it up through the end of February.
- c) We did a livestream for the Annual Meeting and I ran the tech booth during the meeting.
- d) I updated the Virtual Youth Revival registration from last year and created an updated details and registration page as well as scheduled the livestream. The Youth Revival is on February 18.
- e) The Tech Class co-facilitated with Office Minister Julie Altenbach in February had 7 participants. We showed the class how to navigate our website to find various links and documents as well as how to best navigate the COTM YouTube and Facebook pages AND how to sign up for Amazon Smile so that any qualifying Amazon purchases earn COTM some donation dollars! We are excited to have people attending and are looking at dates for March now.
- f) Children's Minister Angela Lopez got a tip from other Children's Ministers about a "hack" to notify her when it's time to wrap-up Children's Church on Sunday and head back to the main service. It utilizes Smart plugs/devices that work over WiFi. We are working on getting her test system setup using a Smart Plug that I had at home and a super fun neon Hippo. We are having an issue with being able to get on the same WiFi network at the same time because the Youth Hall does not pick up the guest WiFi and the Sanctuary needs the secure network for the livestream. My husband Romeo is working on mapping out all the routers and trying to figure out the issue. (Which, of course, will help the campus WiFi overall, not just for "the hippo.") He may seek out some volunteer teammates to diagnose the issue and help with labeling/mapping/cleaning up the current network infrastructure. If anyone enjoys doing that sort of thing and would be interested in helping with that, let me know and I will hook you up with Romeo. [vitamazzaluna@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:vitamazzaluna@churchofthemessiah.com)
- g) COTM had a power outage on Saturday February 5 that zapped the HVAC computer system. Romeo replaced the power supply on the computer and got it back up and running. However, the HVAC unit seemed to have been affected and MC<sup>2</sup> (the company that supplied our HVAC controls) fixed the issue.
- h) I have submitted to Google Nonprofits for access to the COTM Nonprofit account so that I can submit an online advertising grant. We hope to be able to use that for drawing folks to our services and parish events as well as to the facilities rental spaces.
- i) I also participated in a meeting with Facilities Minister Jeremy Adams, Office Minister Julie, Wendy King, and Stephanie Abell regarding ideas on publicizing and drawing the public in to see our facilities' rental spaces.
- j) As requested by Jeremy, I created advertising for a bulletin insert, the web homepage slider, and our Sunday ads slides to ensure that our Messiah family knows about the Parishioner rental rate of \$20/hour AND that they can utilize spaces for free for Bible studies and other ministries.

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

- a) Our Youth Revival in February was virtual for the second year in a row, and we plan to be in person for 2023. This year we have most of the central Florida Episcopal Churches involved as well as a few interdenominational churches in and around our area.

- b) We've begun planning our Summer 2022 Mission Week. Please check in with Gariné Adams if you'd like to be a part or help with the funding. We will be bringing our youth with us to North Florida Christian Camp in Keystone, FL, for a week of worship arts and service camp for high school age students, join our Diocese for Soul in the City outreach week in DeLand, and having a week of helping the community in Pine Hills. All of these are the weeklong projects that are in addition to some one day fun events like tubing, grilling, and outdoor sports this summer. While Gariné is out on maternity leave, a few parishioners that volunteer with the youth will step in to teach on their specialties each week to help our youth with things like finance and boundaries. We continue to meet from 5-6pm on Sundays in the youth hall, and some of us stay for supper at 6pm.

C. **Apprentice Rector:** Tom Rutherford is in conversation with 5 potential candidates.

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

- A. **Our Investments:** Ron Lancioni and Wally Stewart pitched a plan to increase the return on our investments. Vestry had some questions, and Tom Rutherford will contact Tim Wetherington, our financial advisor for answers.
- B. **The Lots on Woodland Street:** We have a parishioner interested in buying them and might be willing to pay what we paid for them in 2006: \$300,000. Vestry authorized up to \$300 for Tom Rutherford and Beth Ann Carr to get an appraisal.

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

**Diocesan Assessment:** Vestry agreed that the Diocese may send the full assessment from what we pay them to the Episcopal Church.

VII. **MEETING MINUTES & FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- A. **Minutes from the last month's meeting:** APPROVED.
- B. **Financial Report from Treasurer Bob Tate:** APPROVED
1. Operating Income last month was \$14,044.76 LESS than expenses, producing a year-to-date DEFICIT of that much. PLEASE PRAY.
  2. Building Fund Income was \$2,475.49 MORE than we needed to pay the \$11,996.00 mortgage and other expenses, giving us a year-to-date SURPLUS of that amount.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Eiden, Clerk

Messiah's Missionaries



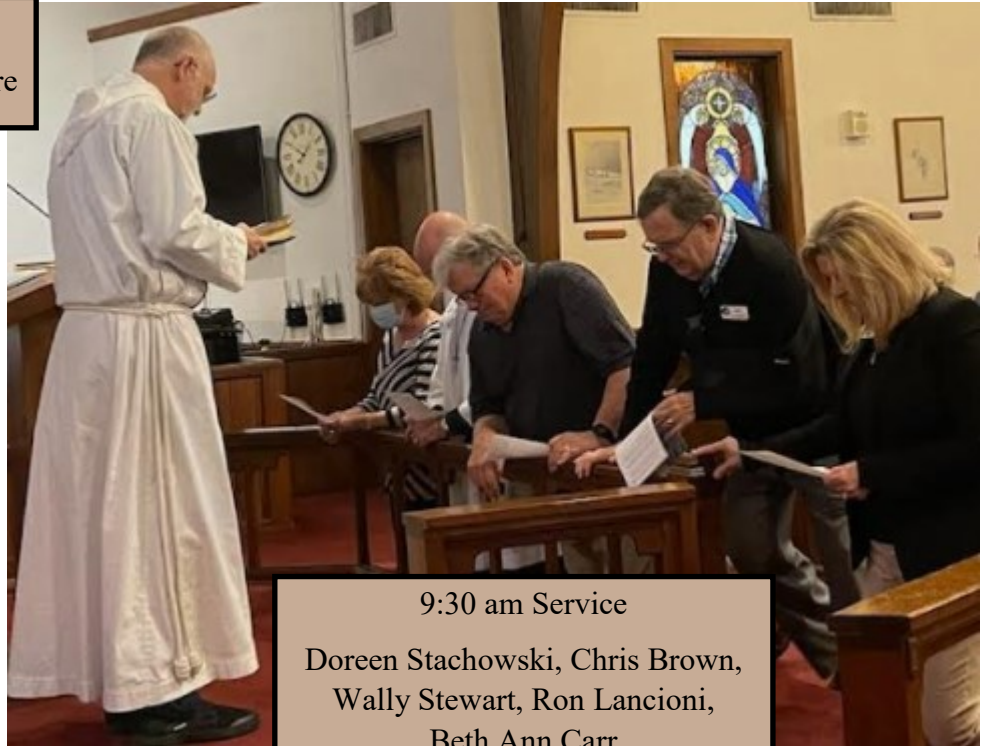
**Changing the world for Jesus:  
one child, one person, one family,  
one community at a time.**



Mike & Wendy King attended Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Tyron, North Carolina on Sunday, February 20th.

Father Tom installed and prayed for our Vestry Members at each of the Services on Sunday, February 6th.

8:00 am Service  
Mary Kay Predmore



9:30 am Service  
Doreen Stachowski, Chris Brown,  
Wally Stewart, Ron Lancioni,  
Beth Ann Carr



11:00 am Service  
Sarah Wolfe &  
Treasurer, Bob Tate



4:00 pm Service  
Mildred Dubic





CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

# ***CELEBRATE OUR HISTORY***

Help preserve our wonderful history  
of fun, fellowship and service.

**Our goal is to find a parish historian  
and a History Ministry team for the  
church, who can WRITE the history  
from August 2000 to present.**

**We have 21+ years of written history to  
record. Our 75th anniversary of the  
church is September 17, 2025. That  
gives us four years to finish the writing  
project. We need you on our team!**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS  
IMPORTANT MINISTRY, PLEASE CONTACT**

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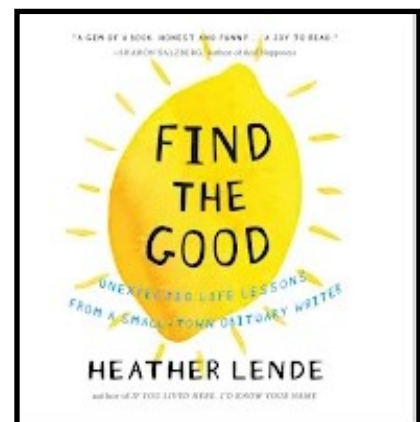
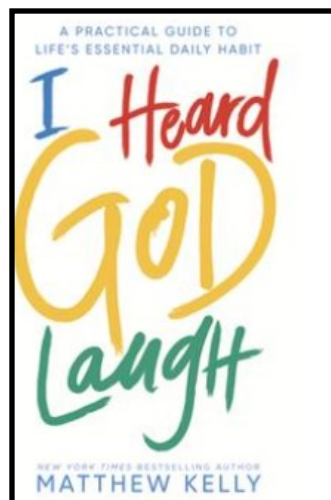
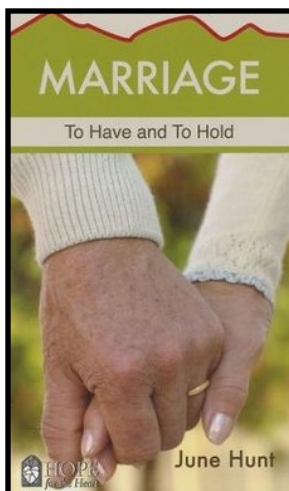
I have two-and-a-half books to review this month. I found the one I had intended for February: **Marriage: To Have And To Hold** by June Hunt; I read **I Heard God Laugh** by Matthew Kelly; and I got half-way through the book that the Messiah Book Club will be discussing next Thursday (Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>): **Find The Good** by Heather Lende.

I'll start with **Marriage: To Have And To Hold**. Obviously I thought it would be appropriate for February, but unfortunately, it's a month "late," if such information can ever be considered restricted to a certain month! Anyway, we all know how much planning goes into every detail of a wedding; doesn't it make sense to devote even more attention to the marriage? The book begins with God's definition of marriage, view of the marriage covenant, purpose for marriage, design for marriage, and heart for marriage. Then it addresses the differences between male and female tendencies, the basic desires of husbands and wives, and the Biblical basis for submission (each to the other). Then it talks about how unrealistic expectations can destroy a marriage, what makes up troubled vs. happy marriages, and solutions for avoiding or resolving the issues involved. I would definitely recommend it (as I would **Love, Period**, which I reviewed last month) for engaged and married couples.

The second, **I Heard God Laugh** by Matthew Kelly, is about developing a relational, conversational type of prayer. He talks about his own prayer journey, beginning with his tendency to pray, "Listen, Lord; Your servant is speaking." (Sound familiar? I must confess that I've done that a **lot!**) But he has a page on which he lists seven suggested steps in prayer (p.41), and he challenges the reader to commit to 10 minutes of praying a day in this way for 21 days. He promises that it will transform anyone's life the way it did his.

Finally, I'm halfway through **Find The Good** by Heather Lende, but that's more than enough for me to recommend it. The whole book seems to echo St. Paul's admonition in Philippians 4:8:

*"Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*



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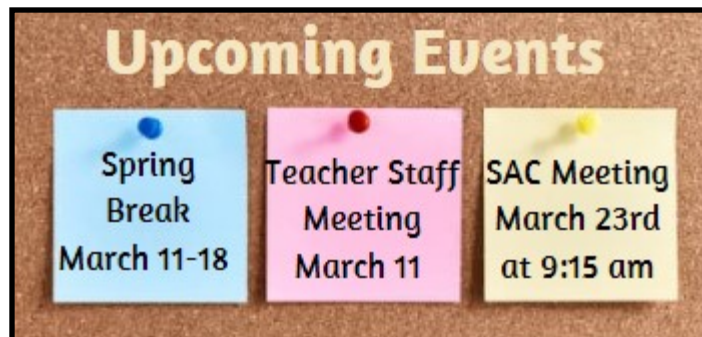


# PRESCHOOL ♥ NEWS

The preschool celebrated Valentine's Day in February with classroom parties. We welcomed our dad's back for Father's Field and Fun for the first time in two years. In keeping with current events, the theme this year was the Winter Olympics. The children had breakfast with their dad's then we had games and activities throughout the campus for them to enjoy. Jill Smicherko organized this event and a great time was had by all.

Registration in February was very successful. The preschool is full for the next school year, with the exception of a few spots left in our Pre-K class. We are very blessed to have most of our current students returning as well as several new families. We only wish we had more space to accommodate all of the families that wished to join our preschool family.

Barbara Ellerbe  
Preschool Director











**Partners**  
IN EDUCATION



Dillard Street Elementary 5th grade oration contest finalists, including our very own Caroline Seguin (7 pm service)



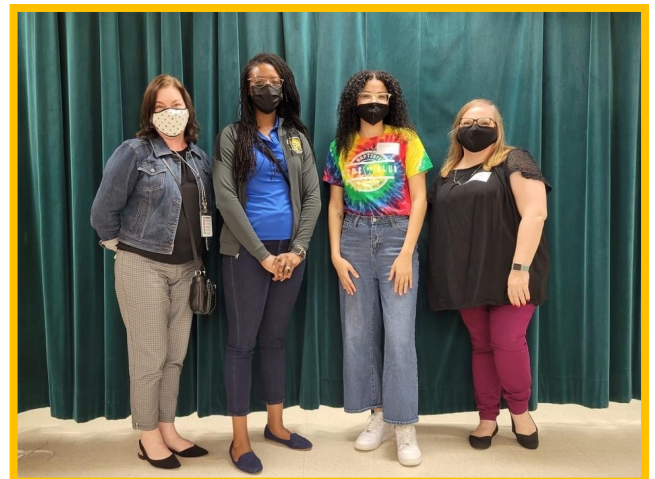
The Seguin family attends the 7 pm service and Regina is our librarian. Congratulate them on their outstanding and brave daughter!



I was asked to judge the 5th grade oration contest at Dillard Street along with another Partner in Education and 2 former teachers. The topic was Volunteers Matter. Caroline wrote about Toys for Tots and how the Marines collect TONS of toys each year to help children in need have a happy Christmas. Caroline challenged everyone to be a volunteer and donate toys.

We were given 10 categories to score including length of speech, connection to audience and choice of subject.

Caroline did fantastic! I was so excited to see her there when I arrived to judge. Way to go Seguins, you have an awesome daughter!!





## **SAVE THE DATE**

G'day, mates! Grab your sunnies (that's your sunglasses) and get ready for a bonzer (great) time as we zoom off to the Land Down Under!

Boomerangs, kangaroos, koalas, emus—what's not to love about Oz (Australia)? At VBS, we'll fill your breadbasket (tummy) with yummy lollies (sweets) and find out how you were created amazingly in the image of God!

Vacation Bible School at Zoomerang will be a fair dinkum adventure filled with excitement, so get a wriggle on (hurry up) and contact us today!

**June 27-July 1 5:30-8:30 pm**

**To Volunteer see Ms. Angela or email her at  
[angelalopez@churchofthemessiah.com](mailto:angelalopez@churchofthemessiah.com)**







## SWEET TREATS with the SMITH girls!

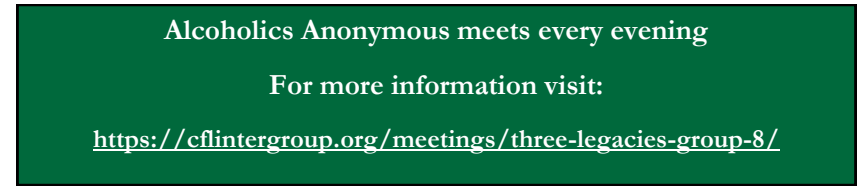
When we have light attendance, we make yummy treats!

We made honey treats for Valentines Day!



In Children's Church we learned John 3:16, God's Valentine to us!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Wednesday's Schedule</b> 10:00 am Holy Communion 11:00 am Bible Study in the Library 7:15 pm Praise Band Rehearsal		1 Electing Bishop Mtg. Noon  <b>Shrove Tues.</b> <b>Pancake Supper</b> <b>5:30-7:30 pm in Parish Hall</b>	2 <b>Services at Noon &amp; 7:00 Pm</b> 	3  Meeting about Electing & Calling a Bishop 6:30 pm All Saints	4  Way of the Cross 7:00 pm in the Church	5  Diocesan Vestry Training in the Parish Hall
6 	7	8 	9	10	11  Way of the Cross Noon in the Church	12
13	14  5 pm Fellowship 5:30 pm Meet in Parish Hall	15 	16  Supper & Sharing 5:15 pm in the Parish Hall	17  Cooking Camp w/ Ms. Angela in the Parish Hall	18  Way of the Cross 7:00 pm in the Church	19
20 	21	22 	23	24  BOOK CLUB	25  Way of the Cross Noon in the Church	26  Campus Clean Up See Jeremy Adams to volunteer
27  NO Activate Field Trip to Solar Bears Hockey	28	29 	30	31		

8:00 am—

Rite 1

9:30 am—Rite 2 Nursery and Children's Church

11:00 am Rite 3 Nursery and Children's Church

4:00 pm French Service

Sunday's Schedule

Youth Hall

Group in the Youth Hall

Deeper with Fr. Tom in the Library

4:30 pm Shine Kid's Club in the

5:00 Activate Youth

5:00 Diving

6:00

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2nd– Nichole Babcock  
Sariyah Morrison

3rd– Jack Cottle

5th– Lydia Bossicot  
Reese Smith  
Don Stanton

9th– Marvin Haughton

10th– Harry Hull

11th– Don Grimes  
Stacey Jamail  
Cherie Mayfield  
Taylor Smith

13th– Paul Robertson

Patty Tate

15th– Barbara Warren

17th– Merrily Peacock

20th– John Ficquette  
Rose Marie Hubert  
Mary Kay Predmore

21st– Rita Cho-Sam

22nd– Stacy Figueroa

25th– Delilah Brueggeman  
Linda White

26th– Aidan Brandenburg  
Cynthia West

27th– Amy Farwell

Lauren Gossett  
George Spigener

28th– Karen Stewart  
Ken West

29th– Yolwenn Alexandre  
Jacob Borst  
Herve Guerrier

29th– Lynn Somers

30th– Ayden Cho-Sam  
Isabella Eaton

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

5th– Raul & Angela Lopez

21st– Bobby & Lisa Field

22nd– Lamar & Darlene Powers

24th– Steve & Lisa Borst



**Please pray for our  
expectant moms  
Garine Adams  
Anna Puterbaugh  
Anna Clare Wilkinson**



Laura Cook's Ordination  
Monday, January 31, 2022



For questions or to volunteer to serve, please contact Mary Kay Predmore at [predmoremarykay@gmail.com](mailto:predmoremarykay@gmail.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	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Lector	Alex Hujik	Aliena Gaye	Gretchen Tope	Deborah Townsend
1st LEM	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope	Aliena Gaye	Linda Bouton
2nd LEM	Deborah Townsend	Don Greer	Joyce Taylor	Ron Bouton
Altar Server	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore	Mary Kay Predmore
Ushers/ Greeters	Ron Bouton Jay Predmore	Bill Crawford Marsha Dymond	Ron Bouton Jay Predmore	Bill Crawford Marsha Dymond
Prayer Intercessor	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor	Gretchen Tope	Joyce Taylor

### Sunday Servants 9:30

9:30 Service	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Lector	Vince Truglia	Ginger Sirola	Dawn Wirbel	Jay Williams
1st LEM	Tom Buckner	Stacey Beck	Susan Kiehm	Rodger Watson
2nd LEM	Rodger Watson	Mary Lynn Levine	Tom Buckner	Chris Brown
Altar Server	Katy Joy Brady	Francesco Fulvi	Melanie Field	Sophie Alexandre
Crucifer	Annalisa Puchein	Katy Joy Brady	Kellin Moseley	Francesco Fulvi
Torch	Kellin Moseley	Lily Levine	Annalisa Puchein	Lily Levine
Ushers/ Greeters	Beth Ann Carr John Puchein	Chuck & Deborah Grunder	Ken Miller Alex Babcock	Jay & Patti Williams
Prayer Intercessor	Jennifer Roper	Wally Stewart	Jennifer Roper	Wally Stewart
Worship Tech	Wilna Brown	Laura Buckner	Alexis Whitted	Sam Lynn



March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27	April 1
Romeo M.	Anna Clare W.	Pat Crawford	Alexis Whitted	Tina Sydnor

### Sunday Servants 11:00

11:00 Service	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
<b>Lector</b>	Patty Tate	Jeremy Adams	Paul Buzzonetti	Osni Alexandre
<b>1st LEM</b>	Vita Mazzaluna	Elizabeth Kolb-Jackson	Helen Farnsworth	Vita Mazzaluna
<b>Altar Server</b>	Giada Mazzaluna	Lily Groenendaal	Ms. Angela	Jackson Groenendaal
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelley McRae & Logan	Mary Katulic	Richard & Kelley McRae & Logan
<b>Worship Tech</b>	Donato Mazzaluna	Donato Mazzaluna	Donato Mazzaluna	Donato Mazzaluna

### Sunday Servants 7:00

7:00 Service	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
<b>Lector</b>	Nancy Gordon	Wendy King	Craig Brown	Angela Lopez
<b>LEM</b>	Angela Lopez	Chris Brown	Susie Marshall	Wendy King
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Bob Greene	Raul Lopez	Bob Greene	Raul Lopez
<b>Prayer Intercessor</b>	Wendy King	Jill Brown	Wendy King	Jill Brown
<b>Worship Tech</b>	Jill Brown	David Peterson	Cherie Greene	David Peterson

### Readings

	March 2 Ash Wednesday	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
<b>1st Lesson</b>	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Genesis 15:1-18	Exodus 3:1-15	Joshua 5:9-12
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 103 BCP 733	Psalm 91 BCP 719	Psalm 27 BCP 617	Psalm 63 BCP 670	Psalm 32 BCP 624
<b>2nd Lesson</b>	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Romans 10:8b-13	Philippians 3:17-4:1	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:31-35	Luke 13:1-9	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32





Thanks to all  
our  
Layweedeers  
for helping  
during our  
workdays.



Jeremy  
Adams  
First time Lector



Vestry Retreat  
Dinner with  
Staff & Clergy



Birthday Blessing for  
Preschool Director,  
Barbara Ellerbe



Activate Youth have dinner and watch an episode of The Chosen the third Wednesday of every month and then discuss the episode.



Bob Goff.



Messiah Wednesday Small Groups went to Mosaic Church to see Bob Goff.



We welcomed into the family of God;  
Harper, daughter of Jordan & Jaime Neal  
& Bryce, son of Tanner & Jaime Strausbaugh



Lent begins Ash Wednesday, March 2nd.  
This year, rather than inventing new opportunities for growth, we encourage you to plug into at least one of our regular ongoing opportunities.



Questions about any of them?  
Call or email the office  
office@ChurchOfTheMessiah.com  
407-656-3218

## Diving Deeper with Fr. Tom



A Look at the New Testament  
Sundays at 5:00 pm  
in the Library



Sunday Night Simple Suppers  
at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall



Meet with Youth Minister,  
Ms. Garine, on Sundays  
at 5:00 pm in the  
Youth Hall



Meet with Children's Minister,  
Ms. Angela, on Sundays  
at 4:30 pm in the  
Youth Hall



Supper and Sharing  
Third Wednesday of the month  
We share supper, watch an  
episode of The Chosen and  
have a discussion afterwards



COTM BOOK CLUB  
Meet the 4th Thursday of the Month  
at 5:15 in the Library  
to discuss book chosen for the month.  
Call the office or see Deacon Julie for  
details



The Usual &  
Weekly  
Opportunities  
During Lent



Maundy Thursday  
Seder Meal  
April 14th at  
in the Parish Hall  
at 6:30 pm



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
Tuesday, March 1st  
from 5:30-7:30 pm  
in the Parish Hall  
All donations benefit the Activate  
Youth Group's Mission Trips



Services  
April 15th  
Noon & 7:00 pm



ASH Wednesday  
Services on March 2nd  
at Noon & 7:00 pm

THE GREAT LITANY  
IN FRENCH  
FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
IN THE CHURCH  
AT 5:00 PM

Way of the Cross  
will be offered  
every Friday in Lent



March 4th- 7:00 pm  
March 11th- Noon  
March 18th- 7:00 pm  
March 25th - Noon  
April 7th- 7:00 pm  
April 8th- 6:00 pm in  
French and 7:00 pm in  
English  
Wednesday April 13th  
at Noon & 7:00 pm