



WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted you came today! Looking for a church home? We warmly invite you to be part of our church family! To help us get to know you better, or if you have questions, please fill in this form, tear it off, and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or pastor. You can also submit a Digital Connection Card at www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact. Please feel free to call us anytime at 757-436-2545 or visit our website, ChurchoftheMessiah.org. God bless you!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to be contacted?

Yes No By phone By email

Please check all that apply:

- I would like a pastor to contact me.
- First-time visitor Returning visitor
- I would like to know more about Church of the Messiah
- I would like to know more about the Christian faith.
- I have decided to renew my commitment to Christ.
- I would like prayer (see reverse).

My response to today's message:

10.15.2023



- Happy Birthday**
- October 16: Crystal Doubler-Cooke
 - October 18: Keith Menzel
 - October 19: Joel Corona, Lindsay Corona
 - October 20: Sarah Greeley, Madelyn Tubbs

- Happy Anniversary**
- October 17: David & Susan Nizankiewicz

Please Pray

Please join us in praying for these requests throughout the week (Prayer requests will appear for one month unless requested otherwise.)

OUR NATION AND WORLD:

- Protection and healing for our nation, and an end to racism and violence
- Guidance for our leaders in government
- Help for all affected by war and violence, disease, and natural disasters
- A movement of revival at home and abroad

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Ruth Thomas, the family of Phillip Mansell (brother of Misty Taylor), Tony Blackburn, Sandra Brown, Tom Waldman, Misty Taylor, Josh Corona, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi), our healthcare workers, all of our members of the military, and Sanctuary of Hope, our companion church

OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES:

Aaron and Winnie Coleman-Horvat, Croatia
David & Betsy, Turkey
His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras
Miriam Brinckley, Ireland
CMJ (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:
Anglican Province of Papua New Guinea

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:
All Saints' Church · Woodbridge, VA
All Souls Anglican Church Plant · Richmond, VA

If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for a special need, please submit a confidential Prayer Request online at www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/contact. Please indicate if you would like your prayer request included in the bulletin, sent only to the prayer team, or both.



Our mission is to make tangible the life-transforming power of God's love so that all may come to know Christ.



Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost • October 15, 2023

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Pastor Ken Shomo

DEACON: The Rev. Tom Sweeney

WEEKLY SERVICE INFORMATION

Sunday Service with Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

In-Person or Livestream at www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream

Children's Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)

Today's Teachers: *Doris Gomez, Jo Ann Woodland*

Monday Prayer Meeting · Online at 7:00 p.m.

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Proverbs 10:19, 11:9, 12:18, 13:3, 15:1, 15:4, 15:28, 16:28, 18:21, 21:23

Second Reading: James 3:1-12 **Page 898**

(Response after each lesson: *Thanks be to God.*)

Gospel: Matthew 15:10-20 **Page 729**

(Responses: *Glory to You, Lord Christ. ... Praise to You, Lord Christ.*)

Sermon: **Overcoming the Tongue** Pastor Marty O'Rourke

Reader: Debbie White

Eucharistic Ministers: Cherry Jenson, Ron Jenson

Prayer Team: Ellen Belfi, Julie Hall

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 pm	Connections Class
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday	9:30 am	Community Bible Study Day Class
	7:00 pm	Community Bible Study Evening Class
Saturday	11:00 am	David's Tent (parking lot)
	2:00 pm	Cybersecurity Class (Fellowship Hall)

CONNECTIONS CLASS CONTINUES TODAY in the Fellowship Hall after service. Connections classes are held twice a year for those interested in joining the Messiah family.



DAVID'S TENT WORSHIP EVENT: David's Tent will be here on Saturday, October 21, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm for three hours of nonstop worship under a tent in the parking lot. David's Tent 757 is an organization dedicated to promoting unity in the Body of Christ through various forms of worship to bring revival to our cities, state and nation. All are welcome!

CYBER-SECURITY CLASS: The Norfolk Field Office of the FBI will hold a presentation on computer security and online safety, and awareness of common cyber crimes and frauds that target communities in the Hampton Roads area. The event will be held at Messiah on Saturday, October 21, at 2:00 pm. Please sign up in the foyer.

BISHOP CHRIS & CATHERINE WARNER will visit Messiah the last week-end of October. Bishop Chris will give a teaching on Evangelism on Saturday, October 28, and on Sunday, October 29, will confirm and receive new members. A potluck reception will be held following the service on Sunday; please see the food signup sheet in the foyer. Please plan to join us to welcome Bishop Chris and Catherine, as well as our new members.



FALL FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK: Join us after church for a special lunch on **Sunday, November 5**. Messiah's Missions Committee will present video updates about our missionaries, plus some will join us in person! Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer.

FAMILY FUN DAY AT REGENT! A free Family Fun and Military Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The event is open to the public on the CBN/Regent campus at 977 Centerville Turnpike, Virginia Beach. For details, visit www.helpingthehomefront.org/events.

CAST NEEDS BUS DRIVERS! The Chesapeake Area Shelter Team needs CDL bus drivers with a "P" endorsement. CAST pays drivers \$30 a trip (about 1.25 hours). CAST is also looking for churches or organizations to host a single night of CAST to fill some vacant weeks in this year's schedule. For more information, please contact Sam Howard at sam.cast@abbalist.org.

MESSIAH BUDGET NEWS

As of September 30:	Year to Date Required:	\$281,178.26
	Year to Date Received:	<u>297,596.86</u>
	Overage of:	\$16,418.60

OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES ARE WITH MISTY TAYLOR AND FAMILY

on the passing of her brother, Phillip Mansell, who went to be with Jesus on October 12. Please keep Misty and her entire family in prayer. Condolence cards may be sent to 5223 Regatta Pointe Road, Suffolk, VA 23435-3521.



PRAYER REQUESTS

We believe God answers prayer! If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for your special need, write your request below, tear off the tab, and place it in the offering plate. God bless you!

Date: _____

Name: _____

Prayer Needs: _____

Include in bulletin

Prayer team only

Prayer team and bulletin