



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:

01.08.2023

CELEBRATIONS



Happy Birthday

- January 8: Mary Alice Meadows
- January 9: Benjamin Stern
- January 11: Joan Waldman

Please Pray

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

Families of the shooting victims in Chesapeake
Healing for our nation and an end to racism | The People of Ukraine
Protection from Covid-19

Our healthcare workers: Dr. Erin Dooley, Nadeen Frazier, Dr. Christian Markham, Ben Stern, Kaylee Stern, Mary Stern, Dr. Kelly Stern, Jessica Taylor, Dr. Anthony Wanyoro

Gamaliel Tan (friend of Deacon Tom's son), Jim Waldman, Joanne Falk, Misty Taylor, Josh Corona, Cat Endicott, Tom Sweeney, 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
- Carmen Linder**, His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras

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Please pray for the following churches this week:

- Church of the Epiphany** · Chantilly, VA
- Church of the Good Shepherd** · Charlottesville, VA



If you would like our prayer ministry to pray for your 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.



First Sunday of Epiphany • January 8, 2023
(The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

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RECTOR: The Rev. Dr. Martin K. O'Rourke

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: The Rev. Nile Gomez

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: Wendy O'Rourke, Jill Marcoux, Karen Phillips

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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(The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ)

PRAYER: Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son, and your Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove: Grant that we, who are born again by water and the Spirit, may be faithful as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5 **Page 694**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13 **Page 870**

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 **Page 717**

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

Sermon: **What Did It Mean for Jesus to Be Called King of the Jews?** Pastor Marty O'Rourke

Reader: Chris Woodland

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

Prayer Team: Chris Woodland, Jo Ann Woodland

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Joyful Noise Club (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women's CBS Day Class
	7:00 p.m.	Co-Ed CBS Evening Class
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	CMJ Event with Daryl Fenton (Fellowship Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



JOIN US ONLINE IN PRAYER each Monday at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Enter Meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app, or go to

www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH JOYFUL NOISE! Join us this Tuesday, January 10, for fun and fellowship! In-person meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month — we always need helpers! See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details. We will continue to meet on Zoom the fourth Tuesday of each month.

CMJ MISSIONS EVENT ON SATURDAY: The Church's Ministry among Jewish People (CMJ) is a mission organization that equips local congregations to share the transforming love of Messiah Jesus with their Jewish friends and neighbors. The Rev. Canon Daryl Fenton, Director for CMJ in Israel, will be speaking at Messiah this Saturday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join this free event.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & VESTRY ELECTIONS will be held Sunday, February 5. We need up to six new Vestry members this year, so please prayerfully consider individuals (including yourself) who you feel may be called to this leadership role. Please see the enclosed insert for guidelines for Vestry nominees. The list of eligible voters is posted outside the office; please contact the church office with any questions or changes.

CONNECT WITH US! If you would like information about us or the Christian faith, fill out the attached visitor form and place it in the collection box. You can also fill out a Digital Connection Card at www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact. We'd love the opportunity to get to know you!

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS FOR 2022 will be available soon.

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

VESTRY NOMINATIONS 2023

Serving on the Vestry at the Church of the Messiah is a holy calling by God. Therefore, the election process should not be taken lightly but with prayerful consideration.

GUIDELINES FOR VESTRY NOMINEES

Up to six persons to be elected to Vestry

After reading the guidelines below, please write in the names of any persons that you would like to be considered for a three-year term on the Vestry. Please get permission from the potential candidate before submitting a name. Messiah members may nominate themselves for Vestry consideration.

The following guidelines have been established for Vestry nominees:

1. Do you believe this person has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? Has this person been baptized in the Holy Spirit?
2. Is this person faithful in worship attendance, Bible study and prayer?
3. Does this person have a strong commitment to Church of the Messiah in doing God's work?
4. Does this person meet the qualifications of Titus 1:6-9?
5. Do you believe this person is one who practices the biblical principle of tithing and would tithe to the Church of the Messiah?
6. Will this person be willing to operate on the principle of unanimity?
7. Is this person a communicant of the Anglican Church?

Deadline for nominations is Wednesday, January 25, 2023. You may drop your nomination in the collection box; turn it in or mail it to the office; or email Pastor Marty at morourke@churchofthemessiah.org.

Nominations for Vestry:

Submitted by: _____