



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:

_____ 2.1.2026



Celebrations

Happy Birthday

February 12 : Conway Telfeyan

February 14 : Ralph Burkhardt

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:

- An end to hostilities in Israel and Ukraine, and peace for all people.
- 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:

Family of Myra Greggs, Family of Carole Glaize, the Phillips family, the Browns, the Hopkins, the Balches, the Bohannans, the Knights, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Lorene Evans and son Whitt, Colleen Lucas, Ray Ross, our first responders, our members of the military, and our companion church Sanctuary of Hope

OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONARIES:

Aaron and Winnie Coleman-Horvat, Croatia
The Rev. Bisoke Balikenga, Democratic Republic of Congo
David & Betsy, Turkey
His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras
Miriam Brinckley, YWAM-Harpenden, England
CMJ-Israel (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

Diocese of San Joaquin

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

Resurrection Anglican Church, • Midlothian, VA
Resurrection Church • Emporia, 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,



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



The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany February 1, 2026

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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: Mary Lafferty, Jenny Jenson
Ken Shomo , Jo Ann Woodland

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

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PRAYER: O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Psalm 27:11-14 **Page 475**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 **Page 1034**

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

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 **Page 880**

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

Sermon: **WAITING ON THE LORD** / Pastor Marty O’Rourke

Reader: Chris Woodland

Eucharistic Ministers: Cherry & Ron Jenson

Prayer Team: Anne & Marshall Crow

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (Online via Zoom)
Tuesday	9:15 am	CBS Day Class
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Joyful Nosie (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING DATE CHANGE : Messiah’s annual meeting and Vestry elections will be held **next Sunday immediately** following announcements. Special thanks go to our outgoing Vestry members: **Marc Bagwell, Drew Bohs** and **Susie Martin**. Please review the enclosed biographies of our Vestry candidates.

JOYFUL NOISE DATE CHANGE: Our Valentine’s Party is this **Tues., Feb. 3** (instead of Feb. 10, to allow set-up for CAST). Helpers and donations are welcome!



JOIN THE C.A.S.T.! HELP FEED THE LORD’S SHEEP: Please consider pledging to donate food and related items to homeless people during CAST by signing up in the foyer. There are sign-up sheets for breakfast, lunch, and dinner food; serve-ware; personal items; and cleaning supplies. Please note requested quantities, delivery dates and delivery locations. Also please consider volunteering to support CAST by signing up on the volunteer sheets still on the table in the foyer. **THANK YOU!**



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE will be here Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.

Baby Bottles for Crisis Pregnancy Center’s LifeChange campaign are available in the foyer. Bottles can be filled with spare change, currency, or checks (made out to Crisis Pregnancy Center). Bottles are due back by February 8.



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.

NEXT YOUTH MEETING is Fri., Feb. 27, at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN’S GROUP DATES: Plan to join us the third Sat. of each month: Feb. 21, Mar. 21, Apr. 18, and May 16 for our Spring Tea.

CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS FOR 2025 are available in the foyer. Please save us a stamp and pick yours up today!

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

Candidate for Vestry

PATTY PAUL



I have been an active member of Church of the Messiah since October 2024. I am so happy that Jon and I found this church because it feels like home.

I try to attend church either in person or virtually as often as possible. Jon and I participated in CAST and intend to do it again this year. I trust it was as rewarding for our guests as it

was for Jon and me. In prior church fellowships, Jon and I were active with the children's music and their care during church.

My commitment to service is rooted in my faith and a desire to support and help others. Over the years, I have developed strong organizational skills by volunteering in both church and community initiatives and through my work. I am dedicated to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment, and I am honored to be considered for this church nomination for the Vestry.



CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY ELECTION

February 8, 2026

- ♦ **Aaron Bennett**
- ♦ **Jim Bohannon**
- ♦ **Patty Paul**

Candidate for Vestry
AARON BENNETT



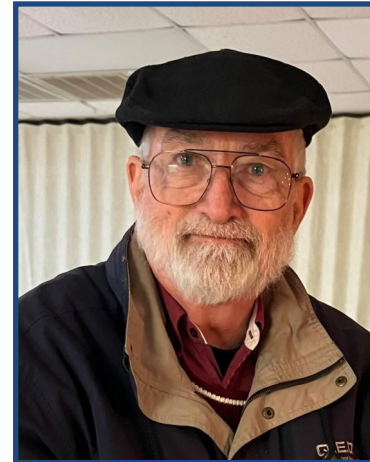
Aaron Bennett is the husband of Nadia and the father of Owen, Sophia, and Aidan. He is the founder and headmaster of Dominion Classical Academy.

Aaron holds a Master's degree in Biblical Studies from Virginia Beach Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Old Dominion University.

During his time in seminary, he served as a youth pastor, developing a deep passion for teaching and discipleship.

Aaron has a heart for helping both children and adults develop a strong biblical worldview. He has served as the men's ministry leader at Messiah for the past year and also volunteers as a teacher in the children's ministry.

Candidate for Vestry
JIM BOHANNAN



Born into a nominally Christian home, I attended church regularly and participated in church youth programs until going to college when I fell away from the faith. Since returning to Christ at the Church of England Cathedral in Singapore in 1975 while on active duty in the Navy, I have worked daily to grow closer to Jesus.

I was married to Susan for 46 years and 8 months, until her passing in March 2025. We have been blessed with two children, Jenni and Jonathan, now grown and married, and eight grandchildren.

I was confirmed into the Episcopal Church at Truro Episcopal Church in Fairfax by Bishop Robert B. Hall in May, 1981. I have been attending Church of the Messiah with my family since the summer of 1987, when we moved to Chesapeake. Over the years, I have been active in the life of Messiah: as Treasurer from 1990 to 1998; on the Vestry five or six times, filling an open seat two of those times; a Sunday school teacher for two years; a Greeter, Reader and Chalice for many years; Treasurer of the Outreach Committee since 2001, and most recently as Senior Warden for two years from February 2018 through January 2020.

Should I be selected for the Vestry, I will faithfully serve to the best of my ability.