



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:

09.28.2025



Happy Birthday

September 30: Crystal Otter

October 2: Lola Nixon
Craig Stern

Celebrations

Happy Anniversary

October 4: Jackie & Jeff Ivester

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 peace and healing 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:

The Bohannan family, the Balch family, Chris Woodland, Adrian Knight, Kathy Hopkins, Sandra Brown, Josh Corona, Tom Waldman, Lorene Evans and her son Whitt, Colleen Lucas, our first responders, all our members of the military, and Sanctuary of Hope, our companion church

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:

Church of the Epiphany • Chantilly, VA
Church of the Good Shepard • Charlottesville, 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.



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 28, 2025

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DEACONS: 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: Dottie Cleveland, Lauren Coleman, Craig Stern,
Kelly Stern

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

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PRAYER: O merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-22 **Page 656**
Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5 **Page 1075**

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

Gospel: Luke 7:11-17 **Page 886**
(Responses: *Glory to You, Lord Christ. ... Praise to You, Lord Christ.*)

Sermon: Healing of the Heart-Special Focus: Grief / Rev. Ken Shomo

Reader: Jim Bohannan

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Woodland, Carole Menzel, Jim Bohannan

Prayer Team: Colleen Lucas, Marie Markham

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 pm	Connections Class (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONNECTIONS CLASS CONTINUES: The second session of our new member class will take place today right after the service in Room 1. The class is open to anyone who has recently started attending Messiah or hasn’t yet attended a Connections Class, and covers how to hear from God, use your gifts, and find your ministry.



LUNCH FOR REV. BISOKE—The Missions Committee invites you to stay after church on **Oct. 5** for a special luncheon with Rev. Bisoke. Hear him share about his ministry in the Congo and the difference that the two wells we provided are making in people’s lives. The church will supply the main dish and rice; please sign up in the foyer to bring a side dish or dessert.

WE ARE COLLECTING: gently used coats and blankets for the Sanctuary of Hope. Please place your donations in the bin located in the North Annex.



BISHOP CHRIS WARNER will visit Messiah the last weekend of October. On Sunday, October 26, Bishop Chris will confirm and receive new members. Details to come about other activities during his visit. Please plan to join us to welcome Bishop Chris, as well as our new members.

CAMPFIRE NIGHT: Bring your jacket, flashlight and something to sit on around the campfire Saturday, October 18, at 6:00 pm here at the church. Signs ups are in the North Annex! Please let us know if you’re coming — email Laurencoleman711@gmail.com.



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.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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Name: _____

Prayer Needs: _____
