



## 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](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact). Please feel free to call us anytime at 757-436-2545 or visit our website, [ChurchoftheMessiah.org](http://ChurchoftheMessiah.org). God bless you!

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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:

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\_\_\_\_\_ 01.15.2023

## CELEBRATIONS



### Happy Birthday

January 15: Jim Waldman  
January 18: Denise Crews  
January 20: Cat Endicott

## 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

The family and ministry of Carmen Linder  
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  
**His Love in Action School for the Deaf in Honduras**

### ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC

Please pray for the following churches this week:

**Church of the Good Shepherd** • Lynchburg, VA  
**Church of the Good Shepherd** • Nags Head, NC



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](http://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.*



**Second Sunday of Epiphany • January 15, 2023**

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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](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream)

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

Today’s Teachers: Pastor Ken Shomo, Madelyn Tubbs, Jo Ann Woodland

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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**PRAYER:** Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading:** Isaiah 49:1-7 **Page 548**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 **Page 848**

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

**Gospel:** John 1:29-42 **Page 789**

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

**Sermon:** Jesus, the Light of the World Pastor Nile Gomez

**Reader:** Debbie White

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cherry Jenson, Ron Jenson

**Prayer Team:** Colleen Lucas, Susan Nizankiewicz

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday		MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY
	7:00 p.m.	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Women’s CBS Day Class
	7:00 p.m.	Co-Ed CBS Evening Class

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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.

COME & WORSHIP!

**JOIN TIM & SEIKO MAURER AT “THE WELL” THIS FRIDAY!** The Well Coffeehouse is a live Christian music venue in Portsmouth. Our Worship Leader Tim Maurer and wife Seiko perform and host an open mic there every third Friday of the month from 6:00-9:00 pm. The Well is located at 4351 Portsmouth Blvd. in Portsmouth; you can check them out at [www.facebook.com/TheWellCoffeehousePortsmouth](http://www.facebook.com/TheWellCoffeehousePortsmouth).

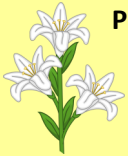
**WORSHIP, PRAYER & PRAISE BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1.** Join Tim & Seiko Maurer the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm for a time of worship, prayer, and praise. The evening will feature worship music as well as other activities as the Spirit leads.

**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](http://www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer).

**JOYFUL NOISE:** Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24, on Zoom. In-person meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month — we always need helpers to set up, distribute pizza and drinks, clean up, and share God’s love with our members! See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and come join the fun!

**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](http://www.churchofthemessiah.org/contact). We’d love the opportunity to get to know you!

**CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENTS FOR 2022** are in the foyer; please get yours today.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF CARMEN LINDER**, who went to be with the Lord this past Tuesday, January 10. Carmen dedicated her life to educating hearing impaired children in Honduras. She founded His Love in Action School for deaf children in Tegucigalpa, which has long been a special mission for Messiah. Special prayers are requested for Micah, the grandson she was raising.

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!*

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- ☐ 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](mailto:morourke@churchofthemessiah.org).

**Nominations for Vestry:**

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**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_