



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:

08.20.2023



Happy Birthday

- August 20: Rita Blackburn, Rev. David Martin
- August 21: Seiko Maurer, Hannah Stern
- August 23: James Coleman
- August 25: Frances Knight

Happy Anniversary

- August 20: Carole & Keith Menzel
- August 22: Craig & Kelly Stern

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:

The Family of Michael Kelton, 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

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:
Diocese of the Southeast (REC)

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:
Korean Anglican Church in Maryland • Baltimore, MD
Light of Christ Anglican Church • Heathsville, 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.



Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost • August 20, 2023

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR: The Rev. Nile Gomez

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: *Vivian Hayes, Lauren Coleman, Jo Ann Woodland*

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Keep your Church, O Lord, by your perpetual mercy; and because without you the frailty of our nature causes us to fall, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1-8 **Page 554**

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-24 **Page 844**

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

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 **Page 729**

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

Sermon: **Embracing God's Inclusive Love** Pastor Nile Gomez

Reader: Ron Jenson

Eucharistic Ministers: Ron Jenson, Chris Woodland

Prayer Team: Colleen Lucas, Susan Nizankiewicz

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (online via Zoom)



CHURCH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY! Join us for food, fun and fellowship right after the service on Sunday, August 27. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for salads, sides and desserts (the church will provide beverages, hot dogs and a roast pig!). Setup will be on Saturday, August 26, at 10:00 am. Please contact Pastor Nile with questions.

KIDS' END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION will take place during Sunday School next week (same day as the Church Picnic). Our theme is celebrating God's Great Gifts. Specifics have been sent via email; if you have not received this message, please contact Pastor Ken. We would love for every child of every age to participate.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY will be updated soon! Please check your listing in the foyer, or fill out a Newcomer Information Form if you are not yet listed.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS ONLINE THIS WEEK. We will meet on Zoom this Tuesday, August 22, at 7:00 pm. Joyful Noise meets in-person on 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! Zoom meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month. See Pastor Marty or Wendy for details, and join the fun!



CONNECTIONS CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS: If you've recently started attending Messiah or haven't attended a Connections Class, a new member class will start Sunday, September 24, after the service. This 5-week course covers how to hear from God, use your gifts, and find your ministry. Lunch is included! Sign up in the foyer or contact the office at 757-436-2545 or messiah@churchofthemessiah.org.

BLOOD DRIVE SEPTEMBER 8! Messiah will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, September 8, from 1:00-4:00 pm. Sign up sheets to donate or volunteer are in the foyer. You may also sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter COTM in the "Find A Blood Drive" box. Please contact Marcia Curtis with questions.



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.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY STARTS SEPTEMBER 7! Messiah hosts two CBS classes on Thursdays during the school year: A 9:30-11:30 am day class (includes children's programming) and a 7:00-8:30 pm evening class. Both classes are now co-ed! For details or to register, visit www.chesapeake.cbsclass.org.

MESSIAH BUDGET NEWS

As of July 31:	Year to Date Required:	\$223,500.82
	Year to Date Received:	<u>\$235,269.20</u>
	Overage of:	\$11,768.38

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