



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:

09.17.2023



Happy Birthday

September 20: Susan Nizankiewicz

September 23: Daniel 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:

Ginny Farris, Jill Marcoux & Family, Paul Greggs (son of Myra Greggs), Ruth Thomas, 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 Mid-Atlantic

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:
St. Brendan's in the City · Washington, DC
St. Michael's Anglican Church · Haymarket, 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 17, 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: Wendy O'Rourke, Lauren Coleman, Kelly Stern

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Habakkuk 3:17-19 **Page 700**

Second Reading: James 1:1-18 **Page 897**

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:10-16 **Page 719**

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

Sermon: **Overcoming Trials and Temptations** Pastor Marty O'Rourke

Reader: Debbie White

Eucharistic Ministers: Vivian Hayes, Conway Telfeyan

Prayer Team: Colleen Lucas, Susan Nizankiewicz

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday	9:30 am	Community Bible Study Day Class
	7:00 pm	Community Bible Study Evening Class



MONDAY PRAYER MEETINGS: Join us on Zoom each Monday at 7:00 pm to pray for our congregation, community, country, and world. Enter Meeting ID 928 2372 1136 into your Zoom app, or go to www.bit.ly/Monday-Prayer.

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 next 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.



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.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS ONLINE NEXT WEEK. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 26, on Zoom. 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!

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HAVE YOU LOST YOUR LIBRARY CARD? A Chesapeake library card was found in the Fellowship Hall after the blood drive. If you think this belongs to you, please contact the church office.

MESSIAH BUDGET NEWS

As of August 31:	Year to Date Required:	\$252,339.54
	Year to Date Received:	<u>\$265,819.85</u>
	Overage of:	\$13,480.31

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES ARE WITH JILL MARCOUX on the passing of her father, Paul Marcoux, on September 5 in Georgia. Please keep Jill in prayer, along with her brother, Keith, and her father's wife, Marie. Condolence cards may be sent to Jill at P. O. Box 2486, Chesapeake, VA 23327-2486.



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