



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:

09.15.2024

Celebrations

Happy Birthday

September 15: Debbie DeBose

September 20: Susan Nizankiewicz

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:

Paul Tate (brother of Daisy Clarke), Belkys Morillo, Jim Brown, Sandra Brown, Tom Waldman, Josh Corona, Aaron Woodward (son of Ellen Belfi), our healthcare workers, 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 (Church's Ministry Among Jewish People)

WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH:

Anglican Province of Nigeria

AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:

Christ Anglican Church · Orange, VA

Christ Church · Accokeek, MD

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.



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost · September 15, 2024

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR: The Rev. 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, Colleen Lucas

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: Isaiah 50:4–9 **Page 549**

Second Reading: James 2:1–18 **Page 897**

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

Gospel: Mark 9:14–29 **Page 751**

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

Sermon: **Faith in Action: More Than Words** Pastor Nile Gomez

Reader: Conway Telfeyan

Eucharistic Ministers: Vivian Hayes, Conway Telfeyan

Prayer Team: Ellen Belfi, Julie Hall

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:30 pm	Fellowship Walk (Chesapeake Arboretum)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Thursday	9:30 am	CBS Day Class
	7:00 pm	CBS Evening Class
Friday	7:00 pm	Healing Community Group (DeBose residence)
Saturday	10:00 am	Women's Ministry Gathering (Fellowship Hall)



PRAY & GO: Join us for our 30-day Pray & Go challenge starting this week! Together, we'll learn to become Great Commission Christians. Order your guide here: www.amzn.to/4fZdirF.

HEALING COMMUNITY SMALL GROUP: Learn active listening skills, provide empathetic support, and grow in faith together with other Messiah members. The next meeting is this Friday, September 20, at 7:00 pm at the DeBose residence, and will continue every other Friday through November 15. Contact Pastor Nile to learn more (757-544-7232 or ngomez@churchofthemessiah.org).

FELLOWSHIP WALK TODAY AFTER CHURCH! Messiah members and families are invited to walk and fellowship at the Chesapeake Arboretum today after church. Bring your own lunch and meet up at the entrance around 12:30 pm. The Arboretum is located at 624 Old Oak Grove Road in Chesapeake. See Lauren Coleman with any questions.



WOMEN'S GATHERING ON SATURDAY! All ladies of Messiah are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall this Saturday, September 21, at 10:00 am. This is a precious opportunity for women to come together and dive into God's word, share experiences, engage in heartfelt conversations, and lift each other up in prayer.

CONNECTIONS CLASS DATE CHANGE: If you have recently started attending Messiah or haven't yet attended a Connections Class, our new member class will be starting on **September 29**. We will meet on four consecutive Sundays in the Fellowship Hall right after church; lunch is included! (An additional Zoom class meeting date will be determined.) This course will cover how to hear from God, use your gifts, and find your ministry. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer, or those interested can talk to Pastor Marty or contact the church office.



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.

JOYFUL NOISE NEXT MEETS ONLINE. We will meet on Zoom next Tuesday, September 24, at 7:00 pm. In-person meetings are 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 join the fun! We meet online via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

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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