



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:

10.08.2023



Happy Birthday

- October 8: Dennis Otter
- October 10: Peggy Burkhardt
- October 11: Debi Balch
Maxon Carlisle
- October 14: Cheryl Shomo

Happy Anniversary

- October 11: Adrian & Frances Knight

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:

Phillip Mansell (brother of Misty Taylor), Ginny Farris, Jill Marcoux & Family, 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 Fort Worth**

**AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:
Truro Anglican Church · Farifax, 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.



Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost • October 8, 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: Julie Hall, Jill Marcoux, Cheryl Shomo

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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PRAYER: Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in continual godliness, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly serve you in good works, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-3, 9-14 **Page 15**

Second Reading: James 2:14-26 **Page 898**

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

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14 **Page 781**

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

Sermon: **Overcoming Dead Faith** Pastor Nile Gomez

Reader: Chris Woodland

Eucharistic Ministers: Anne Crow, Marshall Crow

Prayer Team: Chris Woodland, Jo Ann Woodland

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Today	10:00 am	Sunday Service (Sanctuary & Livestream)
	12:00 pm	Connections Class
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Joyful Noise Club Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Thursday	9:30 am	Community Bible Study Day Class
	7:00 pm	Community Bible Study Evening Class
Saturday	10:00 am	Women's Gathering (Fellowship Hall)

CONNECTIONS CLASS CONTINUES. Our new member class continues today in the Fellowship Hall after service. If you are new to Messiah or have never taken the Connections Class, please see Pastor Marty to learn more.



FALL FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK: Save the date and plan now to stay after church for a special lunch on **Sunday, November 5.** Messiah's Missions Committee will present video updates about our missionaries, plus some will join us in person! Sign-up sheets will be in the foyer.



WOMEN'S GATHERING THIS SATURDAY: Join the ladies of Messiah in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am this Saturday, October 14, for fellowship, discussion, sharing, and prayer. This is a wonderful way to develop relationships with our sisters in Christ.

JOYFUL NOISE MEETS IN PERSON THIS WEEK. Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Tuesday, October 10, at 6:30 pm for pizza and fun! 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!

DAVID'S TENT WORSHIP EVENT: David's Tent will be here on Saturday, October 21, from 11:00 am—2:00 pm for three hours of nonstop worship under a tent in the parking lot. David's Tent 757 is an organization dedicated to promoting unity in the Body of Christ through various forms of worship to bring revival to our cities, state and nation. All are welcome!

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.

BISHOP CHRIS AND CATHERINE WARNER will visit Messiah the last weekend of October. Bishop Chris will give a teaching on Evangelism on Saturday, October 28, and on Sunday, October 29, will confirm and receive new members. Watch here for updates. Please plan to join us to welcome Bishop Chris and Catherine, as well as our new members.



NEW DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE! Pick up your copy of the church directory in the foyer. Please take one copy per family.

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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