



## 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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05.12.2024



## Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

May 12: Terry Hayes  
 May 17: Chris Coleman  
 May 18: Alicia Greeley

## 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:

Mairi Fredericks, Kailany Tapatzi, Omar Morillo, Josh Corona, Sandra Brown, Tom Waldman, 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: Diocese of the Southwest

**AND THE DIOCESE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC:**  
**Church of the Ascension** • Kearneysville, WV  
**Church of the Epiphany** • Chantilly, 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](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.*



The Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 12, 2024

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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](http://www.ChurchoftheMessiah.org/Livestream)  
 Children’s Church · Fellowship Hall (After Worship until Communion)  
 Today’s Teachers: Wendy O’Rourke, Karen Phillips

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

Via Zoom · Meeting ID 928 2372 1136

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**PRAYER:** O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**First Reading:** Acts 1:15–26 **Page 810**

**Second Reading:** 1 John 5:6–15 **Page 907**

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

**Gospel:** John 17:11b–19 **Page 805**

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

**Sermon:** **Empowered by the Spirit** Pastor Nile Gomez

**Reader:** Conway Telfeyan

**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)
Monday	7:00 pm	Parish Prayer Meeting (online via Zoom)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Joyful Noise Club meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	12:00 pm	Prayer Walk (gather in front of church)



**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!** We pray God’s blessing upon all mothers and give thanks for all who serve as spiritual mothers in teaching, caring for, and mentoring children.

**PRAY & GO THIS SATURDAY!** Come gather in front of the church this Saturday, May 18, at 12:00 pm, for our first Pray & Go prayer walk. Following a brief time of prayer and instruction, we will set out individually (not corporately) to pray for 10 homes on a street near the church. (If you are praying in your own neighborhood, please come on Saturday to pray and pick up door hangers.) All are welcome, whether or not you have begun the Pray & Go program — just bring a willing heart to Pray and Go!



**PENTECOST IS NEXT SUNDAY!** We look forward to celebrating the birthday of the Church (and Church of the Messiah) with a special Sunday worship service, followed by our annual picnic. The church will provide hot dogs, chicken, beverages, and paper goods. We ask that families with last names A-L bring a side dish/salad, and last names M-Z bring a dessert.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS COLEMAN,** who received his Master’s Degree in Cybersecurity Law from Regent University on May 3. We are so proud of you, Chris! To include a graduation announcement in the bulletin, please contact the church office.



**JOYFUL NOISE MEETS IN PERSON ON TUESDAY!** Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 pm! Helpers are always needed 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! We meet online via Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of the month.



**THIS MONTH’S WOMEN’S GATHERING IS MAY 25:** All ladies of Messiah are invited to join us at 10:00 am on Saturday, May 25. This is a precious opportunity for women to come together and dive into God's word, share our experiences, engage in heartfelt conversations, and lift each other up in prayer.

**CHECK YOUR DIRECTORY LISTING:** The church directory will be updated soon! Please check your listing in the foyer, or, if you are not yet listed, fill out a Newcomer Information Form.



**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).

**LOOKING FOR HELP:** Our sister in Christ, Ruth Thomas, is looking for a paid aide/companion. The ideal person would be a CNA (but not required), and would provide care on a live-in basis, or at least overnights. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Fonda Waddell at (757) 343-1224.

**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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