

The Messenger

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Caribbean Carnivale A Lively Success!

What a wonderful time was had by all at Caribbean Carnivale, Messiah's annual auction and dinner, held on Saturday, May 2nd! A huge thank you to all 75 who attended, who donated enticing and unique items and opportunities, and who organized and executed this special fundraiser for Messiah. We heard many say, this was one of the best auctions yet!

It was great to be at Messiah, enjoying the cocktail hour, Silent Auction, and other opportunities on the patio. Our Darlin' Divas, Joyce Dery and Su Amsden kept it lively with a fun "Macarena" and great Caribbean music. Eduardo Oquendo, Angelina Aguilar and Gerson Nuñez delighted us with a delicious appetizer spread. Neal Amsden and David Sanchez served up tasty beverages, which they had donated, at the bar. Guests could pull a cork and take home a bottle of wine, guess the coins in the chest for 50% of the pot, and sign up for a Hymn Dedication. (You still can! Just contact Anne Wohlcke, office manager, or Joyce Dery, organ-izer to select a month).

Once the final bids were placed on the Silent Auction items, (all collected and organized by Janet Hryniewicki) we went to the beautifully decorated Parish Hall to dine. Emily and Grace outdid themselves, decorating the 9 tables festively with orchids and purple maracas. Our new chairs had arrived that day, thanks to the many donors and effort of those who set them up. A dozen raffle items awaited on the perimeter, yet another opportunity to go home with a prize! I think everyone will agree that Eduardo Oquendo, our chef for the evening, prepared a spectacular feast of tasty prime rib, poached salmon, roasted new potatoes and mixed veggies. Thank you for your love of cooking for us! And thank you Bob Ward and Bill Turpit for underwriting the feast. Thanks also for the scrumptious pineapple-coconut cake for dessert, Neal and Su Amsden!

We then moved on to the Live Auction, with a lively Murray Schrantz as auctioneer, and the Raffle drawings. Lucky and generous bidders won things like concert and musical tickets, luncheons and dinners, a LAFC soccer match, a getaway to San Felipe, and beautiful interior photographs of our beloved historic church, all donated by parishioners and friends of Messiah. A heartfelt thank you to all who donated, and all who bid. It's you who, all together, made the evening a financial success. We met our goal and more, raising close to \$24,000! The evening went so smoothly, and much was due to each member of the committee doing their jobs, but also volunteers who helped with logistics and sold raffle tickets. With any auction, there are bids to record, and we owe a big thank you to Amanda Swain for her tireless and accurate work on

the computer, and her keen understanding of our auction software, Auctria.

At the end of the evening, generous guests were given the opportunity to raise their paddle to "Fund our Ministries" at various dollar amounts. If you were unable to be at this wonderful evening, we would gratefully accept a donation of any amount to "Auction-Fund our Ministries".

Again, we appreciate every one of you who donated time and treasure to the success and fun of Caribbean Carnivale!

Gratefully,

Your Auction Committee:

Grace and Emily Pankau, Logistics and Decoration

Janet Hryniewicki, Data Entry, Reservations and Auction Item Organizing

Andy Ouellette & Abel Lopez, Donations, Logistics

Anne Wohlcke & Abel Lopez, Communications and Office Support

Eduardo Oquendo, Chef

Joyce Dery, Entertainment and MC



Choral Evensong

Sunday, May 24 | 5:30 PM

Join us for an evening of reflection and transcendent music at our upcoming Choral Evensong. This service offers a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal through the rich traditions of our Anglican liturgy, featuring a blend of beloved choral settings as well as compelling modern works.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PHILIP MOORE'S MASTERPIECE.

One of the central highlights of the evening is the anthem "All wisdom cometh from the Lord" by the renowned English composer and organist Dr. Philip Moore. Written in 1980 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lanesborough Preparatory School, this piece has become a staple of the modern Anglican repertoire.

The work is celebrated for its dynamic structure, which includes:

A Dramatic Bass Solo: This central solo provides a powerful and expressive focal point for the anthem.

Joyful Rhythms: The piece is known for its energetic rhythmic features, representing a vibrant approach to 20th-century sacred music.

A Plainchant Finale: In a beautiful nod to the ancient roots of the church, the piece concludes with a serene and meditative section of plainchant.

SPOTLIGHT ON MAXINE THÉVENOT: A MODERN VIRTUOSO



To provide a fascinating contrast to the 19th-century cathedral tradition of Charles Villiers Stanford, the service will also feature music by Maxine Thévenot. While she may be less familiar than some of the "giants" of choral history, Thévenot is a celebrated figure in the 21st-century music world.

A Contemporary Voice: Thévenot is a Canadian-American composer, conductor, and organist known for her innovative contributions to liturgical music.

Global Recognition: She currently serves as the Director of Cathedral Music at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. John in Albuquerque and has performed in prestigious venues such as Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Innovative Contrast: Her work offers a modern perspective that complements the more traditional pieces on the program, illustrating the continued evolution of the Anglican musical heritage.

A SERVICE OF TRADITION AND CONTRAST

From the foundational English styles of Stanford and Hogan to the vibrant, contemporary voices of Moore and Thévenot, this service promises a rich tapestry of sound. Whether you are drawn to the ancient beauty of plainchant or the expressive dramatic bass solo in Moore's work, we invite you to join the Friends of Music and experience this exceptional program and final major choral presentation of the Spring.

We look forward to seeing you on May 24.

MESSIAH'S USED CAR DONATION PROGRAM



Parishioners and friends of the Church of the Messiah can help the church by making a vehicle donation. It's quick and easy.

Donations can be arranged by phone: (1-844-584-4483) or online at: careasy.org.

Be sure to inform the representative you speak with or make the online selection for **The Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Santa Ana, CA.** as the non-profit of your choice.

The organization takes care of all the details, from towing the car to making sure the donation is sent to Messiah. Car donations by parishioners and their friends have raised more than \$10,196.94 since 2018.

Vehicles Commonly Donated:

- Boats - Cars, SUVs - Farm Equipment - Golf Carts
- Jet Skis - Kayaks - Mobile Homes - Mopeds - Motor Scooters (Sit-Down)
- Motorcycles - Off-Road Vehicles

The CARS Donation Program is nationwide, so distant friends or relatives can also participate to help support our Church!



JUNETEENTH

Freedom Day

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH WITH US!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026
(10:00 AM BILINGUAL SERVICE)**

**Please sign up sign up for the potluck!!
(Suggested Donation-\$5)**

On Sunday, June 21, 2026, Messiah will hold a bilingual service at 10AM to celebrate Juneteenth National Independence Day (Freedom Day)! Our entire Messiah congregation will come together as one, worshipping and celebrating as a beloved family. To honor African American heritage, an important part of American history, we will celebrate and learn more about Juneteenth. Directly after the service, we will have an old fashion potluck picnic, with soul food, music, dancing, games and more!

About Juneteenth (Wikipedia)...

"Juneteenth (officially Juneteenth National Independence Day and also known as Jubilee Day, Emancipation Day, Freedom Day, and Black Independence Day) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. It is also often observed for celebrating African-American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865. The day was recognized as a federal holiday on June 17, 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law. Juneteenth's commemoration is on the anniversary date of the June 19, 1865 announcement of General Order No.3 by Union Army general Gordan Granger, proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas, which was the last state of the Confederacy with institutional slavery.

President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, issued on January 1, 1863, had freed the enslaved people in Texas and all the other Southern secessionist states of the Confederacy except for parts of states not in rebellion. Enforcement of the Proclamation generally relied upon the advance of Union troops. Texas, as the most remote state of the former Confederacy, had seen an expansion of slavery and had a low presence of Union troops as the American Civil War ended; thus, enforcement there had been

slow and inconsistent prior to Granger's announcement. Although the Emancipation Proclamation declared an end to slavery in the Confederate States, it did not end slavery in states that remained in the Union. For a short while after the fall of the Confederacy, slavery remained legal in two of the Union borders states – Delaware and Kentucky. Those enslaved people were freed with the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which abolished chattel slavery nationwide on December 6, 1865. The last enslaved people present in the continental United States were freed when the enslaved people held in the Indian Territories that had sided with the Confederacy were released, namely the Choctaw, in 1866.

Juneteenth celebrations date to 1866, at first involving church-centered community gatherings in Texas. Beginning with Texas by proclamation in 1938, and by legislation in 1979, forty-nine U.S. states and the District of Columbia have formally recognized the holiday in various ways."

Love and Blessings,

The Black History Committee.

ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY

The Altar Guild is a hands-on ministry that cares for the altar, vestments, sacred vessels and linens of the church. Altar Guild members work behind the scenes to prepare for and clean up after services including the Eucharist, baptisms, funerals, and weddings. The Messiah Altar Guild is led by Jean Hollingshead. Please contact Anne Wohlcke to express your interest. She will provide you with information about training.

Phone: 714-543-9389

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY	BY APPOINTMENT
TUESDAY	9:00AM-2:00PM
WEDNESDAY	9:00AM-2:00PM
THURSDAY	9:00AM-2:00PM
FRIDAY	CLOSED





PREACHING SCHEDULE

MAY 3

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
12:00PM	SANTA EUCARISTÍA	EL REVDO. ABEL LOPEZ

MAY 10

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. JIM LEE
10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. JIM LEE
12:00PM	SANTA EUCARISTÍA	EL REVDO. ABEL LOPEZ

MAY 17

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
12:00PM	SANTA EUCARISTÍA	EL REVDO. ABEL LOPEZ

MAY 24

THE DAY OF PENTECOST CHORAL EVENSONG

8:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
12:00PM	SANTA EUCARISTÍA	EL REVDO. ABEL LOPEZ
5:00PM	CHORAL EVENSONG	THE REV. JIM LEE

MAY 31

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TRINITY SUNDAY

8:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. JIM LEE
10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. JIM LEE
12:00PM	SANTA EUCARISTÍA	TBD

JUNE 7

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
12:00PM	SANTA EUCARISTÍA	EL REVDO. ABEL LOPEZ

JUNE 14

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	TBD
12:00PM	SANTA EUCARISTÍA	EL REVDO. BRAD KARELIUS

JUNE 21

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNETEENTH (BILINGUAL)

10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
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JUNE 28

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
12:00PM	SANTA EUCARISTÍA	EL REVDO. ABEL LOPEZ



CONCERN AMERICA CRAFT SALE

On Sunday, June 28, volunteers for Concern America will be here at Episcopal Church of the Messiah with a Craft Sale featuring unique, quality handcrafts that provide us with the opportunity to purchase ethically. This year we have many new beautifully handcrafted textiles, ceramics, and wood products from Bangladesh, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico that honor indigenous traditions. When a Concern America product is purchased, we are providing a source of income to materially impoverished communities while allowing artisans to achieve financial stability through gainful, safe, and dignified work.

Concern America is an international development organization based in Santa Ana, CA that builds capacity in health care, clean water, education, and economic opportunities. You may learn more about their work and view a selection of their crafts available on their web site: www.concernamerica.org

VENTA DE ARTESANÍAS DE CONCERN AMERICA

El domingo, 28 de junio, voluntarios de Concern América, una organización de desarrollo internacional y de apoyo a comunidades, estarán aquí en la iglesia Episcopal del Mesías con bellas artesanías para vender. La venta de estos hermosos artículos proveerá a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que viven en comunidades empobrecidas la oportunidad de generar ingresos. Estos productos de tela, cerámica, o madera, hechos a mano, que vienen de países como México, El Salvador, Guatemala y Bangladesh servirían como regalos muy apropiados en los días festivos venideros y otros eventos especiales, o para adornar su hogar. La producción de estas artesanías honra las tradiciones indígenas y promueve las condiciones justas de trabajo. Por favor, apoyen a nuestros hermanos y hermanas con la compra de estas artesanías de Concern América.

Concern America, una organización de desarrollo internacional con base en Santa Ana, CA (714) 953-8575. Ustedes pueden ver sus artesanías en página web www.concernamerica.org

ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

A WAY TO REMEMBER
A LOVED ONE OR
CELEBRATE A
LIFE- EVENT



Each Sunday's flowers are dedicated according to the flower donor's wishes. Some flowers are given in memory of a loved one, others in celebration of an anniversary or other life event. Requested donation is \$100.

Baptism Dates

Pentecost Sunday_May 24

September 13

November 22

Contact Anne Wohlcke to register:
office@messiah-santaana.org
714. 543. 9389

Happy Birthday

MAY

Jessica Palacios	05/03
Blanca Reza	05/04
Don Paull	05/04
Kim Tobon	05/04
Marianna Baker	05/05
Luis Orozco	05/06
Andres Hernandez	05/06
Michele Morrill	05/07
Howard Rupp	05/09
Juana Cordova	05/10
Mark Fraley	05/11
Eleanor Paull	05/11
Betty Lee Wood	05/12
Alice Andreini	05/13
Frank Lopez*	05/13
Stew Harvey	05/13
Ryan Guidotti	05/13
Sandy Hall	05/14
Marcos Tovias Jr.	05/15
Clayton Mendel	05/16
James Andreini	05/17
Bill Gaines	05/18
Ivan Vazquez	05/18
Jose Diaz Hernandez	05/19
Steven Bruce	05/20
Lorraine Tiffany-Malone	05/20
Larry Minery	05/20
Mark Morrill	05/22
Roberto Paredes	05/22
Gregoria Villarreal	05/22
Meryl Schrantz	05/23
Claudia Moran	05/23
Brian Chavez	05/23
Esmee van Engelen	05/24
Ashley Alfaro	05/25
Wayne Kempe	05/25
Claire Myers	05/26
Neal Amsden	05/29
Julio Rodriguez	05/29
William Haggerty	05/29
Kal-el Oquendo	05/29
Christina Hryniewicki	05/30
Linda Malloy*	05/31

JUNE

Brenda Zapata	06/02
Alexandria Oquendo	06/03
Isaac Alfaro	06/03
Steve Swartzell	06/04
Alejandra Chavez	06/04
Erik Karelius	06/06

Barbara Taylor	06/08
Max Anthony Hernandez	06/08
Edwin Sell	06/11
Nicole Stults	06/12
Sasha Lee	06/12
Jose Mendoza	06/13
James Vaughan*	06/13
Peggy Connery	06/17
Jan Karelius	06/17
Pat Eustis	06/18
Amari Clemons	06/19
Gerson A Nunez	06/19
Daniela Aguas	06/20
Bill Gaines	06/21
Sandra Warwick	06/21
Alex Chay	06/21
Brad Karelius	06/22
Diane Bruce	06/22
Stephanie Herrera	06/23
Gene Dery	06/25
Caleb Sistrunck	06/25
Bill Turpit	06/25
Linda Humphreys	06/25
Rosario Casares	06/26
Fernanda Montero	06/26
Zahir Montero	06/26
Julian Suarez	06/27
Angela Alcantara	06/28
Gwynne Glenn	06/30

* Deceased

Happy Anniversary

MAY-JUNE

Karen & Gerald Goran*	05/04
Patricia & Bob Bulseco	05/05
Sandy & Don Hall	05/14
Gene & Joyce Dery	05/19
Lorraine Tiffany-Malone & Robert Malone	05/21
Jack & Kitty Miles	05/23
Rudy & Letty Martinez	05/25
Mark & Michele Morrill	05/28
Charles* & Carol Austin	06/10
Sabrina & Jurgen van Engelen	06/20
Jackie & Jack Hess	06/21
Grace & Emily Pankau	06/22
Jose* & Julie Chay	06/25
Frank* & Esther Lopez	06/25
Bill & Lupe Gaines	06/29



A GOOD GOODBYE

JUNE 14 AT 9AM

"Dying is regarded as bad taste in this society, despite the fact that ten out of ten people do it."

(-Hemlock Society brochure.)

Death surprises and scares us. However, in the same way that talking about sex doesn't get

you pregnant, talking about death doesn't kill you. Even though humans have a 100 percent mortality rate, we don't expect to die. If you don't expect to die, you are unlikely to pre-plan a funeral. This leads to problems such as family discord, higher costs, rote rituals devoid of meaning, and unnecessary stress added to grief. Instead of a normal part of life, death is treated as an unexpected emergency – something that happens when the medical community fails. Death is a very real part of life, along with taxes. Yet, funerals are the only life cycle event most folks don't want to plan in advance. Here at Church of the Messiah, we have created a planning guide to help you shape the funeral or memorial service in a way that honors you and the things that are important to you. Dee Tucker, Funeral Coordinator at Messiah, will facilitate a discussion about planning for your funeral, memorial service, or celebration of life while introducing you to Messiah's new Funeral Planning Guide.

PRAYER REQUESTS PASTORAL CARE

If you have a prayer request, please call Anne Wohlcke Office Manager at: 714-543-9389 or send an email to: office@messiah-santaana.org

If you would like pastoral care, Anne will schedule an appointment with the Rector.





RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

