

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2025

The Messenger

A BIMONTHLY PUBLICATION OF CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH





Simple Faith Fe Sencilla

Margaret Nolde

In a complicated world, my faith understanding is simple. For me, the Bible can be summed up by "JBN" – "Just Be Nice". At Church of the Messiah, I brush shoulders with brilliant minds that are willing to tackle the complex meanings of individual words in the

Bible while I am still at The Beginners Bible level. I am not clever with words and do not think particularly well on my feet. Nevertheless, I am a great planner and organizer, my soul is filled by doing works of service, and I also think I'm a pretty nice person.

Being a "doer" is my nature, but I resigned from several ministries at my former parish to transfer three years ago to Church of the Messiah, which has allowed me a sabbatical from my church-busy nature.

Now God's next steps for me are being manifested through the hands of Messiah. Working with the Messiah team to plan and organize the Jóvenes Juntas program in collaboration with my ongoing work as president of GFS Outreach has helped to restore my spirit and has created the possibility for me to resume activities that fill my soul.

The GFS Promise is written for children, and it ends with the words, "I Promise to Make the World a Better Place". It is enough for me to live out the GFS promise in a simple way, creating and supporting programs for children. I will continue to give to Messiah as it works to fulfill a promise its vestry made two years ago to serve youth.

It is not easy for a "doer" to have patient trust in our God who grows a forest over thousands of years and digs the Grand Canyon over millions. Yet Church of the Messiah, in its patient workings, is blessing me to give my spirit voice again.

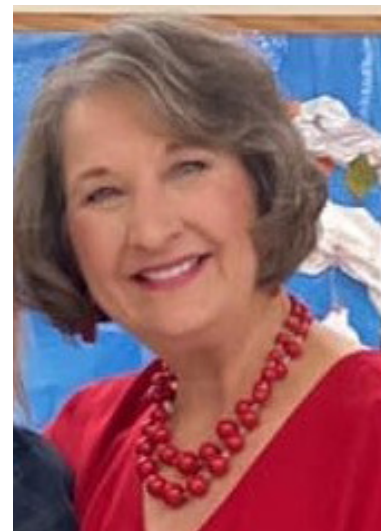
En un mundo complejo, mi comprensión de la fe es sencilla. Para mí, la Biblia se resume en "SSA" (Simplemente Sé Amable). En la Iglesia del Mesías, me rodeo de mentes brillantes dispuestas a abordar los complejos significados de las palabras individuales de la Biblia mientras aún estoy en el nivel de la Biblia para principiantes. No soy muy hábil con las palabras ni pienso con mucha rapidez. Sin embargo, soy una gran planificadora y organizadora, mi alma se llena haciendo obras de servicio y también creo que soy una persona muy agradable.

Ser una persona activa es mi naturaleza, pero renuncié a varios ministerios en mi antigua parroquia para trasladarme hace tres años a la Iglesia del Mesías, lo que me ha permitido tomarme un descanso de mi ajetreada vida en la iglesia.

Ahora, los próximos pasos de Dios para mí se están manifestando a través de las manos de Messiah. Trabajar con el equipo de Messiah para planificar y organizar el programa Jóvenes Juntas, en colaboración con mi trabajo continuo como presidenta de GFS Outreach, me ha ayudado a recuperar el ánimo y me ha dado la posibilidad de retomar actividades que me llenan el alma.

La Promesa de GFS está escrita para niños y termina con las palabras: "Prometo hacer del mundo un lugar mejor". Me basta con vivir la promesa de GFS de forma sencilla, creando y apoyando programas para niños. Seguiré dando a Messiah mientras trabaje para cumplir la promesa que su junta parroquial hizo hace dos años de servir a la juventud.

No es fácil para alguien que "hacedora" confiar pacientemente en nuestro Dios, que cultiva un bosque durante miles de años y excava el Gran Cañón durante millones. Sin embargo, la Iglesia del Mesías, en su paciente obra, me está bendiciendo para que mi espíritu vuelva a expresarse.



THE MIRACLE OF MUSIC! ¡EL MILAGRO DE LA MÚSICA!

Joyce Dery

"Tell Out My Soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice." Hymn #438 is one of my favorite hymns. My love of music began with piano

lessons at the age of 6. Playing the piano and singing in choirs continued through my childhood and into college where I earned a degree in music. But raising a family and the need to earn a living shifted my attention to the world of business for many years. The piano gathered dust and I explored several other religions during that time, but music

was always in the background beckoning me to return to my early love of music and God.

Just a few months after Gene and I married in 1986, we went “church shopping” and we quickly found Messiah. We knew the Episcopal church was right for us. I immediately joined the choir and I found myself drawn to Wednesday’s Women, the Book Discussion Group, and all the special Feast Days and celebrations. Close friendships have evolved and it is comforting to see how Messiah people are there for one another during times of both sorrow and joy.

When the opportunity came in 2017 for me to move from the choir to the keyboards, it seemed like a natural transition. Playing the organ and piano has truly ignited my soul and I am grateful every day for Messiah’s music program.

I am at the church often to practice the organ. Being there alone in the quiet church, I become so absorbed in the music that I sometimes lose track of time. I feel the presence of God in that holy space, where “unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice”.

“¡Revela, alma mía, la grandeza del Señor! Innumerables bendiciones dan voz a mi espíritu”. El himno n.º 438 es uno de mis favoritos.

Mi amor por la música comenzó con clases de piano a los 6 años. Tocar el piano y cantar en coros continuó durante mi infancia y en la universidad, donde obtuve un título en música. Pero la crianza de una familia y la necesidad de ganarme la vida desviaron mi atención hacia el mundo de los negocios durante muchos años. El piano se llenó de polvo y exploré otras religiones durante ese tiempo, pero la música siempre estuvo presente, llamándome a regresar a mi amor inicial por la música y por Dios.

Apenas unos meses después de que Gene y yo nos casáramos en 1986, fuimos a diferentes iglesias y rápidamente encontramos a Messiah. Sabíamos que la Iglesia Episcopal era la indicada para nosotros. Inmediatamente me uní al coro y me sentí atraída por los ministerios de las Mujeres de los Miércoles, el Grupo de Discusión de Libros y todas las festividades y celebraciones especiales. Se han forjado amistades cercanas y es reconfortante ver cómo la gente de Messiah se apoya mutuamente tanto en momentos de tristeza como de alegría.

Cuando en 2017 tuve la oportunidad de pasar del coro a los teclados, me pareció una transición natural. Tocar el órgano y el piano realmente ha encendido mi alma y agradezco cada día el programa musical de Messiah.

Suelo ir a la iglesia a practicar el órgano. Estando solo en el silencio de la iglesia, me absorbo tanto en la música que a veces pierdo la noción del tiempo. Siento la presencia de Dios en ese espacio sagrado, donde “innumerables bendiciones dan voz a mi espíritu”.



CELEBRATORY WELCOME BIENVENIDA CELEBRATORIA

Emily Pankau

“I want this community to thrive so that others like me can experience this same celebratory welcome.”

Easter Vigil is my favorite service because I can feel the ancient-ness of the ritual and it helps me to connect to the larger global community of the past and present. Growing up, my family went to a Catholic church and I also attended Catholic school. Especially in high school, we were taught to think critically about our faith, the bible, and God’s role in humanity. This Catholic education gave me a deep appreciation and understanding of the Catholic faith.

When I went to college, I became aware of a part of myself that I had not deeply examined. Through new communities and new friends, I realized that I was a gay. This realization did not create a rift in my relationship with God; however, it did make being Catholic difficult. My now wife, Grace, took me to her church – the Episcopal church. The traditions and rituals that I loved from the Catholic church were all there, but there was also the celebration of the queer community.

I feel as though I truly belong at the Church of the Messiah. Who I am is celebrated by the clergy, the church members, and by God. I never feel as though I have to change anything about myself because I am being the authentic person that God has chosen me to be. God has blessed me in so many ways, but my most treasured blessing is my marriage. I am so grateful to have found a church community who understands this blessing. Reading at Easter Vigil, setting-up for Parish Life events, and pledging to Messiah are my way of giving back to the church community that means so much to me. I want this community to thrive so that others like me can experience this same celebratory welcome.

Quiero que esta comunidad prospere para que otros como yo puedan experimentar esta misma bienvenida celebrativa.

La Vigilia Pascual es mi misa favorita porque puedo sentir la antigüedad del ritual y me ayuda a conectar con la comunidad global del pasado y del presente. De niña, mi familia asistía a una iglesia católica y yo también asistí a una escuela católica. Especialmente en la preparatoria, nos enseñaron a pensar críticamente sobre nuestra fe, la Biblia y el papel de Dios en la humanidad. Esta educación católica me brindó una profunda apreciación y comprensión de la fe católica.

Cuando fui a la universidad, tomé conciencia de una parte

de mí que no había examinado a fondo. A través de nuevas comunidades y nuevos amigos, me di cuenta de que era gay. Esta revelación no creó una ruptura en mi relación con Dios; sin embargo, sí dificultó ser católica. Mi actual esposa, Grace, me llevó a su iglesia, la Iglesia Episcopal. Allí estaban todas las tradiciones y rituales que amaba de la iglesia católica, pero también estaba la celebración de la comunidad queer. Siento que pertenezco verdaderamente a la Iglesia del Mesías. El clero, los feligreses y Dios celebran mi identidad.

Nunca siento que tenga que cambiar nada de mí, porque soy la persona auténtica que Dios me ha elegido. Dios me ha bendecido de muchas maneras, pero mi bendición más preciada es mi matrimonio. Estoy muy agradecida de haber encontrado una comunidad eclesial que comprende esta bendición. Leer en la Vigilia Pascual, organizar los eventos de la Vida Parroquial y comprometerme con el Mesías son mi forma de retribuir a la comunidad eclesial que tanto significa para mí. Quiero que esta comunidad prospere para que otros como yo puedan experimentar esta misma bienvenida celebrativa.



OH HAPPY SOUL! ¡OH ALMA FELIZ!

Eduardo Oquendo

I am blessed to be part of Church of Messiah, the congregation is amazing, friendly, helpful and they are becoming part of my family. I have been asked to compose a reflection for the Stewardship Campaign, and there are

two important questions I have to answer. Number one is, to shared some of my gifts, ideas or talents that God has planted inside me.

To start, God gave me the gift of cooking, and I love to do it. I have the ability to improve and get the right seasoning for whatever I cook, but what really makes me happy is to share what I cook with everyone around me. Another gift is to be a good parent for my kids, I have two adopted children and it is my ability to provide them with love, happiness, respect and understanding, and to be there for them whenever they need a hug or a wise advice. The other gift I am proud of, is my ability to accept and understand people physically and emotionally, all of us are part of God creation, so all of us are perfect the way we are as long we don't hurt someone because of our believes or ideas.

The second question is how these gifts make you happy at Messiah, well, these three gifts are the tools that make me happy in Messiah, I can cook for the congregation, my children feel happy and comfortable at church, and they are learning about Christianity and about the human history. The acceptance and understanding of each person in the congregation gives me the opportunity of making

new friends, to try new cultures, food, ideas, to help them when they need a hand or when they have a problem and to be part of a new family. All these makes my soul happy at Messiah.

Me siento bendecido por ser parte de la Iglesia del Mesías. La congregación es maravillosa, amigable y servicial, y se están convirtiendo en parte de mi familia. Me han pedido que escriba una reflexión para la Campaña de Mayordomía, y hay dos preguntas importantes que debo responder. La primera es compartir algunos de los dones, ideas o talentos que Dios ha puesto en mí.

Para empezar, Dios me dio el don de cocinar, y me encanta hacerlo. Tengo la habilidad de mejorar y lograr el sazón perfecto para cualquier plato, pero lo que realmente me hace feliz es compartir mi cocina con quienes me rodean. Otro don es ser una buena madre para mis hijos. Tengo dos hijos adoptivos y mi capacidad es brindarles amor, felicidad, respeto y comprensión, y estar ahí para ellos siempre que necesiten un abrazo o un buen consejo. El otro don del que estoy orgulloso es mi capacidad de aceptar y comprender a las personas, tanto física como emocionalmente. Todos somos parte de la creación de Dios, así que todos somos perfectos tal como somos, siempre y cuando no lastimemos a nadie con nuestras creencias o ideas.

La segunda pregunta es cómo estos dones te hacen feliz en la Iglesia Mesías. Bueno, estos tres dones son las herramientas que me hacen feliz en Mesías: puedo cocinar para la congregación, mis hijos se sienten felices y cómodos en la iglesia, y están aprendiendo sobre el cristianismo y la historia de la humanidad. La aceptación y comprensión de cada persona en la congregación me da la oportunidad de hacer nuevos amigos, de conocer nuevas culturas, comidas e ideas, de ayudarlos cuando necesitan ayuda o tienen algún problema, y de ser parte de una nueva familia. Todo esto llena mi alma de alegría en Mesías.



THE STORY OF THE CHICKEN AND THE PIG LA HISTORIA DE LA GALLINA Y EL CERDO

Murray Schrantz

On a traditional breakfast plate, there might be a serving of ham and eggs. While the chicken was involved, the pig was committed.

My spiritual upbringing began in Arkansas with a mother, an Episcopalian, and a father, a Presbyterian. My brother and I usually attended church with my mom and occasionally with my dad. Both were actively involved in that community and with their churches, and that rubbed off on my brother and me.

I had been fairly active in the Episcopal Church throughout my life, except for my time in the Army when I was overseas. When I got married, however, that commitment became an even greater focus of my life. A dozen years ago, when we were looking for a parish, a priest friend suggested Messiah. The spiritual community that I found has been truly energizing! There are so many options to actively practice my faith through creative programs that not only support our congregation, but also reach out to the surrounding community. While my gifts of time, talent, and treasure have ebbed and flowed through the years, my commitment to service has only grown. My wife and I have faced challenges, some of which continue to endure, but we continue to search for answers that help us and others around us. During these troubling times in our country and this community, the inspiration and peace that I have found at Messiah have been truly life-saving.

When struggling for answers to what I can do to help myself and those around me, I try to ask: "Do I want to be the chicken or the pig?"

En un plato de desayuno tradicional, podría haber una porción de jamón y huevos. Mientras que la gallina participaba, el cerdo estaba comprometido.

Mi formación espiritual comenzó en Arkansas con una madre episcopaliana y un padre presbiteriano. Mi hermano y yo solíamos ir a la iglesia con mi madre y, ocasionalmente, con mi padre. Ambos participaban activamente en la comunidad y en sus iglesias, y eso influyó en mi hermano y en mí.

He sido bastante activo en la Iglesia Episcopal durante toda mi vida, excepto durante mi tiempo en el Ejército, cuando estuve en el extranjero. Sin embargo, cuando me casé, ese compromiso se convirtió en un enfoque aún mayor de mi vida. Hace doce años, cuando buscábamos una parroquia, un sacerdote amigo nos recomendó la Iglesia del Mesías. ¡La comunidad espiritual que encontré ha sido realmente revitalizante! Hay muchas opciones para practicar activamente mi fe a través de programas creativos que no solo apoyan a nuestra congregación, sino que también llegan a la comunidad circundante. Si bien mis dones de tiempo, talento y recursos han fluctuado a lo largo de los años, mi compromiso con el servicio no ha hecho más que crecer. Mi esposa y yo hemos enfrentado desafíos, algunos de los cuales aún persisten, pero seguimos buscando respuestas que nos ayuden a nosotros y a quienes nos rodean. Durante estos tiempos difíciles en nuestro país y en nuestra comunidad, la inspiración y la paz que he encontrado en Messiah han sido verdaderamente vitales.

Cuando busco respuestas sobre cómo puedo ayudarme a

mí mismo y a quienes me rodean, intento preguntarme: "¿Quiero ser la gallina o el cerdo?".



WE GROW TOGETHER IN A COMMUNION OF LOVE CRECEMOS JUNTOS EN LA COMUNIÓN DEL AMOR

Salvador Arce Guerra

You open your hand, and fill every living thing with the food it desires... (Psalm 145:16)

When we put our trust in the love of God, who gives himself to us as a human gift and as a friend who knows us and understands our needs, who understands and makes his own every experience of our lives, we interpret its meaning from a different perspective, not only deeper and more complete, but in its most genuine essence, from the transcendent dimension that propels us to fullness.

From my experience, I can interpret this by observing my life in the Church as community of faith, and in particular, within the episcopal family, especially in the Congregation of the Messiah, which feels like a home where together, hand in hand, we walk and can grow in our faith and ministries. Sharing some of the blessings we receive in our lives strengthens us, something that brings me great joy. I must say that since I first encountered this congregation and the variety of ministries it carries out, especially with its multicultural profile, the first thing that came to mind was the Greek term "koinonia", where we grow together in a communion of love, which truly helps me feel at home.

Being able to collaborate with the music ministries and assist at the altar for some liturgies not only fills me with joy, but also makes me feel part of the same family of this beautiful congregation, whose growth reflects the talent of each person who opens their heart to enrich it with their best lived commitment. And it is for this and so many other reasons that every week, after my work and studies, I eagerly await, as a gift and a blessing, the moment when I can join the choir rehearsal and the Sunday services where we gather.

In synthesis, and from my deepest gratitude, never enough, I can do nothing but share the blessings I receive through each of you and once again thank God for this family of faith and its ministries, wishing each and every one of you a shower of blessings.

Abres tu mano, (...) satisface a todos los seres vivos.

Salmo 145:16

Cuando ponemos nuestra confianza en el amor de Dios, quien se nos da como regalo humano y como un amigo que nos conoce y sabe de nuestras necesidades, sondea y hace suya cada experiencia de nuestras vidas, interpretamos su sentido desde otro ángulo, no solo más hondo e íntegro, sino en su más genuina esencia, desde la dimensión trascendente que nos lanza a plenitud.

Desde mi experiencia, esto lo puedo interpretar, observando mi vida en la comunidad de fe, la Iglesia, y en particular, dentro de la familia episcopal y desde la congregación del Mesías, la cual significa como un hogar donde juntos, mano a mano, caminamos y podemos crecer desde nuestra fe y ministerios, y el hecho de compartir parte de las bendiciones que recibimos en nuestras vidas nos fortalece, algo que para mí significa de gran regocijo. Debo decir que desde que conocí esta congregación y la variedad de ministerios que desarrolla, sobre todos con su perfil multicultural, lo primero que me vino a la mente fue el término griego de koinonía, donde juntos crecemos en comunión de amor, lo cual realmente me ayuda a sentirme como en casa.

El hecho de poder colaborar con los ministerios de música y con el altar para algunas liturgias no solo me llena de alegría, sino además me facilita sentirme parte de la misma familia de tan linda congregación, cuyo crecimiento refleja el talento de cada persona, quien abre su corazón para enriquecerla con su mejor compromiso vivencial. Y es por esta y tantas razones que cada semana, tras mi jornada laboral y estudiantil, espero como regalo y bendición, el momento en el que encontrarme con el ensayo del coro y los servicios del domingo en que nos encontramos.

En síntesis, y con mi mayor gratitud, nunca suficiente, no puedo otra cosa que compartir las bendiciones que recibo a través de cada uno de ustedes y una vez más agradecer a Dios por esta familia de fe y sus ministerios, deseándoles a todos y cada uno lluvia de bendiciones.



FOOD FOR THE SOUL! ALIMENTO PARA EL ALMA

Cynthia Burgess

A gift that I believe God has planted inside me is cooking.

I like sharing what I make in the kitchen from desserts, breakfast foods, dinners and it is a joy to see people enjoy my food.

When I came back to Messiah after being away for a very

long time, it was great coming back to all the new faces and I was welcomed with open arms.

I was asked to join the Black History Committee, and I was delighted to accept. Being on this committee has allowed me to share my gift from making sweet potato pie, green beans, cornbread, etc.

My favorite time at Messiah is the 8:00am service and after the wonderful service we meet at the round table in the parish hall.

We enjoy a nice hot cup of coffee and every now and then I will bring something sweet to eat.

I like to surprise our congregation every now and then with some hot biscuits, a scone or cornbread. Gathering around the food has allowed us to come together, to chat and eat.

Making food has allowed me to not only celebrate various celebrations from Juneteenth, Fourth of July, Cinco de Mayo, or Hispanic Heritage Month, but more importantly to also get to know our other parishioners.

Messiah provided me with a sense of belonging as soon as I walked through the doors and I felt this every time. We do not need a holiday or special event to gather to celebrate Jesus; we celebrate him every day and can do it over a delicious meal.

Un don que creo que Dios me ha dado es la cocina. Me encanta compartir lo que preparo, desde postres y desayunos hasta cenas, y me alegra ver a la gente disfrutar de mi comida.

Cuando regresé a la Iglesia del Mesías después de mucho tiempo, fue maravilloso reencontrarme con todas las caras nuevas y me recibieron con los brazos abiertos.

Me invitaron a unirme al Comité de Historia Afroamericana y acepté encantada. Formar parte de este comité me ha permitido compartir mi talento culinario: pastel de camote, ejotes, pan de maíz, etc.

Mi momento favorito en la Iglesia del Mesías es el servicio de las 8:00 a. m. Después del hermoso servicio, nos reunimos en la mesa redonda del salón parroquial. Disfrutamos de una rica taza de café caliente y, de vez en cuando, traigo algo dulce.

Me gusta sorprender a la congregación de vez en cuando con panecillos calientes, escones o pan de maíz. Reunirnos alrededor de la comida nos permite compartir, conversar y disfrutar de la comida. Cocinar me ha permitido no solo celebrar diversas festividades como el Juneteenth, el 4 de Julio, el Cinco de Mayo o el Mes de la Herencia Hispana, sino, aún más importante, conocer a otros feligreses.

En la parroquia del Mesías sentí que pertenecía a la comunidad desde el momento en que entré, y lo siento cada vez que vengo. No necesitamos un día festivo ni un evento especial para reunirnos a celebrar a Jesús; lo celebramos todos los días y podemos hacerlo compartiendo una deliciosa comida.



HAPPY Birth DAY

Julie Cho	11/02
Lupe Gaines	11/02
Marcia Vaughan	11/02
Carol Harvey	11/03
Adulfo Martinez	11/04
Charles Austin	11/05
Jacob Garcia	11/05
David Proctor	11/06
Elena Fuentes	11/07
Deanna Richeson	11/07
Jeff Hollenbeck	11/09
Alex Vargas	11/09
Jesus Prado	11/12
Emilio Martinez	11/15
Brian Kelly	11/15
Frank Remkiewicz	11/16
Alberto Perez	11/21
Rudy Martinez	11/22
David Johnson	11/22
Biff Baker	11/23
Amie Scales	11/23
Steve Hively	11/24
Jose Luis Flores	11/28
Mario Mata	11/29
Elizabeth Riley	11/29
Ivan Ruiz	11/30
Julie Chay	12/01
Brenda Velis	12/04
Celia Lovell	12/04
Britney Velis	12/04
Aaron Contreras-Estrada	12/05
Trevor Mendel	12/05
David Sonksen	12/06
Sean Fraley	12/06
Sandra Emery	12/08
San Juana Vazquez	12/09
Jessica Ruvalcaba	12/11
Letty Martinez	12/14
Sebastian Lopez	12/14
Ann Liu	12/14
Jack Hess	12/14
John Hively	12/16
Alexander Hively	12/16

Barbara Miller	12/16
Martha Baltazar	12/20
Robert Malone	12/23
Susan Johnson	12/24
Michael Trudeau	12/26
Lavona Dunworth	12/28
Jaime MenendezFlores	12/28
Stephanie Corona	12/28
Nate Stults-Cuamatzi	12/29
Nick Sigmund	12/29
Deborah Hutchins	12/31

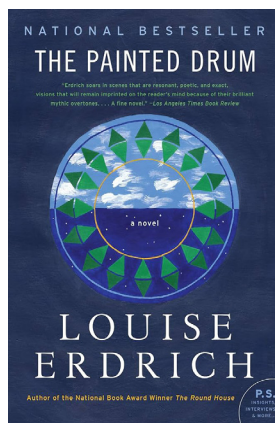


HAPPY Anniversary

Bill Turpit & Rex Allen	11/01 17
Neal & Su Amsden	11/08 22
Murray & Meryl Schrantz	11/17 35
Brad & Jan Karelius	11/27 54
David Johnson & Cathy Hickie	12/03 42
Bancky & Jocelyn Guerra	12/03 3
Stephenie & Elena Fuentes	12/24
Carol & Stew Harvey	12/27 45
Maria & Marcos Tovias	12/30 36



Women's Book Discussion



PAINTED DRUM
BY LOUISE ERDRICH

Wednesday, November 12, 2025
6:30 pm

A haunting tale that follows a sacred drum across generations, weaving together themes of grief, memory, and the mysterious power of objects that carry stories. Erdrich's prose offers beauty, grace, and quiet transformation.

Location: Donna McCune
Facilitator: Linda Barnhurst
Food Host: Dee Tucker

To RSVP for the book discussion meeting, contact: Dee Tucker at tuckerdee6@gmail.com

PREACHING SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2

**THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

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

NOVEMBER 9

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

NOVEMBER 16

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

NOVEMBER 23

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRIST THE KING**

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

NOVEMBER 30

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. NORMA GUERRA
10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. NORMA GUERRA
12:00PM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. NORMA GUERRA

DECEMBER 7

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
LESSONS AND CAROLS**

8:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. JIM LEE
10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. JIM LEE
12:00PM	SANTA EUCARISTÍA	EL REVDO. ABEL LOPEZ
6:00PM	LESSONS AND CAROLS	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ

DECEMBER 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

6:00PM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
--------	----------------	---------------------

DECEMBER 14

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

DECEMBER 16

LAS POSADAS

5:00PM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
--------	----------------	---------------------

DECEMBER 21

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00PM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. JIM LEE
6:00PM	HOLY EUCHARIST	THE REV. ABEL LOPEZ
10:00PM	SANTA EUCARISTÍA	EL REVDO. ABEL LOPEZ

DECEMBER 28

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

CONCERN AMERICA

GROW A GLOBAL HEART

THANK YOU FROM CONCERN AMERICA

On September 21, 2025, handcrafted textiles, baskets, ceramics and wood products from Concern America were displayed. As a community of the faithful, you were generous in purchasing handcrafts valued at \$563.00. We are very grateful to Fr. Abel for his hospitality and support, and to everyone who purchased handcrafts. Through your generosity you have helped to spread hope for a better future to hundreds of economically disadvantaged people in many developing countries throughout the world. Thank you!

For information about Concern America's many programs or if you would like to see a selection of Concern America crafts, you are invited to visit our web site at concernamerica.org. To place an order for something you saw at the sale, please call our office at (800) CON-CERN (800-266-2376).

REMINDER

REMINDER

PLEDGE PAYMENT REMINDER

A note from the Finance Committee:
Thank you for staying current with your pledge payment. Please make an effort to continue your payments during the upcoming Summer months.
THANK YOU !

REMINDER

Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH AT 6:00PM

The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols is a beautiful music service of candlelight, lessons, carols, hymns, and anthems and will include traditional readings. The Rector Abel E. Lopez will offer the Homily.

DID WE MISS YOUR SPECIAL DAY?
IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT SILVIA LOPEZ AT
714. 204. 0564
OFFICE@MESSIAH-SANTAANA.ORG

WARMING HEARTS AND FEET



Jackets and Socks Collection!

On the Sundays of November 30, December 7 and 14, 2025, Messiah will be collecting jackets, sweatshirts, hoodies, and similar wintry outerwear AND warm, NEW socks for men, women, and children for distribution by Share Ourselves. Please consider donating new or slightly used jackets and outerwear and new socks for our homeless and low-income friends and neighbors. Your kindness and generosity will be appreciated for all contributions.

During the winter months to come, our unhoused and low-income neighbors need protection against the cold, wet weather to stay healthy. In past years, Messiah's generosity filled an SUV with new and slightly used jackets for delivery to Share Ourselves. New socks always are needed, but particularly in winter. They're easy to find and are an inexpensive way to involve all of Messiah, young and old, in our ministry to those in need. Please buy a pair or a package of new socks. Then, place them in their original packaging in the Socks Box that will be in the Narthex before or after each service on November 30 and December 7th and 14th. We will deliver these items to Share Ourselves during the week of December 15th or sooner, pending the number of donations.

Share Ourselves provides services including health and dental care, as well as distributing food and clothing across programs that serve low- or no-income neighbors and those experiencing homelessness. These daily necessities are vehicles of compassion that allow Share Ourselves staff and the people they serve to build rapport, leading to trusting relationships.

Thank you!
Andre Ouellette, Sr. Warden



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Rev. Norma Guerra preaches at the 8:00am and 10:00am and 12:00pm services.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Rev. Jim Lee preaches at the 8:00am, 10:00am and the Rector Abel E. Lopez at 12:00pm services.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 AT 6:00PM ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

This service features candlelight, readings, carols, and hymns, and is one of the most beautiful of all Anglican liturgies. After the service, a festive celebration takes place in the Parish Hall. The Rector Abel E. Lopez preaches.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 6:00PM OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

This service begins with traditional songs procession into the sanctuary decorated with red roses offered by parishioners to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Rector Abel E. Lopez preaches.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Rev. Jim Lee preaches at the 8:00am, 10:00am and the Rector Abel E. Lopez at 12:00pm services.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 5:00PM LAS POSADAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Rector Abel E. Lopez preaches at the 8:00am, 10:00am and at the 12:00pm services.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE at 4:00pm

The Rev. Jim Lee preaches.

NOCHE BUENA SERVICE AT 6:00PM

The Rector Abel E. Lopez preaches.

CHORAL PRELUDE AT 9:30PM

Join us as the Messiah Choir, led by Dr. David Sheridan, presents reflective and joyous Christmas music.

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST AT 10:00PM
The Rector Abel E. Lopez preaches.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

The Rector Abel E. Lopez preaches at the 8:00am, 10:00am and at the 12:00pm services.



**OKTOBERFEST AUCTION
SEPTEMBER 27TH**



**HOMECOMING
SEPTEMBER 7TH**



STEWARDSHIP





**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
OCTOBER 26TH**



**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2ND**



REV. ELIZABETH



JOVENES JUNTAS / YOUTH TOGETHER



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 18TH

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

