

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**June 24, 2018**

*Welcome to the Church of the Messiah*  
*We are delighted to have you worshiping with us.*



**A prayer for children seeking refuge and asylum**

God of compassion,  
we have seen the harrowing images,  
of children fleeing danger and desperately seeking safety;  
of families risking everything without the assurance of anything in return;  
of young people whose only hope depends on finding refuge in an unknown country.  
Lord, may we offer a welcome as warm as the one  
we would offer the Child who once fled to Egypt.

We make this our prayer, in the name of your Son,  
who offers hope to the weary, respite to the traveler and peace to all your children.  
Amen.

*- Adapted from the website [childrenssociety.org.uk/prayeremail](http://childrenssociety.org.uk/prayeremail)  
17 June 2016*

***Church of the Messiah***  
***Mission Statement***

*The Church of the Messiah is an inclusive and welcoming community*

- Committed to serving God by serving neighbors near and far;*
- Affirming the dignity of every human being;*
- Believing we are called to be stewards of creation.*

*- adopted by the Vestry of the Church of the Messiah on February 10, 2015.*

**WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH**

We are thrilled to have The Right Reverend Alan Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts, visiting us this morning for the first time as diocesan bishop. Although Bishop Gates has been bishop for less than four years, he and his wife, Tricia Harvey, have won the affection and confidence of the clergy and laity of the diocese. Along with many others in the diocese – both clergy and laity – Bishop Gates has led the efforts to identify a Mission Strategy for the diocese for the coming three to five years.

Here is the schedule for Bishop Gates’ visit:

- 8 AM Arrive
- 8:30 AM-9:30 AM Meet with the vestry
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Sermon, followed by a *Blessing of the First Church Building Site*
- 11:30 AM Bishop Gates introduces himself and shares information about the diocese, followed by questions and answers with the parish.
- 12 Noon Light lunch - served on the Church Lawn (weather permitting)  
Sandwiches and drinks will be provided.  
If you wish, please bring fruit and cookies.

Please give a warm welcome to Bishop Gates and Tricia Harvey today.

**WELCOME BACK, JAY and the CHOIR**

We are also delighted to have Jay Souweine returning as our guest trumpeter this morning. Jay will be accompanying Brittany during the Prelude and Postlude as well as playing during the hymns.

We are also very happy to have the choir back to sing at this special service this morning!

**REFRESHMENT HOUR**

**June**

24 Bishop Gates’ visit – Light lunch

**July**

- 1 Sandy Rodgers
- 8 Mary Anne Mann & Christine Lulejian
- 15 Julia Alling

**EPIPHANY SCHOOL THANKS US**

Earlier this week, we received a lovely note from The Rev. John Finley, Founder and Head of Epiphany School in Boston. John and the students, faculty and extended family of Epiphany are deeply grateful for the check of \$3,500 from our Easter offering that was sent to the school, thanks to your kindness and generosity. Additional funds collected have been set aside to help underwrite the costs associated with *Epiphany’s Days of Science in Woods Hole* that we look forward to being reinstated either this fall or next spring.

**NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET: Wednesday, July 11th  
Next Monthly Dinner, 2nd Wednesday in July at 5 PM –Rescheduled from July 4th**

We're serving dinner to our neighbors at the Village at Cataumet, the shelter for families, on the second Wednesday in July, due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. This is a continuing ministry and we always welcome new cooks and new servers. Look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the church on Sunday morning and join us. We are trying to show our neighbors that we care about their difficult situation. Help once a year or once a month – every contribution is welcome! If you would like to contribute or have questions, please contact Carol Casey (508-299-8330).

**FIRST CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

In an effort to keep everyone informed of our progress on the First Church Building Project, the following are the highlights of the first few weeks of work:

- Two Beech trees and a smaller tree between the First Church and Stone Church were taken down on June 4th. The protective platform for the remaining largest Beech tree was reinforced.
- Fencing has been put up around the entire site, along with appropriate signage, in order to insure the safety of the public and the workers during this project.
- The demolition and septic permits have been issued allowing work on the front and rear of the building to begin.
- The final building permit is in process and we anticipate it will be issued within the next three weeks.
- The FCBC and Interior committee met with Jim Vieira and a staff member from Delphi on June 20th. A simple timeline and chart will be created to keep the project moving forward as easily as possible.

*A special note: Please plan to attend the 10 AM Service on Sunday, June 24th when Bishop Gates will bless the site.*

If you have any questions, please contact me: [mtscapecod@gmail.com](mailto:mtscapecod@gmail.com).

Thanks for your ongoing support!

- Terry Soares, FCBC chair

**MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NO NOONTUNES SUMMER CONCERT SERIES THIS YEAR:** Due to all the expected construction and excitement that will be taking place this summer, we have decided to take a break from Noontunes this year. But don't worry, it will be back in full force next summer! In the meantime, there will be a few musical events taking place. On **Friday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m., Courante**, an early music ensemble featuring Jan Elliot on recorder, David Gable on violin, Molly Johnston on Viola da Gamba and Brittany Lord on harpsichord, will present a program of early music by Bach, Telemann and others. In August, the **Woods Hole Cantata Consort** will hold their annual concerts **on August 18th and 19th**. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these special events!

**LOOKING FOR SUMMER SOLOISTS:** I'm working on scheduling guest soloists to perform at our 10a.m. services this summer. If you or someone you know would be interested in singing or playing an instrument for a service, please speak to Brittany. Thank you!

## **Make room at the Inn for U.S. Citizens Impacted by Disaster**

*Joint Statement from the Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

June 6, 2018

Today one hundred displaced American citizens from Puerto Rico are heading to Capitol Hill. These families have been living in local hotels since the devastation of Hurricane Maria in 2017. FEMA has refused to activate DHAP – the Disaster Housing Assistance Program – for the Puerto Rican victims of this natural disaster. [As citizens of the United States](#), those who have fled the island of Puerto Rico should have the same assistance as a citizen of the 50 states. Instead, these families are getting phone calls from FEMA encouraging them to return to Puerto Rico. They will lose their hotel housing on June 30, 2018. Without the activation of DHAP from FEMA, these families will be homeless in 25 days. With concerned citizens and people of faith, we ask, “why?” Why are these citizens receiving a different level of care and support?

We have learned that Massachusetts has the second highest number of displaced Puerto Rican families – Florida is number one. In fact Hampden County is ranked 7th in U.S. counties serving the needs of Puerto Rican families impacted by the storm. These are our neighbors. They worship in our congregations. These children attend our schools. With FEMA’s refusal to activate DHAP, they have no recourse but to turn to our legislators for help before their hotel housing runs out.

Tomorrow one hundred Puerto Rican Americans will stand for all those who found shelter here after the storm. They will meet with senators and members of Congress who have sponsored two bills which would activate DHAP immediately. These bills, if passed, will give them a long-term housing pathway from hotel to apartment. Housing is the key to recovery for these families - to having the ability to get a driver’s license and get a stable job. DHAP is the means by which these families might return to economic independence.

On June 30 thousands of people will become homeless because of FEMA’s inaction. More importantly, U.S. citizens have the right to self-determination, to live where they wish, to begin again after disaster and devastation. The governor of Puerto Rico has advocated that DHAP be activated immediately, but FEMA has refused. It is our hope that concerned citizens will use their voices, phones and social media to stand with Puerto Rican citizens. It is only by standing with one another that we can bear the weight of life’s tragedies and be witnesses for the new life that will emerge from the dust.

No American family should become homeless because of a hurricane, a wildfire or a tornado. These Puerto Rican families are our sisters and brothers, our fellow Americans. May we extend to them the hospitality and care we would have given to another homeless family two thousand years ago. As these one hundred citizens knock on the doors of power, may they be given hope and the commitment of our resources. And may we, as Episcopalians, bring their concerns to our prayer and advocacy. May we embody the love Presiding Bishop Curry preaches – the love of Jesus Christ.

The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, Bishop Diocesan of Western Massachusetts

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop Diocesan of Massachusetts

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts

<https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/ma-bishops-urge-activation-housing-assistance-displaced-puerto-ricans>

## **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Joins Other Faith Leaders in a Statement on Family Separation at Our Borders**

2018-06-13 | The Office of Government Relations of the Episcopal Church

Recently, the Administration announced that it will begin separating families and criminally prosecuting all people who enter the U.S. without previous authorization. As religious leaders representing diverse faith perspectives, united in our concern for the wellbeing of vulnerable migrants who cross our borders fleeing from danger and threats to their lives, we are deeply disappointed and pained to hear this news.

We affirm the family as a foundational societal structure to support human community and understand the household as an estate blessed by God. The security of the family provides critical mental, physical and emotional support to the development and wellbeing of children. Our congregations and agencies serve many migrant families that have recently arrived in the United States. Leaving their communities is often the only option they have to provide safety for their children and protect them from harm. Tearing children away from parents who have made a dangerous journey to provide a safe and sufficient life for them is unnecessarily cruel and detrimental to the well-being of parents and children.

As we continue to serve and love our neighbor, we pray for the children and families that will suffer due to this policy and urge the Administration to stop their policy of separating families.

### **His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian**

Diocesan Legate and Director of the Ecumenical Office  
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

### **Mr. Azhar Azeez President**

Islamic Society of North America

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**Senior Bishop McKinley Young**

Presiding Prelate, Third Episcopal District  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

**#KeepFamiliesTogether**

**WOODS HOLE INSIGHT MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays, 3- 4 PM in the Stone Church**

The weekly insight meditation group that meets on Mondays from 3- 4 PM is now gathering in the chancel of the Stone Church. The group is open to any and all in the community. The format includes 10 minutes of introductions, 35 minutes of sitting, time for questions, a closing loving kindness meditation for 10 minutes and an opportunity for people to gather informally afterwards. On occasion, we have a half hour discussion on meditation practice after our sitting for anyone who wishes to attend. Our leaders include several people who are experienced meditators and have done some teaching. I welcome this opportunity to continue to open our doors to people in the parish and community who wish to spend quiet time together at the beginning of the week. Please speak with me if you have any questions. – *Deborah*

**NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - *Capital Campaign Update***

Our original fundraising goal was \$1.55 million with a stretch goal of \$1.7 million. To date we have raised approximately \$1.6 million. Escalating labor and material prices have pushed up substantially the cost of the project. The pre-project costs plus the actual contracts total about \$2.3 million. That is now our revised campaign target. If we could reach \$2.5 million we could avoid borrowing to fund the remaining elements of the hardscape, landscape, and furnishings.

While the permitting process has taken longer than we had hoped, we still expect prime contractor Delphi to complete the project before Christmas 2018. Terry Soares and the First Church Building Committee, and Project Manager Jim Vieira are doing a splendid job managing the myriad details and processes that are necessary to move the project forward.

As to Fisher House, the sale was finalized on May 25th. All net proceeds of the sale have been added to the Church of the Messiah's endowment.

We will continue with active fundraising through this year and into the next. We will be sending out reminder notices on pledges. Any donors able to prepay pledges will reduce bridge finance during construction. We continue to develop our campaign outreach to the community, foundations and grant sources. Commencement of work on the site and building promises to generate a new level of interest, excitement and support!

We welcome your questions and suggestions. We are deeply grateful to all who are supporting this project; a project central to effective service to the parish and providing new opportunities to the wider community.

*Charles Mann, Chairman, Capital Campaign, Phase 2*

*Don Aukamp*

*Carol Casey*

*Deborah Dougherty*

*Arden Edwards*

*Mark Haycock*

*Sandra Rodgers*

**DISASTER PLANNING TEAM UPDATE**

Church of the Messiah’s **Disaster Planning team** is at work putting together our disaster pastoral care program. In Fisher House, the map of our community is up and we hope every parishioner can fill out a tab and put their family name on it and place it at their location so we can complete the neighborhood groups. After we collate the questionnaires, we will finalize our notification system for such events as power outages, or when snow, ice or other weather condition cause services to be cancelled. Please confirm with the office that we have your LOCAL address that we can include in our map as there are over 60 parishioners that only have an out of area address in our files. Your information will be confidential and extremely important as we identify ways to support each other. If you can help, please contact Dicky Allison (508-274-2935, [mallison@whoi.edu](mailto:mallison@whoi.edu). Thanks very much!

**FALMOUTH SERVICE CENTER**

**HELP WITH FOOD ALL YEAR LONG!**

**Grocery Bill of the Month Club**

Become a new member of the **GROCERY BILL OF THE MONTH CLUB** for as little as \$25 and you will be providing a bag-full of *fresh* food and vegetables to a neighbor in need— 100% of your monthly *donation* goes to helping FSC fulfill its commitment to distribute the healthiest food to its clients.

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