

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**September 16, 2018**

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



A Letter to the Earth

Dear Mother Earth,

Every time I step upon the Earth, I will train myself to see that I am walking on you. Every time I place my feet on the Earth, I have a chance to be in touch with you and with all your wonders. With every step I can touch the fact that you aren't just beneath me, dear Mother, but you are also within me. Each mindful and gentle step can nourish me, heal me, and bring me into contact with myself and with you in the present moment.

- An excerpt from Thich Nach Hahn, *How to Walk*. Berkeley: Parallax Press. 2015. page 116.

***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.*

## **A PRAYER FOR OUR FUTURE**

*As our capital campaign continues, we invite you to join together in praying the following prayer that was composed by members of the parish and the rector.*

O God, Giver of all good gifts.  
We thank You for the grace of serving You by serving our neighbors.  
May our hearts be kind and generous.  
May our ministry be rooted in love and bold in imagination.  
In transforming the First Church, renew our lives and all who join us so the community may be enriched by Your love and the power of the Spirit. Amen.

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

We encourage you to visit the new campaign page on our website <http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org/capital-campaign> where you also will find the link to the video, *Back to Our Future* that we created with Woods Hole Videographer Brian Switzer.

In terms of the campaign itself, as previously reported, the pre-project costs plus the actual contracts total about \$2.3 million and that is our revised campaign target. We expect that the furnishings, some excluded elements of landscape and hardscape and lumber price escalation will bring the total cost to \$2.5 million, so that is our stretch goal. With \$1.6 million from Phase 1, we are pleased that against the Phase 2 goal of \$700,000, we now have commitments exceeding \$400,000, bringing the overall campaign total raised to date to over \$2 million.

We continue to develop our campaign outreach to the community, foundations, and grant sources and continue to send out update letters and a new brochure with campaign materials. As progress becomes ever more visible at the construction site, we expect new interest, excitement and support!

We welcome your questions and suggestions. We are deeply grateful to all who are supporting this project that is central to effective service to the parish and to 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*

## **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 at the entrance to the Stone Church in the newly created open space. The group is open to any and all in the community. The format includes 10 minutes of introductions, 30 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*

## **FIRST CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

In an effort to keep everyone informed of our progress on the First Church Building Project, here is the latest update:

- our ADA compliant kitchen has been approved! It will be located on the first floor, with the main kitchen located upstairs, next to the meeting room;
- roof edge trim is being completed in preparation for the roof to be shingled next week;
- the leaching field drainage system has been installed and the leaching system is in place;
- work continues on the ongoing framing punch list;
- the digging has been completed for the septic system;
- the electrical and water services will be coming into the building in the next few weeks;
- in the coming weeks work will begin on the rough plumbing and electrical;
- The building committee met on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee members were given a tour and saw that the walls are framed and the dormers are in. The interior spaces are really starting to take shape. We reviewed more details of the interior construction with an eye on cost savings and more efficient use of space.
- Kudos to Delphi for managing this difficult phase of site work including finding unexpected bridge footing and clay subsoil.
- Next steps for site work are grading and prep for the terrace.
- The next FCBC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.
- Wiring and plumbing for a future generator are on track, although the generator itself is not in the budget.
- The next Vestry meeting on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> will include a tour of the site. Please arrive at 4:30PM – no open-toed shoes, flip-flops or sandals!

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

Thanks for your ongoing support!

- Terry Soares, FCBC chair

## **REFRESHMENT HOUR**

We are very appreciative to everyone who kindly provided refreshments during the summer. This coming Sunday, the host is the Rev. Deborah Warner, with assistance from Sally Hauck and Jane Vose.

### COFFEE HOUR BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY:

A new coffee hour schedule and instructions will be sent out in the coming days. Please watch for it.

***Because of the obvious lack of a kitchen while we are undergoing construction, we are keeping coffee hour very simple: both in food and drink. We are also requesting people to please bring (and take home) their own mugs.*** To help with the simplicity, we have received a very generous offer from a parishioner to underwrite the cost of having *Pie in the Sky* provide the coffee and hot water for tea during the fall and winter. The carafes will be brought to church each week (along with a milk container and milk.) We are asking that the hosts return the carafes to Pie after church.

Thanks so much for being supportive of this new change. Cheers!

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## **OUTREACH NEWS. Supporting the Falmouth Service Center**

As a reminder to contribute to the Falmouth Service Center, we will suggest donations of specific items each month. ***For September the suggestion is bath soap, body wash and shower gel.*** Look for the basket by the entrance to the church. Please contact Joan Stephenson with any questions. Thank you.

## **HEADSTONE CLEANING AND RESTORATION - TODAY**

**“Headstones stand out  
Surrounded by green grass  
Marble and granite rocks  
Reflections from my past.....”  
Anthony Tucker**

Would you like to join us in cleaning some of the beautiful and centuries old headstones in our Cemetery? The final Headstone Cleaning Program will take place *today, Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30AM to noon.*

Wear comfortable clothes and bring sun protection, a stool or kneeling pad and a beverage and/ or snack.

We will have the cleaning solution and cleaning tools.

The cemetery is next to the Church of the Messiah. Hope to see you there.

For more information please call Dee Aukamp, Cemetery Committee, 508.495.9911

**MUSIC NOTES:** Our choir season has resumed, with the first rehearsals taking place on September 5th. Choir meets from 6pm to 7pm on Wednesdays, followed by Handchime choir which meets from 7pm to 8pm. New members are always welcome in either group! If you are interested in joining, or even want to just try it out, please speak to Brittany. We'd love to have you!

## **NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:**

**Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, October 3, 5PM**

We're serving dinner to our neighbors at the Village at Cataumet, the shelter for families, on the first Wednesday of the month. 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).

## **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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I will donate online using PayPal or credit card-- click the red "Donate" button on the [www.falmouthservicecenter.org](http://www.falmouthservicecenter.org) website home page.

I commit to a monthly grocery bill of: \$25/1 bag  \$50/2 bags  \$100/4 bags  other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form to:

Falmouth Service Center @ PO Box 208, Falmouth, MA 02541-0208

Here's what the Falmouth Service Center has done since January 1, 2018 in carrying forward part of their mission, by providing "*neighbors serving neighbors.*"

- 1,146 unduplicated households received food;
- 1,319 unique adults ages 18-64,
- 579 children under 17
- 394 seniors
- 14,803 bags of food were distributed to these individuals during ALL visits between January 1 and June 30, 2018.

**REMINDER:** To help our students who want to have a new beginning when school opens soon, please bring in **pens, pencils, markers, colored markers, spiral and loose leaf notebooks, backpacks and other school items** that will help them feel they are off to a new start! Thanks to Charlie Hauck who is gathering this material from the large basket in the narthex and taking the contents to the Service Center.



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## Church of the Messiah

### 2018 Vestry

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Peter Franklin	<i>Warden</i>
Jean Taft	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
Don Aukamp	<i>Treasurer</i>

Sally Hauck	2019	Mark Haycock	2019
Charles Mann	2020	Peg Nicholson	2020
Terry Soares	2021	Nancy Rea	2021

### Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Jill Glidden	Deanery Representative
Nawrie Meigs-Brown	Deanery Representative

### Staff

The Rev. Deborah Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Brittany Lord	<i>Music Director, Organist</i>
Nancy McDonald	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
Jennifer Kelly	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Julie DeMello	<i>Financial Recorder</i>
Bruce Bagley	<i>Church Sexton</i>
Doug Amon	<i>Cemetery Sexton</i>
Warren Bagley	<i>Custodian</i>
Jessica Morrison	<i>Webmaster</i>

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