

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
July 22, 2018

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



Collect for Quiet Confidence

O God of peace,
who has taught us that in returning
and rest we shall be saved,
in quietness and confidence shall be our strength:
By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence,
where we may be still and know
that you are God.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

~ Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer (1979), page 832

*The flowers on the steps of the church are given
in honor of Jean Graham's 75th birthday
and
in memory of John William Graham*

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 changed by Your love and the power of the Spirit. Amen.

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:

- The final building permit has been issued – so it is “all systems go!”
- Two permits from the Falmouth Water Department have been applied for and are pending.
- Tree work continues on the north side of the building, in preparation for the small parking lot which will be used as a staging area for the project.
- Excavation for the foundation of the small addition at the rear of the building has begun.
- Delphi is confirming that the floor choices made by the Interior Committee and Jim Vieira on June 21st are within the budget. In addition, a chart will be forthcoming giving us deadlines for when additional selection decisions must be completed.
- Bids are now being submitted by three contractors for the retaining wall stonework and veneer.
- At the July building FCBC meeting, after being issued hard hats and making sure footwear is appropriate, members will be able to walk through the building led by Jim Vieira and Andrew Murphy of Delphi to see progress on the project.

If you have any questions, please contact me: mtscapecod@gmail.com.

Thanks for your ongoing support!

- Terry Soares, FCBC chair

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:

Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday August 1st at 5 PM.

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)

NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - *Capital Campaign Update*

Our big news is that the video, Back to Our Future that we created with Woods Hole Videographer par excellence, Brian Switzer, is now available online. You will find it at: [Vimeo.com/channels/MessiahWoodsHole](https://vimeo.com/channels/MessiahWoodsHole). 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 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 thousand, we have so far raised \$254 thousand.

In response to our recent mailing, we are grateful to those who have prepaid their pledged contributions. These prepayments reduce our need for short-term construction financing. We continue to develop our campaign outreach to the community, foundations and grant sources and soon will be sending out update letters and a new brochure with campaign materials. As progress becomes 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; 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

REFRESHMENT HOUR

We are very appreciative to these people who have kindly offered to provide refreshments during the following Sundays.

July

22 The Haucks
29 The Aukamps

August

5 Lynne Hoar
12 Jane Vose
19 Falmouth Road Race – No coffee hour
26 Barbara Billings & Mary Fran Buckley

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REFRESHMENT HOUR

The following dates are open:

September

2
9
16

Please sign up after church or call the office, 508-548-2145. Sally Hauck and Jane Vose will have the new schedule for the fall beginning on September 23rd. Thank you.

HEADSTONE CLEANING AND RESTORATION

**“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 Headstone Cleaning Program will take place again this year on four Sundays:

July 29, August 26, September 9 and 16 from 9:30 to 12.

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

MIDDLE EAST FORUM OF FALMOUTH LECTURE, Sunday, July 29, 2018, 5:00 PM

The first of three lectures in the new series is "An Innovative Approach to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Peace through Science", and will be given by [Allen Taylor & Kim Kronenberg](#). The speakers will report on a new program, entitled STEP-GTP: Science Training Encouraging Peace- Graduate Training Program (<http://www.step-gtp.org/>). Allen Taylor and Kim Kronenberg are the founders and directors of this program. Allen Taylor is also Director of the Laboratory for Nutrition and Vision Research, Professor of Nutrition, Development, Molecular and Chemical Biology, and Ophthalmology, at Tufts University. Kim Kronenberg teaches public health communications at Boston University. They have lived in Israel twice, each time for a year. They developed STEP with the goal of creating transformative and enduring professional relationships between Israeli and Palestinian health sciences practitioners and scholars

These lectures are a series of free talks, open to the public and intended to expand our community's knowledge and understanding of events and cultures in the Middle East. The Middle East Forum of Falmouth is the formal successor to the Ad Hoc Committee for Peace & Justice in the Middle East, which initiated this series and sponsored lectures each summer since 2002. Further information about the Forum, including a listing of the other upcoming lectures, is available on the website, www.meff.world. We are grateful to the Church of the Messiah for providing an air conditioned, handicap-accessible venue for these talks. Donations to support the speakers and the venue are greatly appreciated.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFERTORY MUSICIANS AND SOLOISTS: We are very grateful to those musicians who have or will be providing music during the summer months. Last Sunday, we were honored to have *Wells Graney*, a rising fifth grader at St. Thomas Choir School in New York City sing a beautiful blessing written by the English composer John Rutter. Today we are delighted to welcome back flutist *Mary Sholkovitz* as our guest soloist. If you or someone you know would be interested in singing or playing an instrument for a service, please speak to me.

SUMMER CONCERTS: Due to the 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 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!
Thanks very much for your continuing support of our music ministry. - Brittany

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

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). 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 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

The following is the text of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's sermon at the Prayer of Vision, Witness and Justice near the T. Don Hutto Residential Center in Taylor, Texas on July 8, 2018.

And now in the Name of our One Loving, Liberating and Life-Giving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Before I share just a few thoughts I want to thank, ya'll are in the sun, they'll be few trust me. I want to thank all who have made this possible, Megan and Bishop DeDe and Winnie, all who have made this possible and I want to say a special word of thanks to this community, to those who have helped to get permits so that we might make our witness of prayer and faith in decency and in order. And I just want to say a word of thank you to the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tempore who came to welcome us.

Allow me to say we do not come in hatred. We do not come in bigotry. We do not come to put anybody down. We come to lift everybody up. We come in love. We come in love because we follow Jesus. And Jesus taught us love. Love the Lord your (God). And love your (neighbor). Love your liberal neighbor. Love your conservative neighbor. Love your Democratic neighbor. Love your Republican neighbor. Love your Independent neighbor. Love your neighbor who you don't like. Love the neighbor you disagree with. Love your Christian neighbor. Love your Muslim neighbor. Love your Jewish neighbor. Love your Palestinian neighbor. Love your Israeli neighbor. Love your refugee neighbor. Love your immigrant neighbor. Love the prison guard neighbor. Love your neighbor!

We come in love, in love. I would submit that the teachings of Jesus to love God and love our neighbor is at the core and the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. And we must be people who reclaim Christianity from its popular modality, from the way it is often perceived and presented to a way of Christianity that looks something like Jesus! And Jesus said, love God and love your (neighbor). We come in love. That is the core of our faith. That is the heart of it. And we come, because we are Christian and the way of love calls for us to be humanitarian. It calls for us to care for those who have no one to care for them. And we come because we don't believe that a great nation like this one separates children from their families. We come because we believe that this nation conceived in liberty, dedicated to the proposition that all people are created equal. We believe that we must call this nation America back to its very soul! We are here because we love this nation. 'Cause if you really love somebody you don't leave them the way they are. You help them to become their best selves. We are here to save the soul of America. Save the soul of America!

Now let me unpack it briefly this way. If you want a symbol for America, fly into New York City sometime. I'm not talking about New York City itself as the symbol of America. It's a nice place, but I don't know about that. I mean it is a wonderful place, good people, but the harbor, if you fly over the harbor, depending on your approach, and I do it all the time, usually because I'm coming from Raleigh, North Carolina. I have to look out the left side of the airplane, and when I do as the plane is making its approach into La Guardia airport, you'll see a large, green statue. It is a statue of a woman and she has a torch in her hand, lifted up, and a book in her hand, and on that book are inscribed the words, July 4th 1776. We must save the soul of America by calling America back to its core, to its core values which it hasn't always lived up to, but the values are there nonetheless. And on July 4th 1776, if I remember my history correctly, on that day was issued a Declaration of Independence. Now we're friends with Great Britain now, but back then we had some issues. And on the day, in the Declaration of Independence, you will find these words, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men" – all people, all people – "are created equal."

Not just American people, no, but all people, wherever they come from. People from Honduras, people from Mexico, people from Costa Rica, people from Venezuela, people from Asia, people from Africa, people from Europe, all people are created equal. All!

Now I think that's America. And then the text goes on in the Declaration of Independence, "all people are created equal, and they are endowed by their Creator," not by Congress, not by a parliament, not by a potentate, not by a president, endowed by the Creator, "with certain unalienable" – unalienable rights, that cannot be abridged or cannot be amended because they derive from God! Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, THAT'S the American way. We come in love. We come because we believe in loving your neighbor. And we come because we love America and we want America to be true to her highest self.

But let me go on because I really am coming to the conclusion. On that same Statue of Liberty there is a poem that was composed by Emma Lazarus. And these are the words, I'm not making this up, it's on the Statue of Liberty. You can't get more American than that! So American hear me well! On the Statue of Liberty these are the words:

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch in her hand.
Her flame is the flame of imprisoned lightning.
And her name –*

Hear me America –

*Her name is Mother of Exiles. From her beaconed hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air bridged harbor that becomes the twin great cities.*

And this is what she says:

*"Keep ancient lands your storied pomp!" she cries,
"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shores.
Send these the homeless, the tempest tossed to me,
I lift my torch before the golden door."*

America! America! Means welcome! Welcome! Come God's children! America means welcome. We come because we are people of love. We love those who seek refuge from war and violence and hardship. We come because we want America to truly be great. Alexander de Tocqueville came and spent time in the United States in the 19th century. He traveled the land, and met and listened to the peoples of the land, the indigenous people of the land. The other people who weren't indigenous, or natives, who immigrated to the land – help me somebody – all the folk he got to meet, he met slaves and free slaves, met native Americans and their folk, met European Americans who had come here, fleeing famine, fleeing persecution, he met the peoples of America, and de Tocqueville wrote, and I quote, "America is great because America is good.

Let us make America great again, by making America good, by making America kind, by making America just, by making America loving! Let us make America great again!

God love you! God bless you! And don't you quit, and don't you get weary! God bless you!



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