

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
December 23 and 30, 2018

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



Love came down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas:
Stars and angels gave the sign.

Love shall be our token;
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and neighbor,
Love for peace and gift and sign.

- *Christina Rossetti (adapted)*

*The Advent Wreath is given in loving memory of
Carole Costa
by Peg Nicholson*

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.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS: HERE AND NOW

It takes tremendous time, commitment and energy to pull together the myriad of details at Christmas in a parish. I am immensely grateful to so many for your willingness to continue to create such a welcoming place for members and visitors – especially now. Many thanks to the *Altar Guild, Flower Arrangers, Choir, LEMS, Lectors, Ushers, Wardens and Vestry*. All of them form an amazing team! They cannot do all they do without the incredible energy and commitment of our staff. Great, great thanks to *Nancy McDonald* for preparing our bulletins and being on top of the technology to make it happen; *Doug Amon* who sensitively works with families and friends who have members buried in the cemetery and memorial garden, *Bruce Bagley* for making sure our grounds are as lovely as they are and the interior of the buildings and furnishings in good repair; *Warren Bagley* for his efforts in making sure the buildings are clean and welcoming; our financial team who keep careful track of our income and expenses: *Julie DeMello* and *Jennifer Kelly*; and *Jessica Morrison* who is behind our public face via our website and Facebook page. Last but not least, we thank *Brittany Lord* for her dedication, musical abilities, organizational skills and kind presence which she so graciously shares with members and visitors alike. Thanks very, very much. - DMW

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Our prayers are asked for: Ted Ruegg, those who suffer from addiction, anxiety, are survivors of abuse or assault, are unemployed or are homeless.

In addition, we pray for Wisty Moseley – whose memorial service will be here on December 28th at 10 AM; and for Susan Kingwill whose memorial service will also be here on December 28th at 2 PM. We also pray for Jim Avery whose memorial service will be in Boulder, CO on January 4, 2019. We pray in thanksgiving for their lives and for their families who grieve their deaths.

OUTREACH NEWS: Supporting the Falmouth Service Center.

For many years now the Falmouth Service Center has been giving out food for Thanksgiving and children's gifts at Christmas, so that everyone in Falmouth might be able to celebrate the Holidays. Those who receive these gifts or support now or throughout the year are deeply grateful for your continued generosity.

As we continue to support the Service Center, our suggestions for donations in January are coffee, tea and hot chocolate mix for the cold winter days.

The next Outreach Committee meeting will be **Monday, January 14th**, 10 AM in Fisher House.

THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET GUESTS THANK YOU

The individuals and families at the Village at Cataumet thank everyone who has contributed to bringing in bedding and cleaning supplies to help them as they move from temporary to permanent housing. We extend our deep appreciation to Jill and Leah Glidden who again organized our efforts for this project. All gifts will be delivered on Sunday, December 23rd.

STEWARDSHIP LETTER TO BE MAILED IN JANUARY

The late fall is when we usually send our annual stewardship appeal. However, because of our ongoing capital campaign, we are postponing this appeal until January. If you wish to make a year-end gift to the church or a prepayment for 2019, please know of our deep appreciation. – *The Vestry*

REFRESHMENT HOUR

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. Please bring (and take home) your own mug. Thank you.

December

23 *Christmas Cheer* ~ Drink a toast with bubbly!

30 *Christmas Remains* ~Bring your leftover sweets!

January

6 Mark & Joyce Haycock

4 – 7 PM EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY

Weather Permitting

13 Terry & Reg Soares

20 Mary Swope

27 **Annual Meeting** – Potluck Lunch



Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

4:30 PM - Family Service

8:00 PM - Festival Eucharist

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25

10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

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:

- Paragon Landscaping completed the stone work for the retaining wall and side terrace;
 - final grading of the grounds around the building and parking lot wall, and stabilizing the hillside will be completed after Christmas. Loam and seeding will be completed in the spring;
 - the fire systems have been installed on the first and second floors and are in the process of being installed in the basement;
 - hanging drywall is ongoing;
 - the painters will start priming the walls on December 31;
 - a temporary natural gas line will be installed between the Stone Church and the new Parish and Community Center. This temporary installation is necessary because there is a lockout and moratorium on new connections. Once the moratorium is lifted, a permanent connection will be put in place.
 - Peg Nicholson and Jim Vieira met with Delphi to review the budget projection to the end of construction.
- Wiring and plumbing for a future generator are on track, although the generator itself is not in the budget.

The next FCBC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9th at 4 PM.

A VIDEO WAS TAKEN ON DECEMBER 15TH AT THE BUILDING'S "SNEAK PEEK."
WATCH FOR A NOTICE RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS
WHEN IT WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE

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

Thanks for your ongoing support! - Terry Soares, FCBC chair

NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - *Capital Campaign Update*

Wondering what's new? A new Facebook page and the capital campaign page on our website (<http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org/capital-campaign>) provide information on the campaign's progress, photos of progress on the building, a link to our original campaign video, *Back to Our Future*, and an online donation function.

Our recent "Woods Hole" mailing (based on town property records and thus reaching many far-flung non-residents) produced gratifying results and substantially expanded our number of supporters. We are pleased to report that contributions and pledges as of December 12, 2018 now total \$2.156 million. We are setting our sights on our stretch goal of \$2.5 million, the full cost of the completed project. We continue our outreach to the community, foundations, and grant sources. With progress at the site ever more visible and exciting, we expect to report continued progress towards our goal.

A new video of the interior of the new parish and community center, made on Saturday, Dec. 15th at the "walk through" will be online very soon. Watch for further details right after Christmas.

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

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:

Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, January 2, 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).

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. ***On Christmas Eve, we will meet from 1- 2 PM because of the afternoon and evening Christmas services.*** 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*



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Peter Franklin	<i>Warden</i>
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The Rev. Deborah Warner	<i>Rector</i>
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