

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
January 20, 2019

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



A Prayer for Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit
may so move every human heart
and especially the hearts of the people of this land,
that barriers which divide us may crumble,
suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease;
that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

~ Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer (1979) page 823

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.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from addiction, anxiety, are survivors of abuse or assault, are unemployed, homeless or are feeling anguished by the partial federal government shut down. We also pray for refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries.

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:

Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, February 6, 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).

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.

January

- 20** Mary Swope
- 27** **Annual Meeting** – Sandwiches provided

February

- 3** Lynne Hoar
- 10** Kasparian Family
- 17** Carol Casey
- 24** Dicky Allison & Jean Taft

UPCOMING FALMOUTH FORUMS at 7:30 PM Lillie Auditorium, 7 MBL Street, Woods Hole **Friday, January 25th, Kara Lavender Law, Sea Education Association.**

Dr. Law is a physical oceanographer and a leading authority on marine plastics. She will address the catastrophic effects of plastics in the ocean and on marine ecology.

Friday, March 29th, John Holdren, Former Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and currently serving as a Professor at the Kennedy School of Government, and the Woods Hole Research Center. Dr Holdren will address the effects of current and future changes in the earth's climate.

OUTREACH NEWS: Supporting the Falmouth Service Center.

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

In response to concerns parishioners have raised regarding those in the US Coast Guard who are being effected by the government shutdown, Brenda Swain, director of the Falmouth Service Center, said the FSC is continuing to serve families on Joint Base Cape Cod as well as offering to have some of these service families and other clients come to the center for additional help.

If you would like to help support this particular program during these economic challenges for Coast Guard members and their families and others who have lost income because of the partial government shutdown, please send a check payable to the *Falmouth Service Center* at 611 Gifford Street in Falmouth (02540) marked *Joint Base Cape Cod on the memo line*.

The next Outreach Committee meeting will be **Monday, February 4th**, 10 AM in the Stone Church.

FIRST CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are approaching the finish line! I have been attending the weekly site meeting as we approach the end of our building project. Our team of Jim Vieira, Delphi Construction and Keenan and Kenny are energized as we near our completion goal of the end of February. Kitchen cabinets will be delivered and installation will begin by the 3rd week of January. Painting and installation of fixtures are on track. We have tentative moving date of Tuesday, March 19th!

- final grading of the grounds around the building and parking lot wall, and stabilizing the hillside will be completed by the end of this week. Loam and seeding will be completed in the spring;
 - the fire systems have been installed in the basement and on the first and second floors;
 - hanging of drywall is continuing;
 - the painters have started priming the walls;
 - the downspouts and gutters have been installed;
 - Delphi has been in conversation with National Grid to determine when we can get a new gas line installed directly into the new Parish and Community Center. It is scheduled to be completed by the end of January.
 - 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, February 6th and will include a walk-through of the building.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support and suggestions. We are almost there!

Terry Soares, FCBC chairperson

**CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH
WOODS HOLE, MA**

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH 2019

11:30 AM – 12:20 PM

Sandwiches will be served.

STEWARDSHIP LETTER TO BE MAILED LATER THIS MONTH

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 later this month. – *The Vestry*

FROM CHRISTMAS CARDS TO GIFT TAGS

Do you still have some of the Christmas cards you received this year? Carol Wagner has been turning the front of cards, with no writing on the back, into gift tags for the following year, and they could be sold at the Renaissance Fair, along with the soup. Please bring any cards to the church and Carol will collect them. Contact her if you would like to get together to work on the project. Thank you.

NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - *Capital Campaign Update*

On December 15th, about 50 community members accepted our invitation to tour the transformed structure. Delphi did a wonderful job in preparing the project site and building for these visitors. Brian Switzer has created a 2 minute video report that beautifully captures the visitors’ enthusiasm. The video can be played from our website: (<http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org/capital-campaign>) or via this link: <https://vimeo.com/308424117>.

To show the progress of the campaign, on the project site we now have a striking graphic with a mostly red candle that we hope to color in completely as the campaign progresses. The current total of gifts and pledges is approaching \$2.2 million against our stretch goal of \$2.5 million.

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.

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| <i>Charles Mann, Chairman, Capital Campaign, Phase 2</i> | |
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A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOPS

Bishop Alan M. Gates and Bishop Gayle E. Harris have issued the following pastoral letter to the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, regarding the General Convention's three-year suspension of the statute of limitations on clergy disciplinary cases involving sexual misconduct against adults.

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops to the People of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

January 17, 2019

Dear People of the Diocese of Massachusetts,

Since October 2017, when #Me Too began to spread virally in conversations on social media about sexual abuse and harassment, primarily in the workplace, shocking stories of misconduct have come to light involving business leaders, celebrities, politicians and many others. Sadly, the church has not been immune from instances of sexual abuse and harassment. As a result of this heightened awareness and flood of painful stories, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and President of the House of Deputies Gay Clark Jennings issued a [call in January 2018](#) to The Episcopal Church to “examine its history and come to a fuller understanding of how it has handled or mishandled cases of sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse through the years.” They invited voices from across the church to help determine how to proceed in both “atoning for the church’s past and shaping a more just future.”

Thankfully, many of those voices have been heard over the past year. Stories were collected and anonymously related in a “[Liturgy of Listening](#)” at the 79th General Convention last July in Austin, Texas. They also inspired a number of resolutions which came before General Convention, among them resolution [D034](#) which called for a three-year suspension of the statute of limitations on clergy disciplinary cases involving sexual misconduct against adults. There is no time limit on reporting clergy sexual misconduct against children and youth under age 21. The adoption of this resolution, which lifts the statute of limitations from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2021, provides an opportunity for those injured or affected by sexual misconduct by Episcopal clergy to relate their stories, as well as a vehicle for the church to respond with disciplinary processes for the clergy responsible for these acts and with concrete actions toward the healing of individuals, congregations and, in some cases, entire dioceses affected by abusive actions.

In our own diocese, we recognize that clergy are not the only ones who have committed acts of abuse or harassment in the church. Some who are lay staff, volunteers or other parishioners have acted inappropriately. For several months, a new #Me Too Task Force of our diocese has been in conversation and has been considering how to respond in situations where a lay person has engaged in sexual misconduct within the church. While there is no canonical disciplinary process for lay persons as there is for clergy, our desire is that our churches be safe places for everyone, environments where all can thrive in faith in God and service to their neighbors. The #Me Too Task Force is considering ways to encourage the sharing of stories, protocols for response, and events to atone for these harmful actions and to engender in our congregations a deeper awareness of our baptismal call to “respect the dignity of every human being.”

As your bishops, we invite you to take several actions as you may be moved to do so:

First, we hope every member of our diocese will remember all who are victims of sexual abuse, harassment, exploitation, or human trafficking in your prayers both publicly and privately. For too long, these stories have existed in the shadows. As painful as it may be, it is time to bring them to light, to examine the failings of the church, to pursue appropriate discipline and repentance for those who have committed acts of misconduct, and to seek healing for victims and others affected by these actions.

Second, we invite those who have been affected by acts of sexual abuse, harassment or misconduct by clergy, whether in this diocese or elsewhere, to relate their stories to one of our [diocesan intake officers for clergy disciplinary matters](#), Starr Anderson (starrkanderson@gmail.com) and the Rev. Thea Keith-Lucas (revthea@gmail.com). Those coming forward with a complaint can be assured that their identity will be held in confidence until and unless they agree that it may be revealed to others. The Episcopal Church’s clergy disciplinary process can be found in detail at www.titleiv.org.

Finally, stay alert for reports from the #Me Too Task Force as it prepares a protocol for receiving stories of misconduct by lay persons and develops resources to assist our congregations in further developing a climate that nurtures and respects the dignity of each person.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates
Bishop Diocesan

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris
Bishop Suffragan

<https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/bishops-issue-pastoral-letter-churchs-response-sexual-misconduct>



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