

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
March 31, 2019

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



A Prayer for the Church

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light:
Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery;
by the effectual working of your providence,
carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation;
let the whole world see and know that things which were being cast down are being raised up,
and things which had grown old are being made new,
and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

~ *Book of Common Prayer (1979) page 528*

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 Rory recovering from surgery, and those who suffer from addiction, anxiety, are survivors of abuse or assault, those who are undergoing treatment or living with cancer, are unemployed, homeless or are feeling anguished by the lasting effects of the partial federal government shut down. We also pray for refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries.

REFRESHMENT HOUR

March

31 Lynne Hoar

April

7 Tara & Peter Franklin

14 Debbie & Bill Dougherty

21 **EASTER SUNDAY**



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

If you wish to give flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in a Flower Donation envelope that can be found on the table at the entrance to the church. We ask that all donations and names are received in the parish office by Thursday, April 11th.

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:

Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, April 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).

FIRST CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are moved in!

Many thanks to all who helped with packing, unpacking, sorting, discarding and generally lending a hand as we begin to settle into our beautiful new space. Your help has been extraordinary!

Thank you so much for your support throughout this project.

Terry Soares, FCBC chairperson

OUTREACH NEWS: Supporting the Falmouth Service Center.

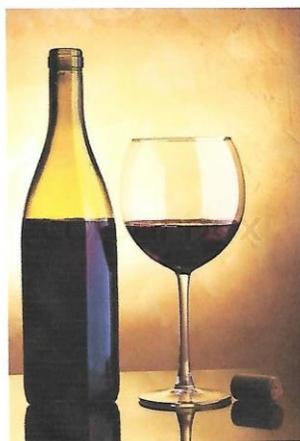
As we continue to support the Falmouth Service Center, our suggestion for donations in April is pet food and cat litter. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be Monday, April 1st, 10AM in the Stone Church.

CONCERT IN THE STONE CHURCH, Saturday, April 6th, 4:00pm

Ensemble Passacaglia

presents

Old Wine in New Bottles



A performance of Medieval, Renaissance and World
Music

featuring

Jan Elliott - recorder, concertina and whistle

Lisa Esperson - riqq, tar, dumbek and other percussion

Tom Hanna - lute, guitar, bouzouki and mandolin

Molly Johnston - viola da gamba

Saturday, April 6, 4:00pm

Church of the Messiah 22 Church St., Woods Hole

Admission by free will donation - \$15 suggested

For more information call: 508-540-0865 or 508-548-2145

NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - *Capital Campaign Update*

As reported in the Annual Report, we closed the year with a total of gifts, pledges and bequests to the Campaign of about \$2.2 million toward our stretch goal of \$2.5 million. We continue fundraising and expect to do so through the summer. To indicate the progress of the Campaign, there is a striking graphic at the Center with a mostly red candle that we hope to completely color in before the Campaign closes.

We remind those who have not yet watched it, to view the splendid 2 minute video report on the December 15th open house in which Brian Switzer captured views of the new spaces and recorded many community members' responses to the transformed structure. The video can be viewed from our website:

(<http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org/capital-campaign>) or directly via this

link: <https://vimeo.com/308424117>.

As always, 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

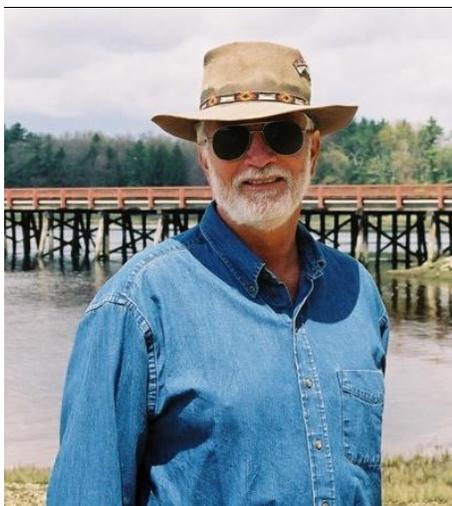
Arden Edwards

Mark Haycock

Sandra Rodgers

FINAL CONCERT FOR WOODS HOLE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

Sunday, April 7th



The Woods Hole Folk Music Society closes its 47th and **final concert** season with singer-songwriter Bill Staines,

7:30pm, at Community Hall, 68 Water Street, Woods Hole.

Doors open at 7pm. \$20, with discounts for members, seniors, youth and children.

More info at woodsholefolk@gmail.com and www.arts-cape.com/whfolkmusic.

STEWARDSHIP LETTER TO BE MAILED SOON

The late fall is when we usually send our annual stewardship appeal. However, because of our ongoing capital campaign and move, we are postponing this appeal until April. – *The Vestry*

Bishop Alan M. Gates and Cathedral Dean Amy E. McCreath issue statements in the wake of New Zealand mosque shootings

In the wake of the shootings that took place in two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand on Friday March 15, Bishop Alan M. Gates and dean of the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Amy E. McCreath, issued statements to the Muslim prayer group that gathers in the cathedral to worship each Friday.

Statement from Bishop Alan M. Gates:

I extend my greeting and prayers to your gathering today, as we all grieve the devastating attacks and loss of life in New Zealand.

Bishops of the Episcopal Church are gathered this week in North Carolina, where this morning we all joined in solidarity of grief, united with the faithful of every language, peoples, and creed, in condemnation of the hatred and violence that infects the soul of our world.

Our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, quoted the spiritual hymn of his ancestors in slavery, who sang, “Walk together children, and don’t you get weary.”

May we join our own voices, prayers, and actions, not wearying, but standing against every manifestation of bigotry, hatred and violence.

Statement from Cathedral Dean Amy E. McCreath:

Our hearts are broken by the cruelty and the prejudice that led to this awful day. I mourn the taking of innocent lives, the destruction of the fabric of families, of communities, and the pain afflicted to so many, and the attempt to intimidate Muslims around the world.

I stand--and our whole cathedral and diocesan community stand--with you today, as sisters and brothers affirming the dignity of all people, the holiness and freedom of those who follow Islam to worship, and to live, and to thrive, and to offer their beautiful contribution to the building of salaam--we need this salaam so much.

I mourn the advent of leadership in our nation and elsewhere that would cast doubt on the goodness of your tradition and reinforce negative stereotypes. I deplore the violent language that is heard in high places that makes those whose hearts have been infected by hate feel freer to act, that sends a spirit of judgmentalism and fear into the world like a storm cloud.

In the Christian tradition, we are in the season of Lent. This is a season of repentance and discipline when we are called to turn back to our creator, turn back to the calling to love our neighbor, turn back to our commitment to right relationship with one another and our holy one. Humanity has such a need for this repentance and for the healing of hearts so that we can build a world in which everyone is able to thrive, to learn and grow, to be safe in their homes and their places of worship, and to grow into the fullness of who we are created to be.

Know that we mourn with you today, we stand with you and are grounded in our hope for spiritual renewal for this world, we want to work together with you, and we pray for you.

March 15, 2019

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 14th

8:00 & 10:00 AM Palm Sunday Liturgy and Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 18th

7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy

Note: There is no Maundy Thursday dinner this year.

Good Friday, April 19th

12 Noon Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Day

5:45 AM Sunrise Service at Nobska Light

8:00 AM Holy Communion and Music

10:00 AM Festival Eucharist, Choir and Trumpet

Easter Reception in the Woods Hole Room in the Parish and Community Center

PRESIDING BISHOP TO VISIT THE DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS: April 27-29

The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will be visiting our diocese on April 27th through April 29th. His schedule will include meeting with young people of our diocese in Boston on Saturday, April 27th; joining in a panel discussion with Bishop Barbara Harris and Byron Rushing, Vice President of the House of Deputies, on Sunday, April 28th in New Bedford; and meeting with the diocesan clergy at the beginning of Clergy Conference on Monday, April 29th. Further information will be forthcoming, but I wanted to let you know of Bishop Curry's upcoming visitation.

~DMW



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Church of the Messiah

2019 Vestry

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| The Rev. Deborah M. Warner | <i>Rector</i> |
| Jean Taft | <i>Warden</i> |
| Nancy Rea | <i>Warden</i> |
| Winifred Dick | <i>Clerk</i> |
| John Nolan | <i>Treasurer</i> |

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| Charles Mann | 2020 | Peg Nicholson | 2020 |
| Terry Soares | 2021* | Peter Franklin | 2021 |
| Don Aukamp | 2022 | Paul Graney | 2022 |
| *Susan Morse | 2021, as of April 1, 2019 | | |

Deanery Representatives

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| Dicky Allison | Diocesan, Deanery Representative |
| Helen Gordon | Diocesan, Deanery Representative |
| Carol Casey | Deanery Representative |
| Joan Stephenson | Deanery Representative |

Staff

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