

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
April 14, 2019

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

The Poet Thinks about the Donkey

On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
He stood and waited.

How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.

But the donkey, tied to a tree, as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.

~ Mary Oliver, *Thirst*. Boston: Beacon Press. 2006.

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. We also pray for refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries.

REFRESHMENT HOUR

April

14 Debbie & Bill Dougherty
21 **EASTER SUNDAY** – Reception in the Parish and Community Center!

PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

We continue to work through our punch list with Delphi. The landscaping will begin in a couple of weeks. Thank you for making all of this possible!

~ Terry Soares, FCBC chairperson

THE NOONTUNES SUMMER CONCERT SERIES RETURNS! After a break last year due to the construction of the new parish hall, our Noontunes Summer Concert Series will be returning this summer! This year's schedule is:

Wednesday, July 10th: Sarah Bach, soprano, Michael Winer, violin and Brittany Lord, piano
Wednesday, July 17th: Stephanie Miele, voice, Nancy Wendlandt, piano
Wednesday, July 24th: Katie Koglin, harp
Wednesday, July 31st: Woods Hole Recorder Consort

We are looking for sponsors to cover the costs of these concerts. A free-will offering that is collected during the concert goes towards the music program at Church of the Messiah. We welcome donations of any amount, and all donors will be listed in each program during the series. Donations may be made "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone and will be listed that way in the program. Brochures that include more information about Noontunes and becoming a sponsor are available in the back of the church. Please speak to Brittany if you have any questions. Thank you, and looking forward to another great season!

~ Brittany Lord

HOLY WEEK and EASTER

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



EASTER SUNDAY RECEPTION following the 10 AM SERVICE

Dear Parishioners,

Hallelujahs are coming soon: following the 10 A.M. service on Easter Sunday, April 21, we will be celebrating Eastertide, Spring and rebirth with a very special, first-ever reception in our beautifully renovated Parish and Community Center! We'll have a bountiful traditional garden egg hunt for children so **bring your Easter Baskets!**

We anticipate a very well-attended service and social hour, so we're asking everyone to please bring an easy-to-eat treat for our coffee hour table. We look forward to a varied and plentiful array of goodies. Please prepare or pick-up whatever tickles your fancy. Ideas are: tea sandwiches, cheese plate, fresh fruit (perhaps on toothpicks), deviled eggs, vegetables and dip, bundt or coffee cake, cookies, brownies, small savory finger foods, lemon squares and also gluten-free treats.

Please **label your plates & containers** with your name and deliver all food to the new kitchen (2nd floor) of the Parish and Community Center on Sunday morning prior to the 10 A.M. service. We plan to have all personal dishes and containers ready to be taken home before the end of coffee hour.

Please email me if you have any questions or wish to assist for a short time before or during the reception.

With great appreciation & gladness for your contributions,
-Dori & Bill Mebane
dmebane@penikese.org

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 about Bishop Curry's upcoming visitation. ~ DMW

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, May 13th, 10AM in the PCC.

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:

Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, May 1, 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).

FOR WOMEN ONLY!

Ladies, do you have any unloved bras at home? Ones that somehow end up in the bottom of the drawer week after week; the ones that are your last, desperate choice? Did you know that other women could use your unloved purchases? There is a charity that collects lightly used bras for homeless and underprivileged women who would be grateful for your contributions (supportthegirls.org). The Cape Cod Times recently had an article on it and we thought it was a cause we could support (no pun intended!). We will be collecting your selections on SUNDAY, MAY 5TH at church before both services. Please don't bring anything you wouldn't be happy to hand someone in person - nothing frayed or with loose elastic. We will send them to women who will be very, very happy to receive something new from their caring sisters.

BRING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ON SUNDAY, MAY 5TH. Thank you! Carol Casey ~ 508-299-8330

CAPE COD LITERACY COUNCIL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS – Have you ever thought you would enjoy helping someone learn English? Here is your opportunity to find out what a rewarding experience it can be. The Cape Cod Literacy Council (CCLC) trains volunteer tutors and matches them with immigrants who have requested a tutor. The spring training will be scheduled sometime in April or May. If you have questions, contact Jane Jackson at janebjackson@gmail.com or call the CCLC volunteer coordinator at 508-771-0211.

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
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Deborah Dougherty

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