

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
April 7, 2019

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



All who hunger

All who hunger, never stranger,
Seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
In communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

~ Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993),
text for "All who hunger", Hymn 761 in
Wonder, Love and Praise.

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

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| 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.

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

STEWARDSHIP LETTER TO BE MAILED SOON

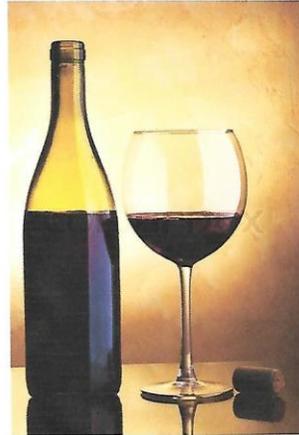
The late fall is when we usually send our annual stewardship appeal. However, because of our ongoing capital campaign and move, we are postponing this appeal until April. – *The Vestry*

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

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:

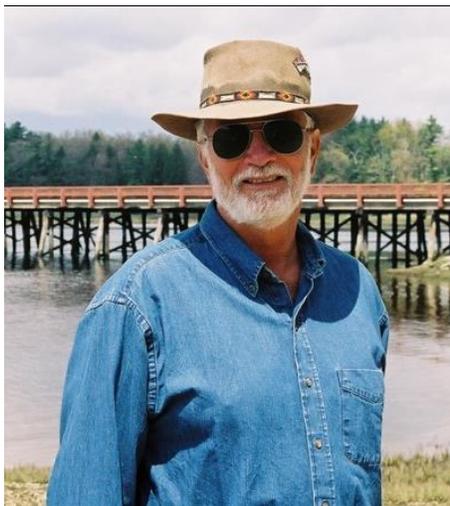
Wednesday, July 10th: Sarah Bach, soprano, Michael Winer, violin and Brittany Lord, piano
Wednesday, July 17th: Stephanie Miele, voice, Nancy Wendlandt, piano
Wednesday, July 24th: Katie Koglin, harp
Wednesday, July 31st: Woods Hole Recorder Consort

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

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.

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.

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

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

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



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