

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
December 29, 2019

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



The Manger

...the world itself is a manger where God is continually being born into our lives, into the things that happen to us.

Most of the time, if you are like me, you are looking the other way.

*Fredrick Buechner interviewed by David Hardin in 1989
and quoted on the website: www.blueeyedennis.com*

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.
Having transformed the Parish and Community Center, may our lives,
and the lives of all who join us, continue to be renewed by Your love and the
power of the Spirit. Amen.

COFFEE HOUR

December

29 Christmas remains – Bring your leftover sweets to share

January

5 Mark & Joyce Haycock
12 Terry & Reg Soares
19 Jim Murray
26 **Annual Meeting**

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from addiction, anxiety, are survivors of abuse or assault, those who are undergoing treatment or living with cancer, are unemployed or homeless. We pray for refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries and for all who are ministering to their needs.

THE GIVING TREE PRESENTS WERE OVERFLOWING

Thanks to the generosity of many people, the area around the Giving Tree was piled high with gifts for our neighbors who are living at the Villages at Cataumet until they can find permanent housing. The gifts were taken to the Villages on last Sunday, December 22nd. On behalf of all who benefited from your thoughtful generosity, thank you. Finally, we are very grateful to Jill and Leah Glidden who organized this special outreach ministry again this year.

OUTREACH NEWS: Supporting the Falmouth Service Center

As we continue to support the Falmouth Service Center, suggested donations for January are coffee, tea and hot chocolate mix. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be Monday, January 6th at 10:30 AM in the PCC Conference Room.

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET

Next Monthly Dinner: Wednesday, January 1st at 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!

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS THANKS

I wish to thank the following people who have extended themselves in this busy Advent and Christmas season:

- The Flower Committee for “greening the church” and arranged the Christmas flowering plants.;
- Brittany Lord, members of the choir as well as Nawrie Meigs-Brown, Alison Martin and Carol Casey who went caroling at Prosser Gifford’s home last Sunday, December 15th after church; and then led the singing on Christmas Eve;

- Tammy and Doug Amon who gave their devoted energy and attention in making sure that the church looked beautiful for the solemnity of the Blue Christmas Service on Tuesday evening, December 17th, followed by keeping up with the myriad of details for the Christmas services;
- Sarah Bach and Brittany Lord whose music was lovely and lifted the spirits of those attending the Blue Christmas service and Mary Sholkovitz who played the flute at the Christmas Eve family service;

- Nancy McDonald and Brittany Lord for preparing all the service bulletins and music details.

To each of them and so many of you who quietly and calmly offer yourselves for the ministry of this Christ especially at this time of the year, thank you. – The Rev. Deborah Warner

UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We have some Good News indeed about our Capital Campaign. To help us close the remaining \$300,000 shortfall from our target of \$2.5 million, two anonymous donors have pledged to match up to a total of \$55,000 new contributions to the campaign received between now and March 31, 2020. When matched we will have added \$110,000, carrying the total over the \$2.3 million mark.

Most of you already have given generously to support the creation of the Parish and Community Center. We hope that many of you will be able to stretch yet a bit farther to help us secure these matching funds.

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

Don Aukamp

Carol Casey

Deborah Dougherty

Arden Edwards

Mark Haycock

Sandra Rodgers

EPIPHANY DINNER: MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH AT 5:30 PM

“On the twelfth day of Christmas, a parishoner said to me...”

Your company is requested
at the Church of the Messiah’s Epiphany Dinner
Monday, January 6th, 2020
beginning at 5:30 PM
in the Parish and Community Center

Further details to follow.



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January 2020

January 2020							February 2020						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	1	2	3	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec 29	30	31	Jan 1, 20	2	3	4
8:00am Holy Comm 10:00am Holy Comm & Carol Sing	10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 3:00pm 4:00pm W H Meditation (Parish & Comm. Center)	New Year's Eve (Unit New Year's Eve Office Closed	New Year's Day (Unit Office Closed 5:00pm Village at Cataumet (Serve Dinner)	10:00am 2:00pm Office Open		
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