

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
July 8, 2018

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



Some thoughts on "Traveling Lightly"

*Help us, O God,
not to hold on to life too tightly,
but easily and lightly.
Help us to enjoy and to treasure it
while we have it;
and to let it go thankfully
when the time comes.
The gift is great,
but the Giver is greater still.
Thou, O God, art the Giver
and in Thee is a life that never ends. Amen.*

- *The late Rev. Dr. Theodore Ferris, DD
written when he was rector of Trinity Church, Boston*

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
by Peg Nicholson
in memory of her father,
John William Graham.*

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.

REFRESHMENT HOUR

July

- 8 Mary Anne Mann & Christine Lulejian
- 15 Julia Alling
- 22 The Haucks
- 29 The Aukamps

August

- 5 Lynne Hoar
- 12 Jane Vose
- 19 Falmouth Road Race – No coffee hour
- 26 Barbara Billings & Mary Fran Buckley

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REFRESHMENT HOUR

The following dates are open:

September

- 2
- 9
- 16

Please sign up after church or call the office, 508-548-2145. Sally Hauck and Jane Vose will have the new schedule for the fall beginning on September 23rd. Thank you.

NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - *Capital Campaign Update*

Our original fundraising goal was \$1.55 million with a stretch goal of \$1.7 million. To date we have raised approximately \$1.8 million. Escalating labor and material prices have pushed up substantially the cost of the project. The pre-project costs plus the actual contracts total about \$2.3 million. That is now our revised campaign target. If we could reach \$2.5 million we could avoid borrowing to fund the remaining elements of the hardscape, landscape, and furnishings.

While the permitting process has taken longer than we had hoped, we still expect prime contractor Delphi to complete the project by early February, 2019. Terry Soares and the First Church Building Committee, and Clerk of the Works Jim Vieira are doing a splendid job managing the myriad details and processes that are necessary to move the project forward.

We will continue with active fundraising through this year and into the next. We have sent out reminder notices on pledges. Any donors able to prepay pledges will reduce bridge finance during construction. We continue to develop our campaign outreach to the community, foundations and grant sources. Commencement of work on the site and building promises to generate a new level of interest, excitement and support!

We welcome your questions and suggestions. We are deeply grateful to all who are supporting this project; a project central to effective service to the parish and 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

FIRST CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

In an effort to keep everyone informed of our progress on the First Church Building Project, here is the latest update:

- The most recent weekly meeting focused on structural topics. The structural engineer met with the FC building team that includes Jim Vieira as our clerk of the works and members of the Delphi team, and on occasion the architect, John Keenan.
- Tree work continues on the north side of the building, in preparation for the small parking lot which will be used as a staging area for the project;
- Fencing has been put up around the entire site, along with appropriate signage, in order to insure the safety of the public and the workers during this project.
- The demolition and septic permits have been issued allowing work on the front and rear of the building to get started as well as some demolition to begin in the interior of the building.
- The final building permit is in process and we anticipate it will be issued within the next couple of weeks.
- The Interior committee met with Jim Vieira and Lou Ann Burgess on June 21st to review kitchen items. Recommendations were made for the cabinets, countertops, sinks, faucets, appliances and flooring in the kitchen and kitchenette. The FCBC will receive these recommendations at their next meeting on Thursday, July 19th. The estimated costs for these items are within the project's budget projection.
- Landscape architect, Tom Lee, met with Jim Vieira to look at stone for the parking lot retaining wall. A proposal based on the design and materials will be brought to the next FCBC meeting, as well as given to potential mason contractors.

If you have any questions, please contact me: mtscapecod@gmail.com.

Thanks for your ongoing support!

- Terry Soares, FCBC chair

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET: Wednesday, July 11th Next Monthly Dinner, 2nd Wednesday in July at 5 PM –Rescheduled from July 4th

We're serving dinner to our neighbors at the Village at Cataumet, the shelter for families, on the second Wednesday in July, due to the July 4th holiday. 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)

WOODS HOLE INSIGHT MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays, 3- 4 PM in the Stone Church

The weekly insight meditation group that meets on Mondays from 3- 4 PM is now gathering at the entrance to the Stone Church in the newly created open space. The group is open to any and all in the community. The format includes 10 minutes of introductions, 30 minutes of sitting, time for questions, a closing loving kindness meditation for 10 minutes and an opportunity for people to gather informally afterwards. On occasion, we have a half hour discussion on meditation practice after our sitting for anyone who wishes to attend. Our leaders include several people who are experienced meditators and have done some teaching. I welcome this opportunity to continue to open our doors to people in the parish and community who wish to spend quiet time together at the beginning of the week. Please speak with me if you have any questions. –
Deborah

CONCERT TUESDAY, JULY 10th, Stone Church, 6:00 PM

The Woods Hole Diversity Initiative and Church of the Messiah
present

Reginald Mobley, countertenor

with Henry Lebedinsky, piano

200 Years of Music by Black Composers

6pm, Tuesday July 10, Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole
Free admission.



The Woods Hole Diversity Initiative is a joint effort by the six Woods Hole science institutions to strengthen inclusion and diversity in the institutions and the community.

www.reginaldmobley.com

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NO NOONTUNES SUMMER CONCERT SERIES THIS YEAR: Due to all the expected construction and excitement that will be taking place this summer, we have decided to take a break from Noontunes this year. But don't worry; it will be back in full force next summer! In the meantime, there will be a few musical events taking place. On **Tuesday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m.**, Messiah and the Woods Hole Diversity Initiative will present Reginald Mobley, countertenor, with Henry Lebedinsky, piano, *200 Years of Music by Black Composers*. **Friday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m.**, *Courante*, an early music ensemble featuring Jan Elliot on recorder, David Gable on violin, Molly Johnston on Viola da Gamba and Brittany Lord on harpsichord, will present a program of early music by Bach, Telemann and others. In August, the **Woods Hole Cantata Consort** will hold their annual concerts **on August 18th and 19th**. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these special events!

LOOKING FOR SUMMER SOLOISTS: I'm working on scheduling guest soloists to perform at our 10a.m. services this summer. If you or someone you know would be interested in singing or playing an instrument for a service, please speak to Brittany. Thank you!

SKYLARK CONCERT AT ST. BARNABAS, Friday, July 13th, 7:00 PM



An Evening with Skylark

Friday, July 13, 7PM | St. Barnabas Memorial Church, Falmouth, MA

Every summer, Skylarks gather in Falmouth for our annual summer retreat -- a time for rehearsing music for our upcoming season, a time for fun and laughter with friends, and a time for our audiences to see the more relaxed and casual side of Skylark!

For our retreat concert, *An Evening With Skylark*, we will showcase our individual artists sharing some of their favorite songs in a variety of musical styles, as well as offering many beautiful full ensemble numbers that many of our audiences are sure to recognize!

We hope you'll join us for a fun evening of music!

Buy tickets online at: <https://skylarkensemble.eventbrite.com>

Make room at the Inn for U.S. Citizens Impacted by Disaster

Joint Statement from the Bishops of the Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

June 6, 2018

Today one hundred displaced American citizens from Puerto Rico are heading to Capitol Hill. These families have been living in local hotels since the devastation of Hurricane Maria in 2017. FEMA has refused to activate DHAP – the Disaster Housing Assistance Program – for the Puerto Rican victims of this natural disaster. [As citizens of the United States](#), those who have fled the island of Puerto Rico should have the same assistance as a citizen of the 50 states. Instead, these families are getting phone calls from FEMA encouraging them to return to Puerto Rico. They will lose their hotel housing on June 30, 2018. Without the activation of DHAP from FEMA, these families will be homeless in 25 days. With concerned citizens and people of faith, we ask, “why?” Why are these citizens receiving a different level of care and support?

We have learned that Massachusetts has the second highest number of displaced Puerto Rican families – Florida is number one. In fact Hampden County is ranked 7th in U.S. counties serving the needs of Puerto Rican families impacted by the storm. These are our neighbors. They worship in our congregations. These children attend our schools. With FEMA’s refusal to activate DHAP, they have no recourse but to turn to our legislators for help before their hotel housing runs out.

Tomorrow one hundred Puerto Rican Americans will stand for all those who found shelter here after the storm. They will meet with senators and members of Congress who have sponsored two bills which would activate DHAP immediately. These bills, if passed, will give them a long-term housing pathway from hotel to apartment. Housing is the key to recovery for these families - to having the ability to get a driver’s license and get a stable job. DHAP is the means by which these families might return to economic independence.

On June 30 thousands of people will become homeless because of FEMA’s inaction. More importantly, U.S. citizens have the right to self-determination, to live where they wish, to begin again after disaster and devastation. The governor of Puerto Rico has advocated that DHAP be activated immediately, but FEMA has refused. It is our hope that concerned citizens will use their voices, phones and social media to stand with Puerto Rican citizens. It is only by standing with one another that we can bear the weight of life’s tragedies and be witnesses for the new life that will emerge from the dust.

No American family should become homeless because of a hurricane, a wildfire or a tornado. These Puerto Rican families are our sisters and brothers, our fellow Americans. May we extend to them the hospitality and care we would have given to another homeless family two thousand years ago. As these one hundred citizens knock on the doors of power, may they be given hope and the commitment of our resources. And may we, as Episcopalians, bring their concerns to our prayer and advocacy. May we embody the love Presiding Bishop Curry preaches – the love of Jesus Christ.

The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, Bishop Diocesan of Western Massachusetts

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop Diocesan of Massachusetts

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts

<https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/ma-bishops-urge-activation-housing-assistance-displaced-puerto-ricans>

DISASTER PLANNING TEAM UPDATE

Church of the Messiah’s **Disaster Planning team** is at work putting together our disaster pastoral care program. In Fisher House, the map of our community is up and we hope every parishioner can fill out a tab and put their family name on it and place it at their location so we can complete the neighborhood groups. After we collate the questionnaires, we will finalize our notification system for such events as power outages, or when snow, ice or other weather condition cause services to be cancelled. Please confirm with the office that we have your LOCAL address that we can include in our map as there are over 60 parishioners that only have an out of area address in our files. Your information will be confidential and extremely important as we identify ways to support each other. If you can help, please contact Dicky Allison (508-274-2935, mallison@whoi.edu). Thanks very much!

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Joins Other Faith Leaders in a Statement on Family Separation at Our Borders 2018-06-13 | The Office of Government Relations of the Episcopal Church

Recently, the Administration announced that it will begin separating families and criminally prosecuting all people who enter the U.S. without previous authorization. As religious leaders representing diverse faith perspectives, united in our concern for the wellbeing of vulnerable migrants who cross our borders fleeing from danger and threats to their lives, we are deeply disappointed and pained to hear this news.

We affirm the family as a foundational societal structure to support human community and understand the household as an estate blessed by God. The security of the family provides critical mental, physical and emotional support to the development and wellbeing of children. Our congregations and agencies serve many migrant families that have recently arrived in the United States. Leaving their communities is often the only option they have to provide safety for their children and protect them from harm. Tearing children away from parents who have made a dangerous journey to provide a safe and sufficient life for them is unnecessarily cruel and detrimental to the well-being of parents and children.

As we continue to serve and love our neighbor, we pray for the children and families that will suffer due to this policy and urge the Administration to stop their policy of separating families.

His Eminence Archbishop Vicken Aykazian
Diocesan Legate and Director of the Ecumenical Office
Diocese of the Armenian Church of America

Mr. Azhar Azeez President
Islamic Society of North America

The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera
Bishop of Scranton, PA
Chair, Bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

Senior Bishop George E. Battle, Jr.
Presiding Prelate, Piedmont Episcopal District
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Bishop H. Kenneth Carter, Jr.
President, Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop Episcopal Church (United States)

The Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer
General Minister & President
United Church of Christ

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Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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African Methodist Episcopal Church

#KeepFamiliesTogether

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Don Aukamp	<i>Treasurer</i>

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Charles Mann	2020	Peg Nicholson	2020
Terry Soares	2021	Nancy Rea	2021

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