

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**September 23, 2018**

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



***A Prayer for Direction***

O God, because without you  
we are not able to please you,  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct  
and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*~ Book of Common Prayer (1979, page 233)*

***The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God***  
***in celebration of the marriage yesterday of***  
***Stephanie Elizabeth Fleming and Gerald Michael Leone, III***

***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.*

**WELCOME BACK, BARBARA**

We are delighted to welcome The Rev. Barbara Peterson back as our guest celebrant and preacher this Sunday. Deborah is taking the weekend off to attend a colleague's wedding.

**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.

**NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - *Capital Campaign Update***

We encourage you to visit the new campaign page on our website <http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org/capital-campaign> where you also will find the link to the video, *Back to Our Future* that we created with Woods Hole Videographer Brian Switzer.

In terms of the campaign itself, as previously reported, the pre-project costs plus the actual contracts total about \$2.3 million and that is our revised campaign target. We expect that the furnishings, some excluded elements of landscape and hardscape and lumber price escalation will bring the total cost to \$2.5 million, so that is our stretch goal. With \$1.6 million from Phase 1, we are pleased that against the Phase 2 goal of \$700,000, we now have commitments exceeding \$400,000, bringing the overall campaign total raised to date to over \$2 million.

We continue to develop our campaign outreach to the community, foundations, and grant sources and continue to send out update letters and a new brochure with campaign materials. As progress becomes ever more visible at the construction site, we expect new interest, excitement and support!

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*

## **REFRESHMENT HOUR**

*A reminder to please bring (and take home) your own mug.* To help with the simplicity, we have received a very generous offer from a parishioner to underwrite the cost of having *Pie in the Sky* provide the coffee and hot water for tea during the fall and winter. The carafes will be brought to church each week (along with a milk container and milk.) We are asking that the hosts return the carafes to Pie after church. A new schedule with instructions has been sent via e-mail.

### **September**

**23** Mike & MC Garfield  
**30** Hank & Winnie Dick

### **October**

**7** Helen Gordon & Ron Schlitz  
**14** Don & Dee Aukamp  
**21** Nawrie & David Brown  
**28** John & Rhona Carlton-Foss

## **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:

- our ADA compliant kitchen has been approved! It will be located on the first floor, with the main kitchen located upstairs, next to the meeting room;
- the roof is being shingled;
- the leaching field drainage system has been installed and the leaching system is in place;
- the septic field has been completed and the tanks will be installed shortly;
- the main water line has gone in;
- in the coming weeks work will begin on the rough plumbing and electrical;
- windows have been installed on the first floor;
- The building committee met on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee members were given a tour and saw that the walls are framed and the dormers are in. The interior spaces are really starting to take shape. We reviewed more details of the interior construction with an eye on cost savings and more efficient use of space.
- The vestry did a walk through on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> and were very pleased with the progress on the building and the excellent work that is being done, both on the interior and exterior of the building;
- Kudos to Delphi for managing this difficult phase of site work including finding unexpected bridge footing and clay subsoil.
- Next steps for site work are grading and prep for the terrace.
- The next FCBC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.
- Wiring and plumbing for a future generator are on track, although the generator itself is not in the budget.

If you have any questions, please contact me: [mtscapecod@gmail.com](mailto:mtscapecod@gmail.com)

Thanks for your ongoing support!

- Terry Soares, FCBC chair

### **HEADSTONE CLEANING AND RESTORATION 2018**

Thanks to all who helped with this year's cleaning. We had four lovely mornings and four to six people cleaning each time.

We cleaned a total of 136 headstones and markers.

We also worked on getting vines off many of our beautiful trees. We have some 200 year old headstones in the old part of the cemetery and some of trees date back to that era.

The Cemetery Committee is pleased to be stewards of this beautiful space. We happily have many people coming to visit a grave or sit quietly on a bench.

Thanks for all your support of our efforts.

Sincerely,

Dee Aukamp, Cemetery Committee Co-chair

### **OUTREACH NEWS. Supporting the Falmouth Service Center**

As a reminder to contribute to the Falmouth Service Center, we will suggest donations of specific items each month. *For September the suggestion is bath soap, body wash and shower gel.* Look for the basket by the entrance to the church. Please contact Joan Stephenson with any questions. Thank you.

### **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*

**MUSIC NOTES:** Our choir season has resumed, with the first rehearsals taking place on September 5th. Choir meets from 6pm to 7pm on Wednesdays, followed by Handchime choir which meets from 7pm to 8pm. New members are always welcome in either group! If you are interested in joining, or even want to just try it out, please speak to Brittany. We'd love to have you!

### **NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:**

**Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, October 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).

## DIOCESAN COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO NATURAL GAS DISASTER



*According to an update from Esperanza Academy in Lawrence, "Many of our families are uncertain when they will have gas back in their homes, and, as a result, food scarcity is a real concern. To meet this need, we will be opening our school for free dinners every day this week for our students and their immediate families." Read more about Esperanza's efforts [here](#). Artwork courtesy of Esperanza Academy via Facebook.*

In the aftermath of the natural gas disaster in the Merrimack Valley on Thursday, Sept. 13, all three Episcopal churches and one Episcopal school in the affected communities--Christ Church in Andover, St. Paul's Church in North Andover and Grace Church and Esperanza Academy in Lawrence--reported no property damage and no known personal injuries but at least two church families in Lawrence and one in Andover with homes damaged by fires. Many in all three communities continue to deal with the effects of the emergency evacuations and power outages that followed Thursday's explosions and fires.

"The prayers and concern of our entire diocesan family are with those in the Merrimack Valley communities affected by this disaster," Bishop Alan M. Gates said in a message to diocesan and parish leadership on Friday, Sept. 14. "Bishop Gayle and I, together with regional canon Martha Hubbard, have been directly in contact with the clergy of our parishes in those communities and our colleagues at Esperanza Academy. A number of their families have been directly affected, together with countless others who will need our support in the weeks ahead. I invite from all corners of the diocese your continuing prayers and contributions toward relief efforts."

### **How to help**

To that end, the bishops have urged all congregations in the diocese to consider collecting or designating an offering for a diocesan relief response. Contributions, made payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts and marked "Merrimack Valley Disaster Relief," may be sent to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, Attn: Lauren Zook, 138 Tremont Street, Boston MA 02111.

As recovery gets underway, the bishops, together with local clergy, disaster response contacts and diocesan personnel, will continue to be in conversation about ongoing response.

In a conference call on Sept. 14, Episcopal clergy in the affected communities expressed their gratitude for the outpouring of prayers, concern and support they've already received. One of the ways people can be of help to them, they said, is to be patient as they prioritize the immediate care of their communities and families and take time to determine what will be needed in the days ahead.

### **DISASTER PLANNING TEAM UPDATE**

Church of the Messiah's **Disaster Planning team** is at work putting together our disaster pastoral care program. Neighborhood groups have been drawn up. Deborah will be working with Dicky Allison to identify a "captain" of each group who will serve as the contact person in the event of an emergency. It is also hoped that neighbors can get together informally.

For further information, please contact Dicky Allison (508-274-2935, [mallison@whoi.edu](mailto:mallison@whoi.edu)). Thanks very much!

### **WOODS HOLE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY BEGINS FINAL SEASON**

The Woods Hole Folk Music Society's 47th and final season will begin Sunday, October 7 with a performance by singers Archie Fisher and Garnet Rogers. The concert will take place at 7:30 PM in Community Hall, 68 Water Street, Woods Hole. Doors open at 7 PM. Admission is \$20 with discounts for members, seniors, youth and children; season passes are also available. Community Hall is handicapped accessible, and street parking is free after 6 PM.

### **FALMOUTH SERVICE CENTER**

## **HELP WITH FOOD ALL YEAR LONG!**

#### **Grocery Bill of the Month Club**

Become a new member of the **GROCERY BILL OF THE MONTH CLUB** for as little as \$25 and you will be providing a bag-full of *fresh* food and vegetables to a neighbor in need— 100% of your monthly *donation* goes to helping FSC fulfill its commitment to distribute the healthiest food to its clients.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I will donate online using PayPal or credit card-- click the red "Donate" button on the [www.falmouthservicecenter.org](http://www.falmouthservicecenter.org) website home page.

I commit to a monthly grocery bill of: \$25/1 bag \_\_\_ \$50/2 bags \_\_\_ \$100/4 bags \_\_\_ other \$ \_\_\_

Please mail this form to:

Falmouth Service Center @ PO Box 208, Falmouth, MA 02541-0208

Here's what the Falmouth Service Center has done since January 1, 2018 in carrying forward part of their mission, by providing "*neighbors serving neighbors.*"

- 1,146 unduplicated households received food;
- 1,319 unique adults ages 18-64,
- 579 children under 17
- 394 seniors
- 14,803 bags of food were distributed to these individuals during ALL visits between January 1 and June 30, 2018.



Like us on [Facebook](#)

## Church of the Messiah

### 2018 Vestry

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Peter Franklin	<i>Warden</i>
Jean Taft	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
Don Aukamp	<i>Treasurer</i>

Sally Hauck	2019	Mark Haycock	2019
Charles Mann	2020	Peg Nicholson	2020
Terry Soares	2021	Nancy Rea	2021

### Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Jill Glidden	Deanery Representative
Nawrie Meigs-Brown	Deanery Representative

### Staff

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

### The Rev. Deborah M. Warner

Cell: 508-259-1570, E-mail: [dwarner74@aol.com](mailto:dwarner74@aol.com)

**Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 AM – 2 PM**

Phone: 508-548-2145, FAX: 508-548-2134

E-mail: [messiahfisher@comcast.net](mailto:messiahfisher@comcast.net) Website: [www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org](http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org)