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GOOD NEWS

Week of

August 5, 2018

Dear (Contact First Name),

I have never met the man, in person, anyway. I have heard and seen him on television and read some of his word in the paper and online.

His name is The Rev. William Barber and he is a powerful voice for those who feel both powerless and mute. He is a powerful person.

He is also unique in having focused part of his education on two disciplines: public policy and pastoral care. He views his calling from his radical belief in Jesus. If you want to serve people, it's important to provide them with what they need: food for their stomachs and hope for their souls and psyches. When systemic inequalities lead to hunger, then systems must be changed. As his quote that serves as this week's meditation says, it asks us to consider that we can be agents of such change.

Beginning last week and through the month of August, our gospel readings all come from a single chapter of the Gospel of John and focus on the image of bread. Since bread is the sustenance of life, it makes sense. But, if conditions persist that do not allow a person to have even a meager morsel of bread, something is wrong with the system. Right?

It's something we must think about. It's something we must pray about. It's something some of us feel called to take some action on.

After all, if not now, when? If not here, where?

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Varieties of Gifts

At the Poor People's Campaign in DC in June, the Rev. William Barber asked the assembled crowd,

"What if we are the people who have been called into life for just this moment in time? What if it is our gifts - the gifts that are already inside, the gifts that are unique to each one of us-that are most needed now?"

~ taken from the website of inwardoutward.org, a ministry of the Church of the Savior in Washington, DC (7/28/2018)

Thank you,

Gratefully,

- Deborah

The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector

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.*

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner, Rector
cell: 508-259-1570; Email: DWarner74@aol.com

A PRAYER FOR OUR FUTURE

As our capital campaign gets underway, 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 changed by Your love and the power of the Spirit. Amen

REFRESHMENT HOUR

We are very appreciative to these people who have kindly offered to provide refreshments during the following Sundays.

August

5 The Aukamps
12 Jane Vose
19 **Falmouth Road Race** - No coffee hour
26 Barbara Billings and Mary Fran Buckley

September

2 **Open**
9 **Open**
16 **Open**

Volunteers are needed for the open dates. Please sign up after church or call the office, 508-548-2145 if you would like to bring refreshments on one of those days. Thank you!

Gentle Reminder:
SUNDAY, AUGUST 12
10 O'CLOCK SERVICE
GRAND SUNDAY:
Celebrating Grandparents and Grandchildren

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH CALLS THE REV. WILLIAM MEBANE AS

THEIR NEW RECTOR

We are delighted to join members and the staff of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Falmouth as they welcome their new rector, The Rev. William Mebane. Will and his wife, Paulette ("Ronnie") will be moving from Buffalo, where Will has served as the interim dean at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo. They will begin their ministry in early September with Will's first Sunday on September 9th. We are looking forward to identifying areas where St. Barnabas and the Church of the Messiah can join together to better serve the communities of which we are a part. - DMW.

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 interior demolition is complete, and the exterior work has begun by removing siding and windows, and putting up plywood before the insulating wrap is applied, followed by new shingles.
- Framing work on the dormers, with the interior partitions is moving ahead.
- The foundation cement work on the building addition has been completed.
- We are waiting for the bids to be submitted by three contractors for the retaining wall stonework and veneer.
- On July 19th, the FCBC walked through the building with Jim Vieira and Andrew Murphy of Delphi. We also reviewed the choices from our sub-committee for carpeting and flooring, kitchen cabinets and hardware, and countertops. Thanks to Mary Heard and Warfield Truesdale for the great selections! Peg Nicholson continues her work on monitoring our budget and she will be reviewing the next projections update from Delphi. The choices for audio-visual components and set-up in the upstairs meeting room are being gathered and the list will be reviewed. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, August 13th at 5:00.**

If you have any questions, please contact me: mtscapecod@gmail.com.
Thanks for your ongoing support!
- Terry Soares, FCBC chair

NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - *Capital Campaign Update*

We encourage you to visit the new campaign page on our website (<http://www.churchofthemessiahwoods-hole.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 are tantalizingly close to \$300,000!

We continue to develop our campaign outreach to the community, foundations, and grant sources and are beginning 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

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMINDER:The *Woods Hole Cantata Consort* will hold their annual concerts on August 18th at 7:30 PM and August 19th at 4 PM. The major piece for the program will be the *Mass in G* by Franz Schubert. Maggie Borsi is the director for this 45th season.

Saturday, August 25th at 7 PM, there will be a *Skylark Spotlight* concert, featuring soprano Fiona Gillespie singing music related to the legends of Robin Hood. Fiona will be joined by her sister, Genna, who is a singer and fiddler, and two instrumentalists Paul Morton and Bradley King.

Thanks very much for your continuing support of our music ministry within the congregation and community. - Brittany

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET: Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, September 5th, 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).

VESTRY NEWS: INFORMATION REGARDING OUR SALE OF FISHER HOUSE

As everyone knows, on May 25th Fisher House was sold to our buyers who are now our newest and extremely delightful neighbors, Louis Herlands and his wife, Faryal Khan. A few people have asked about the details of the sale and we are happy to share that information with you.

We had three cash offers and ended up selling Fisher House for \$1.68M, \$30,000 above the minimum of \$1.65M set by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. (Whenever church property is sold, permission must be received from the diocese, which also sets a minimum asking price for the property.) Our selling expenses were about \$100K and included: the real estate commission, money set aside for a new Title 5 septic system, the removal and disposal of an underground oil tank and its contents, safety repairs at Fisher House including non-conforming windows, railings and deck joists, legal fees and moving expenses. The net from the sale is about \$1.58M and has been placed into a separate endowment fund over which the congregation has entire control. If you have any questions about the sale, please do hesitate to contact Peter Franklin.

HEADSTONE CLEANING AND RESTORATION

**"Headstones stand out
Surrounded by green grass
Marble and granite rocks
Reflections from my past....."**

Anthony Tucker

Would you like to join us in cleaning some of the beautiful and centuries old headstones in our Cemetery? The Headstone Cleaning Program will take place again this year on three Sundays:

August 26, September 9 and 16 from 9:30 to 12.

Wear comfortable clothes and bring sun protection, a stool or kneeling pad and a beverage and/ or snack. We will have the cleaning solution and cleaning tools.

The cemetery is next to the Church of the Messiah. Hope to see you there.

For more information please call Dee Aukamp, Cemetery Committee
508.495.9911

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: _____

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I will donate online using PayPal or credit card-- click the red "Donate" button on the 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

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Here's what the Falmouth Service Center has done since January 1, 2018 in carrying forward part of their mission, 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.

REMINDER: To help our students who want to have a new beginning when school opens soon, please bring in pens, pencils, markers, colored markers, spiral and loose leaf notebooks, backpacks and other school items that will help them feel they are off to a new start! Thanks to Charlie Hauck who is gathering this material from the large basket in the narthex and taking the contents to the Service Center.

MIDDLE EAST LECTURE SCHEDULE

Middle East Forum of Falmouth

(successor to Ad hoc Committee for Peace and Justice in the Middle East)

Summer 2018 Lecture schedule

Sunday, July 29: Prof. Allen Taylor & Kim Kronenberg

**A new Approach to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict:
Peace Through Science**

Sunday, August 12: Prof. Lenore G. Martin

Turkey – Where is it going?

Sunday, August 26: Prof. Nadim Rouhana

**Why is the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Resistant
to Resolution and What Should be Done?**

**All at 5-6 PM in the Church of the Messiah,
22 Church St., Woods Hole MA 02543**

For details, to join an email list, or to donate, visit our website

www.MEFF.world (MEFF is a 501(c3) nonprofit)

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 of 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*

THANK YOU FROM THE HOUSING ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

This July, 2018, marked the Housing Assistance Corporation's "Reunion Walk" to raise funds for those families and individuals who seek homes on Cape Cod and the Islands. Thanks to you, the Messiah family and friends, we contributed \$720.00 to HAC to help the work they do to achieve these goals!

Thank you all! ~Carol Francis-Conover

those who have helped to get permits so that we might make our witness of prayer and faith in decency and in order. And I just want to say a word of thank you to the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tempore who came to welcome us.

Allow me to say we do not come in hatred. We do not come in bigotry. We do not come to put anybody down. We come to lift everybody up. We come in love. We come in love because we follow Jesus. And Jesus taught us love. Love the Lord your (God). And love your (neighbor). Love your liberal neighbor. Love your conservative neighbor. Love your Democratic neighbor. Love your Republican neighbor. Love your Independent neighbor. Love your neighbor who you don't like. Love the neighbor you disagree with. Love your Christian neighbor. Love your Muslim neighbor. Love your Jewish neighbor. Love your Palestinian neighbor. Love your Israeli neighbor. Love your refugee neighbor. Love your immigrant neighbor. Love the prison guard neighbor. Love your neighbor!

We come in love, in love. I would submit that the teachings of Jesus to love God and love our neighbor is at the core and the heart of what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. And we must be people who reclaim Christianity from its popular modality, from the way it is often perceived and presented to a way of Christianity that looks something like Jesus! And Jesus said, love God and love your (neighbor). We come in love. That is the core of our faith. That is the heart of it. And we come, because we are Christian and the way of love calls for us to be humanitarian. It calls for us to care for those who have no one to care for them. And we come because we don't believe that a great nation like this one separates children from their families. We come because we believe that this nation conceived in liberty, dedicated to the proposition that all people are created equal. We believe that we must call this nation America back to its very soul! We are here because we love this nation. 'Cause if you really love somebody you don't leave them the way they are. You help them to become their best selves. We are here to save the soul of America. Save the soul of America!

Now let me unpack it briefly this way. If you want a symbol for America, fly into New York City sometime. I'm not talking about New York City itself as the symbol of America. It's a nice place, but I don't know about that. I mean it is a wonderful place, good people, but the harbor, if you fly over the harbor, depending on your approach, and I do it all the time, usually because I'm coming from Raleigh, North Carolina. I have to look out the left side of the airplane, and when I do as the plane is making its approach into La Guardia airport, you'll see a large, green statue. It is a statue of a woman and she has a torch in her hand, lifted up, and a book in her hand, and on that book are inscribed the words, July 4th 1776. We must save the soul of America by calling America back to its core, to its core values which it hasn't always lived up to, but the values are there nonetheless. And on July 4th 1776, if I remember my history correctly, on that day was issued a Declaration of Independence. Now we're friends with Great Britain now, but back then we had some issues. And on the day, in the Declaration of Independence, you will find these words, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men" - all people, all people - "are created equal."

Not just American people, no, but all people, wherever they come from. People from Honduras, people from Mexico, people from Costa Rica, people from Venezuela, people from Asia, people from Africa, people from Europe, all people are created equal. All!

Now I think that's America. And then the text goes on in the Declaration of Independence, "all people are created equal, and they are endowed by their Creator," not by Congress, not by a parliament, not by a potentate, not by a president, endowed by the Creator, "with certain unalienable" - unalienable rights, that cannot be abridged or cannot be amended because they derive from God! Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, THAT'S the American way. We come in love. We come because we believe in loving your neighbor. And we come because we love America and we want America to be true to her highest self.

But let me go on because I really am coming to the conclusion. On that same Statue of Liberty there is a poem that was composed by Emma Lazarus. And these are the words, I'm not making this up, it's on the Statue of Liberty. You can't get more American than that! So American hear me well! On the Statue of Liberty these are the words:

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,

*With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch in her hand.
Her flame is the flame of imprisoned lightning.
And her name -*

Hear me America -

*Her name is Mother of Exiles. From her beacons hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air bridged harbor that becomes the twin great cities.*

And this is what she says:

*"Keep ancient lands your storied pomp!" she cries,
"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shores.
Send these the homeless, the tempest tossed to me,
I lift my torch before the golden door."*

America! America! Means welcome! Welcome! Come God's children! America means welcome. We come because we are people of love. We love those who seek refuge from war and violence and hardship. We come because we want America to truly be great. Alexander de Tocqueville came and spent time in the United States in the 19th century. He traveled the land, and met and listened to the peoples of the land, the indigenous people of the land. The other people who weren't indigenous, or natives, who immigrated to the land - help me somebody - all the folk he got to meet, he met slaves and free slaves, met native Americans and their folk, met European Americans who had come here, fleeing famine, fleeing persecution, he met the peoples of America, and de Tocqueville wrote, and I quote, "America is great because America is good.

Let us make America great again, by making America good, by making America kind, by making America just, by making America loving! Let us make America great again!

God love you! God bless you! And don't you quit, and don't you get weary! God bless you!

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