



## Church Of The Messiah

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## GOOD NEWS

### Week of

## June 10, 2018

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*Dear (Contact First Name),*

One of the great treats I have is having a chance to spend time with a friend's two young boys usually once a week. They are "regulars" at the Breakfast Group at "Pie in the Sky". After all, their dad owns it.

Today's lesson was about sharing a blueberry muffin - not just with each other, but with the newest and youngest members of the "Breakfast Group." A toddler who is just about ready to start walking - and has already mastered the art of beginning to feed himself.

Sharing is such an important lesson. It asks us to open our hands when we might prefer to keep them closed; open our ears, when it would be easy to not pay attention. It invites us to open our hearts and minds so that together we might marvel at the mysteries of this life.

Thomas Merton knew that - as you will read in this week's meditation.

What are you willing and ready to share? What are you grateful that has been shared with you?

With deepest gratitude for the ministry we are all called to share,

Deborah

Terry Soares  
2021

Nancy Rea  
2021

## 2018 Staff

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Doug Amon  
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Warren Bagley  
Custodian

Libby McNamara  
Webmaster

## Stay Connected



Forward to a friend

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Some thoughts on what we might share with people of other faith traditions:

I will be a better Catholic," Thomas Merton said, "not if I can refute every shade of Protestantism, but if I can affirm the truth in it and still go further. So, too, with the Muslims, the Hindus, the Buddhists, etc. This does not mean syncretism, indifferentism, the vapid and careless friendliness that accepts everything by thinking of nothing. There is much that one cannot "affirm" and "accept," but first one must say "yes" where one really

*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.*

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*The Rev. Deborah M. Warner, Rector*  
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### 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

<b>June</b>	
10	Dicky Allison & Jean Taft
17	Father's Day - Women of the Parish
24	Bishop Gates' visit - Light lunch
<b>July</b>	
1	Sandy Rodgers
8	Mary Anne Mann & Christine Lulejian
15	Julia Alling

### OUTREACH NEWS. Supporting the Falmouth Service Center

Joan Stephenson is coordinating weekly contributions to the Falmouth Service Center. They get food from the Boston Food Bank and food drives, but there are other basic items they do not receive through donations. On Sunday, June 10th **toilet paper** will be collected and on June 17th we will be collecting more **sunscreen**. Look for the basket by the entrance to the church. Joan is also making arrangements for delivering the donations. Please contact Joan Stephenson with any questions. Thank you!

### 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.

can. If I affirm myself as a Catholic merely by denying all that is Muslim, Jewish, Protestant, Hindu, Buddhist, etc., in the end I will find that there is not much left for me to affirm as a Catholic: and certainly no breath of the Spirit with which to affirm it."

~ Thomas Merton quote found on the Episcopal Café website

Thank you,

The Rev. Deborah Warner

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-new-s/ma-bishops-urge-activation-housing-assistance-displaced-puerto-ricans>

### DOCUMENTARY FILM TO BE SHOWN AT DEATH EDUCATION EVENT

**Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM, First Congregational Church, Falmouth Village Green.**

The Funeral Consumers Alliance of Eastern Massachusetts and First Congregational Church of Falmouth are hosting the premiere of a documentary film, *Living While Dying*. The filmmaker Cathy Zheutlin, of Portland, Oregon will be in attendance and a discussion will follow the film.

Refreshments will be served. A donation of \$5-\$15 is suggested to cover the filmmaker's travel expenses. For more information call Heather Massey at 508-457-1612. The film trailer may be viewed at

[www.livingwhiledying.org](http://www.livingwhiledying.org)

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

**Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, July ?, 2018, 5PM Rescheduled from July 4th**

We're serving dinner to our neighbors at the Village at Cataumet, the shelter for families, on the first Wednesday of every 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).

### 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 in the chancel of the Stone Church. The group is open to any and all in the community. The format includes 10 minutes of introductions, 35 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*

### FIRST CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The contract with Delphi has been signed and work on the site is beginning. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, Jim Vieira, our clerk of the works, and Corey Heaslip, the senior executive of Delphi for our project, met with the Falmouth Building Commissioner to review our project prior to issuing the building permit. We have the septic permit and the demo permit for the exterior of the building. The site work should take about a month, by the end of which, we hope to have the final building permit. The two Beech trees closest to the building are in the process of being removed. That said, again, every effort is being made to protect the largest Beech tree throughout the process, as it is part of the landscape plan. Once the trees are removed, the fence will go up, thereby indicating that the entire area is a full construction site. The fence will be locked at the end of each work day. Signs on the fencing and on the bike path entrance will clearly state that there is to be "No Trespassing." Safety is our highest priority.

The interior committee consisting of Jim Vieira, Mary Heard and Warfield Truesdale will be meeting regularly and present their reports to the FCBC at their monthly meetings.

Tom Lee, the landscape architect for the project, will be making a presentation to the FCBC once the project is underway and work on the retaining wall has begun. Stabilizing the bank is a top priority.

During the week, parking will be very limited in the cemetery lot. The construction crew will be using the cemetery lot as well as parking on the street in front of Fisher House.

Peg Nicholson will be overseeing the finances and will be receiving a monthly report which she, Don, Terry and Jim will review.

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

So....we are on our way!

Terry Soares, FCBC chair

### 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 **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!

### BISHOP GATES TO VISIT MESSIAH ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>

We are delighted to have The Right Reverend Alan Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts, visiting us for the first time as diocesan bishop on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Although he has been bishop for less than four years, Bishop Gates has won the affection and confidence of the clergy and laity of the diocese. Along with many others in the diocese - both clergy and laity - Bishop Gates has led the efforts to identify a Mission Strategy for the diocese for the coming three to five years. Please plan on being part of a warm welcome to Bishop Gates on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June.

[PROGRAM ON IMMIGRANT RIGHTS- Wednesday, June 20th](#)

# IMMIGRANT RIGHTS and RECIPES

Wednesday, June 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth  
840 Sandwich Rd, E. Falmouth



## Program on Immigrant Rights including:

SAMPLE APPETIZERS & DESSERTS FROM A  
CROSS-SECTION OF CULTURES

Guest speaker: Laura Rotolo, staff counsel & community advocate ACLU-MA  
Updates on ICE Detention and DACA including short films  
Photography Exhibit by Mark Chester – Diversity Project



*The Immigrant Cookbook* will be available for sale.  
\$5 from each book goes to the ACLU Foundation

RSVP appreciated: [immigration.refugee.alliance@gmail.com](mailto:immigration.refugee.alliance@gmail.com)  
Suggested Donation: \$10

## 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@w.choi.edu](mailto:mallison@w.choi.edu).

Thanks very much!

## 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 \$1.6 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 before Christmas 2018. Terry Soares and the First Church Building Committee, and Project Manager Jim Vieira are doing a splendid job managing the myriad details and processes that are necessary to move the project forward.

As to Fisher House, the sale was finalized on May 25th. All net proceeds of the sale have been added to the Church of the Messiah's endowment.

We will continue with active fundraising through this year and into the next. We will be sending 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

### OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

If you wish to use offering envelopes for your Sunday offering, please speak to Nancy McDonald in the office and she will be happy to provide you with them.

## 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



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## CALENDAR

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