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GOOD NEWS Week of May 27, 2018

Dear (Contact First Name),

Over this Memorial Day weekend, we honor those men and women who have sacrificed their lives for the sake of all who share in the freedom afforded us in this country. This year, Memorial Day coincides with Trinity Sunday. The latter is the Sunday when those of us who are Christian wrestle with and stand in awe of the theological concept of God as Three in One and One in Three.

The two "holidays" hold in common the reality that our civic life and our life in God are bound together fundamentally with interdependence. We are not separate one from another any more than the nature of God is separate and distinct one from another. God is known as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

At a time when it is easy to be discouraged by the divisiveness in our beloved country, now more than ever it is essential we remember though many, we are one. The love that was sacrificed on battlefields and the love that was sacrifice on the Cross bear out this single truth.

Though many, we are one. Now and always.

Gratefully,

Deborah

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH
MISSION STATEMENT

Terry Soares
2021

Nancy Rea
2021

2018 Staff

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner
Rector

Hilary Greene
Deacon in Training

Brittany Lord
Music Director, Organist

Nancy McDonald
Parish Administrator

George Cary
Bookkeeper

Julie Demello
Financial Recorder

Bruce Bagley
Sexton

Doug Amon
Cemetery Sexton

Warren Bagley
Custodian

Libby McNamara
Webmaster

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A Prayer for Memorial Day

O God of the nations,
we remember before you with
grateful hearts

the men and women of our
country who in the day of
decision
ventured much for the liberties we
now enjoy.

Grant that we may not rest
until all the people of this land
share the benefits of true freedom
and gladly accept its disciplines.
This we ask in the Name of Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

~adapted from

The Book of Common Prayer,
1979, pg.839

Thank you,

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*

COFFEE HOUR

May

27

Hank & Winnie Dick

THANK YOU, HILARY

This Sunday, May 27th, marks the official conclusion of Hilary Greene's presence among us as a deacon in training. During the past eight months, Hilary has faithfully served in the capacity and has participated in most services as a LEM, lector or intercessor. In addition, she has preached monthly, sharing some of her own spiritual journey and offering insights into the lections appointed for the day. Hilary has been steadfast in her work with a group of parishioners committed to helping us know our neighbors better and ascertaining how we can better serve their needs in the event of a disaster. Hilary will be back with us on Sunday, June 24th when she will be the chaplain to Bishop Gates on his first visit to Messiah. In addition, we hope that Hilary knows she is always welcome here - especially during the coming year when she will not have any specific parish with which she is affiliated. Thanks, Hilary. - *The Rev. Deborah Warner*

OUR OFFICES HAVE MOVED...DOWNSTAIRS.

As the new owner of Fisher House prepares to begin renovations of what was our former office space, we have moved to the lower level of Fisher House until renovations of the First Church are completed. We are back online with phones, computers and copier! To find us, come around the back of the building from the kitchen end and come to the double doors under the far end of the deck.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS AT THE WOODS HOLE MAY FESTIVAL

In the midst of all the other things going on at Messiah this month, we are deeply appreciative to those members who will be helping at our booth at the Woods Hole May Festival on Saturday, May 26th. Thanks very much!

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.hoi.edu. Thanks very much!

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:

Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 5PM

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

Mark your calendars! - Tuesday, 5/29/2018 is the date the construction fencing will be installed and the First Church becomes a construction site. I know the effort, time and energy that have been put into the planning process of the First Church renovation will all be worth it when we move across the street in November. In the meantime - lots of behind the scenes work is being done:

Jim Vieira is now the Clerk of the Works for our project and will be submitting weekly reports on progress and upcoming work. These updates will be shared in *Good News* so everyone can share in the progress.

An Interior Design sub-committee has been formed - thank you to Warfield Truesdale and Mary Heard for offering to help. They will be meeting with Jim Vieira to review choices for interior finishes.

As construction begins; the first project to be done will be the site work for the new septic system and parking areas. Great care has been taken to minimize the damage to the largest Beech tree that will remain on site as part of the landscape. An arborist was hired to assess the trees health, form a safety plan of fencing to protect the tree during construction as well as a maintenance program of deep root feedings and watering as necessary. The Beech tree is an integral part of the landscape of the First Church and is important for us to preserve it.

iKitchens will be making a presentation on the kitchen early this summer - Date TBD.

Thank you to Peg Nicholson who has done a tremendous job going through the budget and making sure that we are on target with our estimated costs and campaign goals.

The FCBC met with Jim Vieira on Thursday, May 24th, at 4:30 p.m. to go over his reports. We will be meeting monthly once construction starts.

Any questions or comments about the project can be directed to Terry Soares mtscapecod@gmail.com

Thank you to everyone who has helped get us to this point! This would not be happening without this great team effort.

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. The first is a concert by the

Ensemble Passacaglia on Sunday, June 3rd at

3 p.m. They will present the program "Music to Our Ears" featuring Medieval, Renaissance and World Music for winds, strings and percussion. Then 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 24TH

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 24th. 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 24th of June.

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

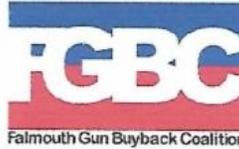
Deborah Dougherty

Arden Edwards

Mark Haycock

Sandra Rodgers

Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9AM -12PM



A coalition of local social organizations, businesses, and communities of faith has formed to support a voluntary gun buyback in Falmouth on June 9 from 9am until 12. With the help of the Falmouth Police, the Coalition will accept guns in exchange for food gift cards at the Falmouth Police Station located at 750 Main St. Guns will be destroyed.

The reasons for buybacks are well known and they have been successful in many parts of our state. The goal of the Coalition is to remove unwanted, possibly improperly stored guns from homes. We are inviting businesses, individuals and other organizations to become a part of the coalition. We are now also accepting checks (see below) for financial support. email: falmgunbuyback2018@gmail.com



Contact us if interested in supporting us!

Supporting Organizations:

Falmouth Police Department & The Waquoit Congregational Church*
with



North Falmouth Congregational Church - Greater Boston Fire Safety Council - Falmouth Chamber of Commerce - Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence - Engage Falmouth - Market Street Bookstore - Cape Cod Women for Change - Women Will Vote Falmouth - SWIFT: Women in Financial Transition - Progressive Women of Massachusetts - Women United of Massachusetts - The Law Office of Megan English Braga - No Place for Hate, Falmouth - Coffee Obsession - West Falmouth Friends (Quakers) - Church of the Messiah - Unitarian Universalist Fellowship - Falmouth Education Foundation - Woods Hole Business Assoc. - Quick's Hole Tavern & Taqueria - The League of Women Voters of Falmouth - Hair Reflections - The Falmouth Jewish Congregation - Falmouth Hospital - The Falmouth Service Center - First Congregational Church of Falmouth - St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Oppenheim & Nickerson, LLP - Notus Clean Energy, LLC - Michael O'Keefe, Cape & Islands District Attorney - State Sen. Vinny deMacedo - State Rep. Dylan Fernandes, State Rep. David Vieira and The Falmouth Board of Selectmen

We are on Facebook at: **Falmouth Gun Buyback Day 2018**
<https://www.facebook.com/FalmouthGunBuybackDay/>

I endorse the Falmouth Gun Buyback - 2018 and would like to make a financial contribution:

as a sponsor (donation of \$250 or more) _____
as a contributor _____
or anonymously _____

Checks for support can be made out to:

"Waquoit Congregational Church" please write "GunBuyBack" on the memo line
& mail to: Waquoit Congregational Church, 15 Parsons Lane, Waquoit, MA 02536

For credit cards you can support us via PayPal by going to our FaceBook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/FalmouthGunBuybackDay/>) (click on the Blue Donate button) or to the Waquoit Congregational Church web page (<http://www.waquoitucc.org/>) and clicking on the Yellow Donate button. (FaceBook donations may not work with mobile devices).

*The Waquoit Congregational Church is a 501c3 non-profit organization

Any money in excess of BuyBack costs will be donated to the Falmouth Service Center

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 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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