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GOOD NEWS

Week of May 6, 2018

Dear (Contact First Name),

If you are like me, you wondered if spring would ever appear this year.

It has. It's beginning!

What is continuing is our call to be stewards of this earth, "our island home" as the authors of Eucharistic Prayer "C" (Book of Common Prayer, 1979, pp. 369ff) have stated.

That is not beginning.

So on this coming Sunday, traditionally called Rogation Sunday - referring to our call to till (and tend) the earth, all the hymns will remind us of the beauty of creation, I would ask that you join me in recommitting yourself to our mutual call to be stewards of the whole creation.

Will you do so in word and action?

Will you?

Gratefully,

Deborah

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For Knowledge of God's Creation

Almighty and everlasting God,
you made the universe with all its
marvelous order,
its atoms, worlds, and galaxies,
and
the infinite complexity of living
creatures:
Grant that, as we probe the
mysteries of your creation,
we may come to know you more
truly,
and more surely fulfill our role in
your
eternal purpose as stewards of
creation;
in the name of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

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
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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

COFFEE HOUR

May

6	Susan Morse & Nawrie Meigs-Brown
13	Mother's Day - Men of the Parish
20	MC & Mike Garfield
27	Hank & Winnie Dick

DISASTER PLANNING TEAM UPDATE--Presentation, Sunday, May 6th

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 when a power outage, ice or other weather condition causes 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. If you can help, please let me know, contact Hilary Greene at 508-737-4542 or hgreene78@comcast.net.

There will be a Disaster Preparedness Presentation **this Sunday, May 6th**, following the 10 AM service.

Your information will be confidential and extremely important as we identify ways to support each other. Disaster Preparedness questionnaires are available in the church and in Fisher House. The **online form is now available, and preferred**, if you have not already filled out the paper form.

Please follow this link to the online form. [Disaster Preparedness Form](#)

Thank you for your participation in this important ministry. ~ Hilary Greene, Deacon in Training

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).

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. This week, **Sunday, May 6th**, we will accept donations of **coffee and tea**. Look for the basket by the entrance to the church. Please contact Joan Stephenson with any questions. Thank you.

Thank you,

The Rev. Deborah Warner

FIRST CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Jim Vieira and Terry Soares met earlier this week to review our process once construction begins. Once we have a building permit, Jim's role will move from Consultant to Clerk of the Works. He will be submitting a weekly report to Deborah, which Terry will forward to FCBC members. *All questions, concerns or comments for Jim will go through Terry.*

The FCBC will be meeting monthly once construction begins. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 23rd at 5 PM. Thereafter, the meetings will be held on Thursdays at 5:00 towards the end of each month.

In addition, a sub-committee of two people will be formed to select the finishes. They will need to be available every 3 weeks to meet with Jim to make decisions on finishes of: flooring, hardware, doors, plumbing fixtures, paint for walls and trim and upstairs lobby flooring. Deborah will be selecting the two members. Because of our budget constraints, Jim and Corey Heaslip will do preliminary selections and present those to the sub-committee for them to narrow the choices to one for each category. Those choices will then be presented to the FCBC for review.

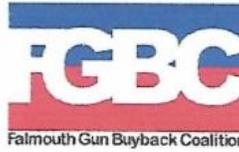
Our permit status is the following: engineering and curb cut have been approved. We are still in the process of waiting for the health, zoning and ultimately, the building permit, which we anticipate will take 2-3 weeks. We can proceed with the site work if there are any delays.

Friends, we are on our way!

Terry Soares, chair FCBC

The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector

[GUN BUYBACK DAY - 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

NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER

Capital Campaign Update

Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign for the new Parish and Community Center continues with an enthusiastic committee supported by the parish and the community. To date, we have raised an amazing \$1.6 million in pledges and outright gifts. Our original goal was \$1.55 million with a stretch goal of \$1.7 million. Because of increasing material costs, labor and the like, the revised budget to complete the renovation is \$1.925 million which is achievable through continued fundraising and community support. Thus, our updated campaign goal is \$2 million, with a new stretch goal of \$2.5 million. These additional funds would help cover monies already spent for the project (e.g. architectural drawings, interior demolition, etc.) as well as landscaping, furnishings and any unplanned costs.

We anticipate the new Parish and Community Center will be completed by December 2018! The First Church Building Committee, led by Terry Soares, has done a wonderful job of managing the myriad of details and processes that are necessary to move the project forward.

On a related front, we are pleased that the sale of Fisher House is under agreement and the terms of the sale

meet the financial guidelines required by the Diocese. All proceeds will be added to the church endowment.

We will continue with active fundraising through this year and into the next, if necessary. With construction beginning in May, we will be sending out reminders regarding pledge payments so that we will have the cash needed as the project proceeds. Additional solicitations to the community, proposals to foundations and applications for grants are in process. We expect that as the site and building begins to be transformed, there will be added interest, excitement and support!

We welcome your questions and suggestions. We are deeply grateful to all who have supported this important and necessary project that will invigorate our future service to our parish and the community at large.

Charles Mann, Chairman, Capital Campaign, Phase 2

Don Aukamp

Carol Casey

Deborah Dougherty

Arden Edwards

Mark Haycock

Sandra Rodgers

WOODS HOLE MEDITATION GROUP: Mondays, 3-4 PM, Fisher House

A weekly meditation group has been formed and is open to any and all in the community. We are meeting on Mondays in Fisher House from 3 - 4 PM. The format includes 15 minutes of introductions, 30 minutes of sitting with brief instructions and 15 minutes afterwards for people to gather informally. The 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 some quiet time in community at the beginning of the week. Please speak with me if you have any questions. - Deborah

CHOIR AND HANDCHIME CHOIR REHEARSALS, Wednesday evenings, 6-8 PM

Choir rehearsals began in September, with regular choir at 6PM and handchime choir at 7PM. New members are always welcome, whether you sing soprano, alto, tenor or bass. Rehearsals are a fun and relaxed time of making music and enjoying great fellowship! Please speak to Brittany if you are interested or have any questions.

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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