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## GOOD NEWS Week of September 30, 2018

Greetings!

One of the great challenges of living is staying in the present moment, the here and now .  
Right here. Right now .

It is so natural for our minds to wander to the past, to the future, and therefore allow us to miss the present. Indeed, as many of you perhaps have already discovered, I, too, am continuing to learn how challenging it is to simply remain in the present moment.

What I am finding, though, is that when I am in the here and now , I am open to seeing and hearing life at a very different level. I feel calmer, more centered, more able to be who and what I dare to imagine God would have me be.

Nothing more. Nothing less.

I invite you to take some time and allow yourself to simply be present in the here and now , not lingering over what was or anticipating what is to come. Just allow yourself to be present to the Presence of God now .

Gratefully,

- Deborah

The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector

CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH  
*MISSION STATEMENT*

*The Church of the Messiah is an inclusive and welcoming community*

Terry Soares  
2021

Nancy Rea  
2021

## 2018 Staff

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## Stay Connected



Forward to a friend

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### O God our Creator

O God, our Creator,  
Your kindness has brought us the  
gift of a new day.  
Help us to leave yesterday,  
and not to covet tomorrow,  
but to accept the uniqueness of  
today.

~ Iona Abbey Worship Book  
Glasgow: Wild Goose  
Publishing. 2001. page 188

Thank you,

The Rev. Deborah Warner

- 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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## WELCOME BACK, CHARLENE

We are delighted that Charlene Higbe will be our guest organist and choir director on Sunday. Brittany will be in Maine attending a family celebration.

## 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 enriched by Your love and the power of the Spirit. Amen

## REFRESHMENT HOUR

### September

30 Hank & Winnie Dick

### October

7 Helen Gordon & Ron Schlitz  
14 Don & Dee Aukamp  
21 Arden Edwards & Joan Stephenson  
28 John & Rhona Carlton-Foss

**REMINDER:** Beginning Oct. 7th, we are asking people to bring their own mugs in for coffee hour. This will make things much easier for those who are hosting each week. The coffee and tea will be provided by Ple in the Sky, thanks to the generosity of a parishioner.

## 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 has been shingled;
- the leaching field drainage system has been installed and the leaching system is in place;
- the septic field has been completed and two septic tanks have been installed;
- the main water line has gone in;
- the rough plumbing and electrical work has begun;
- windows have been installed on the first floor, as well as have all the windows on the second floor, except in the dormers;
- 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;

- Next steps for site work are grading and prep for the patio.

- Jim, Deborah and Terry met with Tom Lee, Landscape Architect, to review the landscaping bids, grades in the back corner and stone selection for the rear patio. We are so pleased to be able to re-purpose the old stones from the First Church into our new patio/seating area!

- Wiring and plumbing for a future generator are on track, although the generator itself is not in the budget.

- The next FCBC meeting will be on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM.

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

Thanks for your ongoing support!

- Terry Soares, FCBC chair

### 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).

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>

Our annual fall "Service of the Blessing of the Animals" will be held next Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> during the 10 o'clock service. We ask that animals be leashed or caged for their own comfort and safety! If you wish, you may bring in photographs in lieu of your animal companions. The 8 o'clock service will be a celebration of Holy Communion as usual. The 10 o'clock service will be Morning Prayer.

**MUSIC NOTES:**Our choir season has resumed, with the first rehearsals taking place on September 5<sup>th</sup>. 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!

### 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 and in October we will be collecting hand cream and body lotion.** Look for the basket by the entrance to the church. Please contact Joan Stephenson with any questions. Thank you.

### 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 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*

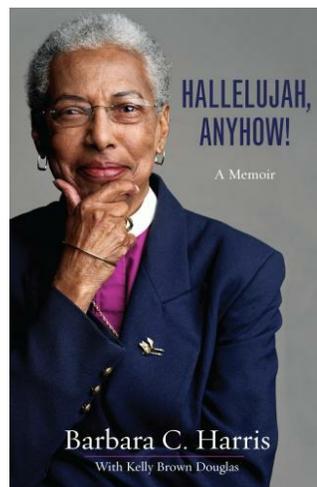
*Deborah Dougherty*

*Arden Edwards*

*Mark Haycock*

*Sandra Rodgers*

### **Oct. 14 hymn sing to launch Bishop Barbara C. Harris's new memoir**



"Why the title? The hymn 'Hallelujah Anyhow' is reflective of the attitude I have attempted to carry through life, or at least my adult life. It speaks in a real way to the ups and downs, the peaks and valleys, and the sure knowledge that whatever happens along life's rugged pathway, 'it is well with my soul.'"

So begins *Hallelujah, Anyhow*, Bishop Barbara C. Harris's new memoir, written with Kelly Brown Douglas and out this month from Church Publishing Inc.

The new book arrives just in time to mark the 30th anniversary of Harris's historic Sept. 24, 1988, election as the first female bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will host a Book Launch and Hymn Sing with Harris on Sunday, Oct. 14 at 4:30 p.m.

All are invited to come celebrate with singing and fellowship.

Pre-signed copies of *Hallelujah, Anyhow!* will be available for sale at the event.

#### **Summary**

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**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

### WOODS HOLE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY SEASON BEGINS October 7th

Doors open at 7 PM. Community Hall is handicapped accessible and street parking is free after 6PM.

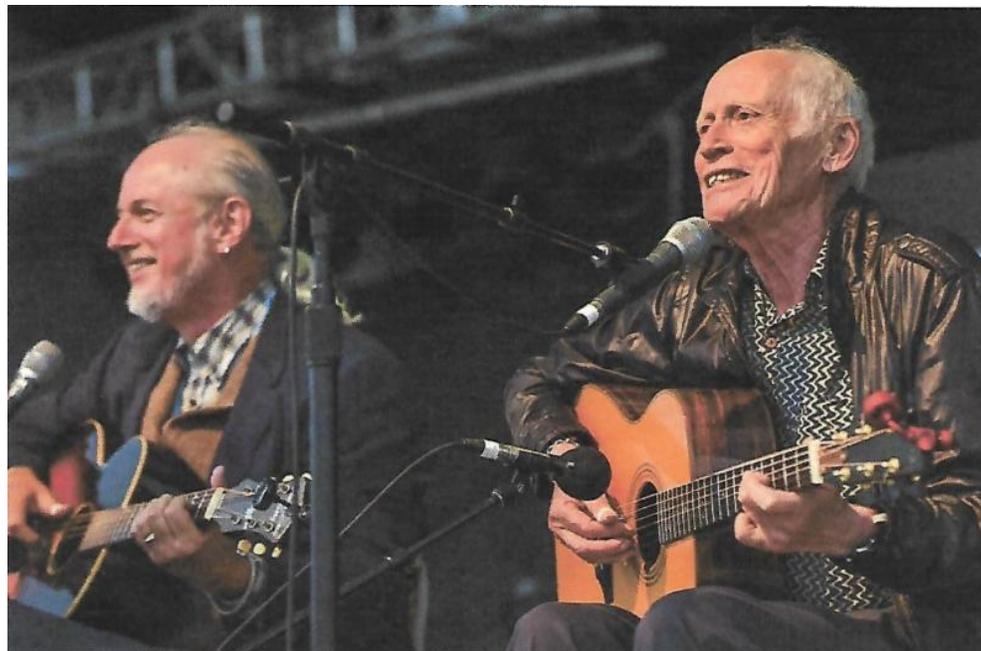


Photo by Chris Smith

## Archie Fisher & Garnet Rogers

*Master troubadours from Scotland and Canada, rarely heard together.*

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**Sunday, October 7, 2018 7:30 pm**  
**Woods Hole Community Hall**

Presented by  
**The Woods Hole Folk Music Society**

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Admission: \$20.00 • \$17 members, discounts for seniors, youth and children.

For more information: [woodsholefolk@gmail.com](mailto:woodsholefolk@gmail.com)

### 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, [dickyallison39@gmail.com](mailto:dickyallison39@gmail.com))  
Thanks very much!

### 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."*

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.

## 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, 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.

### 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.



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