

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
May 13, 2018

Welcome to the Church of the Messiah
We are delighted to have you worshipping with us.



Be a gardener

Be a gardener.
Dig a ditch,
toil and sweat,
and turn the earth upside down
and seek the deepness
and water the plants in time.
Continue this labor
and make sweet floods to run
and noble and abundant fruits
to spring.
Take this food and drink
and carry it to God
as your true worship.

~ Julian of Norwich, in
Earth Prayers. Edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon.
New York: Harper One. 1990. page 305

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
In Honor of All Mothers
by Tammy Amon and Bobby Colburn

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.

A PRAYER FOR OUR FUTURE

As our capital campaign continues, 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 13	Mother's Day – Men of the Parish
20	MC & Mike Garfield
27	Hank & Winnie Dick

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 let me know. Contact Hilary Greene at 508-737-4542 or hgreene78@comcast.net

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:

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

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, Fisher House

A weekly insight meditation group now meets on Mondays from 3- 4 PM in Fisher House. It 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*

CAROL CASEY, OUR GUEST SPEAKER THIS SUNDAY

Today is Mother’s Day and we are delighted to hear Carol Casey speak about her calling as a grandparent. Carol will be speaking during the 10 o’clock service.

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, May 20th**, sunscreen will be collected. 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.

FIRST CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Jim Vieira and Terry Soares met last 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 23th at 5 PM. Thereafter, the meetings will be held on Thursdays at 5:00 towards the end of the month.

In addition, a sub-committee of two people is being 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 is 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

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

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



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