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## 2018 Vestry

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## GOOD NEWS

### Week of

## October 7, 2018

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Greetings!

What are the questions that you have?

In her poem, "Some Questions You Might Ask" Mary Oliver offers a stack of her own. Hers revolve around the soul.

Solid? Tender? Breakable? Who gets one? Who doesn't?

I imagine that all creatures, "great and small" have souls of some sort or other. Why not?

In the age in which we are living where the climate on earth is changing rapidly, I believe that souls of creatures are aching. They are bruised and battered.

And, I imagine, they are wondering. "Why is this happening? Why?" What will the souls that follow in two, three or seven generations be saying. Who knows? But I hope one of their questions is not "If human beings knew what they were doing to God's creation, why didn't they act differently?"

I hope that is not their question. After all, those who follow us - "all creatures, great and small" deserve to live on a planet that is habitable or not filled with heart ache - or shall I say, "soul ache."

What questions do you have?

Gratefully,

- Deborah

Terry Soares  
2021

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2021

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### Some Questions You Might Ask

Is the soul solid, like iron?

Or is it tender and breakable, like

the wings of a moth in the beak of the  
owl?

Who has it, and who doesn't?

I keep looking around me.

The face of the moose is as sad

as the face of Jesus.

The swan opens her white wings  
slowly.

In the fall, the black bear carries leaves  
into the darkness.

One question leads to another.

The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector

## 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.*

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*The Rev. Deborah M. Warner, Rector  
cell: 508-259-1570; Email: DWarner74@aol.com*

### BLESSING OF ANIMALS: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 10AM Service

Please join us for the Blessing of Animals. 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.

### 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

#### October

7	Helen Gordon & Ron Schlitz
14	Don & Dee Aukamp
21	Arden Edwards & Joan Stephenson
28	Kiril & Judy Coonley

**REMIINDER:** 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 Pie 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:

- 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 the tanks have been installed;
- the main water line has gone in;
- the fire suppression system has been roughed in;
- in the coming weeks work will begin on the rough plumbing and electrical;
- windows have been installed on the first floor, and the large cathedral windows on the second floor will be installed within the next week;

Does it have a shape? Like an iceberg?

Like the eye of a hummingbird?

Does it have one lung, like the snake and the scallop?

Why should I have it, and not the anteater

Who loves her children?

Why should I have it, and not the camel?

Come to think of it, what about the maple trees?

What about the blue iris?

What about all the little stones, sitting alone in the moonlight?

What about roses, and lemons, and their shining leaves?

What about the grass?

Mary Oliver,

Thank you,

The Rev. Deborah Warner

- work has begun on the piers for the foundation of the parking lot;

- the front entry curb cutting has been done;

- curb drainage work has been begun;

- the front deck has been framed;

- As we have said in the past weeks, 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, November 7, 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).

**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. **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*

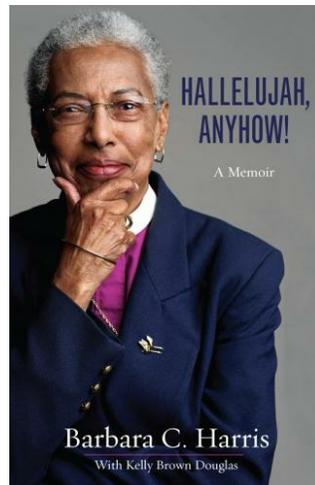
*Deborah Dougherty*

*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 SUNDAY

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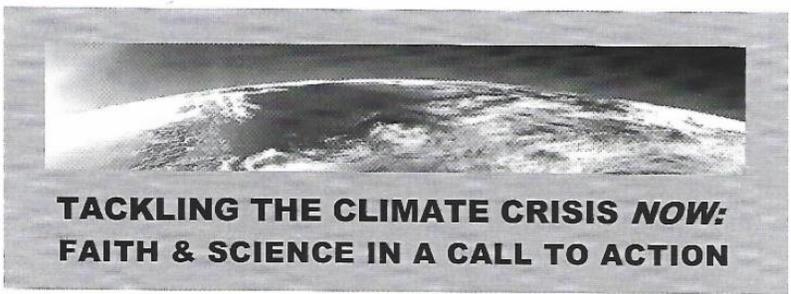
Admission: \$20.00 • \$17 members, discounts for seniors, youth and children.

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!



A forum featuring:

**DR. PHILIP B. DUFFY, President & Executive Director,  
Woods Hole Research Center**

**REV. DR. MARGARET BULLITT-JONAS, Missioner for Creation Care,  
Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts &  
Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ**

**REV. DR. PAUL MINUS, Co-chair of the Cape and Islands Faith  
Communities Environmental Network**

*Dr. Duffy is co-convenor, with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, head of the Catholic Boston Archdiocese, of a commonwealth-wide coalition of science and religion leaders working together to address the climate crisis. The Woods Hole Research Center is recognized as the world's #1 ranked independent climate change think tank.*

*Rev. Bullitt-Jonas lives in western Massachusetts and is a leading voice in the global environmental movement among religious leaders. Her Web site is [RevivingCreation.org](http://RevivingCreation.org).*

*Rev. Minus is a retired theological educator/activist who has worked environmentally the last two decades in Southern California, Connecticut and Massachusetts. Since its beginning 15 months ago, the Faith Communities Environmental Network has grown to include 17 congregations throughout the Cape and Islands.*

**Sunday, November 4, 2018, 2 – 4 pm at  
St. John's Episcopal Church, 159 Main St., Sandwich, MA**

We invite you to be part of this dialogue as faith and science leaders come together to spark a wider effort to connect faith & science and to protect our Earth home. There will be ample opportunity for Q&A and conversation with the speakers.

*Co-sponsored by Woods Hole Research Center and Faith Communities Environmental Network; hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church.*

*Everyone welcome. No admission charge. Handicapped accessible.  
Refreshments served. For further information call 508.237.6260.*

## 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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