

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**December 9, 2018**

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



*Some words about John the Baptist:*

John was a poet, and he knew about words. He knew that all men and all women are mysteries known only to themselves until they speak a word that opens up the mystery. He knew that the words people speak have their life in them just as surely as they have their breath in them.

*~ Frederick Buechner on the website: [www.frederickbuechner.com](http://www.frederickbuechner.com)*

*The Advent Wreath is given in loving memory of  
Carole Costa  
by Peg Nicholson*

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

### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Our prayers are asked for: Ted Ruegg, the Moseley family and the Kingwill family. In addition, we pray for The Rev. Will Mebane and members of St. Barnabas as they formally celebrated their new ministry this past Tuesday evening. – *DMW*

### **THANK YOU BRITTANY AND THE CHOIR**

On behalf of all those who attended last Sunday afternoon's joint Advent Service of Lessons and Carols with St. Barnabas, we thank Brittany and the choir for their extraordinary efforts and dedication. It was a magnificent service thanks to their leadership, as well as the preparation given by all readers.

As you may remember, the offering at the service was collected for Hyannis based Independence House, a resource, counseling and advocacy center that addresses domestic and sexual abuse. Thanks to your generosity, we will be sending them a check for nearly \$1,400. On behalf of those whom this money will benefit and their family and friends, thank you very much. ~ *DMW*

### **MANY THANKS TO OUR SOUP CHEFS AND SERVERS!**

We are very appreciative of everyone who made and sold soup at our Soup's On table at the Woods Hole Renaissance Fair last weekend. Special thanks to Carol Wagner who organized and coordinated the efforts of all those involved. Thanks very much!!!

### **OUTREACH NEWS. Supporting the Falmouth Service Center**

For many years now the Falmouth Service Center has been giving out food for Thanksgiving and children's gifts at Christmas, so that everyone in Falmouth might be able to celebrate the Holidays.

We are asking you to donate items listed on the Service Center flyer on page 5 as a gift to our neighbors.

Please contact Joan Stephenson if you have any questions. 508-495-9970. Thank you!

The next Outreach Committee meeting will be **Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**, 10 AM in Fisher House.

## REFRESHMENT HOUR

To help with the simplicity, we have received a very generous offer from a parishioner to underwrite the cost of having *Pie in the Sky* provide the coffee and hot water for tea during the fall and winter. The carafes will be brought to church each week (along with a milk container and milk.) We are asking that the hosts return the carafes to Pie after church. Please bring (and take home) your own mug. Thank you.

### December

- 9 Mary Fran Buckley and Bob Haskell
- 16 Lynne Hoar
- 23 *Christmas Cheer* ~ Drink a toast with bubbly!
- 30 *Christmas Remains* ~Bring your leftover sweets!

### January

- 6 Mark & Joyce Haycock
- 13 Terry & Reg Soares
- 20 Mary Swope
- 27 **Annual Meeting** – Potluck Lunch



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Flowers, in honor or memory of someone, please take an envelope and complete it with your name and the name of the person(s) whom you wish to be listed on the Christmas Flower list. Your check should be payable to the Church of the Messiah with *Christmas Flower Donation* on the memo line. Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to have donations included in the Christmas bulletin. Thank you.



## Christmas Services

### *Monday, December 24*

- 4:30 PM - Family Service
- 8:00 PM - Festival Eucharist

### *Tuesday, December 25*

- 10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

## 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 last of the trees needing to be removed were taken down this week;
- the stone work for the retaining wall is complete and looks beautiful;
- the masons have begun work on the terrace area;
- the walkways to the building were put down this past week;
- the exterior drainage system around the base of the building was put in this week;
- insulation has been applied to the interior walls and attic;
- the installation of the elevator is nearing completion.

-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 held on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM.

*PLEASE SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT BELOW ABOUT A SNEAK PEEK OF THE BUILDING ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 & 11:00 AM.*

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

Thanks for your ongoing support! - Terry Soares, FCBC chair

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A "SNEAK PEEK" OF THE  
NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER!

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

**9:30 AM AND 11:00 AM**



**Space is limited.  
Please call  
508-548-2145 to reserve a  
spot.  
For safety, hardhats will be  
supplied. Closed toe shoes  
please.**

**NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:**

**Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, January 2, 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).

**NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - *Capital Campaign Update***

A new Facebook page and the capital campaign page on our website (<http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org/capital-campaign>) provide information on the campaign's progress, photos of progress on the building, a link to our original campaign video, *Back to Our Future*, and an online donation function.

Our recent "Woods Hole" mailing (based on town property records and thus reaching many far-flung non-residents) produced gratifying results and substantially expanded our number of supporters. We are pleased to report that contributions and pledges as of November 28th now total \$2.155million. We are setting our sights on our stretch goal of \$2.5 million, the full cost of the completed project. We continue our outreach to the community, foundations, and grant sources. With progress at the site ever more visible and exciting, we expect to report continued progress towards our goal.

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*

**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 to 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. –

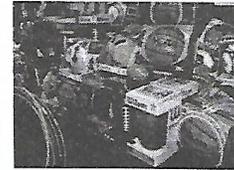
*Deborah*

# Help Us, Help Children

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: We need to receive all NEW toys by Friday, December 14\*\***

We especially need the following items for our Service Center Gift Distribution  
on *Thursday, December 20 and Friday, December 21*.

- ❖ Gift Certificates for teens (Wal-Mart, TJ Maxx, Dunkin' Donuts, Olympia Sports, GameStop, Best Buy, CVS, anything computer-related, etc. )
- ❖ Sports items and arts & crafts kits for 8 to 14 year olds
- ❖ Educational toys for infants and toddlers
- ❖ Bikes are always appreciated
- ❖ Games and puzzles the whole family can enjoy
- ❖ Wrapping paper, tape, ribbons, bows



**Please call FSC at 508-548-2794 with questions.**

Check the Service Center website for more information: [www.falmouthservicecenter.org](http://www.falmouthservicecenter.org)

Find us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram where we frequently post updates as well!

## We Appreciate Your Help!

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## Church of the Messiah

### 2018 Vestry

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Peter Franklin	<i>Warden</i>
Jean Taft	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
Don Aukamp	<i>Treasurer</i>

Sally Hauck	2019	Mark Haycock	2019
Charles Mann	2020	Peg Nicholson	2020
Terry Soares	2021	Nancy Rea	2021

### Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Jill Glidden	Deanery Representative
Nawrie Meigs-Brown	Deanery Representative

### Staff

The Rev. Deborah Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Brittany Lord	<i>Music Director, Organist</i>
Nancy McDonald	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
Jennifer Kelly	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
Julie DeMello	<i>Financial Recorder</i>
Bruce Bagley	<i>Church Sexton</i>
Doug Amon	<i>Cemetery Sexton</i>
Warren Bagley	<i>Custodian</i>
Jessica Morrison	<i>Webmaster</i>

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