

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**January 6, 2019**

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



**A Prayer for Newly Arrived Refugees**

Gracious God, we pray for our newest neighbors,  
that those families who have sought refuge  
from the ravages of war and violence  
may find not only shelter and sustenance,  
but also a loving and supportive community  
in which to create a new beginning with dignity.

*~ Alyssa Stebbing, Trinity Episcopal Church  
The Woodlands, Episcopal Diocese of Texas  
from the Episcopal Church Migration Ministries website:  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/emm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/emm)*

***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.

**WELCOME NATALIE FINSTAD from EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION**

This Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock we are delighted to welcome Ms. Natalie Finstad, a staff member of the Episcopal City Mission in Boston. She will speak with us about ECM's ministry to refugees and migrants now living on the South Coast, Cape and Islands. This is one of two programs our 2018 Christmas Offering is going to support.

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from addiction, anxiety, are survivors of abuse or assault, are unemployed or are homeless. We also pray for refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries.

**STEWARDSHIP LETTER TO BE MAILED LATER THIS MONTH**

The late fall is when we usually send our annual stewardship appeal. However, because of our ongoing capital campaign, we are postponing this appeal until later this month. – *The Vestry*

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

**Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, February 6, 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).

**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.

**January**

- 6** Mark & Joyce Haycock  
**4 – 7 PM EPIPHANY OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY**  
*Weather Permitting*
- 13** Terry & Reg Soares
- 20** Mary Swope
- 27** **Annual Meeting – Potluck Lunch**

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

As we continue to support the Falmouth Service Center, our suggestions for donations in January are coffee, tea and hot chocolate mix for the cold winter days.

In response to concerns parishioners raised last week regarding those in the US Coast Guard who are being effected by the government shutdown, Brenda Swain, director of the Falmouth Service Center, said the FSC is continuing to serve families on Joint Base Cape Cod as well as offering to have some of these clients come to the center for additional help. If you would like to help support this particular program during these economic challenges for Coast Guard members and their families, you may send a check payable to the *Falmouth Service Center* at 611 Gifford Street in Falmouth (02540) marked *Joint Base Cape Cod on the memo line*.

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

### **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:

- final grading of the grounds around the building and parking lot wall, and stabilizing the hillside will be completed after Christmas. Loam and seeding will be completed in the spring;
  - the fire systems have been installed on the first and second floors and are in the process of being installed in the basement;
  - hanging drywall is ongoing;
  - the painters started priming the walls on December 31;
  - a temporary natural gas line will be installed between the Stone Church and the new Parish and Community Center. This temporary installation is necessary because there is a lockout and moratorium on new connections. Once the moratorium is lifted, a permanent connection will be put in place.
  - Peg Nicholson and Jim Vieira met with Delphi to review the budget projection to the end of construction.
- 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 Wednesday, January 9th at 4 PM.

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

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, about 50 community members accepted our invitation to tour the transformed structure. Delphi did a wonderful job in preparing the project site and building for these visitors. Brian Switzer has created a 2 minute video report that beautifully captures the visitors' enthusiasm. The video can be played from our website: (<http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org/capital-campaign>) or via this link: <https://vimeo.com/308424117>.

To show the progress of the campaign, on the project site we now have a striking graphic with a mostly red candle that we hope to color in completely as the campaign progresses. The current total of gifts and pledges is approaching \$2.2 million against our stretch goal of \$2.5 million.

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*

*Arden Edwards*

*Carol Casey*

*Mark Haycock*

*Deborah Dougherty*

*Sandra Rodgers*



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