

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**February 24, 2019**

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



Some words to ponder from the late Mary Oliver

...

To live in this world

you must be able

to do three things:

to love what is mortal;

to hold it

against your bones knowing

your own life depends on it;

and, when the time comes to let it

go,

to let it go.

~ Mary Oliver

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God*  
*In Memory of*  
*Marie MacMillan Graham*  
*on the occasion of her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday*  
*by her daughter, 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.

## **UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, March 3rd: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

8 AM and 10 AM Morning Prayer and Homily  
Hilary Greene, *officiant*

### **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday**

12 Noon - Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Music  
7 PM - Ash Wednesday Liturgy, Music and Choir

The imposition of ashes will be available for any person who desires to receive them at each service.

## **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from addiction, anxiety, are survivors of abuse or assault, those who are undergoing treatment or living with cancer, are unemployed, homeless or are feeling anguished by the lasting effects of the partial federal government shut down. We pray for refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries.

## **DEBORAH AWAY: March 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>**

I will be away attending a retreat March 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the event of a pastoral emergency please call Jean Taft, warden, at 508-524-0883. She will contact the clergy person on call. - DMW

## **REFRESHMENT HOUR**

### **February**

24 Dicky Allison & Jean Taft

**March 3** Patti Riccardelli

10 Lynne Hoar

17 Priscilla & Ted Ruegg

## **UPCOMING FALMOUTH FORUM at 7:30 PM Lillie Auditorium, 7 MBL Street, Woods Hole**

**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, John Holdren, *Former Director, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and currently serving as a Professor at the Kennedy School of Government, and the Woods Hole Research Center.* Dr Holdren will address the effects of current and future changes in the earth's climate.

## **A MESSAGE FROM BARBARA C. HARRIS**

*Sent to the clergy and diocesan and parish leadership*

*As the church marks the 30th anniversary of the day that the Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris became the first female bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion, Bishop Harris offers the following message to the community of the Diocese of Massachusetts.*

Feb. 11 marks the 30th year of my consecration and the 30th anniversary of becoming bishop suffragan of this diocese.

I look back over these three decades and am mindful of the paraphrased words of the apostle Paul spoken in the consecration sermon: God chooses the foolish things of the world to confound the wise. Similarly I am immeasurably grateful to the people of this great diocese for putting their trust in me to fulfill the role and office to which I was elected.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve and to continue to be helpful on occasion in retirement when called upon here and in other areas of the church.

At age 88 I can only humbly say, thank you for your continued prayers and support, and thanks be to God.

The Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris  
Bishop Suffragan, Retired

<https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/bishop-barbara-c-harris-offers-thanks-30th-anniversary-her-historic-consecration>

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

### **Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, March 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).

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

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

In response to concerns parishioners have raised regarding those in the US Coast Guard who have been affected 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 service families and other 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 and others who have lost income because of the partial government shutdown, please send a check payable to the *Falmouth Service Center, PO Box 208, Falmouth, MA 02541* marked *Joint Base Cape Cod on the memo line.*

The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10AM** in the Stone Church.

**Falmouth Service Center  
2018 Statistics**

**MISSION:**

Our mission is to ease stress, reduce hunger and improve the quality of life for our neighbors in need. The Falmouth Service Center (FSC) works to increase self-sufficiency by helping to build networks among clients, neighbors and agencies.

**THIS YEAR:**

- ♥ 62,407 bags of food distributed in the newly renovated FSC pantry & in Home Delivery to elders
- ♥ 34,408 Volunteer Hours were recorded in our *Volgistics* system. Many more hours were committed and work is ongoing to capture all the amazing dedicated time and energy of our volunteer force
- ♥ 710,881 pounds of food were received from the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) for distribution
- ♥ 494 new households received services
- ♥ 2079 households came into the pantry for food representing 4063 individuals.
- ♥ 19 Community Meals fed an average of 160 people per meal utilizing 40,860 pounds of food from GBFB
- ♥ 30 Mobile FRESH markets delivered food to:
  - ♥ 4 Falmouth Schools (2 elementary, 1 middle and the high school) average 85 households per program
  - ♥ Joint Base Cape Cod Military markets twice monthly with an average of 180 households per visit
- ♥ 247 children received Fresh Start Back to School items
- ♥ 183 participants are registered for our Foods to Encourage program now in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. An average of 25 households are monitored weekly for glucose and blood pressure, receive healthy recipes and extra vegetables in our newly renovated wellness room.
- ♥ 668 thanksgiving baskets provided through special distribution and 950 individuals fed at Community Thanksgiving meal
- ♥ 878 households received a holiday meal in December
- ♥ 634 children from Falmouth and for the first time Mashpee (55 children) received 4 to 9 gifts per child as well as games, pet toys, a gift for an adult in the house and wrapping paper for the whole family.
- ♥ \$133,108 was paid to vendors for financial stabilization of 305 households
- ♥ In July of 2018 FSC successfully moved our small *Emerald House Thrift Shop* into its new location and expanded offerings at the new *Hand in hand Thrift Shop*. The sales generated and donations provided by the community over the first six months in the new location are strong indicators that the decision to move and grow this enterprise was strategically sound. At *Hand in hand* we went from 40 volunteers to 183 in 3 short months.

**WEEKLY:**

- ♥ 15 tons of food comes into FSC: 46% is fresh fruits and vegetables
- ♥ An average of 367 clients are fed through the food pantry and another 250 households are served through programs outside of the building. At each pantry visit clients are able to choose items from the newly relocated Free Clothing Room which is beautifully displayed and provides, clothing and household goods.

## **STEWARDSHIP LETTER TO BE MAILED SOON**

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 March. – *The Vestry*

## **FIRST CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

We are approaching the finish line! I have been attending the weekly site meeting as we approach the end of our building project. Our team of Jim Vieira, Delphi Construction and Keenan and Kenny are energized as we near our completion goal of the end of February. We have a moving date of Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>!

- landscape installation is scheduled for early spring;
- carpentry trim work is proceeding on the second floor, including enclosing the beams in the Woods Hole Room;
- carpet and vinyl tile work is complete on the first floor and in progress on the second floor;
- kitchen cabinet installation is complete;
- kitchen countertops will be installed in about two weeks;

As we approach the finish of our project we will be looking for help in early March for two items:

- 1) A team of 4-5 people who will meet for a one-time 4 hour walk through with the furnace, electrical, sprinkler, security systems installers. They will go through simple system operations so that basic knowledge of our systems is reviewed and more than one person will know where items are located. Delphi will also provide a video for our records of system operations.
- 2) When we move across the street a team to help with unpacking and set up of the offices and kitchen.

Please email me at [mtscapecod@gmail.com](mailto:mtscapecod@gmail.com) if you are able to help!

The February FCBC meeting was held on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and included a walk-through of the building. A final FCBC meeting will be scheduled in early March.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support and suggestions. We are almost there!

Terry Soares, FCBC chairperson

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

As reported in the Annual Report, we closed the year with a total of gifts, pledges and bequests to the Campaign of about \$2.2 million toward our stretch goal of \$2.5 million. We continue fundraising and expect to do so through the summer. To indicate the progress of the Campaign, there is a striking graphic at the Center with a mostly red candle that we hope to completely color in before the Campaign closes.

We remind those who have not yet watched it, to view the splendid 2 minute video report on the December 15<sup>th</sup> open house in which Brian Switzer captured views of the new spaces and recorded many community members' responses to the transformed structure. The video can be viewed from our website:

(<http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org/capital-campaign>) or directly via this link: <https://vimeo.com/308424117>.

As always, 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*



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