

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
February 3, 2019

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



Apprehend God in All Things

Apprehend God in all things,
for God is in all things.

Every single creature is full of God
and is a book about God.
Every creature is a word of God.

If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature –
even a caterpillar –
I would never have to prepare a sermon.
So full of God
is every creature.

~ Meister Eckhart found in *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*.
Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications. 2017. page 173.

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 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.

THANK YOU TO “RETIRED” AND NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

On behalf of the parish and the broader community who are so appreciative of the congregation’s ministry, I wish to thank *Sally Hauck* and *Mark Haycock* for their years of service on the vestry. Together, they helped us be mindful of our call to be a community of hospitality and stewards of the building and grounds of which we are caretakers. We also wish to thank *Peter Franklin* (warden) and *Don Aukamp* (treasurer) for their tireless efforts particularly during these last two very full years.

Many thanks to those who were elected to a term as an officer or vestry member for this year: *Nancy Rea* and *Jean Taft* (wardens), *Winifred Dick* (clerk), *Don Aukamp*, *Peter Franklin*, *Paul Graney* and *Susan Morse* as members of the vestry. *Dicky Allison* and *Helen Gordon* were elected as diocesan and deanery delegates. We are still in the process of filling the following positions: treasurer and three deanery representatives. As names are given to the nominating committee (*Sally Hauck*, *Mark Haycock* and *Mary Swope*) or me, they will be presented voted on at the next vestry meeting (Monday, Feb. 18th.) as our bylaws state.

Thanks again very much, - *The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector*

WOODS HOLE RESEARCH CENTER: February 13th 5:30 – 7 PM

The Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, a fellow of the Green Justice Coalition and Pastor of New Roots AME Church in Dorchester will speak on “Climate Justice OR Climate Just Us: A Moral Case for Putting Equity at the Center of Climate Action. Registration is required. Please contact *Melissa Tomlinson* at mtomlinson@whrc.org or call: 508-444-1520.

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

Friday, March 29th, *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.

REFRESHMENT HOUR

February

- 3** Carol Casey
- 10** Kasparian Family
- 17** Lynne Hoar
- 24** Dicky Allison & Jean Taft

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).

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 **Monday, February 4th**, 10 AM in the Stone Church.



**Help
Falmouth's
Homeless
by
Dining Out
Monday
February 4**

Jack's Restaurant & Bar
327 Gifford Street

Special thanks to Jack's for offering 10% of the food proceeds to Belonging to Each Other, Inc. to support the homeless in Falmouth this winter.

Be sure to tell your server you are dining for Belonging to Each Other

a Falmouth non-profit organization providing temporary housing and loving support to homeless neighbors during the cold winter months
www.bteofalmouth.com

**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 5th 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.

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 19th!

- final grading of the grounds around the building and parking lot wall, and stabilizing the hillside has been completed;
- carpentry trim work is proceeding on the second floor;
- the flooring installer is preparing the plywood surfaces for carpet and vinyl tile with installation to follow immediately thereafter;
- kitchen cabinet installation has begun;
- As you may have seen last Sunday morning, National Grid installed the gas lines.
- 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, February 6th and will include a walk-through of the building.

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

Terry Soares, FCBC chairperson

STEWARDSHIP LETTER TO BE MAILED IN FEBRUARY

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 February. – *The Vestry*

NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - Capital Campaign Update

On December 15th, 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



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2019 Vestry

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Jean Taft	<i>Warden</i>
Nancy Rea	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
<i>Open</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>

Charles Mann	2020	Peg Nicholson	2020
Terry Soares	2021*	Peter Franklin	2021
Don Aukamp	2022	Paul Graney	2022
*Susan Morse	2021, as of April 1, 2019		

Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative

Staff

The Rev. Deborah Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Brittany Lord	<i>Music Director, Organist</i>
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