

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
August 18, 2019
Welcome to the Church of the Messiah
We are delighted to have you worshipping with us.



Attentiveness

If while washing dishes, we think only of the cup of tea that awaits us, thus hurrying to get the dishes out of the way as if they were a nuisance, then we are not 'washing the dishes to wash the dishes.' What's more, we are not alive during the time we are washing the dishes. In fact we are completely incapable of realizing the miracle of life while standing at the sink. If we can't wash the dishes, the chances are we won't be able to drink our tea either. While drinking the cup of tea, we will only be thinking of other things, barely aware of the cup in our hands. Thus we are sucked away into the future—and we are incapable of actually living one minute of life.

-Thich Nhat Hạnh, *The Miracle of Mindfulness*
On the website: www.inwardoutward.org for
July 23, 2019

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 Parish and Community Center, may our lives,
and the lives of all who join us, be renewed 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 or homeless. We also pray for refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Looking for two hosts between now and September 1

August

17 Road Race Weekend: Service on Saturday, August 17th at 5 PM. No reception following.

25 *Open*

September

1 *Open*

SAVE THE DATE! WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28th, 5 to 7 P.M.

On the grounds of St. Barnabas Church

FALMOUTH COMMUNITY PICNIC TO DEMAND THE HUMANE TREATMENT OF MIGRANTS BY OUR GOVERNMENT

"Learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." Isaiah 1:17

Stand with all those in our community who believe that our Judeo-Christian traditions command us to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Sponsored by Faith Communities of Falmouth.

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TO SUPPORT TWO ORGANIZATIONS THAT MINISTER TO MIGRANTS WHO ARE WAITING TO ENTER THE U.S. LEGALLY

*Members of the Church of the Messiah are asked to bring 4 to 6 chicken salad sandwiches a piece to share. Only finger food will be served at the picnic.

OUTREACH NEWS: Supporting the Falmouth Service Center.

As we continue to support the Falmouth Service Center, our suggestion for donations for the summer months is sunscreen for adults and children. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be Monday, August 19th at 10:30 AM in the PCC Conference Room to discuss details related to the August 28th Interfaith Migrant Ministry Support Picnic.

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:

Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, Septemeber 4th at 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).

MORE THAN A MONTH OF THANK YOU'S, and THEN SOME

As I have thought over the extraordinary list of activities we have hosted and/or been involved with since opening our Parish and Community, I know you share my deep gratefulness. On behalf of the vestry and others in parish and community thank you to:

- Those who helped to host the Epiphany School visit on Friday, May 10th ;
- Cooks and servers who continue to serve guests at the Village at Cataumet on the first Wednesday of the month;
- All who attend the weekly meditation group on Mondays from 3 – 4 PM;
- Sea Education Association for holding their Annual Meeting and reception in the Woods Hole Room on Sunday, June 23rd;
- The Woods Hole Cantata for using the Woods Hole Room for their rehearsal space on a weekly basis;
- All who helped celebrate the Blessing of the Parish and Community Center with Bishop Gates on Sunday, July 7th;
- Several families who have had business meetings or receptions for family celebrations of loved ones;
- The Tanglewood Marionettes who performed for children and adults alike on Wednesday, July 23th and especially to Winnie Dick for making the connection to this special group;
- Annie Chalkley for so kindly and ably preparing a delicious luncheon for 45 + people after the final Noontunes, and serving it in the Woods Hole Room on July 31st;
- For the hosts of our summer refreshments;
- For Lucia Mock and her family as they hosted a fundraiser on Sunday, August 4th that lets us continue to support refugees served by the Nour Center in Beirut;
- For the Woods Hole School of Science and the Woods Hole Historical Museum both of whom held their Annual Meeting in the Woods Hole Room during the week of August 5th ;
- And last, but not least, everyone who donated the more than 30 backpacks, lunch boxes and water bottles that will be distributed to students in Falmouth through the Fresh Start Program at the Falmouth Service Center.

All of this has been made possible because of your generous support in helping to transform our Parish and Community Center into the place of hospitality and welcome. It clearly has become this for any and all in the community of which we are a part.

Friends, just think....we are just getting started!!!

Gratefully~ *Deborah*

NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - *Capital Campaign Update*

The spirit of the joyous gathering for Bishop Alan Gates's blessing and dedication of the Parish and Community Center on July 7th has been captured in a new two-minute video by Brian Switzer. The balcony of the new building provided a dramatic setting for the event, and the reception that followed in the Woods Hole Room was a festive occasion. This new video and several others are available for streaming at our website: www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org

While contributions continue to come in, they have not been sufficient to move us substantially above the \$2.2 million shown on our graphic in front of the Center. With the building's completion, we are working on a further outreach to engage our summer community in the remarkable transformation in the building and encourage their help in closing the remaining funding gap.

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

MIDDLE EAST FORUM OF FALMOUTH – Sunday, August 25th, 5 PM in the Stone Church.

August 25, 2019 ~ *Iran-US Relations -- Is Transforming Animosity into Friendship Possible?*

Dr. Seyed Hossain Mousavian. Specialist, Middle East Security and Nuclear Policy, Program on Science and Global Security, Princeton University

For more information visit: www.meff.world

PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

The final piece of our building project has been completed with the installation of the landscape around our new Parish Community Center. The landscape around the building is simple to match the simple beauty of our new building: minimal foundation shrubs, flowering shrubs along the parking lot to soften the transition from the pavement to the bed/lawn areas. Lawn will be installed in front and under the beech tree, which we anticipate will revert to moss over time. We wanted the landscape to be as environmentally friendly as possible: to that end the steep slope off the parking lot down to the Steamship parking lot will be seeded with a no mow fescue grass seed mix. The plant material chosen for the slope of a mix of all native shrubs and trees - River birch, Bayberry, Clethra and Inkberry. These were all chosen for their ability to adapt to our site as well as promote pollinator species of bees, butterflies and birds. We can't wait for everyone to be able to gather and enjoy our new patio and seating area outside!

I will be looking for volunteers to help with watering/weeding our new plantings for the summer! If interested, please get in touch with me at mtscape@gmail.com.

~ Terry Soares, FCBC chairperson



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