The Church of the Messiah's Good News

August 4, 2019

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



Mantra

Savor the moment

~ the late Della Hardman of Oak Bluffs, MA

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.

PUNCH ON THE PATIO

August

- 4 Carol and Steve Wagner
- 11 Open
- Road Race Weekend: Service on Saturday, August 17th at 5 PM. No reception following.
- 25 Open

September

1 Open

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 12th, 10:30 AM in the PCC Conference Room.

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET:

Next Monthly Dinner, Wednesday, August 7th, 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).

Middle Eastern Evening



Fundraiser & Dinner

To benefit the Nour Center Community School

The Nour Center is a community school in Beirut, Lebanon serving almost 300 Syrian and Palestinian youth. Please join us in continuing our support of this wonderful school!

The event is free and will have food, music, and a presentation on the Center. All money raised will be donated directly to the school thanks to the generous support of the Church of the Messiah.

If you would like more information please contact Lucia Mock at lucia_mock@mail.harvard.edu. You can also donate online at: https://www.gofundme.com/nour-center-201819-fundraiser

GENTLE YOGA with JENNIFER BETH KELLY, Thursdays, 12:00 – 1:15PM, Old Fire Station, Woods Hole

Please join me in lightening and brightening your spirit in this fun and playful Summer class! Offered weekly for 9 weeks from June 20th – August 29th (no class held on July 4th & August 1st.) Using singing bowls, as well as other vibrational instruments, combined with gentle & energizing stretching, body movements, breathing exercises, sound toning and guided meditation, this dynamic class invokes a deep level of inner peace, relaxation and rejuvenation within your body, mind and soul. Beneficial & open to all levels, no prior experience necessary.

Bring your own mat. \$15 cash for drop-in. 5 class card available – Jennifer Beth Kelly

SUGGESTIONS OR QUESTIONS RE: OUR NEW SPACE

Since opening our Parish and Community Center, a number of suggestions have been made or questions raised to me. In order to be responsive to these in an appropriate manner, please write these down on the clipboard which is on the counter in the upstairs kitchen or the clipboard by the alcove outside the downstairs kitchen. By following this procedure we can be responsive to your questions or suggestions in a timely manner.

Thanks very much for taking the time to help us as we all settle into our new home and space. DMW

NEW PARISH AND COMMUNITY CENTER - Capital Campaign Update

The Easter reception in the new Center represented the first public event hosted in the transformed First Church. To record the beauty of the building -- especially the Woods Hole Room, dressed in its butterfly themed elegance and the celebration and Blessing of the Building with Bishop Gates – and to capture a sense of community response to the Center, we commissioned Brian Switzer to create for us another short video. This is now 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 planning a renewed push to engage our summer community in the remarkable transformation of 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
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Deborah Dougherty
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Sandra Rodgers

HEADSTONE CLEANING AND RESTORATION

"Headstones stand out Surrounded by green grass Marble and granite rocks Reflections from my past....."

Anthony Tucker

Would you like to join us in cleaning some of the beautiful and centuries old headstones in our Cemetery? The Headstone Cleaning Program is taking place again this year and we are trying some different days of the week. The final cleaning and restoration session will be on **Sunday August 11**th from 9:30 to 11:30

Wear comfortable clothes and bring sun protection, a stool or kneeling pad, gloves and a beverage and/ or snack. We will have the cleaning solution and cleaning tools.

The cemetery is next to the Church of the Messiah. Hope to see you there.

For more information please call Dee Aukamp, Cemetery Committee 508.495.9911

MIDDLE EAST FORUM OF FALMOUTH - Sunday evenings at 5 PM in the Stone Church.

August 11, 2019 ~ Crisis in the Saudi-American Relationship?

Dr. F. Gregory Gause, III. Head, International Affairs Department, Bush School of Government and Public Service, Texas A&M University

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

FALMOUTH SERVICE CENTER, The Fresh Start Program

The Fresh Start Program provides school age children with a complete set of new clothing, a gift card towards a new pair of shoes, and a backpack filled with school supplies to start the new school year.

Do you remember...

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- The first day of school?
- Your new outfit?
- How good you felt?

Fresh Start was introduced to the Falmouth Service Center in 2005 by Kathy Hall of East Falmouth. After hearing of a similar program in Connecticut, she spearheaded a committee to bring this program to Falmouth through the Falmouth Service Center. In Fresh Start's first year, 57 children were outfitted and received a backpack filled with school supplies. This past school year, we were able to assist 301 Falmouth children.

Without The Fresh Start Program, the children YOU sponsor would not experience this excitement.

How can I help to support The Fresh Start Program?

- Sponsor a Child
 Call 508-548-2794 to sponsor a child
 Encourage your faith community, school or community group, or employer to sponsor a child

 Buy a Backpack (or two)
- Buy School Supplies
- Volunteer Your Time
- Make a Cash Donation Towards The Fresh Start Program

We wish we could share the joy we see when families pick up their backpacks and school clothes in August. This year, when you see those school buses in September, give yourself a hug. A child on that bus is a recipient of Fresh Start!

More questions?

If you have more questions about The Fresh Start Program, please call us at 508-548-2794 or visit our website at www.falmouthservicecenter.org



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