

**The Church of the Messiah's
Good News**

September 1, 2019

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



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Another Timeframe

When we live without listening to the timing of things—when we live and work in twenty-four-hour shifts without rest—we are on war time, mobilized for battle.... But remember, no living thing lives like this. There are greater rhythms that govern how life grows: circadian rhythms, seasons and hormonal cycles and sunsets and moonrises and great movements of seas and stars. We are part of the creation story, subject to all its laws and rhythms.

—Wayne Muller, *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* on the website: [www InwardOutward.org](http://www.InwardOutward.org) on August 27, 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

September

1 Nancy & Cary Rea

Thank you to all our hosts who provided refreshments this summer.

OUTREACH NEWS: Supporting the Falmouth Service Center

As we continue to support the Falmouth Service Center, our suggestion for donations for September is toothpaste and toothbrushes, for adults and children. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be Monday, September 9th at 10:30 AM in the PCC Conference Room.

NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET

Next Monthly Dinner: Wednesday, September 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).

DEBORAH ON RETREAT: FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th – SEPTEMBER 2nd

I will be on retreat beginning Friday, August 30th through September 2nd attending a program at the Garrison Institute in Garrison, NY. We are delighted to welcome back The Rev. Barbara Peterson as our guest celebrant and preacher today. She will also be covering in the event of pastoral emergencies. Her cellphone is: 781-910-1323. - DMW

2019 HEADSTONE CLEANING

We started cleaning the cemetery headstones about ten years ago with advice and information from Donna Walchovy who has worked on restoring older headstones all over Massachusetts.

We began in the oldest part of the cemetery near Church Street. We have worked our way all through the cemetery over the years, finishing this summer in the Pasture near the upper church parking lot.

This year we had planned three dates for cleaning, but were rained out of our first date. We had a wonderful group of volunteers for the next two cleaning sessions. We cleaned 72 headstones, benches, and markers in those two sessions.

A huge thanks to: Laura Kelly, Freddie Valois, Phil Alatalo, Cary Rea, Robin Ackroyd, Carol Wagner, Don Aukamp and the many folks who have helped in the previous years. For many of us it is a quiet, concrete way to honor those who have gone before us.

The Cemetery Committee will continue to monitor our aging trees and watch for vines and invasive plants that might damage stones or stone walls. The benches located throughout the cemetery are places for quiet contemplation welcome to all.

Most sincerely, Dee Aukamp, Cemetery Co-Chair

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

The Choir begins their rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4th at 6 PM. If you are interested in joining, please contact Brittany Lord.

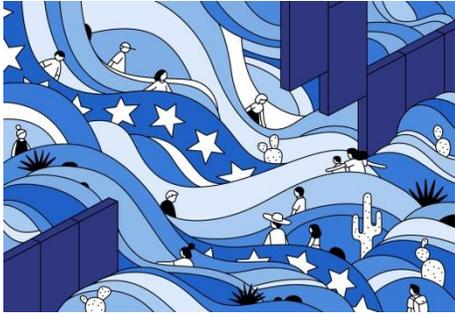
Would you like to be a *lector*, *intercessor* or *usher*? If so, please contact Nancy McDonald. She would be happy to add your name to the list of those who already serve as liturgical leaders.

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 is 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



The Church of the Messiah, with the support of other Falmouth faith communities, is encouraging donations to the three organizations described below.

Our goal is to help provide humanitarian and legal assistance to the refugees on both sides of the border who are seeking asylum in the United States.

TEAM BROWNSVILLE of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas crosses the Gateway International Bridge between Brownsville, Texas and Matamoros, Mexico each day to serve breakfast and dinner to asylum seekers waiting to cross the bridge. It also gives supplies, like shoe laces and toys, to asylum seekers in La Plaza Bus Terminal in Brownsville. <https://www.teambrownsville.org>
Checks may be made out to Church of the Advent with Team Brownsville on the memo line.

HIAS: For 135 years HIAS has been the *only* global Jewish organization whose mission is to rescue and assist refugees—more than 4.5 Million so far—regardless of their national, ethnic or religious background.

HIAS has historically protected those fleeing violence, persecution and torture, defending them against deportation by securing humanitarian legal status and keeping families united through reunification. As refugees' access to protection is increasingly restricted, HIAS' U.S. legal program seeks to safeguard and increase rights for refugees and other displaced people upon their arrival to the U.S. and throughout their journey to citizenship. Today, HIAS' U.S. Legal Protection team seeks to provide various forms of humanitarian relief to our clients who arrive in desperate need of protection. The organization is actively engaged on the ground at the southern border. <https://www.hias.org> Make checks payable to: HIAS

ANNUNCIATION HOUSE, an all-volunteer organization, has been serving immigrants and refugees on the US/Mexico border since 1978. Annunciation House (AH) operates two shelters in El Paso and oversees a large network of helping organizations. Annunciation House is sustained entirely by the generosity of its supporters.

Since October of 2018, Annunciation House, with help from its network of helping organizations, has been providing hospitality – food, shelter, clothing, transportation - for many more refugees than usual. By the spring of 2019, as many as a thousand refugees per day were being sent to Annunciation House and its network of helping organizations. By late June, the number of refugees dropped. Today Annunciation House operates at least one hospitality site to receive the hundred or more refugees still arriving daily.

<https://annunciationhouse.org> Make checks payable to: Annunciation House

To read April 1, 2019 article about Annunciation House: GOOGLE “Washington Post Ruben Garcia”

Cash and checks are accepted.

There will be a collection bucket for each organization.

Donors are asked to contribute by check or cash to the organization(s) of their choice.

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 23rd 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 ;
- Everyone who donated the more than 50 backpacks, lunch boxes and water bottles that are being distributed to students in Falmouth through the Fresh Start Program at the Falmouth Service Center.
- Those who helped welcome back David Lockwood on Wednesday, August 21st when he generously gave a piano concert on his “Rolling 88’s” to benefit the capital campaign.
- Everyone in the parish and community who helped in any way to raise funds for one of three organizations that works to bring dignity to those who are seeking asylum in this country and entering through at our southern border.
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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



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John Nolan	<i>Treasurer</i>

Charles Mann	2020	Peg Nicholson	2020
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