

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**September 8, 2019**  
*Welcome to the Church of the Messiah*  
*We are delighted to have you worshiping with us.*



**Water as Gift**

I thought to myself, “If we were conscious, we would fall down on our knees and give thanks every day for water and safeguard her with our lives.” I began to make a practice of saying a prayer of gratitude every time I used water to clean, cook, bathe, or drink. Simple gratitude for the gift of life began to awaken me from my amnesia about the exquisite world we live embedded within.

–Anita Amstutz, *Soul Tending: A Journey Into The Heart of Sabbath*  
Quoted on the website: [www.inwardoutward.org](http://www.inwardoutward.org) on August 30, 2019

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
in loving memory of  
JoAnn Borsari  
by her children and grandchildren.*

**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**

**8** Jane Vose

*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, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER**

The Choir began their rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **MINISTERING AS COMMUNITY: Here and There**

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the August 28<sup>th</sup> Community Picnic. Together with the Falmouth Jewish Congregation, Waquoit Congregational Church, Unitarian Fellowship of Falmouth, St. Barnabas and the Church of the Messiah, we raised more than \$6,100. These donations will be going to three different ministries in the Southern part of the United States that are working with men and women, boys and girls who are seeking asylum here. This interfaith effort demonstrated the importance of working across faith traditions to serve those in need here and elsewhere. We are deeply appreciative to Carol Casey who led these efforts and along with other members of our Outreach Committee did research on organizations serving those who have such critical need.

### **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

### **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! If interested, please get in touch with me at [mtscape@gmail.com](mailto:mtscape@gmail.com).

~ Terry Soares, FCBC chairperson

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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*



Please like us on [Facebook](#)

All are invited for an evening of  
**COMMUNITY DEATH EDUCATION and CONVERSATION**

Monday September 16th, 2019 6:30 - 8:30 pm

First Congregational Church (near the Falmouth Village Green)

The one-hour *Death Cafe*, an hour of facilitated conversation in small groups, will be followed by the  
*Educational program*. The sessions are distinct, and folks may attend either portion.

*Death*  *Cafe*

6:30 - 7:30pm

**A DEATH CAFE**

*is a group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes, nor affiliated religious organization. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session. "The desire is to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their finite lives."*

*DeathCafe.com*

**EDUCATION** 

7:30 - 8:30 pm

**ASHES TO ASHES**

**DUST TO DUST**

**Join Judith Lorei,  
a leader in the Natural and Green  
Burial movement.**

**She will discuss her endeavor to  
change the way we bury our loved  
ones and update us on green burial  
activities, and a cemetery research  
project that provides info on where  
green burial is allowed in MA.**

**A natural burial is one that involves no  
embalming fluids, no vaults and no coffins  
built to far outlast the bodies they contain.**

**Judith Lorei, co-founder and president of  
Green Burial MA., was a funeral director/  
embalmer apprentice when she left the  
industry to become an educator and advocate  
on funeral consumer rights and natural burial.**

**Events are free and all are welcome.**

***Refreshments provided!***

***Donations are always gratefully accepted.***

Death Cafe is an international movement started in Europe to encourage people to talk about the taboo subject of death. It is simply a gathering in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere with refreshments allowing us to share a respectful, engaging, thought-provoking and life-affirming conversation on any topics related to death, dying and mortality.

617-859-7990

Funeral Consumers Alliance of Eastern Massachusetts  
Protecting a Consumer's right to choose dignified, meaningful, and affordable after-death care;  
including the right not to be a consumer at all.

[www.fcaemass.org](http://www.fcaemass.org)

For more information call Heather Massey at 508-457-1612 or visit [www.deathcafe.com](http://www.deathcafe.com).



# September 2019 - October 2019

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Sep 15 8:00am Holy Comm 10:00am Holy Comm & Baptism	16 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 3:00pm 4:00pm W H Meditation (Parish & Comm. Center)	17 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open	18 8:30am Falmouth Clergy Mtg. 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Handchimes r	19 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open	20	21
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Oct 6 - 12 8:00am Holy Comm 10:00am Morning Prayer & Blessing of Animals	7 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 3:00pm 4:00pm W H Meditation (Parish & Comm. Center)	8 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 11:30am 1:00pm WHWC	9 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Handchimes rehearsal	10 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open	11	12

## Church of the Messiah

### 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>
John Nolan	<i>Treasurer</i>

Charles Mann	2020	Peg Nicholson	2020
Susan Morse	2021	Peter Franklin	2021
Don Aukamp	2022	Paul Graney	2022

### Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Carol Casey	Deanery Representative
Joan Stephenson	Deanery Representative

### Staff

The Rev. Deborah Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Brittany Lord	<i>Music Director, Organist</i>
Nancy McDonald	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
Jennifer Kelly	<i>Bookkeeper &amp; Financial Recorder</i>
Bruce Bagley	<i>Church Sexton</i>
Doug Amon	<i>Cemetery Sexton</i>
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