

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**December 22, 2019**

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



Light in the darkness

There is a light in us that only darkness itself can illuminate. It is the glowing calm that comes over us when we finally surrender to the ultimate truth of creation: that there is a God and we are not it....Then the clarity of it all is startling. Life is not about us; we are about the project of finding Life. At that moment, spiritual vision illuminates all the rest of life. And it is that light that shines in the darkness.

- Sister Joan Chittister, on the website of the Center for Action and Contemplation ([www.cac.org](http://www.cac.org)), December 4, 2019.

*Altar Greens and Plants are given to the Glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the life of  
Margaret Jewett Greer.*

*The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God  
by Peg Nicholson  
in loving memory of  
Carole Costa.*

**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.

## **COFFEE HOUR**

### **December**

- 22**     **Christmas Cheer** - Egg nog and cookies – Jane Vose  
**29**     Christmas remains – Bring your leftover sweets to share

### **January**

- 5**         Mark & Joyce Haycock  
**12**         Terry & Reg Soares  
**19**         Jim Murray  
**26**         **Annual Meeting**

## **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 pray for refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries and for all who are ministering to their needs.



## ***Christmas Services***

***Tuesday, December 24***

4:30 PM - Family Service  
8:00 PM - Festival Eucharist

***Wednesday, December 25***

10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

## **THE GIVING TREE PRESENTS ARE OVERFLOWING**

Thanks to the generosity of many people, the area around the Giving Tree is piled high with gifts for our neighbors who are living at the Villages at Cataumet until they can find permanent housing. The gifts will be taken to the Villages on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 10 o'clock service. On behalf of all who will benefit from your thoughtful generosity, thank you. Finally, we are very grateful to Jill and Leah Glidden who have organized on this special outreach ministry again this year.

### **ADVENT THANKS**

I wish to thank the following people who have extended themselves in this busy Advent season:

- The Flower Committee for “greening the church” last Saturday, December 14th;
- Brittany Lord, members of the choir as well as Nawrie Meigs-Brown, Alison Martin and Carol Casey who went caroling at Prosser Gifford’s home last Sunday, December 15th after church;
- Tammy and Doug Amon who gave their devoted energy and attention in making sure that the church looked beautiful for the solemnity of the Blue Christmas Service on Tuesday evening, December 17th;
- Sarah Bach and Brittany Lord whose music was lovely and lifted the spirits of those attending the Blue Christmas service.

To each of them and so many of you who quietly and calmly offer yourselves for the ministry of this Christ especially at this time of the year, thank you. – *The Rev. Deborah Warner*

### **OUTREACH NEWS: Supporting the Falmouth Service Center**

As we continue to support the Falmouth Service Center, suggested donations for January are coffee, tea and hot chocolate mix. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be Monday, January 6th at 10:30 AM in the PCC Conference Room.

### **UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

We have some Good News indeed about our Capital Campaign. To help us close the remaining \$300,000 shortfall from our target of \$2.5 million, two anonymous donors have pledged to match up to a total of \$55,000 new contributions to the campaign received between now and March 31, 2020. When matched we will have added \$110,000, carrying the total over the \$2.3 million mark.

Most of you already have given generously to support the creation of the Parish and Community Center. We hope that many of you will be able to stretch yet a bit farther to help us secure these matching funds.

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*

*Don Aukamp*

*Carol Casey*

*Deborah Dougherty*

*Arden Edwards*

*Mark Haycock*

*Sandra Rodgers*

### **NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET**

**Next Monthly Dinner: Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</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!

## **HOLIDAY MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY**

The WHPL will be screening one more holiday themed movies on Monday evenings in December. Movies will begin at 7pm in the lower level of the library. Popcorn will be provided, but attendees are invited to bring a beverage of their choice.

**Monday, December 23:** A movie that has only been made one time in the early 2000s. Note that this is a charming, “irreverent” comedy with many bright spots not the least of which is the leading actor. The movie also boasts several other beloved actors that everyone will recognize. The story follows an irresistible chap, often found sitting on high, in search of a loved one. How does the search turn out? Join us on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and find out.

## **EPIPHANY DINNER: MONDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 PM**

**“On the twelfth day of Christmas, a parishoner said to me...”**

Your company is requested  
at the Church of the Messiah’s Epiphany Dinner  
Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
beginning at 5:30 PM  
in the Parish and Community Center

Further details to follow.



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# December 2019 - January 2020

December 2019							January 2020						
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Dec 22		Dec 23		Dec 24		Dec 25		Dec 26		Dec 27		Dec 28	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00am Holy Comm 10:00am Holy Communion	10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 3:00pm 4:00pm W H Meditation (Parish & Comm. Center)	Christmas Eve (United) 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 4:30pm Family Service 8:00pm Festival Euchar	Christmas Day (United) Christmas Day Office Closed 10:00am Holy Eucharist	Office Closed									
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Church of the Messiah, Administrative Assistant

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