

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**February 2, 2020**

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



*Love Like That*

*I am here, you are here, we are here, not because of anything  
we did, but because God is love. We are made in love. And Jesus said,  
“I give you a new command: Love one another just like God loves you.  
You are to love one another just as the God who made you.” Love like that.*

*The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of  
The Episcopal Church. Written on his twitter account  
January 26, 2020*

***The Annual Meeting  
of the  
Church of the Messiah  
Sunday, February 2, 2020  
following the 10 AM service.***

***Pot-luck lunch to follow.***

**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.  
Having transformed the Parish and Community Center, may our lives  
and the lives of all who join us, continue to be renewed by Your love and the  
power of the Spirit. Amen.

**Carol Francis-Conover**

It is with deep, deep gratefulness for a life fully and faithfully lived and yet a heavy heart that I share the news that at the end of yesterday's ten o'clock service we learned of the sudden and unexpected death of Carol Francis-Conover.

Carol was a much beloved member of the Church of the Messiah family for over forty years. Her passions were social justice and outreach as well as music. She was involved in each of these ministries over the past four decades contributing her energy, talent and passion to each.

Many of us remember Carol lighting the altar candles each Sunday before the ten o'clock service. She did so without fanfare or recognition. She just did it.

In a very real way, this simple act exemplifies her life here, and I imagine, elsewhere. She was called to bring light to dark places without fanfare and without being asked. And she did this without apologizing, but instead, speaking up clearly and passionately on issues of social justice - especially involving hunger, the need of affordable housing on the Cape, children's ministry and making sure all voices are heard.

It was especially poignant that we learned of Carol's death at the end the yesterday's ten o'clock service, in the midst of the church family she loved. Carol's absence was noticed first by Brittany when she failed to show up for choir rehearsal. A member of the choir stepped forward and reached out to her daughter who lives in Mashpee after calls from Brittany and me failed to be answered. Another member of the parish took it upon himself to drive to her house to check on her wellbeing. It was there that he met her daughter and learned of Carol's sudden death. She simply went to sleep and never woke up.

At the end of the service, having sung the final hymn, we learned of Carol's death. We offered two prayers: one from the Burial office and the other a collect for "Church Musicians and Artists" found in the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Brittany then asked that we sing Hymn 499 "*Lord God, you now have set your servant free.*"

And so, Carol Francis-Conover has been set free. Free to be filled with the love and compassion that Christ feels for her for her faithful service in this life. Free now to live in the life to come. Free to let her spirit dwell in the Heart of God as we seek to carry on her light, love and legacy.

In the meantime, please know that this letter comes with my deepest thanksgiving for the honor of having each of you as companions on this journey here and now.

Gratefully, Deborah

The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector

**Prayer in Thanksgiving for Carol Francis-Conover**

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Carol, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*Carol's memorial service will be held this coming Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 o'clock in the morning. A reception will follow in the Woods Hole Room of the Parish and Community Center.*

**COFFEE HOUR**

<b>February</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
	<b>9</b>	John & Sandy Rodgers
	<b>16</b>	Kasparian Family

**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.

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

As we continue to support the Falmouth Service Center, suggested donations for February are hand and body lotion. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be Monday, February 3rd at 10:30 AM in the PCC Conference Room.

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

**Next Monthly Dinner: Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</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. Our presence is a visible reminder to our neighbors that we care about their difficult situation. Please consider helping once a year or once a month. Every contribution is welcome!

**NEW ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

We recognize that we seriously need to inform ourselves about taking greater care of our environment and to join with other worship communities in a Christian response to climate change, and as a result we are hoping to establish a new Committee on the Environment in the parish. The people who join this committee will choose a day and time for their meetings; set the agenda; and select a chairperson. Maureen Nolan, a member of the Outreach Committee, has agreed to take the names of anyone who is interested in joining the committee and she will set the time for the first meeting, in March. Please contact her if you are interested. We hope everyone will be! Email: [mmnolan5@gmail.com](mailto:mmnolan5@gmail.com)

## **UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

We are making excellent progress towards matching the \$55,000 pledged by our two generous donors, with over 50 contributions before Christmas including a number from new donors. Thanks to all who are helping so powerfully to propel the Capital Campaign into the New Year. We remain 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*



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Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts  
Creation Care Justice Network

**Workshop for Cape and Islands Congregations**

**“Next Steps for Creation”  
Carbon Footprint Tracker and Green Team Support**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 6-8 pm**  
Snow Date: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 6 pm  
**St. Barnabas Episcopal Church**  
**91 Main Street, Falmouth, MA 02540**  
Supper and Childcare provided!

**This workshop will offer:**

- Theological support for Creation care and climate action
- Worship and prayer resources for your congregation/Green Team
- Training for using the Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home ([sustainislandhome.org](http://sustainislandhome.org)) carbon tracker:
  - \* Measures household and congregational energy use
  - \* Offers concrete actions for reducing your CO2 output
  - \* Offers information, support and encouragement for individuals, households, churches, community
  - \* Encourages advocacy for climate protection
  - \* Endorsed by General Convention 2018 (Res. C008)
- Suggestions for building community around Creation care and SIH

**Interested?** You are strongly urged to **bring another person or two to the training** (having one or two lay climate “champions” and a clergy supporter would be great!) This program can be started any time, **but starting in Lent** would be appropriate. **Bring your laptop/device!**

**Please register or indicate interest even if you can’t attend!** Contact the Rev. Lise Hildebrandt to register or for more information. [lisehild@gmail.com](mailto:lisehild@gmail.com) or 774-301-0460.



# February 2020

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Feb 2</b> Groundhog Day 8:00am Holy Comm 10:00am Holy Comm 11:30am Annual Meeting	<b>3</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 10:30am Outreach Mtg. (PCC Conf. Rm. 3:00pm 4:00pm W H Meditation (Parish &	<b>4</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open	<b>5</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 5:00pm Village at Cataumet (Serve Din 6:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Handchimes r	<b>6</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open	<b>7</b> 11:00am Memorial Svc. & Reception	<b>8</b>
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## Church of the Messiah

### 2019 Vestry

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Jean Taft	<i>Warden</i>
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Carol Casey	Deanery Representative
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