

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
April 19, 2020

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



Now the green blade

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like the wheat the springeth green.*

*~ text from hymn 204 "Now the green blade riseth"
John Macloud Campbell in The Hymnal 1982*

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICES: The Church of the Messiah and the Parish and Community are closed for all services and meetings until Sunday, May 31st. The staff will be working remotely unless their responsibilities require them to be on the church premises. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call the rector, The Rev. Deborah Warner at 508-259-1570.

Our Sunday worship services are live-streamed at 10 AM via Zoom. *Information on how to join these services and how to download Zoom may be found below and will be sent out in a separate Constant Contact email tomorrow.*

INSTRUCTIONS TO DOWNLOAD ZOOM:

1) Go to this link: <https://zoom.us/download> and follow the directions to download Zoom. Depending on what type of device you are using, the link will take you to the Zoom website or the App Store if you are on a mobile device. Zoom is **free**, and **there is no need to sign up or create an account**. All you need is the software/app installed on your device.

2) Then join us for Morning Prayer this [Sunday, April 19th, at 10am](#) by clicking this link: <https://zoom.us/j/632447285> We suggest you plan on getting to our virtual church at 9:45am to give yourself plenty of time to get settled. You can go ahead and test this link now ahead of time to make sure that everything is working. Because virtual church hasn't actually started yet, you will end up looking at a screen that may show a live video of you if you have a camera. On Sunday at 9:45am when you join, you will be looking at the sanctuary.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS: Although our church office is closed, we monitor the mail, voicemail and email on a regular basis. Please continue to send financial contributions by mail to the Church of the Messiah, 16 Church Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543. These can be sent on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. We also have the capacity to receive stock transfers. For further information, please call the church office at 508-548-2145 and leave a voice mail.

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.

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. Lastly, we pray for all who are suffering from or ministering to those with the COVID-19 here and around the world. In our parish, we continue to pray for Charlie Hauck, Gloria Borgese and the Casey family, at the time of the death of Bob Casey's mother on April 2nd.

UPDATE ON CHARLIE HAUCK

I am very happy to report that as of Wednesday morning, April 15th, Sally Hauck hoped that she and Charlie would be back on the Cape within a week. Once they arrive here, Charlie will continue rehab as an inpatient in a local rehab program.

The Haucks have been sustained by the constant prayers and love extended to them by members of the parish family, the Woods Hole and Falmouth community and the generous outpouring of support from their many friends.

Our community is one that is bound by love for and with one another. It is sustained by prayer and action. May we as members of a broad and loving community, continue to hold Charlie and Sally and their children as well as those who work with Charlie with our love, kindness and prayers.

– *The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector*

2020 EASTER OFFERING: An Exceptional Year with Extraordinary Needs

As many of you heard on Easter Sunday, April 12th, the vestry and I wish to extend to you an opportunity to support others and this congregation during these extraordinary times. Although we do not usually set a financial goal for our holiday offerings, this Easter we have intentionally chosen to do so.

Our goal is to raise at least \$4000 that will be divided between two different organizations: **The Falmouth Service Center** and **the Maya Childcare, Inc.** in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Any additional funds beyond the \$4000 will go to the operating account of the Church of the Messiah.

Here is brief information on the recent work and focus of the Falmouth Service Center and Maya Childcare, Inc.

Falmouth Service Center: www.falmouthservicecenter.org

* In March 2020, the Service Center distributed 4292 bags of food to 889 households.

* From April 1st -10th, they distributed 1144 bags of food which have benefited 306 Upper Cape households, including signing up 37 new households in the first six days of April for food distribution;

* By actively partnering with the Falmouth Senior Center in the hopes that the Service Center can keep most seniors safe in their homes. They are picking up and delivering bags of food for approximately 50 senior households/week.

* The Service Center is continuing to offer ‘drive thru’ distribution Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 – noon.

Maya Childcare, Inc. working through the Acorn Childcare Center: www.mayachildcareus.org

- Serving children living in poverty who are may also suffer neglect because of the poverty;
- Providing
 - A safe environment
 - Active learning for children ages 2-6 years old
 - Nutrition and clean water
 - Parental support
 - Medical care
- Serves as a beacon of hope and belonging to children and families being served.

The time in which we are living is exceptional. It is also an extraordinary reminder of our clear interdependence and strength as human beings. May we be instruments of the hope of the Resurrected One now and in the seasons to come.

Please send your donations payable to the Church of the Messiah with *Easter Donation* on the memo line to:

Church of the Messiah
16 Church Street
Woods Hole, MA 02543

On behalf of those whom your generous gifts will benefit, thank you.

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner
Rector

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DIOCESAN GUIDELINES AND PRACTICES DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Note: This information was edited by The Rev. Deborah Warner so it contains only information that pertains to the Church of the Messiah. It was originally sent to clergy in charge of congregations and parish lay leaders. Further information may be found on the diocesan website: www.diomass.org

Worship (You should now plan for **no in-person public worship services until May 31**. We will hope fervently that we might have a Spirit-filled celebration of Pentecost on that day. As with our [March 21 communication](#), this restriction governs in-person worship open to the public. **Online and live-streamed services from church buildings remain permissible**, as long as *fewer than 10 people* are present, *physical distancing* is maintained and *strict hygiene measures* are observed. Our current listing of churches providing online worship is available [here](#).

Private **funerals and memorial services** may proceed as long as *fewer than 10 people* are present, *physical distancing* is maintained and *strict hygiene measures* are observed. An outdoor graveside option is strongly recommended.

Mental health and domestic violence resources

During this time, ordinary channels for mental health support may be disrupted and support groups, like 12-step meetings, may not operate at the usual places and times. Those under quarantine, sheltering at home or feeling isolated or fearful may need additional support. The risk of domestic violence may increase. Stay in touch with people in your congregation through phone calls, video chats and notes. Find resources for additional support listed on our diocesan [COVID-19 Updates](#) page.

Financial and operational matters

COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund: We have established a **COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund** to respond to emerging, urgent needs in our congregations and affiliated organizations, and in support of collaborations with ecumenical, multifaith and community partners. The fund will address critical community needs and congregational sustainability during the time of the pandemic. A grant application with more guidelines will be available soon. The fund is now open to receive online gifts at www.diomass.org/give-now. We are deeply grateful for your sacrificial generosity. *"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* (Galatians 6:2)

The Massachusetts Council of Churches has a very useful [COVID-19 Response](#) page which contains links to upcoming events, webinars, resources, online giving platforms and online worship and meeting tools. The MCC page also includes a link to a survey requested by the [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency \(MEMA\)](#), to assist with the statewide response to COVID-19, as well as links to organizations providing critical support to the most vulnerable.

NEXT WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd, IS EARTH DAY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Although I believe each and every day is Earth Day, this coming Wednesday, April 22nd, marks the official celebration of Earth Day for many people in this country and around the world. What will you be doing that day? Given all that we are in the midst of with this pandemic, may I suggest that you spend some time outdoors and letting the beauty of this earth, sky and the sea, wash over you? May you feel your connection to creation. And may you renew your commitment to be a steward of this earth “*our island home.*” DMW

WELCOME TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE'S CORNER CHAT. We plan to feature tips and challenges for your consideration as we look for ways to honor the earth in this season of Lent. Given that we are all housebound for an indeterminate period, this is a great chance to focus on meals and daily choices that can lead to a more sustainable approach. To that end, we invite you to partake in the *Eating Well 30-Day Sustainable Eating Challenge*. The attached link will guide you through ways to make greener choices and reduce food waste. There is a wonderful calendar to follow over the next thirty days with daily suggestions and even recipes to try. We hope you will join us in this challenge and welcome your thoughts and feedback. Wishing good health for all!

www.eatingwell.com/article/291628/30-day-sustainable-eating-challenge/

COVID-19 can live for three days on some surfaces, like plastic and steel, new research suggests. Experts say the risk of consumers getting infected from touching those materials is still low, although they offered additional warnings about how long the virus survives in air, which may have important implications for medical workers.

The new study, published in [The New England Journal of Medicine](#), also suggests that the virus disintegrates over the course of a day on cardboard, lessening the worry among consumers that deliveries will spread the virus during this period of staying and working from home.

When the virus becomes suspended in droplets smaller than five micrometers — known as aerosols — it can stay suspended for about a half-hour, researchers said, before drifting down and settling on surfaces where it can linger for hours. (In the study's experimental setup, the virus stayed suspended for three hours, but it would drift down much sooner under most conditions.) The finding on aerosol in particular is inconsistent with the World Health Organization's position that the virus is not transported by air.

The virus lives longest on plastic and steel, surviving for up to 72 hours. But the amount of viable virus decreases sharply over this time. It also does poorly on copper, surviving four hours. On cardboard, it survives up to 24 hours, which suggests packages that arrive in the mail should have only low levels of the virus — unless the delivery person has coughed or sneezed on it or has handled it with contaminated hands.

WOODS HOLE RESEARCH CENTER OFFERING SPRING WEBINAR SERIES

Here's something to add to our “stay at home” list...The Woods Hole Research Center is offering a spring lecture series to help people of all ages understand current research in climate change. To register for this free series, please go to the Woods Hole Research Center website: www.whrc.org and follow the prompts.

CASA ALITAS PROGRAM

A Cape-wide effort led by area churches is forming to help a welcome station for asylum seekers in Arizona and we hope our church will be part of it. Deborah Magee, a Wellfleet resident, has worked at this welcome center and returned home with a list of items badly needed for the arriving immigrants. She has transportation for everything that is collected here so all we need to do is give what we can for these people who have been allowed to enter the U.S. needing our help. There is a box in the narthex of the Stone Church for your donations.

UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – GOOD NEWS INDEED!

As announced at the Annual Meeting and detailed in the Annual Report, we experienced an extraordinary response to our fall Capital Campaign outreach, with new gifts and/or pledges from 98 donors. Sparked by a matching challenge grant of \$55,000 by two generous donors, new individual gifts and pledges more than met the match, securing the full challenge amount. Moreover, two anonymous foundations added another \$100,000 bringing the total of gifts, pledges, and bequests to \$2.4 million, moving us close to the \$2.5 million campaign target. We will continue fundraising through August. We continue to welcome pledges as well as checks. The dream outcome would be raising the full \$2.7 cost of the completed building.

A total of 353 separate donors have contributed financially to the campaign. Of the 157 households on our Parish List, 124 (roughly 80%) have made financial contributions and many others are core volunteers in the Parish. We also have received many in-kind contributions, especially furnishings. This is a remarkable level of support for our relatively small community. It has made possible the stunning transformation of the original 1853 church building into a new structure, one that will support more effective service to the Parish and provide new opportunities to the wider community. Thanks and congratulations to everyone involved!

Charles Mann, Chair, Capital Campaign Phase 2
Sandra Rodgers, Chair, Capital Campaign Phase 1
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MANY THANKS TO DICKY ALLISON FOR HELPING US “TEAM UP”

We deeply appreciate Dicky Allison’s incredible efforts in helping us divide our parish membership into neighborhoods as part of our “Disaster Preparedness Plan” (also known as “Neighbor to Neighbor Plan”). Each neighborhood has two convenors who will be reaching out to those in the parish who live nearby each other. As needs arise, convenors will be contacted and will be able to reach out to others nearby who might be able to assist or call the rector if a pastoral care call is needed. In a time when we are keenly aware of the stark reality of the importance of “physical and social distancing,” knowing who is our parish neighbor is even more important as away of breaking down the possibility of social isolation.



Please like us on [Facebook](#)

April 2020 - May 2020

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