

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
February 14, 2021

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



For those we love

Almighty God,
we entrust all dear to us
to your never-failing care and love,
for this life and, indeed, the life to come,
trusting that you, as the Creator,
are doing for all and each
better things than any can
desire, imagine or even pray for.
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

- Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer
(1979) p. 831.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Marie MacMillan Graham,
by her daughter, Peg Nicholson.*

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.*

ALL ARE WELCOME: A Word from the Rector and Wardens

As an Episcopal parish, our intention is to welcome any and all who come into our midst whether physically or virtually. In what can feel like uncertain and unsteady times, we are urgently encouraging everyone to be mindful of the importance that all people feel welcome and safe, regardless of who they are. Thanks very much for practicing this art of hospitality.

ZOOM AND LIVE-STREAMING INFORMATION

Our Sunday worship services *continue to be* live-streamed at 10 AM via Zoom.

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 Virtual Holy Eucharist this Sunday 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.

HAPPY 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DANIEL AND MIYOKO POTTS

We wish Dan and Miyoko a very happy 50th wedding anniversary which they celebrated this past Thursday, February 11th. May they continue to be sustained and filled with the loving presence of God in their love for each other and their families whom they cherish and who cherish them.

– Deborah

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from racial profiling, addiction, anxiety, are survivors of abuse or assault; 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. We pray for all who are suffering from or ministering to those with the COVID-19 here and around the world. We offer our prayers on behalf of those suffering from dementia and their families. We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters and changes in the earth's climate.

As children and young people in our families, parish and community continue school or college in person, online or through home schooling, we pray for them and for adults working with them for patience and a shared spirit of wonder and discovery.

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Larry, David, Wayne, George, Miriam, John, Robert, Michael, Katherine, Axel, Miyoko and Richard.

VIRTUAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
will be available on Wednesday, February 17th.

SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION: *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, by Isabel Wilkerson

As a way of deepening our awareness of the racial pandemic raging in this country, you are invited to join others in the parish in reading *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson. Copies of the book will be available for purchase through Eight Cousins Bookstore in Falmouth. Depending upon the response, we will have two or three groups meeting online via Zoom over the course of March and April. Please speak with Deborah or email her (dwarner74@aol.com) if you are interested in taking part in this discussion. Thanks. - *Deborah*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE- UPDATED 2/10/2021

After much research, discussion, community and Parish interaction, the Church of the Messiah's Vestry decided to sell Fisher House in 2015, use the proceeds to expand the Church's endowment fund, and restructure and expand the original 1852 First Church to house both Parish offices and a large community gathering room. To finance this transformation, a Capital Campaign was launched in 2016, led by Sandra Rodgers, with a goal of raising \$1.55 million, with a challenge goal of \$1.7 million, targets developed in consultation with a development specialist.

Those targets provided the general cost parameters for developing the plans for the transformation of the building. By mid-2018, Sandy and the Committee did an excellent job of fund-raising and were on track to reach the challenge goal. However, due to sharp increases in building material costs and other factors, when actual bids came back, they all were substantially over \$2 million. Clearly a major additional fundraising effort would be required. With profound thanks to Sandy Rodgers and her Committee for the success of the Campaign to date, the Campaign moved into its Phase 2 with Charles Mann appointed as Committee Chair for this final period.

As construction progressed on the PCC, costs continued to escalate and the Campaign goal was reset at \$2.3 million with a stretch goal of \$2.5 million and an end date of January 31, 2021. Even this ambitious target fell short of covering the project's full costs. When all aspects of the project are included — furniture, audio visual equipment, Campaign expenses, and acoustical improvements to the Woods Hole Community Room — the total project cost is \$2.67 million.

When we mailed out the final Capital Campaign outreach letter on November 1, 2020 (All-Saints Day) we believed that we could reach our stretch goal of \$2.5 million, but the \$2.67 total cost of the project seemed far out of reach. Then, in mid-November, we received a response to our May appeal to the Hermann Foundation — one of our largest and earliest donors — news of an additional grant of \$150,000. Raising the full cost of the PCC suddenly was a feasible goal.

Capped by the generous response to our final outreach that ended January 31, 2021, over the five years of the Campaign, 369 individuals, families and foundations have contributed in money and pledges just over \$2.7 million, many contributing multiple times. This generosity provides all the funds needed to pay the full costs of transforming our legacy First Church into the modern and welcoming Parish and Community Center. In addition we have in hand \$32,150 designated by donors towards handicap accessible pathways to link the PCC and the Stone Church.

Recognizing the major contributions from the Hermann Foundation, the Vestry voted on Monday, February 8th to recognize the Hermann Foundation by naming the First Floor and Gallery in the Parish and Community Center in their name. In doing this, the Messiah joins the list of major Falmouth community organizations that honor the Foundation's support: The Hermann Room at the Falmouth Public Library; the Hermann Theatre in the Simon Center for the Arts at Falmouth Academy; the Hermann Gallery at the Falmouth Art Center; the Hermann Garden at the JML Care Center and multiple locations at the Falmouth Hospital.

The Committee, the parish, and the community are deeply grateful to all those individuals, families and foundations that supported the Campaign and have made possible this new community and parish resource.

Thank you, thank you, all!

Charles Mann, Chair, Capital Campaign Phase 2
Sandra Rodgers, Chair, Capital Campaign Phase 1
Don Aukamp
Carol Casey
Deborah Dougherty
Arden Edwards
Mark Haycock

Note: As Campaign ended on the date of this report, 1/31/21, totals are subject to minor adjustment.

THANK YOU FROM MAYA CHILDCARE



Dear friends at the Church of the Messiah,

Thank you so much for your very generous gift to Maya Childcare, Inc. We are particularly grateful for your kind and helpful support in the midst of the current situation.

Your support means that families in crisis can continue to nourish their children with nutritious meals and that they have the basic healthcare supplies they need to stay as healthy as possible. It means that children receive encouraging videos each day from their teachers, with songs, stories and craft activities to do at home. It allows staff to keep in touch with families by phone, offering reassurance, sharing ideas for play, and giving emotional support. It is helping us to prepare the Center so we can safely welcome children back, once the government and the situation in Guatemala make that possible.

Your help makes a world of difference to children and families that are struggling to get by. Their warmth and gratitude is hard to fully convey, but please know that you are deeply appreciated.

With many, many thanks,

Rachael Rhude

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE

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.

We have also updated our website so contributions may be made online. These can be sent on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. Please go to our website to find out further information or call the church office. www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org Click on the *Donate Now* tab on the upper right of the Home page.

Third, we also have the capacity to receive stock transfers. For further information on any of the above, please call the church office at 508-548-2145 and leave a voice mail.

CELEBRATING GOD'S CREATION: Caring for this corner of the earth

CONVERSATION ON THE CRISIS OF CLIMATE FEEDBACK LOOPS

Woodwell Climate Research Center has provided a link to the January 9th the Mind and Life Institute's live streamed event of the conversation with leading scientists, the Dalai Lama and Greta Thunberg on the *Crisis of Climate Feedback Loops*, including 5 short films on the feedback loops that are discussed. The link to the films is www.feedbackloopsclimate.com and they are worth watching several times!

A recording of the conversation and another link to the films can be found on their website www.woodwellclimate.org. under the Events heading.

~ Brittany and the Environmental Committee

WOODWELL CLIMATE RESEARCH CENTER HAS AN EXCELLENT NEW WEBSITE!

The *Woodwell Climate Research Center* has an excellent website, helping people of all ages understand current research in climate change. A series of webinars, as well as many interesting and informative articles and upcoming events can be found on the website: www.woodwellclimate.org

WAYS TO SAVE THE PLANET – Simple Things Can Make a Difference

This Circle Should Be Broken

I always liked the phrase, Let the circle be unbroken. It reminded me of the many cycles in our lives, life cycles, the earth, and even outer space. Circles/spheres are so much a part of nature, flowers, sand dollars, the moon, pearls, berries, the sun, and the pupils of our eyes. They all suggest LIFE.

But there are circles that should be broken! For the safety of our neighboring sea creatures these rings are circles of DEATH! We all are familiar with the danger of those plastic six-pack can carriers and those soda can rings. Sadly, they still turn up on beaches, so are probably in the ocean too. But there are others as well. Please be vigilant and snip those other, perhaps not so obvious circular rings, that can trap marine creatures or disrupt life processes.

Here are some that you may not have thought of:

Milk and cream rings on the cartons or jugs. Cut them

Rubber bands, especially now, on disposable masks. Cut them! So many found on beach! Dispose properly.

Rings that are now on metal cans that open without a can opener.

Tied ribbons that may be ripped off presents without untying. (Which reminds me that we still find lots of balloon and their tied ribbons on the beach. Never buy helium balloons or participate in a balloon launch!)

Get the rings off plastic water bottles. It takes some doing, but maybe you shouldn't buy them anyway!

Bottle caps are usually not recyclable and are ingested by fish and sea mammals.

Cut up those heavy duty plastic bands that come around packages.

Knotted plastic bags break up and make rings. Take home those doggy poop bags! They are routinely found on beaches!!!! (I really want to catch someone doing that!)

Anything that is circular may trap a sea creature. Those plastic rings should probably be discarded in regular trash. They are not recyclable to my knowledge. Neither are gift ribbons as far as I know. So much of America's recycling goes to third-world countries. And what can't be recycled may be dumped in the water allowing all those ringy /circular things to do their damage. Snip any and all plastic circles!

Perhaps we could write to the milk companies to come up with a better way to seal containers, or buy milk in glass containers. West Falmouth and Woods Hole Markets sell milk in returnable glass containers. Thanks, everyone in advance for breaking up the deadly circles.

I know I am probably preaching to the choir. (No pun intended.)

Sincerely, Maureen Nolan and our sea friends.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY

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.



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February 2021 - March 2021

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2021 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 Holden	<i>Treasurer</i>

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Charles Mann	2023	Peg Nicholson	2023
Susan Morse	2024	Rachael Rhude	2024

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Denise Jay	Deanery Representative

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