

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
May 23, 2021

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



Like the murmur of the dove's song

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
come, Holy Spirit, come.

- *Carl P. Daw, Jr. (text for Hymn 513 in the 1980 Hymnal)*

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. We are delighted to have you here. Welcome !

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.

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.

Also, a reminder that contributions may now be made **online** through Vanco Payment Solutions. These can be scheduled on a weekly, monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis. If you wish to donate now, please go to the church website: www.churchofthemessiahbluehole.org and click on the **Donate Now** tab on the upper right of the 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.

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, George, John, Robert, Michael, Katherine, Axel, Miyoko, Richard, Emily, Alan, Bob, Dicky, Betsy, Lee, John, Priscilla, Bill and his family.

EXCITING NEWS FOR MATT POTTS AND HIS FAMILY

We are very excited to share the extraordinarily good news that The Rev. Matthew Potts, Ph.D. has received full tenure at Harvard Divinity School as a professor of Religious Studies and Literature, and has been appointed as the Pusey Minister at the Memorial Church of Harvard University and the Plummer Professor of Christian Morals effective July 1st. Matt and his family will be moving to Cambridge during the latter part of June. We wish each of them well and are so grateful for the many gifts each has brought to Falmouth and the Church of the Messiah. We are happy they will continue to have ties here in Falmouth as Miyoko and Dan Potts will continue to live here and be part of our parish family. Further information on Matt's appointment can be found at the following link: <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2021/05/matthew-potts-named-pusey-minister-at-memorial-church/>

IMPORTANT NOTICE and UPDATE ON REGATHERING

At the vestry meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021, the sense of the vestry, in conversation with the rector, is to begin to slowly start in person worship. We will do so with an outdoor Service of Evening Prayer on Saturdays at 5 PM beginning on June 5th. There will be no music at this service. We will begin with having only 10 people present and then, slowly increase the number of persons permitted. Everyone must be registered, wear a mask and practice physical distancing. In the event of rain, the outdoor service will be cancelled.

Our Sunday morning service will continue to be held online. On the first Sunday of the month, we will continue to have a virtual communion service. At the time of the distribution of communion, no one will receive. Instead, we will all share in prayer that underscores our connection through the gift of God's love as theologically represented in the bread and wine of the Eucharist. On other Sundays of the month, we will continue to also have Morning Prayer using various resources available through the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion as well as others.

The Regathering Committee, Vestry and I are deeply appreciative of the patience and diligence everyone has continued to practice during this unprecedented time. By doing so, we are offering gifts of hospitality and grace not only to those whom we know, but to all with whom we come in contact.

Thank you very much. – *The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector*

SPRING BOOK DISCUSSION:

Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race, by Debbie Irving

As a way of continuing our discussions on race, I invite you to join Mary Fran Buckley and me as we lead discussions on Debbie Irving's book, *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*. Copies of the book are on order through Eight Cousins Bookstore in Falmouth.

There are two discussion groups:

Tuesdays, beginning May 11th, from 4:30 – 5:30 PM and running for 5 consecutive weeks;

Sundays, beginning May 16th, from 4 – 5 PM and running every three weeks.

If you are interested in joining the book group, please contact me either through the church office (508-548-2145) or through email dwarner74@aol.com.

As promised, both Mary Fran and I are happy to lead another book group *later in the year* on Isabel Wilkerson's book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*. Thanks very much, - *Deborah*

NEIGHBORHOOD FALMOUTH SHREDDING FUNDRAISER, Saturday, June 12th

Shred your outdated business or personal documents at the Neighborhood Falmouth Annual Document Shredding Fundraiser Saturday, June 12, 8:30 – 11:30 am in the Cape Cod Church rear parking lot. Choose from shred on-site, or haul away to a secure shredding facility. More details at neighborhoodfalmouth.org. or call us at 508-564-7543

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

NOAH, THE ENVIRONMENTALIST

Once there was a man named Noah. He was a good husband, father, and friend of the plants and animals. God was pleased with him. He treated everyone with respect and kindness. He took special care of his animals, and tried not to hurt anyone. He loved God and knew that all creatures great and small were important; treasures from the God who so carefully created all things.

Unfortunately, he and his family seemed to be the only ones who felt this way. His neighbors seemed to think that everything in the world was made just for them. They had forgotten the words of God that they should delight in the creatures of the world, and they were stewards of the earth all around them.

They thought they were gods and abused their animals and cut down trees for no reason, threw garbage and worse into the lakes and rivers. They only cared about what the earth could give them. They wasted and consumed much more than they needed. They wasted so much that the earth lost its sense of environmental checks and balances. When it rained the bare land could not hold onto waters, and when it didn't the dust blew in their faces. Whenever bad things happened they blamed God for their troubles and kept on doing the same wasteful things.

Noah tried to teach the people how to be good stewards, but they made fun of him and told him that they had a right to do what they wanted and get what they wanted. They laughed at him and thought he was a fool. Noah prayed to God for help. During his prayer, he listened carefully, and realized that if it rained again his precious animals and his family might be harmed. He realized the best he could do was to build a ship in case there was a flood and gather his family and his animals, and leave these thoughtless people. That night he thought he heard God's warning: They have gone too far! The rains are coming and it's going to flood because there were no more trees to hold the water. Take your family, animals, and seeds to the ark, and when the water rises, sail away. When you find higher ground, give simply and let the wild animals live in peace as well. It will be your refuge.

Noah did what he was told, and found a new land, where he could live in communion with the natural world. And when the rains stopped he established a community there, and then sent a dove to his old land to tell them of his mission, in case there were others who would live as he and his family lived. God was pleased.

~ Maureen Nolan

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

Anyone can create a welcoming haven for local wildlife. Turning your yard, balcony container, garden, schoolyard, work landscape, or roadside greenspace into a Certified Wildlife Habitat® is fun, easy, and can make a lasting difference for wildlife.

<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/Certify.aspx>



~ Brittany and the Environmental Committee

WOOD HOLE SEA GRANT BOAT SHRINK WRAP RECYCLING PROGRAM

April 16 – June 30, 2021

Is your boat shrink wrapped and spending the winter in your driveway? Follow the link below for information about the recycling program organized by Woods Hole Sea Grant. 3.6 tons of shrink wrap were recycled in 2019. Due to Covid-19, the program was cancelled in 2020.

The Bourne Waste Management facility and MacDougall's boatyard in Falmouth are two of the local drop off points. If your boat is being stored at another boatyard, check with them and encourage them to participate, if they are not already doing so.

<https://seagrants.who.edu/community-engagement/shrinkwraprecycling/?fbclid=IwAR0dtEGmm4twXKuzAIKtycAUnAGTwcQDsCqByijBGZcT9Z1I1HxhOx0A5Ws>

BEWARE OF SCAMS TARGETING CHURCHES

As you know, on Friday, April 16th, a portion of the parish email membership was compromised. While no illegal activity occurred as a result, it is a reminder to be very careful when opening up emails from a strange email address or with an odd heading. ***PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Lists are only for church members and church business. They are not to be shared by anyone at any time beyond the church community.*** If you do not have a current parish list, please contact Nancy McDonald who will be happy to mail you a copy (through the US Mail.) - *Thanks very much, Deborah*

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH'S MINISTRY

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.
And 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.

May 2021 - July 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 10:00am Virtual Holy Eucharist (Live) 4:00pm Spring Book Discussion	7 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	8 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 4:30pm Spring Book Discussion	9 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	10 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	11	12 5:00pm Outdoor Service of Evening Prayer
13 10:00am Morning Prayer (Live-streamed)	14 Flag Day (United States) 10:00am Office Open: 3:00pm W H Meditation 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	15 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	16 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail) 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg.	17 10:00am Office Open: (Phone/e-mail)	18	19 5:00pm Outdoor Service of Evening Prayer
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