

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**December 12, 2021**

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



*We're Marching to Zion*

Come, we that love the Lord,  
And let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne.

Refrain: *We're marching to Zion,*  
*Beautiful, beautiful Zion;*  
*We're marching upward to Zion,*  
*The beautiful city of God.*

- Issac Watts

***The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God***  
***in loving memory of Carole Costa***  
***by 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. We are delighted to have you here. Welcome!

**ZOOM AND LIVE-STREAMING INFORMATION**

**Our 10 AM Sunday worship service will be live-streamed 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 Sunday services at this link: <https://zoom.us/j/632447285> We suggest you plan on getting to our virtual church at 9:45 AM 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.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE and LATEST UPDATE ON  
REGATHERING IN-PERSON SERVICE SCHEDULE:**

**REMINDER: WE ARE NOW OFFERING TWO SUNDAY SERVICES: 8 and 10 AM**

At the vestry meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021, the vestry voted to have us offer two services on Sundays: 8 AM and 10 AM. Unless, otherwise noted, both services will be Holy Communion.

The 10 o'clock service will also be available on Zoom for any and all persons who wish to attend the service remotely.

**ALL SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN PLACE:**

- Practicing social distancing;
- Wearing a mask throughout the service;
- Giving your name and contact information (if we don't have the latter) for contact tracing purposes;
- Following directions of the ushers upon entering the service, going forward for communion and exiting the building;
- Keeping the worship space ventilated.

Additional information will be forthcoming as needed.

Thank you very much for your continuing patience as we share in the worship of God as a community that is committed to the health and wellbeing of all. – *The Rev. Deborah Warner and the Vestry*

### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from racial profiling, addiction, anxiety, abuse, dementia, cancer, emotional distress, are suffering from or ministering to those with the COVID-19 here and around the world. We pray for all who are unemployed or homeless, are refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries and for all who are ministering to their needs and for those in the armed forces. We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters and changes in the earth's climate and for the people of Afghanistan, and Haiti.

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Larry, David, Robert, Michael, Miyoko, Richard, Emily, Fredrica, Steve, Janet, Bunk, Sarah, Sandy and Johnnie.

We pray for The Rev. Dr. Matthew Potts and his family as Matt is officially installed as the Minister of Memorial Church at Harvard University this morning.

### **HAVE YOU COMPLETED AND RETURNED YOUR PARISH SURVEY?**

Earlier this month, a survey from the Strategic Planning Committee was sent to all parishioners. A link was sent by e-mail to those who communicate online and a hard copy was mailed to those who do not use e-mail. We also have copies of the survey available in the church. Please complete this survey and return it by December 15<sup>th</sup>. It will help the vestry and congregation prayerfully discern what our ministry is now and in the coming 5 years. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Rea at [nbrea01@gmail.com](mailto:nbrea01@gmail.com) or 508-388-7205. Thanks very much.

### **PLEDGE LETTERS BEING MAILED for 2022 BUDGET PREPARATION**

Pledge letters have been sent out, first to let people know how much it costs for the parish to meet our financial obligations; and second, strongly encouraging everyone to identify their intended financial commitment for 2022 as the vestry prepares the 2022 budget. If you have any questions, please email the church office ([messiahfisher@comcast.net](mailto:messiahfisher@comcast.net)) or call (508-548-2145). We will direct your question to the appropriate person. Thanks very much.

### **FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS CAN NOW BE MADE ONLINE**

Contributions may also 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.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org](http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org) and click on the *Donate Now* tab on the upper right of the page.

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.



### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

If you wish to make a donation to the Christmas flowers and plants, please make the check payable to the Church of the Messiah with "Christmas Flowers" on the memo line. These donations may be made in honor of memory of those whom you wish to remember this Christmas. Please write out the name of the person(s) whom you wish to honor or memorialize and send the information to the church office ([messiahfisher@comcast.net](mailto:messiahfisher@comcast.net)) by **Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## **NEW CAMPUS PATHWAYS UPDATE**

Complications mostly related to the Covid-19 pandemic substantially delayed construction of the planned new pathways linking the Stone Church with the new Parish and Community Center. In October, the Vestry created a new Pathways Committee (Paul Graney, Charles Mann, Susan Morse, Terry Soares, Jean Taft) with a mandate to review plans and move the project forward. As the project contemplates replacing the existing handicap accessible ramp with a new ramp and stair structure, the first step is removing the aging rhododendrons that have grown up against the present ramp, so their absence will be the first visible sign of progress on the project.

With the PCC and its church-side patio now completed; with recent experience using the Stone Church's side door to exit services and ceremonies; and with listening and considering suggestions that have been made by members of the congregation, with the ramp cleared, the Committee will meet on-site with the PCC project's landscape architect, Tom Lee, to reappraise and adjust as needed the original preliminary layout for the pathways. The Committee will obtain cost estimates for the revised plan and submit a proposal to the Vestry. The Capital Campaign raised some funds specifically earmarked for the pathways, so work could begin on at least some elements of the plan soon after the Vestry's approval.

## **OUTREACH**

### **The Church of the Messiah shares in welcoming a New Family from Afghanistan to Falmouth**

On Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Town of Falmouth opened our hearts again to welcome newcomers into our midst. An interfaith and secular community of support has been formed to provide clothing and food for a refugee family of eight (2 adults, 6 children from age 5 months to teenagers) from Afghanistan. Our Outreach committee delivered 14 bags of groceries including fruits, vegetables, nuts as well as non-perishable food and some dental supplies. It is anticipated that two more families from Afghanistan will be moving here. As this resettlement process gets underway, we will keep you posted in how you might be able to support our new neighbors. In the meantime, we continue to pray for those who are seeking refuge and a new home in this country, those whom they have left behind and those who are working on many levels on their behalf.

– DMW and the Outreach Committee

## **2021 CHRISTMAS OFFERING RECIPIENTS**

Following the recommendation of the Outreach Committee, the vestry voted on November 8<sup>th</sup>, to divide the 2021 Christmas offering in the following manner. One half of the offering will be divided between two human service organizations.

The first is *Maya Childcare Program* in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala ([www.mayachildcareus.org](http://www.mayachildcareus.org)) Maya supports the Acorn Childcare Center, as they provide infants, toddlers, children and their parents with educational, nutritional, physical and emotional support.

The second organization is *Ascentria Immigration Services* ([www.ascentria.org](http://www.ascentria.org)) which assists immigrants from Afghanistan and other countries in their resettlement efforts in Massachusetts and beyond. This organization is working closely with the Neighborhood Support Team, a Falmouth committee supporting the Afghan family who have recently arrived in Falmouth.

Third, as in the past several years, the other half of the Christmas offering will remain at the Church of the Messiah to support our ongoing operating expenses of carrying forward our ministry. Christmas donation offerings should be payable to the Church of the Messiah with "Christmas offering" written on the memo line.

On behalf of those whom your generosity will support and help in transforming lives, thank you very much.

- The Rev. Deborah Warner and the Vestry

## **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**MASKS MUST BE WORN BY EVERYONE OVER AGE 2  
THROUGHOUT ALL SERVICES**

**Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve**

**4:00 PM Family Carol and Simple Communion Service  
(especially suitable for younger children)**

**7:00 PM Festival Eucharist  
(suitable for older children, their parents and grandparents)  
*This service will also be on Zoom.***

**9:00 PM Festival Eucharist**

**Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day**

**10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (no music)**

**Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, the First Sunday after Christmas**

**Pre-Recorded Service of Lessons and Carols will be available through our website:  
[www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org](http://www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org)**

**NO in person worship this day.**

### **BEWARE OF SCAMS TARGETING CHURCHES**

***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***

## OUR GIFT TO THE FALMOUTH COMMUNITY

# FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

## Drive Through, Pickup Only

HOSTED BY FALMOUTH JEWISH CONGREGATION AND THE WAQUOIT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. PREPARED BY CHEFS AT BUFFALO JUMP RESTAURANT. All cooked, packaged and delivered to your car.



ROASTED TURKEY BREAST, ALL THE TRIMMINGS & DESSERT. HEAT AND SERVE

**MUST RSVP BY DEC. 15**

To reserve, email [rsvpxmasdinner@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpxmasdinner@gmail.com) or call 781 789-7211. Leave your name, phone number, and number of meals needed. RSVP early to assure availability.

**PICK UP SAT., DECEMBER 25, 11 A.M. – 2 P.M. AT:  
FALMOUTH JEWISH CONGREGATION  
7 HATCHVILLE ROAD, E. FALMOUTH**

Community donations welcomed. Checks made payable to Falmouth Jewish Congregation, please note “Christmas Dinner” on memo line.

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# December 2021 - January 2022

December 2021							January 2022						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Dec 12</b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	<b>13</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed) 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	<b>14</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:30am WHWC (WH Room/PCC)	<b>15</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg.-	<b>16</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>17</b> Christmas Eve 4:00pm Family Service 7:00pm Holy Eucharist 9:00pm Holy Eucharist	<b>18</b> Christmas Day 10:00am Holy Eucharist
<b>19</b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & live-streamed)	<b>20</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg 3:00pm W H Meditation	<b>21</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>22</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>23</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve 4:00pm Family Service 7:00pm Holy Eucharist 9:00pm Holy Eucharist	<b>25</b> Christmas Day 10:00am Holy Eucharist
<b>26</b> 8:00am Lessons & Carols - Pre-Recorded	<b>27</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Live-streamed)	<b>28</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>29</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	<b>30</b> 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve New Year's Eve (United States)	Jan 1, 22 New Year's Day (United States)
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## Church of the Messiah

### 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>

Don Aukamp	2022	Paul Graney	2022
Charles Mann	2023	Peg Nicholson	2023
Susan Morse	2024	Rachael Rhude	2024

### Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Denise Jay	Deanery Representative

### Staff

The Rev. Deborah Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Brittany Lord	<i>Music Director, Organist</i>
Nancy McDonald	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
Jennifer Kelly	<i>Bookkeeper &amp; Financial Recorder</i>
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