

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**January 9, 2022**

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



*Sustain us, O Lord*

Sustain us, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.  
Continue to give us inquiring and discerning hearts,  
the courage to will and to persevere,  
a spirit to know and to love you,  
and the gift of joy  
and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

- from "The Service for Holy Baptism" in *The Book of Common Prayer (1979)* p. 308

***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.

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

In an effort to combat the psychological isolation and depression that is increasing from the rise in COVID infections, as long as the bishops of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts allow us, the rector and technology team at the Church of the Messiah are committed to continuing to gather safely and offer two services in person 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 all who wish to attend the service virtually.

***ALL SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL CONTINUE: including practicing social distancing, wearing a mask throughout the service and giving your name and contact information (if we don't have the latter) for contact tracing purposes.***

RE: HEAT AND DOORS Because everyone has been very conscious of following the safety protocols above, the vestry and rector agreed that doors can remain closed (unless the nave is close to capacity, in which case a door will be opened), windows in the chancel will be open, the heat and overhead fans will be on during services.

Thank you very much for your continuing patience as we share in the worship of God as a community caring for one another whether in person and online.

*~ The Vestry and the Rev. Deborah Warner*

## **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 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, Johnny, the Lutynski family and especially their daughter, Emma.

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup> at 11:30 AM on Zoom**

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM on Zoom.  
If you are a chairperson of a committee, please submit your report by email to the church office by Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup> summarizing the committee's work in 2021.  
Thank you very much.

## **PRESIDING BISHOP, THE MOST REVEREND MICHAEL CURRY ON THE DEATH OF ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU**

With the passing of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a true friend, colleague, and mentor—and a genuinely humble, great soul—has gone before us. He has passed through the gate of death into the arms of the God who gave him life.

While on this earth, he sought to follow Jesus of Nazareth in God's way of love and life. In so doing, he showed us how to live God's dream as children of the one God and creator of all.

So, even in our sorrow that he is no longer walking among us, we can thank God that he did.

Perhaps we best give thanks by honoring his legacy—not merely with lip service to racial justice and reconciliation, but with lives dedicated to this work. We do this by learning to live together as the children and family of God, no longer hurting each other or God's creation, but together living the dream God intended. For in God's dream, as the Hebrew prophet Isaiah said, "they will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

To borrow from a friend who texted me on Archbishop Tutu's passing, may the knowledge of his life and heart keep us all strong, good, kind, and loving.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry  
*Presiding Bishop and Primate*  
*The Episcopal Church*

## OUTREACH

### 2021 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

To date we have received \$2,800 for our 2021 Christmas offering. Based on the recommendation of the Outreach Committee and voted by the Vestry, it will be allocated in the following way:

One quarter of the offering will be sent to the *Maya Childcare Program* in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala ([www.mayachildcareus.org](http://www.mayachildcareus.org)) This program supports the Acorn Childcare Center in providing infants, toddlers, children and their parents with educational, nutritional, physical and emotional support.

One quarter of the offering will be sent to *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.

One half of the Christmas offering will remain at the Church of the Messiah to support our ongoing operating expenses of carrying forward our ministry.

Should you wish to send in a Christmas donation, the checks 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 by transforming lives, thank you very much.

- The Rev. Deborah Warner and the Vestry

### 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.

Following the Committee's on-site review with PCC project landscape architect, Tom Lee, the Vestry has commissioned Lee to develop detailed plans for the construction of the pathways and schematic designs and sketches of potential replacements for the existing wooden ramp to include stairs. The new structure would accommodate the expanded use of the Stone Church's side entrance that provides the most direct approach to the PCC patio and the preferred access door to the Woods Hole room. At some point, it will be necessary to remove the aging rhododendrons that have grown up against the present ramp, but their removal will be delayed as long as feasibly consistent with the demands of the project. The Capital Campaign raised some funds specifically earmarked for the pathways, but how far these will go will depend upon completion of the project plans including options for replacing the ramp structure.

### PLEDGE LETTERS 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 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.

**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*



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# January 2022 - February 2022

January 2022							February 2022						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Jan 9</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person &amp; Virtual)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation</p> <p>5:00pm Vestry mtg.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>11:30am WHWC (WH Room/PC)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person &amp; Virtual)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>10:00am Outreach</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person &amp; Virtual)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person &amp; Virtual)</p> <p>11:30am Ann. Mtg. -</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p>	<p>Feb 1</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Groundhog Day</p> <p>Groundhog Day (United States)</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person &amp; Virtual)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Lincoln's Birthday (United States)</p>
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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>

Open	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>
Bruce Bagley	<i>Church Sexton</i>
Doug Amon	<i>Cemetery Sexton</i>
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