

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
February 20, 2022

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



Blessing and Life

Just to be is a blessing.
Just to live is holy.

- *Rabbi Abraham Heschel, Earth Prayers. Edited by
Elisabeth Roberts and Elisa Amidon. New York: Harper Collins.
1991. p. 365*

*The flowers on the altar
are given in loving 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. 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

WARDENS' COMMENTARY

We had the first meeting of the new vestry on Feb 15th. We welcomed new members Michael Kasparian, Patti Dibella and Denise Jay.

Top priorities discussed were the clergy transition and the church's strategic plan. We are happy to report that Nancy Rea will continue to lead the Strategic Plan Committee, which needs additional members. John Holden, our Treasurer, will be working on the Diocesan Transition Review and Transition Budget, Paul Graney will be heading up the Rectory Renovation project, and the vestry as a whole will be working to form a search committee to find a new Rector.

If you were not in attendance for the Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell's presentation and question and answer session on Feb. 13th, please view the recording of it which was sent out with the recording of the service. She did a wonderful job explaining the transition process and answering our many questions. The session was very informative.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

What do Episcopal Churches in Massachusetts have to do with slavery?

In 2020 our Diocesan Convention passed a resolution asking parishes "prayerfully and purposefully to explore their historic involvement in, and present wealth derived from the forced labor of enslaved people" Find parish histories published so far on our Diocesan website www.churchreparations.org

Here is the Diocesan Resolution:

A Call for Repentance and Reparations, the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts 2020

Resolved, that the 235th Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts directs Diocesan Council and invites the congregations and institutions of the Diocese of Massachusetts including the Trustees of Donations, Episcopal City Mission, the Boston Episcopal Charitable Society, and others -- in the name of repentance, reconciliation, and accountability to our siblings of color in our diocese -- prayerfully and purposefully to explore their historic involvement in and present wealth derived from the forced labor of enslaved people; and be it further

Resolved, that in order to implement the above resolution, this Convention supports the formation and the work of the Reparations Committee of the newly- formed diocesan Racial Justice Commission (a continuation of the Racial Reconciliation work begun in 2018), and requests that the Reparations Committee prepare a toolbox of resources and expertise to assist congregations and individual Episcopalians in the examination of their assets and their history.

ASH WEDNESDAY – Wednesday, March 2 at 12 Noon

There will be a modified Ash Wednesday communion service on Wednesday, March 2nd at 12 Noon. Because of COVID protocols, we will not be offering the imposition of ashes. In addition, to mark the simplicity of the day and the liturgy, there will be no music at this particular service. - DMW

SCAMMING AND PHISHING TARGETING

As some of you already know, there has been an increase of scamming and phishing to members of the parish. Often times, the “sender” has an email that appears to allegedly come from Deborah Warner. ***Please do not open these up.*** The only emails from me which you should open up are either from the Church of the Messiah messiahfisher@comcast.net or my email: dwarner74@aol.com.

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. We pray for all who serve in the diplomatic corps and in the armed and peacekeeping forces.

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Larry, David, Robert, Miyoko, Emily, Steve, Janet, Bunk, Sarah, Johnny, Bruce, Betsy, Amy, Bob, Sandra, Helen and Julia.

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.

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 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.



A Place at the Table - To Feed the Hungry

Around the Table and Saint Barnabas's provided decades long tradition of providing meals for those in need in Falmouth.

A Place at the Table hopes to carry on this legacy and start offering hot lunches for the community on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month starting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 11:30 to 1:30.

Meals will be served in the Parish House located behind the church on the Saint Barnabas's campus.

To volunteer or offer a donation please contact the church office at 508-548-3863. People interested in attending the lunches can drop in without registration.



Saint Barnabas's Episcopal Church
91 Main Street ~ Across from the Village Green
Falmouth

www.stbfalmouth.org ~ 508-548-3863



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

January 24, 2022.

Dear friends at the Church of the Messiah,

Thank you so much for your very generous gift of \$787.50 to Maya Childcare, Inc. We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support.

Your generosity 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

All of the administrative costs of Maya Childcare Inc. are covered by the directors themselves, so all donations go directly to support the children and families served by the Acorn Childcare Center. Maya Childcare Incorporated (EIN 45-4237167) is a charity recognized as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3).

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February 2022 - March 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 20 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	21 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg (Virtual) 3:00pm W H Meditation	22 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	23 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	24 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	25	26
27 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	28 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	Mar 1 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	2 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	3 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	4	5
6 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	7 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	8 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:30am WHWC (WH Room/PCC)	9 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	10 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	11	12
13 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	14 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual) 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	15 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	16 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)	17 Saint Patrick's Day (United States) 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal	18	19
20 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	21 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg (Virtual) 3:00pm W H Meditation	22 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	23 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	24 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	25	26

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2022 Vestry

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Peg Nicholson	<i>Warden</i>
Michael Kasparian	<i>Warden</i>
Winifred Dick	<i>Clerk</i>
John Holden	<i>Treasurer</i>

Charles Mann	2023	Patti Dibella	2023
Susan Morse	2024	Rachael Rhude	2024
Denise Jay	2025	Paul Graney	2025

Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Jean Taft	Deanery Representative, Convention alternate

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 & Financial Recorder</i>
Bruce Bagley	<i>Church Sexton</i>
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