

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
February 27, 2022

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



A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we
are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

- *Book of Common Prayer (1979) p. 833*

*The flowers on the altar
are given by Nancy Rea,
in loving memory
of her parents,
Elisha and Elizabeth Robbins*

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. 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, Bob and Debby.

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

During COVID, Mary Ann Mann has been researching and now has written up her work on the history of the Church of the Messiah. Copies of it will be sent out separately. We greatly appreciate the extraordinary time and effort she put into this work – as yet another way of educating ourselves about the interface of the history of this country and community and the Church of the Messiah.

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

DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR DURING LENT

During the five Sundays in Lent this year

- March 6th *(Donation request has already been submitted)*
- March 13th
- March 20th
- March 27th
- and April 3rd

Wheat Sheaves will be placed on the Altar representing a gift in memory or in honor of a loved one. A donation of \$30 to the charity of choice allows the Altar Guild to place the Wheat Sheaves on the Altar Mantel. Sheaves of Wheat placed directly behind the Altar represent a donation given to the Church of the Messiah's Outreach Ministry. The office will forward your donation to your chosen charity. Over the past several years, the Altar Guild has supported the Falmouth Service Center. Of course, other non-profit agencies may be selected.

If you wish to memorialize or honor a loved one on one of these Sundays, please contact Nancy at the Church office (no later than Tuesday afternoon) for proper acknowledgment in the Sunday bulletin.

Example of a bulletin listing:
The Wheat On The Altar
This Morning
Represents a Donation
To
(The Falmouth Service Center)

In Memory (Or In Honor) Of

 by _____

Thank you for participating in the Altar Guild's Lenten discipline.

With blessings and appreciation,

The Church of the Messiah's Altar Guild.

LENTEN BOOK GROUP: *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times* by The Most Rev. Michael Curry

During Lent, you are invited to join others in the parish in reading the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's book, *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*. Bishop Curry was assisted in its writing by Sara Grace. Copies of the book are on order through Eight Cousins Bookstore in Falmouth. If you buy your copy there (the book retails for \$27.00), please tell them you are from the Church of the Messiah's book group and you will receive a discount. We will have a couple of sessions to discuss the book for those who wish to share their thoughts through that format. – DMW

PATHWAYS UPDATE

On Tuesday, February 22nd, landscape architect Tom Lee presented to the Pathways Committee (Paul Graney, Charles Mann, Susan Morse, Terry Soares, Jean Taft, Deborah Warner, ex officio) a proposed revision of both the handicapped entrance structure and the pathway layout. In keeping with the expanded use of the side entrance to the Stone Church, Tom has worked hard to create a clean, uncluttered entrance design that emphasizes the beauty of the west face of the Church. It includes both an inclined walkway for handicapped access and stone steps, both connecting to walkways to the PCC. Terry is now working with Grafton Briggs to develop preliminary cost estimates and Tom is working on more detailed drawings. The Committee expects to present the proposed design and cost information to the Vestry at its March 14th meeting.

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS TO THE CEMETERY MAY ALSO 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* tab on the upper right of the Home page and follow the top link.

Donations to the Cemetery Annual Appeal and Perpetual Care Fund may also be made online, via PayPal. Click on the *Donate* tab and follow the bottom link to PayPal. Please indicate if you wish to donate to the Annual Appeal or the Perpetual Care Fund.

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.

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.



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



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March 2022

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Feb 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 Ash Wednesday 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 12:00pm Holy Communion | 3 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC) | 4 | 5 |
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| 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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Church of the Messiah

2022 Vestry

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| 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> |

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

Deanery Representatives

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

Staff

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| 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> |
| Doug Amon | <i>Cemetery Sexton</i> |
| Jessica Morrison | <i>Webmaster</i> |

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