

The Church of the Messiah's

Good News

April 10, 2022

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



What else do we want, except to be loved

Whenever I groan within myself and think how hard it is to keep writing about love in these times of tension and strife which may at any moment become for us all a time of terror, I think to myself, “What else is the world interested in?” What else do we all want, each one of us, except to love and be loved, in our families, in our work, in all our relationships. God is Love. Love casts out fear. Even the most ardent revolutionist, seeking to change the world, to overturn the tables of the money changers, is trying to make a world where it is easier for people to love, to stand in that relationship with each other of love. We want with all our hearts to love, to be loved.

–Dorothy Day, *The Catholic Worker*, April 1948 on the website:
www.inwardoutward.org April 4, 2022

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.

UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS as of April 1st

Based on the recommendations of the Regathering Oversight Committee, on Monday, March 14th the vestry voted the following COVID protocols based on the latest diocesan directive sent to clergy and lay leaders on March 7, 2022. The directive allows for local discretion.

- Masks will continue to be asked to be worn for indoor worship.
- A quadrant of seating will be set aside for people wishing or needing to maintain physical distancing. Others are invited to sit there as long as the physical distancing procedure is followed.
- With the exception of the seating set aside for people wishing or needing to maintain physical distancing, kneelers will be placed on the floor.
- Hymnals and Prayer Books will be placed back into the pew racks, even though services will continue to be printed.
- Offering plates will be passed by the ushers.
- Communion will be offered in both kinds beginning Sunday, April 3rd. Please follow the directions at the service. We will have a chalice for those who wish to drink from the common cup, and a small chalice for those who wish to receive communion by intinction. We will use unwrapped communion wafers.
- Hosts are needed to prepare the coffee and tea which will be served in the Woods Hole Room after the 10 o'clock service. The room is to be properly ventilated – with windows and the door to the balcony open. Masks are to be worn to the degree they do not interfere with consuming beverages. Purell will be available.
- Weather permitting, coffee hour will be held outside on the patio.
- It is hoped that this gradual relaxation of protocols will demonstrate our continued commitment to safeguarding the health and well-being of all members and visitors to the church, offer options based on people's comfort levels; and, increase opportunities to connect with one another and get to know new members and visitors.

Thank you for your continuing support.

– The Rev. Deborah Warner, Rector

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, Debby, Sandra and Helen.

“PRAYER BOOKS AND PIZZA” LOVE FIRST FAMILIES STEP UP (and bend down!)

Many thanks to several of our *Love First* families who, on Saturday, April 9th, will be returning the Prayer Books and Hymnals back to the pew racks – after their respite during the onset of COVID. Following their contribution, the families will have pizza in the Parish and Community Center or on the patio (weather permitting!).

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

Many thanks to Mary Anne Mann who has worked extremely hard to research the history of the Church of the Messiah here in Woods Hole. Her research and subsequent essay are part of a response each parish has been urged to do as a means of further understanding the complex history of our diocese, especially with regards to Enslaved People and Indigenous People. Her essay was emailed earlier this week and is available on our parish website: www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org. Along with other parish histories, eventually this essay will be available through the Community of Practice website through the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts: www.diomass.org. Hard copies are available at church.

EASTER OFFERING RECIPIENTS

As a means of responding to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine as well as local ongoing needs, our entire Easter offering will be equally divided among the following: Ukrainian relief efforts through Episcopal Relief and Development and World Central Kitchen; and the Falmouth Service Center.



EASTER FLOWERS

If you wish to give Easter flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please send a check payable to the Church of the Messiah with Easter Flowers in the memo line. Please give the name of the person(s) whom you wish to honor or remember. In order to list the names in the Easter bulletin, the deadline for receiving names is Monday, April 11th.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11 - 13

Holy Week liturgies with readings, prayers and music will be online via our website: www.churchofthemessiahwoodshole.org

Maundy Thursday, April 14

7 PM Institution of the Lord's Supper

(Please note, this year we will have no dinner prior to the service nor we will we have foot-washing as part of the liturgy.)

Good Friday, April 15

12 Noon Good Friday Liturgy: Readings, Prayers and Hymns

Easter, April 17

5:45 AM Community Sunrise Service at Nobska Point

8 AM Holy Eucharist with Music

10 AM Festival Eucharist

NEWS FROM THE WARDENS

Members of the Vestry are busy! Regarding the Rectory, we are assembling quotes for the work to be done, have visited with the Historical Commission to understand the constraints we must deal with for the exterior work, visited the Building Department to understand the requirements of the building permit, and investigated getting a loan from the Diocese's Stokes Fund to cover some of the costs.

Regarding the Transition, The Rev. Canon Kelly O'Connell is still searching for an Interim for us, we have provided the requested information and have met with the Consultant doing the Transition Review, and we hope to finalize the search committee membership at our next vestry meeting on April 11th and announce the committee members on May 2nd.

Kelly is planning to conduct the services for us on May 8th. It will be nice to see a familiar face that day. She will also commission the search committee at the 10am service that Sunday.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS

As the number of grave plots available for sale in the cemetery dwindles, the Cemetery Committee is tasked with researching and presenting options for the future. Consequently, the last piece of land in the cemetery is being prepared so that it will be suitable for burials. Plans for columbaria are also in the works, with siting, size, and configuration currently being determined.

The large shed in the cemetery needs repairs and improvements. At the committee's latest meeting, we discussed repairs such as painting, gutters, and cleaning. We would also like to have electrical service extended to the building so that it can be used as a workshop.

PATHWAYS UPDATE

As previously reported, working with the Pathways Committee (Paul Graney, Charles Mann, Susan Morse, Terry Soares, Jean Taft, The Rev. Deborah Warner, *ex officio*), landscape architect Tom Lee has designed a plan for walks and pathways to link the Stone Church and the PCC and also provide a direct route from the street to the patio entrance to the Woods Hole Room, effectively unifying our campus. 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 stone steps and a gently inclined walkway for handicapped access, both connecting to walkways to the PCC. Following Tom's presentation on March 14th, the Vestry approved the overall design. Terry continues to work with Grafton Briggs to develop preliminary cost estimates, with selection of materials to be determined once costs are known. The construction decision will hinge upon the relationship of the cost to the funds set aside for this project, mostly raised as part of the Capital Campaign, donor-designated for pathways.

CONCERT THIS WEEKEND



Falmouth Chamber Players Orchestra
William Drury, Conductor

CONCERT

FRANZ KROMMER
Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op.40 (1803)

CHARLES GOUNOD
Symphony No. 1 in D major (1855)

Saturday, April 9 at 3:00 pm
Sunday, April 10 at 3:00 pm

John Wesley United Methodist Church
270 Gifford Street
Falmouth

Admission is by donation at the door. Suggested donation: \$20 for adults, \$5 for students.
Masks required
For more information contact Fritz Sonnichsen at 508-274-2632



The David Bruce Cole Music Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation

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.



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April 2022 - May 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 10 PALM SUNDAY 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	11 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual) 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	12 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:30am WHWC (WH Room/PCC)	13 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Liturgy	15 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00pm Good Friday Liturgy	16 4:00pm Baptism
17 EASTER 8:00am Holy Eucharist with music 10:00am Festival Eucharist (In-person)	18 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg (Virtual) 3:00pm W H Meditation	19 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	20 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)	21 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:00am Mem. Serv. & Reception 6:00pm Choir rehearsal	22	23
24 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	25 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	26 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	27 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	28 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	29	30 Bishop Gates visit
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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>
Doug Amon	<i>Cemetery Sexton</i>
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