

The Church of the Messiah's

Good News

May 1, 2022

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



Teach us, O God

*Teach us, O God, not to hold on to life too tightly.
But easily and lightly.
Help us to enjoy and to treasure it while we have it;
and to let it go thankfully when the time comes.
The gift is great, but the Giver is greater still.
You, O Creator, are the Giver and in you life never ends. Amen.*

- *Attributed to The late Rev. Theodore Ferris, DD. Amended by DMW*

***The flowers on the altar
are given
to the Glory of God
by the Parish
in honor of
Deborah***

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. When you join, you will be looking at the sanctuary until the service begins.

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 are to be worn for indoor worship.
 - A quadrant of seating has been 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 have been placed on the floor.
 - Communion is offered in both kinds: the larger 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 are using 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.
- 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. We pray for those who are victims of natural disasters and changes in the earth's climate. Along with so many around the world, we pray for the people of Ukraine as they continue to suffer from Russia's invasion. Finally, 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, Helen, Ted and Dicky.

NEWS FROM THE WARDENS

We hope you are all planning to join us in person or on Zoom at the only service this Sunday, May 1st at 10 AM. At this service we will celebrate and give thanks for the 16 1/2 years we have shared a ministry with our beloved Rector. Bishop Alan Gates and his wife Tricia will also be with us for this special service marking Deborah's retirement from active ministry. There will be several special presentations during and after the service and then those in the church will adjourn to the Woods Hole Room for a wonderful reception we have planned to honor Deborah on her last day as our Rector.

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.

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.

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.

FALMOUTH CHORALE CONCERT, May 1st



What Brings Us Together

Andrew Jonathan Welch
Guest Conductor

Krista River
Mezzo-Soprano

Saturday
April 30, 2022
4:00 pm

Sunday
May 1, 2022
3:00 pm

58th
Season

John Wesley United Methodist Church
270 Gifford Street, Falmouth MA

The Chorale requires that audience members wear a mask covering nose and mouth.

Tickets
In Advance: \$25
At the Door: \$30
Students: \$5

For more information about how to purchase tickets visit FalmouthChorale.org or call (774) 392-2383

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A Heart in Hiding

FalmouthChorale
Passionate Voices of the Upper Cape

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This concert is sponsored in part by grants from the Cape Cod Melody Tent and Mass Cultural Council.



Plant Sale

Woods Hole Library
Saturday, May 14
9am till noon
rain or shine



Donations of
plants most
welcome!

annuals perennials shrubs house plants

info: whpl.plantsale@gmail.com or 508-548-8961



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May 2022

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>May 1</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual w/ Bishop Gates)</p> | <p>2</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p> | <p>3</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm WHWC Scholarship Tea (WH Room/PCC)</p> | <p>4</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p> | <p>9</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p> <p>5:00pm Vestry mtg.</p> | <p>10</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>11</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p> | <p>16</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg (Virtual)</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation</p> | <p>17</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>18</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p> | <p>23</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p> | <p>24</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</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>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> <p>10:00am WH May Festival (WH Ballpark)</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p> | <p>30</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p> | <p>31</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>Jun 1</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> | <p>2</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> |

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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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