

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
May 22, 2022

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



All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky; [Refrain]

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them, ev'ry one. [Refrain]

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

Cecil Frances Alexander (1848)

All things dull and ugly,
All creatures short and squat.
All things rude and nasty,
The Lord God made the lot.

Each little snake that poisons,
Each little wasp that stings.
He made their brutish venom,
He made their horrid wings.

All things sick and cancerous
All evil great and small.
All things foul and dangerous,
The Lord God made them all.

Each nasty little hornet,
Each beastly little squid,
Who made the spiny urchin?
Who made the sharks? He did!!

All things scabbed and ulcerous,
All pox both great and small.
Putrid foul and gangrenous,
The Lord God made them all. Amen

John Du Prez, Eric Idle, Monty Python's
Contractual Obligation Album (1980)

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 Bridge Priest and the 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!

NEWS FROM THE WARDENS

Thank you to all for your generosity at Easter. Our offering totaled \$8991. The Episcopal Relief & Development Ukraine Crisis Fund, World Central Kitchen's Ukraine Food Program and the Falmouth Service Center will each receive a check for \$2997.

The search committee held its first meeting on Sunday after the 10am service. Kelly O'Connell facilitated the meeting as our temporary search consultant. She walked the committee through a ten-step summary of the search process. The committee agreed to meet again on May 22nd. The vestry and search committee are hoping to schedule an informal retreat together before the end of the month.

The vestry held its monthly meeting on Monday evening, May 9th, our first meeting with Rev. Dr. Storm Swain. We discussed the following: how to keep the congregation safe given the uptick in Covid cases and the impending influx of summer residents/visitors; the recently completed Transition Review and 2021 Financial Audit; scheduling a joint meeting with the cemetery committee; how to launch the execution of our Strategic Plan; restarting coffee hour; the renovation of the rectory; our 2022 YTD financial performance; and an expedited re-launch of the Love First program.

COFFEE HOUR: If you are interested in "hosting" coffee hour after the 10am service, please notify Nancy in the parish office which date you are able to do so. We will pull the information together and publish a schedule.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Covid epidemic curtailed so many activities during the past two years. One of them was our monthly dinner at the family homeless shelter in Cataumet. Although we seem to be experiencing an uptick in Covid cases again, management at the shelter will allow us to resume our dinners if we would still like to provide them. At the moment there are 16 families at the shelter, and at last report, many of them are Haitian. If we have volunteers to take dinner to these residents, we will begin on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st, and continue to provide dinners on the first Wednesday of every month.

I have led the team for many years and would like to turn the responsibility over to a new head. Please consider if you would like to take on this ministry or share it with someone else.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE A DISH FOR THE DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1st.

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CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS

Outside water taps have been turned on in the cemetery. Old U. S. flags will be removed from graves in anticipation of new flags being placed in time for Memorial Day.

If your loved one's grave needs a metal flag holder representing a specific branch of service, please contact the town's Veterans' Services Department located at 59 Town Hall Square, 508-495-7453.

Please be aware that small objects and stones placed on gravesites and headstones may be removed at the discretion of the committee or the landscape workers to prevent mowing hazards. Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

PATHWAYS UPDATE

The Pathways Committee is still waiting for a cost estimate from Grafton Briggs for the redesigned pathways project. Apparently, landscapers and their suppliers are all extremely busy and under-staffed.

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.

ZOOM INFORMATION

Our 10 AM Sunday worship service will continue to be virtual 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.

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.

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 SERVICE CENTER – A recipient of our Easter Offering.



5,487

Individuals served



61,297

Bags of groceries distributed



37,729

of items sold at Hand in hand Thrift Shop



\$115,000+

Raised from Grocery Bill of the Month to purchase fresh produce



33,886

Volunteer hours served



454

Falmouth & Mashpee children participated in Children's Holiday Program



546,000

Pounds of food received from the Greater Boston Food Bank



220,000

Pounds of textiles Hnh saved from entering local landfills



\$100,000+

Raised by the Falmouth Enterprise Community Fund



\$275,000+

of financial assistance provided for housing & utility support to Falmouth households



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May 2022 - June 2022

May 2022							June 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 22 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	23 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	24 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	25 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	26 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	27	28 10:00am WH May Festival (WH Ballpark)
29 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	30 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)	31 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	Jun 1 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	2 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	3	4
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12 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	13 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual) 5:00pm Vestry mtg.	14 Flag Day (United States) 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	15 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)	16 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	17	18 9:30am Celebration of Life (PCC)
19 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	20 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 10:00am Outreach Comm. Mtg (Virtual) 3:00pm W H Meditation	21 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	22 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	23 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal (PCC)	24	25

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2022 Vestry

The Rev. Dr. Storm Swain	<i>Bridge Priest</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. Dr. Storm Swain	<i>Bridge Priest</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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