

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
June 19, 2022

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



From *'EMANCIPATION: DELAYED BUT NOT DISMAYED'*

(Apropos Of Juneteenth Celebration)

This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and celebrate
Because we're still here...marching on
With our eyes stayed on the prize.
Let us rejoice and celebrate
Because we're aware that we are not
The children of Sisyphus; rather,
We are the children of the Womb of Africa;
We are the children of the Middle Passage;
We are the children of Jacob's Ladder;
We are the children of the Exodus;
We are the children of the Cross;
We are the children of the Emancipated;
We are the children of the Resurrection;
We are the children of the Trinity.
So let us celebrate, lifting every voice singing:
"Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,
Gonna keep on a'walking, keep on a'talking,
Marching up to freedom land."

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

We had our monthly vestry meeting on Monday evening followed by a joint meeting with five members of the search committee.

We had a good exchange of ideas.

We heard from Dicky Allison regarding the recent deanery meeting.

Regarding the Strategic Plan, we are requesting that those of you who were not at one of our services on Pentecost to volunteer to work on one of our three goals: nurture and expand the congregation; outreach to the community; and financial stability. Please email peg.nicholson@gmail.com with your choice. We need everyone to step up to this challenge.

We provided the names of everyone who has volunteered to date to Michael Kasparian, who will organize a meeting for those working on goal 1, or Dicky Allison and Carol Casey, who will organize those working on goal 2, or John Holden, Treasurer, who will organize those working on goal 3.

Please join us in moving our parish forward.

THE NOONTUNES SUMMER CONCERT SERIES RETURNS!

After a two-year absence, we are thrilled to bring back our summer concert series this season. **There will be three concerts during the month of July on Wednesdays at 12:15pm.**

This year's schedule is:

Wednesday, July 13th: Jeanne Prendergast, soprano and Mark Lawlor, organ

Wednesday, July 20th: Schola Cantorum

Wednesday, July 27th: Sarah Bach, soprano and Emily Murphy, piano

We are looking for sponsors to help cover the costs of these concerts. We welcome donations of any amount and all donors will be listed in each program during the series. Donations may be made "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone and will be listed that way in the program.

Brochures are available in the back of the church that include more information about Noontunes and being a sponsor. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you! - Brittany Lord

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday coincides with the celebration of the federal holiday of 'Juneteenth' the commemoration of the emancipation of enslaved persons in Galveston, Texas on June 19th, 1865, almost two and a half years after Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation (Jan.1, 1863).

Some of us might be privileged enough to think this was a long time ago, others of us may feel like this is living and personal history - so close to home. Immediately before writing this letter to you, I took a walk around our cemetery, after just having reread Notes on the founding of the Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole, by Mary Anne Mann, and perusing a couple of documents from 1858, and 1860, pertaining to slaves bought by one of the founders of the congregation. As I walked around the cemetery I saw several gravestones from the late 1860's, and at least one as early as '1 8 0 9' - those both before and after the Civil War, and the real enactment of emancipation in Texas and other states. Since, we know from research on the founding of the congregation, that our Summer residents included those from Southern states, including those who were slave holders, this history is as closer than we may wish to be conscious of most days. Yet Juneteenth invites us to be conscious- both of how America legitimized the horrific and sinful practice of slavery, and how it fought to stop it.

The legacy of racism, unfortunately, will take a lot longer to eradicate. For me it is as recent history as the genograms or family trees of my students, whose ancestors were both slave holders and enslaved persons; it is as close as seeing a woman beside me unconsciously and physiologically react by freezing in terror, when hooded white albs in Protestant Churches reminded her of the hoods of the Klu Klux Klan; it is as recent as the story of a professor, who was encircled by police, because he was engaged in the suspicious activity of pumping gas; and it is as close as the daughter of one of my students in Buffalo, who witnessed the shootings in Buffalo.

Juneteenth recognizes that we have so much more work to do to be Beloved Community, but it also recognizes that we have made a beginning. Over 150 years since that time, this is only the second year that it is a federally celebrated holiday. But let us not be dismayed by that, as we commit not just to policies but personal practices that are anti- racist. Racism is not a Christian practice. Whether we are African-, Anglo-, Asian-, Euro-, Latino-, or any other kind of American or immigrant, one of the simplest, although not necessarily easy, ways we can do this is by practicing what trauma psychologist Resmaa Menakem calls, 'somatic abolitionism,' by consciously countering and then accepting the unconscious discomfort many of us had been encultured to feel around persons of other races, and then engaging practices to settle our bodies, so we may see the other as *who they are*. In the end, we are all God's children, the celebration of Juneteenth invites us to act like it (every day of the year).

Peace,

Storm+

Bridge Priest

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are excited to begin our work for calling our next Rector to the Church of the Messiah.

Our committee members are:

Julia Alling and Frank Gormley - co-chairs.

Denise Jay - Clerk.

Debbie Dougherty - Committee Chaplin.

Members - Jim Galloway, Steve Wagner, John Vose and Terry Soares.

The Committee initially met with Kelly O'Donnell from the Diocese, who reviewed the process for initiating and conducting the search for a new Rector. The Diocese has many resources available to our group and already provided materials and guidelines for us to follow. It was acknowledged that the search process will likely take one year to find a new Rector.

Our first group meeting included stating the Charge of the search Committee, shared responsibilities and group practices. We also discussed what we felt each member's skills were that they would bring to the group as well as meeting frequency. It was decided that we would be meeting initially every two weeks and then monthly as we moved into the Fall.

Our second meeting was on June 6th and focused on establishing communication guidelines, starting a Church profile, discussions on surveys to the Parish to gather information and to initiate the Appreciative Inquiry which will establish what is important to the Parish in a Rector. Updates to our Parish website will be done. We will be updating the Parish on our progress through regular notices in the Good News after every new meeting.

The Search Committee met with the Vestry at their monthly meeting on June 14th and shared our progress, draft timeline and next steps.

The next meeting will be on June 19th to review the draft timeline and to begin to establish a set of questions to include in the Parish Survey.

We are excited to start the search process and will be scheduling focus groups and gatherings to hear thoughts from the Parish. It is important for our committee to have input from the Parish! Please feel free to reach out to anyone on the committee with your thoughts, comments and ideas as we seek a new Rector.

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.

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, Bruce, Betsy, Amy, Bob, Debby, Sandra, Helen, Dicky and Jean.

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.

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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June 2022 - July 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Jun 19</p> <p>8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>9:00am Search Comm</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>20</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>21</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>Jul 1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day (United States)</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>3:00pm W H Meditation (Virtual)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>TRIATHLON - No 8:30 AM Service</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p>	<p>11</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>12</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>12:15pm Noontunes Concert (Stone Church)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person)</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)</p> <p>4:00pm QHPT Lecture &</p>	<p>18</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>19</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>7:00pm WHCC Rehearsal (W. H. Rm.)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p> <p>10:00am Environmental Comm. Mtg. (Virtual)</p> <p>12:15pm Noontunes</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>

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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>

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