

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**August 28, 2022**

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



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Sunday of summer  
I wish we could turn  
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I wish that i could  
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***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!

**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, Robert, Miyoko, Emily, Steve, Janet, Sarah, Bruce, Betsy, Amy, Debby, Sandra, Helen, Dicky, George, Bobby, Lydia, Sophia, Phoebe, David and Nancy.

**UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING, Sunday August 28, 2022**

"I believe gratitude comes from a place in your soul that knows the story could have ended differently, and often does, and I know that gratitude is at the heart of finding the good in this world." Heather Lend. [Find the Good](#)



**MUSIC NEWS: Choir and Chime Choir will be restarting soon!**

During this latest heat wave it's hard to believe that autumn is rapidly approaching! Choir rehearsals will resume on **Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm**. After a long break we will also be restarting our handchime choir which will start on **Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00pm**.

We are always welcoming new members! If you are interested in singing and/or ringing with us, please speak to Brittany. All experience levels welcome!

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing in praise of Summer and seasonal residents. One of the riches of this community is the woven strands of those who make up the community, the year-round residents, the seasonal residents, and those pilgrims who come and go. The combination of all these gives a strength, a resiliency, and an adaptability to our community together. For those who live here year-round, seasonal residents can bring a change in perspective, energy, and outlook, as they re-weave themselves into the community. For those who are seasonal residents, community residents can give a grounding, a welcome, and a relationality with this place that enables the seasonal resident to 'be' here, rather than 'use' here, in a disconnected way. I think this is one of the blessings of being a faith community in Woods Hole, this rhythm of seasonal residence is seen as a contribution rather than something to be tolerated - something that simply makes lines on the Woods Hole Road, and at Pie in the Sky longer. I well remember early on in Summer, watching you all as a community delight in those that were previously online, now present in person.

We are a community that knows so well the blessing of the partnership of year-round and seasonal residents, both in our founding - the 25 persons who invested in the formation of this faith community, including Joseph Story Fay and his family who invested in the land, and buildings; and in the present - those of you that continue to contribute your time, talent, presence, and prayers to this place.

As August eeks out its last days, and schools prepare to reopen, many of our Summer residents head back home. I well remember, when I was a Summer resident on the Vineyard, that sense of anticipation and excitement making the trip to what became my Summer home for a short or longer time, and the sense of grief and almost yearning, at the Summer's end. Somehow, in relation to the wind, and the water, the land and the people, I would breathe differently over Summer, and re-find parts of myself that got compartmentalized during the rest of the year. It was a reminder, however, that I could visit anytime in my memory or imagination, as I picked up a rock, smelled the salt lingering on a beach bag, or scrolled through the many photos no-one else would see on my phone. Leaving physically did not mean that I left emotionally, or spiritually, but continued to locate a part of myself in relationship with the people and place, peppered with off-season visits and phone calls.

One of the few blessings of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic, is that we continue to see some of you online in ways that go beyond your in-person presence. Although many of you go back to your [other] spiritual home, some of you continue to be present to the community through continuing to participate in worship, in committee work, and also, I hope, in prayer. If you are a seasonal resident, please pray for those of us who continue here; if you are here year-round, let us pray for those in our community who are far off. May we all pray for the leadership and staff of the Church who continue to live out the ministries of the Church – for the Wardens, Vestry, Committees and Altar Guild, for Brittany, Nancy, and Bruce, and all those who make this a place where the light of Christ is known, experienced, and taken forth.

As the Church continues to discern the ways forward, and the Search Committee reaches out to you all, to survey your thoughts, feelings, and prayers for a new Rector, please make sure you discern, pray, and respond. Your voice is important and valued.

As August comes to an end, and September opens the next phase of the year, I am reminded that our ancestors used to turn the hourglass over, not as a *going back*, but a *moving forward* into the next period of time, with hope and anticipation. Each time has a different rhythm, but we are reminded that all time is a time where God is present with us, on the way.

Peace,

*Storm+*

Bridge Priest

## **NEWS FROM THE WARDENS**

The diocese has still not identified an Interim Priest for our parish. Storm has graciously agreed to extend her service as Bridge Priest through the end of September. We very much appreciate her sacrifice of yet another month of her seminary sabbatical in order to continue to serve the Church of the Messiah.

The Regional Canon is away until September 6th. Once she returns, the wardens will be meeting with her to discuss the issues surrounding our transition.

## **THE 300 COMMITTEE TO PRESENT A SPECIAL TALK (offered virtually on this date only)**

### **The Language is the Land**



**presented by jessie little doe baird  
of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**

**Wednesday, September 14  
7:00 PM**

**This exciting presentation will look at how we understand our relationship with the land, including the ways the language displays Wampanoag understanding of the planet, the creation of beings here, and how the language can inform the history of flora and fauna.**

Many of you attended the film and discussion in the Parish & Community Center last weekend and this is the perfect follow-up. Follow the link to the 300 Committee website for more information and to register for the talk.

**[300committee.org](http://300committee.org)**

Click on News & Events in the upper right, then scroll down to Recent Posts in the lower right.

## **SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Church of the Messiah Search Committee continues to meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The September meetings will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

The Search committee includes parishioners Julia Alling, Mary Fran Buckley, Debbie Dougherty, Jim Galloway, Frank Gormley, Denise Jay, Terry Soares, John Vose, and Steve Wagner.

Please direct your questions and/or concerns to any one of these committee members; your questions will be presented to the entire committee at our next meeting. The committee will then provide you with a response.

The Search Committee has drafted a survey tool for all parishioners and they have begun inviting small groups of parishioners to discuss their responses to the new survey. These responses will be compiled, and will represent the congregations' expectations for a new Rector and become part of the Parish Profile. Further information will be in subsequent editions of the Good News.

The Search Committee

## **FALMOUTH ACADEMY REQUESTING A HOST FAMILY FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and able to enjoy some rest and relaxation with family and friends. Summer goes by so quickly, and while I hate to pull you into the back-to-school mindset too quickly, I have a very important request. I am trying to find a host family for a 9th-grade boy from China who will be joining us for the 2022-23 school year.

Xuanyu Chang is from Jinan, the capital of eastern China's Shandong province. He is an accomplished pianist and enjoys learning about music theory. He describes himself as "optimistic, kind, and outgoing." I have been in communication with his parents and they are excited to have him join Falmouth Academy.

In order to help with expenses, the host family will receive a monthly stipend for 10 months.

If you are interested or have questions about the opportunity, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at 508-457-9696 ext. 236, or email me at [sknowles@falmouthacademy.org](mailto:sknowles@falmouthacademy.org)

Sincerely,  
Sarah Knowles

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## **WOODS HOLE INSIGHT MEDITATION COMMUNITY**

The Woods Hole Insight Meditation Community meets every Monday from 3 – 4 PM. The format includes 10 minutes of introductions, 30 minutes of sitting with brief instructions, a 10-minute break for questions and a closing 10 Loving Kindness meditation. Our leaders include people who are experienced meditators and have done some teaching. Due to COVID, the group has been meeting online and recently introduced an in-person masked option. Further information can be found on our website:

[www.woodsholeinsightmeditationcommunity.com](http://www.woodsholeinsightmeditationcommunity.com).



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July 25, 2022

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**Re: Thank you for your donation!**

Dear Friend,

Thank you for choosing to donate **\$2,997.00** on **6/10/2022** in support of our response to the crisis in and around Ukraine. We are so grateful to have your support. No goods or services were received in exchange for this philanthropic contribution.

WCK has provided more than 150 million meals since 2010 in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises across the world. We are dedicated to being first to the frontlines with a fresh plate of food, wherever we are needed.

WCK is truly a people-powered organization. We are able to serve food in times of need because of incredible donors, local chefs, and volunteers who show up in different ways. In our response to the crisis in Ukraine alone, we have partnered with more than 500 restaurants, food trucks, and caterers - along with countless community organizations, volunteers, and supporters like you.

While we can't predict where the next crisis will occur, we know that we will continue to show up with hot, nourishing meals wherever we are needed. As WCK Founder José Andrés says, ***"World Central Kitchen was born from the simple idea that food has the power to create a better world. A plate of food is a plate of hope, it is the fastest way to rebuild life and communities."***

I share our heartfelt gratitude from the entire WCK family. Thank you for your belief and trust in our mission.

Sincerely,

Nate Mook  
CEO

p.s. - We hope that you follow us on Twitter (@WCKitchen), Facebook (@WorldCentralKitchen) and Instagram (@wckitchen) for the latest updates on our work.

WCK is a 501(c) 3 exempt organization (EIN: 27-3521132). Please keep this receipt for your records.

### **UPDATED COVID PROTOCOLS as of April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Based on the recommendations of the Regathering Oversight Committee, on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

- Effective Sunday, July 17, masks will no longer be required at the 8:30 AM service due to our ability to remain physically distant from one another. Anyone who prefers to wear a mask may of course continue to do so.
- 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.

### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS**

During these hot and often hectic months, we invite you to pause and take advantage of one of the numerous benches while you are walking in the church grounds and the cemetery. You can enjoy looking at the sweeping view from the bench near the back of the PCC down across the Vale. You can view Little Harbor or look down across the Pasture to the Whitney barn from the benches near the large parking lot and in the Pasture.

From the PCC to the rise near the large parking lot to the Nims section or the Memorial & Herb Gardens areas, there are many places to rest your body and your spirit.

### **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](http://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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# September 2022

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## Church of the Messiah

### 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 &amp; Financial Recorder</i>
Bruce Bagley	<i>Church Sexton</i>
Doug Amon	<i>Cemetery Sexton</i>

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