

**The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
September 18, 2022**

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



*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

Emma Lazarus,
from 'The New Colossus'
November 2, 1883

***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, Miyoko, Helen, Dicky, Bobby, Lydia, David, Nancy, Meriweather and Susan.

We pray also for the soul of Millard "Butch" Tewell, and for Martha, Andi, Aaron, Adam, Wister and Hansford, and all who grieve his death and celebrate his life.

Dear Parishioners,

Early this week I spent a few lovely days in Woods Hole with my husband, as our son was away on farm camp, and Stephen was returning from officiating at a 9/11 service in New York, with a couple of days off. He went back on the 1:30 ferry on Wednesday, and then texted me later in the day about trying to place 50-100 immigrants, which mystified me. As we know now, about 50 Venezuelan and possibly some Columbian immigrants arrived on two chartered planes, and were dropped off at Martha's Vineyard, airport at around 3pm on Wednesday. It seems, from the various news reports, that some of them may have known they were going to the Massachusetts and the Vineyard, but others did not even know where they were. To those outside it, Martha's Vineyard often seems like a Millionaires' playground; those closer to the reality know that it is a collection of small towns, with a housing crisis, often funded by a seasonal economy, and basic provisions are more expensive there. This group of 50 or so people, including perhaps seven families, may have been told about homes and jobs at the other end of the plane ride, but when these immigrants arrived on the tarmac, this was certainly not the reality.

Let me tell you about one refugee family. They were a young couple with a son, fleeing a situation of violence. They had what they could carry but needed to leave quickly. They crossed the border under cover of darkness, prioritizing the safety of their family over the security of the known thing, believing that at least one of them would lose their lives if they stayed. Statistically, Venezuela is the most dangerous country in Central and South America. However, the refugee family, above, is the one we commemorate at Christmas. As the Holy Family found safe haven somewhere in Egypt, this week these families, were, through the response and compassion of those on the Vineyard, and the Community and Emergency Management Services, first responders, and the faith communities working together, get to a place of safety, food, showers, and initially being housed in St. Andrews Episcopal Church parish house overnight. The next 60 days, of their temporary visas will, be another chapter, altogether.

I know what it is like to arrive in the United States, and be pulled out of the line for incorrect documentation. My situation was resolved within hours, and my student visa documentation processed as a visa waiver. However, with the amount of privilege I have as an English speaking person seen as Caucasian, I know what it is to be scared, tired, confused, and disoriented. This is but a drop in the bucket, for those who arrived at the Martha's Vineyard airport this past week, or those who could arrive on our streets at a later date. Although they may have been physically safe, the psychological cruelty, of being dropped off near the end of a day, with apparent promise of housing and jobs that was not there, with no one expecting you, no translator, having reply on a translate app. on your phone to speak for you, is a moral betrayal, at the least, and, argued by some, akin to human trafficking.

Jesus calls us in Matthew 25 to not only care for those hungry, thirsty, sick, naked, and imprisoned, but to see him in them. “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Math. 25: 40). Whatever, we think of the immigration laws of this country, I think we can all draw on the compassion of Christ to care for those in such a situation, especially from our places of privilege. As I write this, this group of people are currently housed for the night, and will be fed by the hands of volunteers, the Sherriff's office and Emergency Management are coordinating other needs. Beyond the clothes on their back and the few things in their hands, I am not aware of what they will need for the days ahead. Some people have asked about donations. What we can say at this time, is that a donation of a gift card may well be welcome in the days ahead. If you are so moved, Carol Casey and I are happy to receive them, account for them, and make sure they are used to the purpose for which they are given -to ease the suffering, in some small way, of this group.

Please keep these families and persons in your prayers.

In Christ's peace,

Storm+

Bridge Priest

A NEW YEAR FOR OUTREACH

The first meeting of the Outreach Committee this year will be held on **Thursday, October 6th**, at 10 am at the PCC. Many of you indicated an interest in joining the committee and we hope you will be able to come to the meeting. We will be planning for the 2022-23 year and welcome all ideas from interested men and women.

This first meeting is on a Thursday but we are open to changing the day and time of the meeting to suit the convenience of the members. We want and need the participation of everyone in the church. Please join us! Contact Carol Casey (508-299-8330/mccrwc@hotmail.com) with any questions or comments.



MUSIC NEWS: Choir and Chime Choir has started!

Autumn is rapidly approaching and choir rehearsals resumed on **Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm.** After a long break, we are resuming our hand chime choir which also started on **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!

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*Brittany Lord, harpsichord; David Gable, violin;
Molly Johnston, viola da gamba; Jan Elliott, recorder*

Sunday, September 18, 2022 3:00pm

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22 Church Street, Woods Hole, MA

**\$20 suggested donation
Children free**

More information at: 508-237-2278, mstmolly@gmail.com, or courantcapecod.com

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee will be distributing the parish wide survey over the next few weeks. The information gathered in the survey will be used to help us discern what the Church of Messiah will be looking for in a new rector.

The survey will be distributed in several ways:

- A link to the survey will be posted in the Good News, allowing you to print a copy
- Copies will be available in the back of the Church and distributed after the 8:30 and 10:00 services
- Copies will be available in the Church office

The Search Committee has formed teams to reach out to parishioners by group for small group discussions for their survey responses:

- 8:30 a.m. congregation
- 10:00 a.m. congregation
- Zoom congregation
- Community Outreach Groups
- Love First Program
- Home-bound
- Woods Hole Community and Beyond
- All others

The Search Committee will have the following ways to gather responses:

- Meeting times for small group discussions will be scheduled for the various groups listed above and the schedule will be listed in the Good News
- Search Committee members will reach out by email or phone if there is a schedule conflict with meeting times or for those who want to discuss the survey one-on-one
- The surveys can be dropped off or mailed to the Church office, 16 Church St., Woods Hole, 02543
- The surveys may be left in the Survey Collection box in the back of the Church

Our goal is to have all the surveys returned by October 15, 2022.

The Search committee members contact information is listed below:

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Thank you for your thoughts and input as we continue the search process.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS

It may still be hot and sometimes humid, but now we are entering meteorological autumn and changes are on the way. And we can even think of winter and spring to follow in spite of the summer heat. Over the summer, Dee and Don Aukamp planted a batch of donated daffodil bulbs along one of the cemetery stone walls. They have planted numerous bulbs in recent years throughout the cemetery. Dee reports that there are new trees planted at the back of the Nims section, which is the section beyond the cemetery ring road at the base of the hill.

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.

- 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.

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.

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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September 2022 - October 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 18 8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual) 11:30am Parish Picnic 3:00pm Courante	19 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 1:00pm Meeting (WH Room) 5:00pm Vestry mtg. (WH)	20 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	21 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime Rehearsal	22 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	23 5:30pm WH Daycare Coop Reception	24
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9 8:30am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 10:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person & Virtual)	10 Columbus Day (Office Closed) 5:00pm Vestry mtg. (WH Room)	11 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 11:00am WHWC 5:00pm Search Comm. Mtg.	12 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime Rehearsal	13 10:00am - 2:00 PM Office Open	14	15 2:00pm Celebration of Life (WH Room)
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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>
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