

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
January 15, 2023

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



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 Interim 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

In our parish prayer list, we continue to pray for Charlie, Helen, Dicky, Bobby, Lydia, David, Ralph and Warfield.

Lloyd Beckett Jr., father of parishioner Lloyd Beckett III and father-in-law of Elaine Beckett, died while visiting Florida with his wife Ruth on January 6. A funeral liturgy will take place at Church of the Messiah on Thursday, May 25 at 11:00 AM. Please keep Lloyd's family in your prayers. *May Lloyd's soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

NEWS FROM THE WARDENS

Reminder: The Pot Luck Thank-You Brunch for Storm is this Sunday after the 10am service! Please join us!

We are happy to report that as of 1/10/23, we have received 61 pledges totaling \$157,720, up from 56 pledges for 2022 totaling approximately \$101,000. These increases are impressive. Thank you to all of you for making time to pledge and for being so generous. We still hope to hear from many who donate generously but have not yet pledged for 2023. Please submit your pledge before the end of January so we can make a full and accurate report on our stewardship campaign at the annual meeting.

Very special thanks to Charles Mann and Susan Morse for co-chairing the Stewardship Committee this year and doing such a fine job.

The Finance Committee (John Holden, Don Aukamp, Peg Nicholson) met on January 11th to review the draft 2023 budget. It will be finalized and approved by the vestry and presented to the congregation at the annual meeting on February 12th.

The Nominating Committee (Jean Taft, Dee Aukamp, Nawrie Meigs-Brown) is meeting this month to prepare a slate of candidates for the vestry. If you are interested in serving, please speak to a member of the committee.

The Bylaws Committee (Susan Morse, Joan Holden, Mary Fran Buckley) has developed revised bylaws which the vestry approved several months ago. You will receive copies next week in anticipation of a vote to adopt these new bylaws at the annual meeting.

NEW COURSE ON SUNDAYS – 8:45-9:40 AM

The Rev. David Rider new course explores the spiritual DNA that binds our vision of divine accountability, cosmology, human anthropology, social justice, and postmortem survival as witnessed in the Old and New Testaments. A weekly one-page set of notes will tee up the theme, avoid lecture, and stimulate conversation.

More information and a list of topics was sent separately by e-mail and a link is in the digital 'Virtual Worship & Good News'.

Copies can be found on the table in the back of the church and in the office, Mon.-Thur. 10AM – 2 PM.

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday, we held our fourth parish-wide conversation on life at Church of the Messiah, including hopes for our next chapter of life with a new rector.

One recurring theme focused on the use of an alternate second reading during Sunday worship, drawing from poetry, literature or current events. Perspectives varied on when and how this tradition began at Church of the Messiah, but many expressed appreciation for readings that connect closely with our daily lived experience.

Feeling a little like the skunk at a punch party, I noted that priests do not have the authority to change liturgical texts for public worship without the Bishop's explicit permission. (We have more latitude with pastoral offices like weddings, funerals or retreats.) Also, I noted that the core purpose of preaching is to make ancient scriptures come alive amid the challenges and existential longings of our daily lives.

In this spirit, I propose an interim experiment to see if we might get the best of both worlds.

What if we recruit a working group of parishioners who are well steeped in poetry, literature and contemporary events who might examine upcoming texts and then select the "right" reading to pair with them? I believe it would be a rich spiritual exercise for those undertaking it on behalf of the parish, and it would cast a wider net than that of any one priest. We would print it in the Sunday bulletin, and I would promise to meld it into the sermon.

For now, it's a simple proposal that needs real parishioners to develop it. I invite you to join me for a Zoom meeting to explore the idea in good faith. Let's meet on Monday, January 16, from 7:00-8:30 PM to discuss. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82685190772>. It's Martin Luther King's birthday, which feels like a great way to connect scripture to daily witness to honor his memory.

David
Interim Priest

CHRISTMAS OFFERING 2022

The total received for the Christmas Offering is \$4,757.

The Falmouth Service Center and Assist Ukraine will each receive \$1,189.

The balance will remain at the Church of the Messiah to support our ongoing operating expenses for carrying forward our ministry.

On behalf of those whom your generosity will support and help by transforming lives, thank you very much..

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The next meeting of the Search Committee will be Tuesday, January 24th, at 5:00 PM. The Search Committee will continue going forward with analysis of the parish wide survey and building the Parish Profile used by interested applicants.

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.

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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January 2023 - February 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 15 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 8:45am Sunday Course 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Potluck	16 Martin Luther King Day Office Closed 7:00pm Zoom meeting	17 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open	18 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime Rehearsal	19 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open	20	21
22 8:00am Holy Eucharist (In-person) 8:45am Sunday Course (PCC) 10:00am Holy Eucharist	23 x 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open	24 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open 11:00am WHWC BOD Mtg. 5:00pm Search Comm.	25 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime Rehearsal	26 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open	27	28
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12 Lincoln's Birthday 8:00am Holy Eucharist 8:45am Sunday Course 10:00am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Annual Mtg.	13 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open 5:00pm Vestry mtg. (WH Room)	14 Valentine's Day (United States) 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open	15 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Handchime Rehearsal	16 10:00am - 2:00 pm Office Open	17	18

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2022 Vestry

The Rev. David M. Rider	<i>Interim 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. David M. Rider	<i>Interim 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>

Rev. David M. Rider

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