

The Church of the Messiah's
Good News
January 8, 2023

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



The Epiphany

*O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face
to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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.

NEWS FROM THE WARDENS

We are all set for the farewell reception for Storm on Sunday, Jan 15th, after the 10am service. Thank you to all who are bringing food and beverage to our gathering. If you would like to write a note of gratitude to Storm, we will collect them at the services on the 8th and 15th and in the parish office and give them to her at the reception.

Deep thanks to all of you who have sent in donations for 2022, and to all who have sent in pledges and/or donations for 2023. It is a big help to us as we prepare/finalize the budget for this year.

Dear Parishioner,

I hope you will join me for an extended exploration of Revisiting Heaven, Hell & the Human Soul, starting this Sunday from 8:45-9:40 in our PCC. See course details in this Good News. Before each class, I will upload a duplexed set of notes that tee up discussion that goes in whatever direction attendees take it. I'll have some paper copies on Sunday, too. Whether you can attend each week or not, I hope you'll review the notes to follow our progress and stir personal reflection. Click here and keep the link for future weeks: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19DQq4VcKT9TXwYST9MOW5cq-x4b1RZ2u?usp=share_link

By design, these are parish-wide conversations where we learn about each other and from each other while harnessing the new physical space you worked so hard to create. That said, I am also available for individual pastoral conversation on any topic you have in mind. We can meet at the church, via Zoom (I'll send a link), at your office or a coffee shop of your choice. Just let me know by calling the parish office or emailing me at david.rider1207@gmail.com.

Faithfully,

David

Interim Priest

NEW COURSE ON SUNDAYS – Beginning January 8th, 8:45-9:40 AM

Beginning today, Sunday, January 8, the Rev David Rider 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 this week's e-mail '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.

JANUARY PARISH INTERIM CONVERSATION Today, January 8, 2023, 11:30 – 1:00.

Building on two December parish conversations, the Rev David Rider, Interim Priest, will host two additional meetings in January to jump-start 2023. The first meeting was on Thursday, January 5, via Zoom. The second one is today, January 8, 2023.

- Sunday, January 8, from 11:30-1:00 in our Parish and Community Center

These meetings seek to build community as we share perspectives and listen respectfully to each other. More specifically as an interim exercise, they help us articulate our parish's strengths, challenges and the specific skills we need from our next rector to thrive in the coming years. To what extent do we want to hold down the fort, and to what extent do we re-imagine God's hand at work at the Church of the Messiah? Future rector candidates definitely will want to know our common answer to this question, so let's begin to formulate it now.

Our December meetings began this conversation with insights into liturgy/preaching, models of pastoral care, community outreach, and our relation to the scientific community surrounding us. But more people and perspective deepen our wisdom while clarifying our priorities.

For January, we'll focus the first 45 minutes on big-picture parish culture dynamics and the second half on particular program priorities like adult formation, outreach, and pastoral care.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The next meeting of the Search Committee will be Tuesday, January 10th, 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
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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

Interim Priest

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