



# The Carriage Stone

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## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20  
Brunch after service

### Maundy Thursday

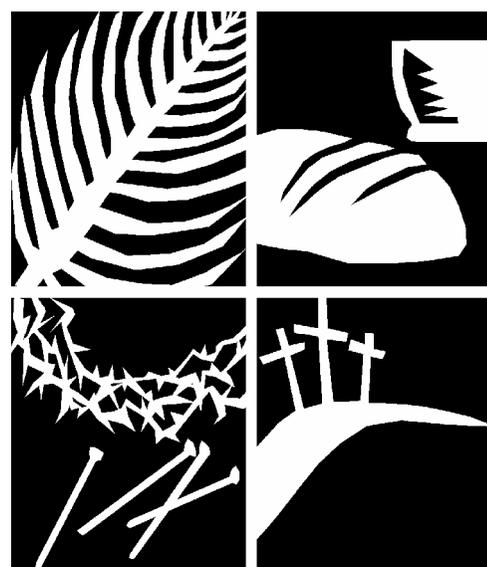
Thursday, March 24, 8 PM

### Good Friday

Friday, March 25, 8 PM

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 27, services at 7 and 11 AM  
Breakfast following 7 AM service  
Egg hunt following 11 AM service



## HOLY WEEK

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## The Road to Deferred Gratification

Robert Samuelson, in his book, *The Good Life and Its Discontents*, claims that Americans are “in an almost permanent state of public grumpiness.” The expectations that we create for ourselves are never met by the reality we experience, so that we are bound to be disappointed and appear grumpy. We keep on wondering why we can’t have everything exactly the way we want it all the time. He claims that part of this comes from the fact that we have come to expect far too much of government, overloading it with expectations that have backfired in a frustration with politics. Jesus himself had to deal with the temptation of finding the answer to life’s questions by becoming the ruler of all the kingdoms of the world.

The author does raise some significant questions for all of us to consider during this Lenten season. How do we respond to the frustrations all of us experience in life? Are we really doing better than we admit? It is that some people are doing better at the expense of others? Or are some aspects of the human condition beyond material remedy? Jesus’ response to the temptation to bring all of life under his immediate control was to say to the Devil, “Man does not live by bread alone,” “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve,” and “You shall not tempt the Lord your God.” On Sunday, I tried to show the Boys Scouts how those temptations are paralleled in the play, “Death of a Salesman” by Arthur Miller, “Don Quixote” by Cervantes, as re-made into a musical, “Man of LaMancha”, and in “Superman”, as played by Christopher Reeve, on the screen, and in real life.

We have become so accustomed to the “quick fix” or to “instant coffee” and the “microwave meal” that we become impatient with any process which takes longer than we want to commit. We find that the road to deferred gratification is a difficult one. In the Old Testament, the prophet spoke a word of encouragement saying, “If the vision tarry, wait for it; it will surely come.” Job reproached one of his friends, saying, “What is my strength, that I should wait? And what is my end, that I should be patient?” The Psalmist tells us, “Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over him who prospers in his way.” Jesus, in the parable of the Sower, spoke of the good soil as those who, hearing the word, “hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.”

Some of the important lessons of life can be learned during this season of Lent. We learn that we cannot plant things too early, but must wait until the danger of frost is past. We learn that we must allow things to grow, and even permit the good and the evil to exist together, until the harvest, when we are able to sort out what is best for us. Just as Jesus spent forty days in the Wilderness in preparation for his ministry, so let us spend these forty days of Lent in patient preparation for the celebration of the new life that comes to us because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thomas A Hughart, STD,  
Temporary  
Supply





## Palm Sunday, March 20

Worship Service at 11 AM in the Sanctuary followed by a Covered Dish Luncheon at 12:15 PM in Murchison Hall

We will hold the annual Palm Sunday Luncheon in Murchison Hall at 12:15 PM. All members who have joined since last Palm Sunday will be recognized. Everyone is invited to come. Please sign up in the Colonial Room and bring an entrée to share. The Fellowship Committee will provide dessert and beverages. Please see Joe Bermudez (634-1321) if you have any questions.

## Maundy Thursday, March 24

Worship Service at 8 PM in the Sanctuary

We will have a Service of Tenebrae and the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. In this service we will remember the central events in the last week of Jesus' life, including the giving of the Great Commandment, and the Institution of the Lord's Supper, followed by the Agony in the Garden, the Arrest, the Trial and the Crucifixion. The service will end as the gathering darkness brings us to contemplate a world without the presence of Jesus Christ.



## Good Friday, March 25

Worship Service at 8 PM in the Colonial Room.

This service will remember the passion of Jesus with reading of the narrative and a wide ranging use of the arts, including music, played and sung, original works of art by Robert Hodgell, slides of the Passion from art collections around the world, video clips from films of the Passion and scenes from the Passion Play at Oberammergau. If you have something to share that will fit into this kind of service, speak to Dr. Hughart, and we will include it in this special time of meditation and contemplation.

## Easter Sunday, April 11

7 AM "Sunrise" Service in Murchison Hall Immediately followed by a full breakfast.

11 AM Service of the Resurrection in the Sanctuary; followed by Fellowship Time in the Colonial Room and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children on the church grounds.



# The Promise of Easter

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Now is the time:

### One Great Hour of Sharing

Congregations and members of the Presbyterian Church make yearly contributions to this Program. Your gifts will bring a multitude of blessings to people and communities around the country and around the world. Support goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self-Development of People.

Members of the Mission, Outreach, and Service Committee will be presenting more information in the coming Sundays.

The committee has set a goal of \$1200—a modest increase from last year's total. The offering will be collected during holy week.

## Spring Cleanup

From Pam Charbonneau

We have scheduled the annual Church Spring Cleanup for Saturday, March 12, from about 9:30 AM to about noon, so mark your calendars. There will be plenty of polishing, cleaning and

painting inside the Church, and cleaning/organizing in the kitchen of Murchison Hall. If



weather permits, there will also be opportunities to clean up the grounds and wash the exterior windows.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the clean up. Food and drinks will be provided. In addition to getting the buildings and grounds ready for the Easter season, it is a great time to enjoy fellowship with others in the church family. See you on March 12!



## Session Highlights

From Susan L. Rentz, Clerk of Session

We began the new year with a new moderator for our session meetings — the Rev. Dr. Thomas Hughart. We were very grateful to Rev. David Mason, who was our moderator for 6 months and led us very ably. We can tell that we are again in very good hands as we seek to do the work of NHPC.

We also said goodbye to Carl Camenisch and Leslie Rosenow as they leave their session responsibilities, knowing that they are still a very vital part of this congregation's life and work. In their places, we welcomed Laura Bidon and Barbara Zacheis. We are grateful for their willingness to share their talents with us.

As is the custom for the beginning of a new year, we needed to take a new look at our committee structure. After some discussion, we decided upon this format:

Stewardship & Finance — Ed Garcia

Membership, Time & Talents, Media —  
Laura Bidon

Worship, Music & the Arts —  
Bernice Rice Gerstein

Office, Personnel & Nominations — Janine Kallé

Pastor Nominating Committee — Janine Kallé

Mission, Outreach & Service — Sylvia L. Pridgen

Facilities Management — Pam Charbonneau

Christian Nurture & Spiritual Growth —  
Barbara Zacheis

Fellowship — Joe Bermudez

Clerk of Session — Sue Rentz

We ask for your prayers as we seek to serve the NHPC with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.



## Bob Greenhalgh Celebrates 90th!

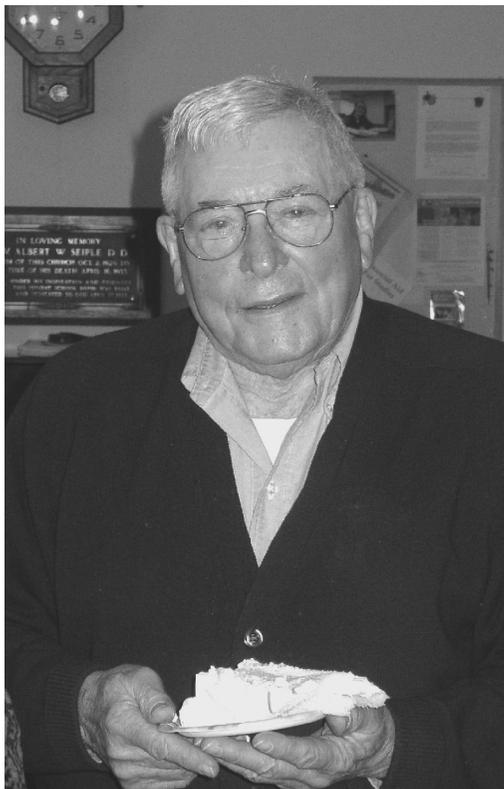
From Pam Charbonneau

On January 25, Bob Greenhalgh celebrated his 90th birthday. That's hard to believe – he doesn't look a day over 75.

The word was passed that there would be a party after Worship on January 23. However, a severe winter storm cancelled Worship that Sunday, so Bob's party was delayed due to an act of God.

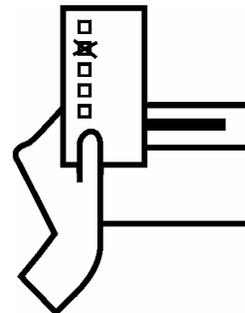
The following Sunday, the congregation helped Bob commemorate the occasion. During the worship service, Bernice Rice Gerstein presented Bob with a beautifully engraved fountain pen. She then recounted the many ways in which Bob has influenced our church, from his pen and ink drawing of the church, to the reconstruction of the window over the front doorway to expose an original wooden beam.

There was a birthday cake and a large card for everyone to sign during the Fellowship Hour in the Colonial Room. We hope you had a wonderful birthday, Bob, and many, many more!



## Election Inspectors Needed

Certified election inspectors are needed for both the Primary and General Elections. If you are a registered Republican and are available to work



from 5:30 AM until 9:30 PM (after the polls close and results are called in to the Board of Elections) please contact the Rockland County Board of Elections for a schedule of training classes in May. The

phone number is 638-5176. Inspectors are paid \$150 for each day of service and \$10 for attending the training class.

## One More Milestone

This issue marks my fourth year of putting together *The Carriage Stone*. I find it easy to remember because the first thing I put together then was the order form for Easter flowers.

Thanks to all who send articles, prepare the mailing, publish on the web and offer support.

## DOLLARS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For hungry villagers and rural families in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America striving to feed themselves:

\$200 Fishing nets	\$10 Two rabbits
\$50 500 baby fish	\$490 Cow
\$45 Wire chicken coop	\$125 Goat

**One  
great hour  
of sharing**

To order flowering plants for the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday, March 27, please fill out this form.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the number and variety of plants you wish:

\_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies \$ 12 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips \$ 10 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils \$ 10 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths \$ 10 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_



I (we) would like the plant(s) to be designated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ "To the Glory of the Risen Lord"

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



All flowers must be **ordered and paid for** by Palm Sunday, March 20. Please make checks payable to **New Hempstead Presbyterian Church**, clearly marked "Easter Flowers," and include an order form. Place your order in the offering plate or mail it to the church:

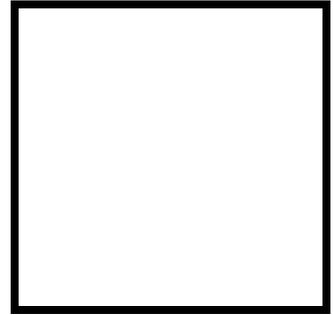
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You may pick up your plants after the 11 AM Worship Service on Easter Sunday, March 27.



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**God's Plan**

Jesus was resurrected from the dead. He appeared to his disciples, and he told them about the plan of God.

On the blanks in the first section, write the words that fit the definitions. Transfer those letters to the numbered lines in the second section. Read the Scripture verse. Unscramble the circled letters to finish the sentence at the bottom of the page.

1. Water that falls from the sky    1    2    3    4
2. Birds lay them in nests        5    6    7    8
3. A newly hatched hen            9    10    11    12    13
4. Bloom in the spring            14    15    16    17    18    19    20
5. A caterpillar transformed      21    22    23    24    25    26    27    28    29
6. Dirt mixed with water        30    31    32

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\_\_\_\_\_    29    16    31    1    G    16    32    ' \_\_\_\_\_' \_\_\_\_\_" (taken from John 20:17, NIV)

**Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ !**

Jesus has risen!  
 Answer: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butterfly, mud  
 "Jesus said, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"