



The Carriage Stone

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THANKSGIVING MEALS

It's time to think about Thanksgiving Baskets.
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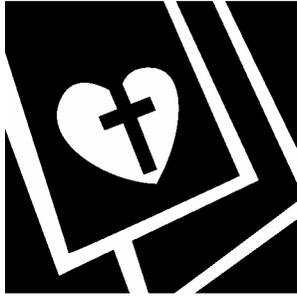


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FROM THE PASTOR

Lost in Yonkers

From Lori Knight-Whitehouse

As many of you know by now, my first hospital visitation (to Kenny Loudon, who had a surgical procedure Sept 14) ended with my overshooting the exit for Westchester Medical Center, and winding up in Yonkers. A second attempt on my way back west ended up with a drive around Tarrytown. At this point, I said a prayer for Kenny and his parents, knowing that they needed God a lot worse than they needed me. Kenny came through the surgery fine, his mom Ailene and dad Ken were very forgiving, and I learned a valuable lesson: making a mistake will not kill me. No one was waiting in the church parking lot with a rope to hang me!

All this is to say that sometimes we are afraid that we won't do something perfectly, so we don't even try. It's taken me most of my 40+ years to learn that this is the biggest, most tragic mistake of all: not trying. George Bernard Shaw said, "A life spent making mistakes is not only more useful but more honorable than a life spent not trying." This is a very sound observation and one which, for me, calls to mind how gracious our God is in giving us so many opportunities to try again when we fail.

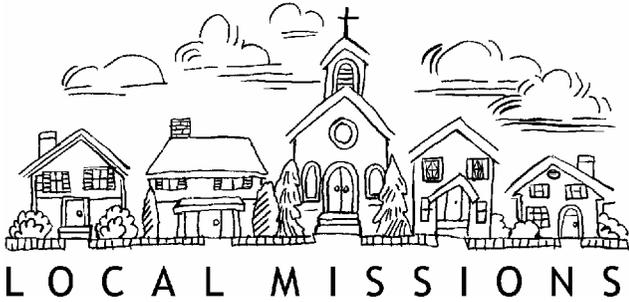
In Hebrew, the verb we translate "to sin" really means "to miss the mark": it's a term from archery. If at target practice, you don't hit the bull's eye, you string another arrow in your bow and shoot again. Only by God's grace are we able to be forgiven. And accepting forgiveness has a way of turning us into a forgiving people.

See you in Yonkers.

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Thanksgiving Food Collection

During the month of November, the Deacons will assemble **Thanksgiving baskets** for those in need. With your generous contributions last year, over Ninety (90) families were provided with a feast from baskets made by this congregation. We will start collecting on Oct. 9. A table will be provided in the Colonial Room for donated items. This is just one of the many ways WE as a church can reach out to the community and show God's love.

Collection Dates

- Oct 9** – Canned Vegetables
(Corn, Peas & Carrots, String Beans)
- Oct 16** – Cake Mix & Cornbread Muffin Mix
- Oct 23** – Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes
- Oct 30** – Stuffing Mix
- Nov 6** – Canned Cranberry Sauce & Gravies
- Nov 13** – Any of the collectibles



Nov 20 – We will use this day to put together the baskets after service in Murchison Hall. Your help on that day will be greatly appreciated. A lunch will be provided for those who stay to help.

Cash is welcome to buy turkeys, fresh produce & fruits, as well as other staples.

We also need people to shop for us. If you are interested, please call Carmen or Marc.

Thank You.

If you have any questions, please call Carmen Bermudez or Marc Bidon.



Adult Bible Study

The Sunday Adult Bible Study group, taught by Ed Garcia, meets at 9:30 AM in the Colonial Room.

Anyone is welcome to join any week.



With Deepest Sympathy

Carl Sebok

1941–2005

We give thanks for the life of our music director, who died Thursday, Sept 22, 2005. Our prayers are with Jane his wife, his mother, his aunt and his many friends.

★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU!

The congregation offers its thanks to the Moroneys who hosted us for a special fellowship time after the service on September 4. We enjoyed good food, good conversation and a chance to talk informally with Lori and Howard. We shared many stories of our summer and re-connected for the fall.

The Carriage Stone congratulates and thanks Teri Lowinger who was ordained and installed as a Deacon in the class of 2005 during Worship on August 28.

A very big and heartfelt “Thank You” to everyone who helped to clean the manse to get it ready for us. Even the porch light was on when we arrived on Saturday evening, August 20! The gift baskets were gorgeous and so very helpful the first week we were here. You have made us feel very welcome, and we are grateful. Cameo, Ursula and Elmore also send their thanks and contented purrs!

With much gratitude,
Lori and Howard

In Case of Emergency

Some paramedics and police officers in the United States are being advised to check cell phones for the name “ICE” on the contact list for unconscious victims. Just add an entry with that name and set the phone number to an emergency contact person who can help if you are unable to speak to rescuers.

The idea apparently started in England early in 2005. See www.icecontact.com for details.



Session Highlights

From Susan L. Rentz, Clerk of Session

Our meeting on Monday, September 19, was special because it was the Rev. Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse's first session meeting at NHPC. All session members were able to attend to help her feel welcome. Despite all the work and concerns before us, we were able to enjoy each other and help her celebrate her birthday (that day!) with cake and coffee. In the pastor's report, Lori told us of all the meetings and classes that she has attended and of some of her plans for the future.

We discussed NHPC's financial health and the Stewardship Campaign, capital campaign improvements to our buildings, our successful Welcome Back Luncheon and our excitement about this next new chapter in the ministry of NHPC.

Our members' spiritual and physical health are of great concern to us and we are praying mightily for Carl Sebok and his family during his illness. We trust that you will keep them in your prayers and also pray for the session as we seek to serve you in the name of our Lord Jesus.

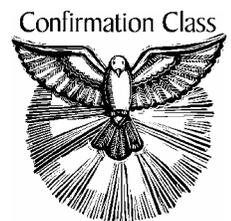
Youth Group

From Mark Zacheis

The Youth Group has resumed meeting after a summer off. As of this writing our fall plans are only beginning to take shape, but all young people 12 years old or older are invited to attend each Sunday afternoon from 5 to 7 PM.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes will be held during Lent. Further details coming soon!





Racial Ethnic Convocation

From the
Synod Web Site

An interactive atmosphere of dialogue and discussion is planned for the Racial Ethnic Convocation of the Synod of the Northeast to be held October 7 and 8 at the

Stony Point Conference Center. Elder Dr. Cornell Edmonds, New York City Presbytery and the Rev. Dr. Lester Staton, synod mission associate for outreach ministries and advocacy, will be forum leaders for the event. The Rev. Samuel Stone and Sophie Stone, Palisades Presbytery, will offer a workshop on technology as a key to effective ministry.

A variety of questions will be considered in dialogue at the convocation. Among them are:

- 1) How racial-ethnic caucus persons can plan for better communication among themselves,
- 2) How racial ethnic persons can work together to deal with racism in the church, and
- 3) How the new synod design for mission will affect racial-ethnic people.

A conference flyer, registration form and detailed agenda can be downloaded from the Synod website (<http://synodne.org>). Questions should be addressed to Nancy Lomberk or Lester Staton at the synod office: 1-800-585-5881 or 1-315-46-5990.

Movie Review

From Mark Zacheis

This summer the church played the role of a movie set, for the filming of the movie, "The Parting." It is a touching story of a couple who is divorcing and goes through the formality of a ceremony in front of their family and friends a part of the process. A small, independent film company based in New York City made the film. They came to New Hempstead looking for that



classic New England church look that our buildings and property have. They spent three days in August on location shooting, one with many extras present,

some of whom were New Hempsteaders. The film is in postproduction now, with an expected release some time in the late fall. I expect that we will hold a viewing as a fellowship event. Please stay tuned.

I was very pleased at the professionalism of the film crew, and for the respect that they showed our property. Every effort was made to be careful, and to keep us informed of what was going on. I would like to thank Shirley Martignetti, Jack Landers, Percy Crockett, and Pam Charbonneau for the extensive time and help they put in to make this project run smoothly. It was a very good experience for our church and one that I hope would reoccur again someday. We talk about our support for the arts at New Hempstead. This was a real opportunity to show it.



“Friends Helping Friends Day”

New Hempstead Presbyterian Church is participating in Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Day on Tuesday October 18.

Boscov’s Department Stores presents this opportunity for participating nonprofit organizations to raise funds by selling tickets to this event.

What does a ticket cost?

Tickets are \$5 each. (No exceptions)

What Does the Church get out of this?

The entire \$5 of every ticket sold by NHPC members goes to New Hempstead Presbyterian Church.

What do I get for a \$5 ticket?

- Great Shopping from 9 AM – 9 PM
 - A 25% Super Shopping Coupon (some restrictions on certain items)
- Free Refreshments and Entertainment
- And a chance to win one of the following door prizes:
 - One Big Screen TV
 - One Home Theater System
 - One Set of Luggage
 - Ten \$500 Shopping Sprees
 - Five \$100 Shopping Sprees per store

Additional information is listed in the church bulletin. If you would like to find out about purchasing tickets or get additional information about this event, please call the church office or e-mail office@nhpchurch.org



Mission Statement

of the New Hempstead Presbyterian Church

We believe that God calls the members of the New Hempstead Presbyterian Church to shepherd on another by:

- Increasing spiritual development in the Christian Faith
- Expanding the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ
- Working together for the health of our community

To see our vision become a reality, we must engage in intentional mission.

To this end, may God’s work spring forth and flourish.

From the Editor

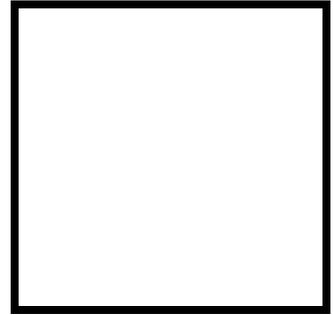
From Bob Philhower

Did you know that you could read the newsletter on the church web site: nhpchurch.org before it arrives in the mail? Yes, a version of the newsletter is posted on the web sometimes even before Shirley sees it, not to mention before the Post Office gets around to delivering this “low priority” mail. If you’d like an e-mail message when the newsletter is ready, just send a note to carriagestone@nhpchurch.org and I’ll send a reminder. No stewardship pitches, no jokes, no Thanksgiving basket reminders...just monthly newsletter notices!

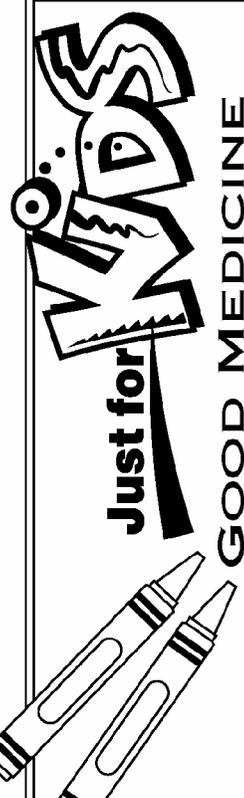


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Just for KIDS

GOOD MEDICINE

During this time of year many people get a cold or the flu. Doctors can give medicine to help those people feel better. The Bible suggests something that we can give to make someone feel better anytime of the year. Proverbs 17:22 says, "A cheerful heart is good medicine" What is the best way to show our cheerfulness?

Connect the numbered dots to find out!

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