

The Carriage Stone

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The Blessings of Great Leadership



The Presbyterian Church has always understood leadership to be a shared responsibility. Here at New Hempstead, we are blessed with a Session and a Board of Deacons who are dedicated to their tasks and their ordination vows.

So, what are the responsibilities of these two leadership boards? The Book of Order defines the duties of Elders this way:

Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. It is the duty of elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship and service of God, equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world, visit and comfort and care for the people, with special attention to the poor, the sick, the lonely, and those who are oppressed. They should inform the pastor and session of those persons and structures which may need special attention. They should assist in worship. They should cultivate their ability to teach the Bible and may be authorized to supply places which are without the regular ministry of the Word and Sacrament. In specific circumstances and with proper instruction, specific elders may be authorized by the presbytery to administer the Lord's Supper. Those duties which all Christians are bound to perform by the law of love are especially incumbent upon elders because of their calling to office and are to be fulfilled by them as official responsibilities.

Our Session are hard-working men and women, led by our Clerk of Session, Sue Rentz, who work prayerfully to fulfill these duties. But they do not work alone! Each Elder chairs a committee of members of the congregation so that involvement in the ministry of our congregation has as much input as possible.

Here is a list of Session committees together with their chairs and a description of their work:

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| Fellowship | Joe Bermudez
If you like to eat and party, this committee's for you! |
| Media and Communications | Jocelyne Daniel
This committee works to publicize events and special worship services in our community. |
| Worship, Music and the Arts | Barbara Zacheis
Plans worship services, special concerts and art and drama events |
| Stewardship and Finance | Ed Garcia
Plans stewardship campaigns, proposes budgets and presents fundraising plans to the Session |
| Office and Personnel | Cathy Greenhalgh
Conducts annual reviews of staff, is in charge of office equipment |

Christian Nurture and Spiritual Development Vanessa Greenwald
Has oversight of Sunday school, Bible Studies, Book Discussions, VBS and Youth Group

Mission and Outreach Janine Kallé
Plans and carries out special offerings and hands-on mission projects.

Facilities Management Walter Smith
Cares for buildings and grounds (repairs, painting, etc.)

I know I can speak for all of these chairpeople when I say they will welcome you with open arms! Pray about where you can best use your gifts and skills and contact a session member to say on which committee you'd like to serve.

Now to our Board of Deacons. The Book of Order defines the office of Deacon thus:

The office of deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith. They shall assume such other duties as may be delegated to them from time to time by the session, such as leading the people in worship through prayers of intercession, reading the Scriptures, presenting the gifts of the people and assisting with the Lord's Supper.

Our Board of Deacons, or Diaconate, work very hard fulfilling this call. In addition to sympathy, witness and service, they have also undertaken a refurbishment of the Colonial room and would welcome any and all to help as they complete this task.

The Deacons are ably moderated by Terry Lucas. The Board is made up of the following:

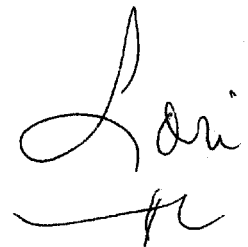
Carmen Bermudez	Karen Martin
Marc Bidon	Liring Nangoi
Donna Butson	Suzanne Panaro
Percy Crockett	Kristen Rabeler
Wendy Keryk	Roida Siregar
Teri Lowinger	

When there is any sort of pastoral need, call me or any elder or deacon.

There are other church leaders in addition to the two leadership boards. For example, our church treasurer is Mark Zacheis, who does an excellent job of keeping our books and records clean and in order.

It is my great privilege to serve this congregation alongside such dedicated, talented leadership. I am grateful to and for each and every member of the Session and Diaconate, and am blessed to have the joyful privilege of serving you, this congregation, with them.

Lenten Blessings,





Palm Sunday, March 16

11 AM, Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 20

8 PM, Worship with Communion

Good Friday, March 21

8 PM, Worship



Easter, March 23

8 AM, Worship in Murchison hall

Pancake Breakfast

11 AM, Worship with Communion

Palm Sunday Luncheon

The Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon will be celebrated on March 16 immediately after Sunday Service. The luncheon will be served buffet style at Murchison Hall. All members and friends are invited to participate. A poster will be available for those who would like to contribute

their favorite dish. The Fellowship Committee will provide dessert and coffee. If you have any questions or are not sure what to bring, feel free to speak to Joe Bermudez.



Palm Sunday

**Easter
Breakfast**

We will celebrate Easter Sunday on March 23 with a Sunrise Service at 8 AM immediately followed by a

fabulous Pancake Breakfast prepared by the men of the church, which will include eggs, sausages, coffee and juice. These two activities will take place at Murchison Hall. We will round up the usual suspects and welcome new friends to use their culinary talents in the kitchen. Don't miss an inspirational Sunrise Service followed by a fortifying breakfast. Just in time to praise the Lord during the special Easter Service at 11 AM.



**Nicaragua
Festival**

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank all who helped Pastor Lori with her power point presentation on Nicaragua. This informative and eye opening presentation was very well attended and provided an opportunity to savor a number of Central American type dishes. Joanna Meckley was helpful in putting us in touch with the Stony Point Center who in turn provided a number of artifacts for the Nicaraguan display. A special thanks to Carmen Bermudez for baking a cake with the Nicaraguan Flag.



Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

Janine M. Kallé,
Chair, Mission and Outreach

For more than fifty years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. The refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter; those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding; and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. Presbyterians' gifts support the work of The Presbyterian Committee for the Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

OGHS FAQ

Allocation of gifts to the PC (USA)'s One Great Hour of Sharing offering. After deducting administrative costs (up to 5%) and the costs of creating and distributing promotional materials (roughly 5%), the remaining undesignated gifts are divided among three programs as follows:



36% Presbyterian Hunger Program for ministries working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, responding with compassion and justice to poor and

hungry people in local communities, in the nation, and throughout the world, as well as ministries addressing homelessness and affordable housing.

32% Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for disaster response and ministries with refugees.

32% Self-Development of People for partnerships with groups of people who are oppressed by poverty or social systems, who want to take charge of their own lives, have organized to do something about their own condition, and have decided what they need to do to produce long-term benefits for themselves.



The Mission Committee of NHPC

has set a goal of \$750 for this offering. We ask that you pray on this and consider a generous contribution.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Responds to Shooting

PDA is sending members of the PDA National Response Team (NRT) to DeKalb, Illinois, at the request of Executive Presbyter John Rickard of the Blackhawk Presbytery. NRT members are going to assist the presbytery and churches in the DeKalb area in their response to the shooting at Northern Illinois University.

The NRT members, the Reverend Laurie Kraus, Helen Robinson and Rick Turner, have advanced training and experience in responding to traumatic situations. They will offer support to church leadership in this response.

Please keep the injured, the loved ones of those killed and injured and the residents of the DeKalb community in your prayers, as well as the PDA volunteers and other caregivers.

Our Endeavor to “Preserve and Serve”

The Capital Campaign of 1998 was very effective, and the funds raised from that program have gone a long way toward making improvements to our church facilities. Does anyone remember the crater in the driveway by the church door, or that the church building was nothing but peeling paint, or that the windows in Murchison Hall were single pane and terribly drafty? These were all good projects that the campaign of 1998 took care of. Sadly, the funds from that campaign have now been spent.

There are new projects that are now worthy of our attention. Things like the kitchenette, office and choir robe room need to be remodeled. There is asbestos in the church basement that needs to be remediated. The barn needs to be painted. Murchison Hall needs its kitchen and bathrooms remodeled and modernized. We need more parking in the parking lot on Sunday mornings. The bathrooms in the manse need to be remodeled. And the roof on the manse will need to be replaced soon.

Your Session has given its approved for a new capital campaign, one that we are calling *Our Endeavor to Preserve and Serve*. A committee has been formed and Church Financial Campaign Services has been retained to help us with the program. CFCS is an arm of the Presbyterian Church USA and is based in

Louisville. A campaign consultant has been assigned to our church; he has already met with our committee and we have started the groundwork.

A lot of preparation will be going into this program and many of you will be called upon to assist with one of the many committees. Please respond in the affirmative



when asked to serve. The commitment will be short-term and nearly all of the work will be done by the middle of May. For the program to be successful, many hands are required, but many hands make short work and you will find the experience a rewarding one.



Be sure to reserve May 3 and 4 on your calendar for the church. On Saturday evening, there will be an all-church dinner, and during Sunday morning worship there will be a special “Preserve and Serve” program.

Over the coming weeks more details will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!



**Hello from
the Weavers**

In the Mailbag!

Beverly and Peter Weaver happened upon the church website, nhpchurch.org, recently and sent this little note.

Hello!

What a lovely picture of New Hempstead Church. Found the site just today. Hello from the Weavers in Naples, New York.

We have fond memories of the church & people.

Beverly & Peter Weaver



BOARD of DEACONS

From the Deacons

Each Sunday, after service, the congregation of New Hempstead Presbyterian Church enjoys a warm and inviting hour of fellowship and refreshment sponsored by the Deacons. It is rewarding to see so many of our members getting to know each other and enjoying the atmosphere in the Colonial Room.

The Deacons would like to extend a welcome to anyone who would like to participate in helping to make our fellowship hour a continued success. If you would like to prepare food or a special beverage, we would consider it an honor to help you set up. Just let us know and we will arrange a date. This congregation loves to celebrate so keep in mind any of your special occasions and milestones.

Prayer Chain

The prayer chain and the care of the church family of New Hempstead are of the utmost concern to the Deacons. We want to nurture and comfort our members and to let them know that we are there in time of need. Every member can help us to do our job by just communicating to us if you have noticed that someone has not been in church for some time, or that someone is ill and has not been added to the prayer chain. Let us know your own concerns so that we may pray for you or perhaps, just talk for a while.

Serving on the Board of Deacons for 2008 are Carmen Bermudez, Marc Bidon, Donna Butson, Percy Crockett, Wendy Keryk, Teri Lowinger, Terry Lucas, Karen Martin, Liring Nangoi,

Suzanne Panaro, Kristen Rabeler and Roida Siregar. Any and all are here to serve you, the members of NHPC.

Coffee Hour Coordinators

If you can contribute to our fellowship hour after the Sunday Worship service, please contact the Deacon who is running the coffee hour.

- March 2** Percy Crockett
- March 9** Roida Siregar
- March 16** Teri Lowinger
- March 23** Suzanne Panaro
- April 6** Terry Lucas
- April 13** Wendy Keryk



One great hour of sharing

It's Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do.

70% of those who suffer from hunger are women and girls. \$12 can provide training in community gardening to help a poor woman in the U.S. feed herself.

Lay Leaders and Usher/Greeters of 2007

From Barbara Zacheis

The chart below lists those people who were lay leaders and usher/greeters during 2007, including the number of times they served. Those names in **bold** were new to this, and we appreciate their willingness to participate in the worship service in a new way.

If you are interested in serving as a lay leader or usher in the 2008 year, please don't hesitate to speak to Barbara Zacheis and get on the schedule!



<u>2007</u>	<u>LL</u>	<u>U/G</u>		<u>LL</u>	<u>U/G</u>
Asamoah, Nora		X	Lucas, Terry	XXXX	XX
Asher, Lona	X	X	Maroney, Marian	XX	XX
Bermudez, Joe	X	X	Maroney, Tim	XXX	XXX
Bidon, Laura		XXX	Meckley, Joanna	XX	
Bidon, Marc	X	X	Miller, Sylvia		XX
Bidon, Tim	XXX		Musso, Lochie		XX
Butson, Donna		XX	Nangoi, Liring		XXXXX
Butson, Lauren		X	Osei, Arny		X
Crockett, Pat		XXX	Panaro, Annabella	X	X
Crockett, Percy		XXX	Panaro, Suzanne		XX
Daniel, Jocelyne	X	XXX	Petrikat, Bob		XXXX
Dickens, Clarence		X	Petrikat, Jocelyn		XXXXX
Dickens, Joan		X	Philhower, Robert	XXX	
Ehlermann, Frank		XXX	Pridgen, Sylvia L.	XX	
Fink, Pam	XXX	X	Quinn, Tessa		X
Garcia, Ed	XX		Rabeler, Kristen		XXXX
Garcia, Valarie	XX		Rentz, Sue	XX	
Gerstein, Bernice Rice	XXX		Rosenow, Leslie	XX	X
Gerstein, Sid		X	Sebok, Jane Craig		X
Greenhalgh, Bob		XX	Siregar, Roida		XXX
Greenhalgh, Cathy	X	XX	Smith, Joanne		X
Hemsley, Walter		X	Smith, Walter		X
Henderson, Sonia		X	Tedesco, Theresa		XX
Jacobs, Nancy	XX		Tucker, Angela		XX
Johnson, Bonnie	X	X	Whitehouse, Howard	XX	XX
Kallé, Janine	XXX	X	Witte, Ellen		XX
Keryk, Wendy	X	XXXXX	Witte, Mary Ann		X
Landers, Jack		XXXX	Young, Bill		XXX
Landers, Zaida		XXX	Zacheis, Barbara	XXX	X
Lie, Chunlin (May)		X	Zacheis, Kristen		XX
Lowinger, Teri		XXXX	Zacheis, Mark	XX	X

Easter Flowers



Order form for flowering plants for Easter Sunday, March 23

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate the number and variety of plants you wish:

___ Easter Lilies @ \$12 ___ Daffodils @ \$10 ___ Tulips @ \$10 ___ Hyacinths @ \$10

Total # plants _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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 **March 16**. Please make checks payable to New Hempstead Presbyterian Church, clearly mark "Easter Flowers" and include this order form. Mail your order to the church office. (484 New Hempstead Road, New City, NY 10956)

You may pick up your plants after the 11 AM Easter Service.

New Church Directory

From Shirley Martignetti

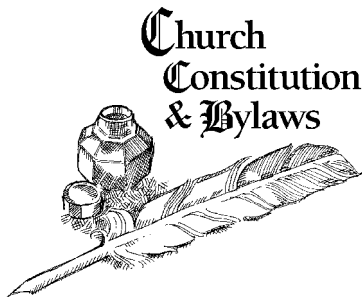
The church directory has been updated. Copies are available in the Colonial Room or, you may request an email version by sending a note to Shirley at office@nhpchurch.org



Presbytery Has Moved

The Hudson River Presbytery has relocated their offices. Their new contact information:
655 Scarborough Road (on Rt. 9)
Scarborough NY 10510
(914) 941-2100;

The office is located in the Carriage House of the Scarborough Presbyterian Church.



Bylaws Amended

The following amendments to the By Laws of New Hempstead Presbyterian Church concerning the composition of the Session and the Board of Deacons were proposed and approved at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of New Hempstead Presbyterian Church held February 10, 2008.

Original Session:

There shall be nine (9) elders, divided into three (3) classes of 3 each. One class shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Congregation or any other special meeting called only for this purpose for a three-year term.

Proposed and Approved Amendment:

There shall be no less than nine (9) and no more than twelve (12) elders, divided into three (3) classes of no less than 3 and no more than 4 each. One class shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the Congregation or any other special meeting called only for this purpose for a three-year term.

Original Board of Deacons:

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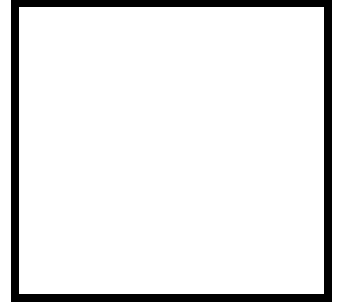
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If you would like to receive a complete copy of the By-Laws of New Hempstead Presbyterian Church, please leave a message at the church or send an email.



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Just for KIDS

For Everyone

Every day we should be thankful for God's love and for the gift of his Son, Jesus. Complete the maze below to help people from all directions hear about this good news. Then, starting at the N (north) and going clockwise, read the words to John 3:16, NIV.

N "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16, NIV