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New Hempstead to Host the Hudson River Presbytery in March

The Historic Principles of Church Government

The radical principles of Presbyterian church government and discipline are:

That the several different congregations of believers, taken collectively, constitute one Church of Christ, called emphatically the Church; that a larger part of the Church, or a representation of it, should govern a smaller, or determine matters of controversy which arise therein; that, in like manner, a representation of the whole should govern and determine in regard to every part, and to all the parts united: that is, that a majority shall govern; and consequently that appeals may be carried from lower to higher governing bodies, till they be finally decided by the collected wisdom and united voice of the whole Church. For these principles and this procedure, the example of the apostles and the practice of the primitive Church are considered as authority.

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One of the many gifts of the Presbyterian Church is its understanding of Church Order and government. We do not invest authority in a hierarchy: rather, we trust that the Holy Spirit works in the “*collected wisdom and united voice of the whole Church.*” In other words, we make our decisions based on consensus and the will of the majority. Thus, New Hempstead Presbyterian Church is a member of Hudson River Presbytery, which is a member of the Synod of the Northeast. Together with other presbyteries, the Presbyterian Church, USA, is constituted.



Our Congregation has been asked to host the stated meeting of Hudson River Presbytery Tuesday, March 24 from 9:00–3:30. What a great way to continue the celebration of New Hempstead Church’s 275 years of Presbyterian witness in the Hudson River Valley! It is a privilege to host our sister churches in this way, and it is also a great opportunity to share our beautiful sanctuary and property with other Presbyterians in this lovely part of God’s world.

Of course, this means that we will all pull together to make this a memorable and joyous event, for ourselves and for our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Deacons have agreed to coordinate this event, but they will not be working alone. We will need volunteers to help with parking, registration, meal service, and welcoming. Teri Lucas and other Deacons will be calling on you soon to help out with this project. Working together, we can use this opportunity to welcome our Presbyterian sister and brothers in worship and fellowship, share our beautiful property, and show off our new Colonial room! Thank you in advance.

Blessings,



Passion/Palm Sunday, April 5
11 AM Worship service

Please join us for the Annual Palm Sunday Luncheon in Murchison Hall immediately following worship.

Maundy Thursday, April 9
8 PM Worship Service with Communion

Good Friday, April 10
8 PM Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, April 12
8 AM Sunrise service in Murchison Hall

Immediately afterwards, enjoy a full breakfast (eggs, sausages, pancakes, etc) prepared by the men of the church.

11 AM Service of the Resurrection in the Sanctuary with Communion.

Fellowship time after worship in the Colonial Room.



Hunger is year-round. Don't forget the youth group food drive.

FEED THE HUNGRY



LOCAL MISSIONS

From the Deacons

Perhaps most of you have noticed the large plastic jar in the Colonial Room beginning to fill with coins. This important addition to the décor happens to be an ongoing mission project for the Deacons of New Hempstead Presbyterian Church. It is simply called the "Spare Change Project" and will enable us to give to worthy local, state, national and global missions with very little effort extended. All that we need is your help in filling the jar. Consider all of that loose change that falls between the cushions of the couch, the pocket of pennies from the last time you purchased a cup of coffee, or, ladies, all of those old pocketbooks sitting discarded in your closets. A few pennies each week can make a difference.

The first recipient of this project will be the family of Kiladi Mutala of New City. Mr. Mutala, his wife and two of his children came to American from war-ravaged Congo seeking a better life in 2000. Three of their children remain in the Congo with grandparents. Shortly before Christmas, the wife and mother died suddenly of a heart attack. Mrs. Mutala was the sole breadwinner of the family as Mr. Mutala is studying for his doctorate in the ministry. Only a few days prior, the family had been notified of foreclosure on their home. Mr. Mutala now has four children to take care of with no immediate means of support.

The jar will remain until the end of the month when it will be emptied and the contents sent to the Mutala family. We will then select another mission. If you can offer any suggestions, the Deacons will kindly consider them.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Jocelyne Daniel, 2009 Mission Chair

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.

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.

Hunger/Poverty Fact Hunger/Poverty Fact Hunger/Poverty Fact

One great hour of sharing In Guatemala, 50 percent of the rural population have access to safe water.



From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace — John 1:16 NRSV

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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 and Outreach Committee requests that you review the Bulletin Inserts, listen to the Minutes for this Offering during our worship services through Lent, pray and consider giving generously to this offering when it is received on Easter Sunday, April 12.

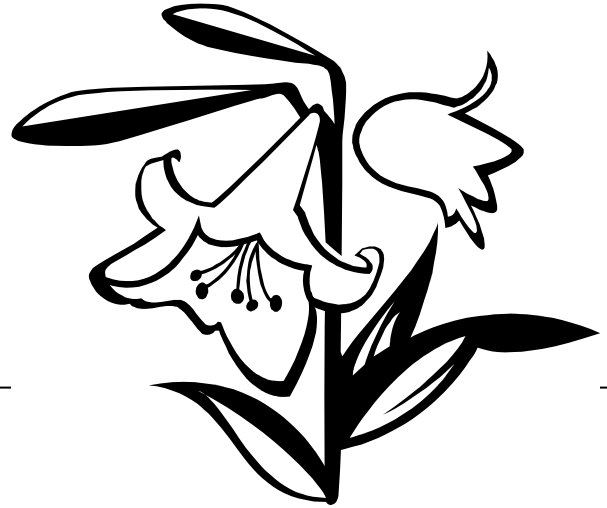
New Church Officers

A hearty “thank you” to the new church officers elected, ordained and installed this past month.

Jocelyne Daniel is signing up for a second term as Elder and will be joined by Pauline Mattis and Robert Philhower.

Starting service on the board of Deacons are Lona Asher, Marian Bediako, Teri Lowinger, Liring Nangoi and Angela Tucker.

Thanks as well to the officers who are rotating off the boards: Marc Bidon, Joe and Carmen Bermudez, Catherine Greenhalgh and Sue Rentz. The congregation appreciates your years of faithful service.



Easter Flowers

Order form for flowering plants for Easter Sunday, April 12

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 29**. 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.



Babysitting Service

From Tim Bidon

I am now offering babysitting services to anyone interested. I am available all weekdays (besides Thursdays) after 5:30 PM. I am available on Saturdays anytime after 11:30 AM. I'm willing to babysit children of all ages and my schedule is flexible for the most part. If you're interested, you can email me or call me on either my home phone number or cell phone.

Free/Reduced School Lunches

In this time of economic crisis, many people are losing jobs or finding their salaries reduced. The New York State Education Department reminds parents that they can apply for free or reduced price school lunches at any time during the year. Contact your school for details.

Win a Free Trip to the Dickens Universe

Two lucky high school students and their teachers will win a scholarship to study Dickens amid the redwoods on the beautiful UC Santa Cruz campus. Students enter the contest by submitting an essay telling why it is important to read Dickens today. Entries must be postmarked by March 19. More information is available on the web at:

http://dickens.ucsc.edu/highschool_guidelines.html

Turn Your Clocks Ahead

Remember, daylight savings time starts March 8. We lose an hour of sleep, but look forward to spring coming soon.



New Church Directory



The 2009 Church Directory is available for pick up in the Colonial Room. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact the office (office@nhpchurch.org) to request one.

DOLLARS DO

For struggling farmers:
 \$30 Pushcart/wheelbarrow
 \$15 Set of garden tools
 (hoe, shovel, and rake)

One great hour of sharing

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*From his fullness we have all received,
 grace upon grace — John 1:16 NRSV*

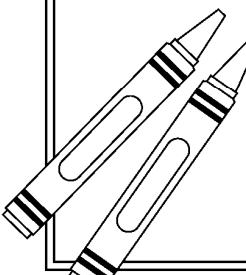


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Just for KIDS

A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

GRID	A	B	4	D	5
	2	C	6		

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

KEY: a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

“**H**e ___nd ___ll ___h ___s ___f ___m ___l ___

A+C A+D A+D B+C A+D B+C A+B

w ___ r ___ d ___ v ___ t ___nd

A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

G ___ d - f ___ r ___ ng; h ___ g ___ v ___

B+D A+C A+D B+C A+C A+D A+C

g ___ n ___ r ___ s / ___ t ___ t h ___ s ___ n

A+C A+C B+D C+D A+B B+D B+D A+C B+C

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A+C A+C A+D A+D A+B A+C B+D B+D

r ___ g ___ l ___ r / ___.”

A+C C+D A+D A+B A+D

Answers:
 “He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly.” Acts 10:2, NIV