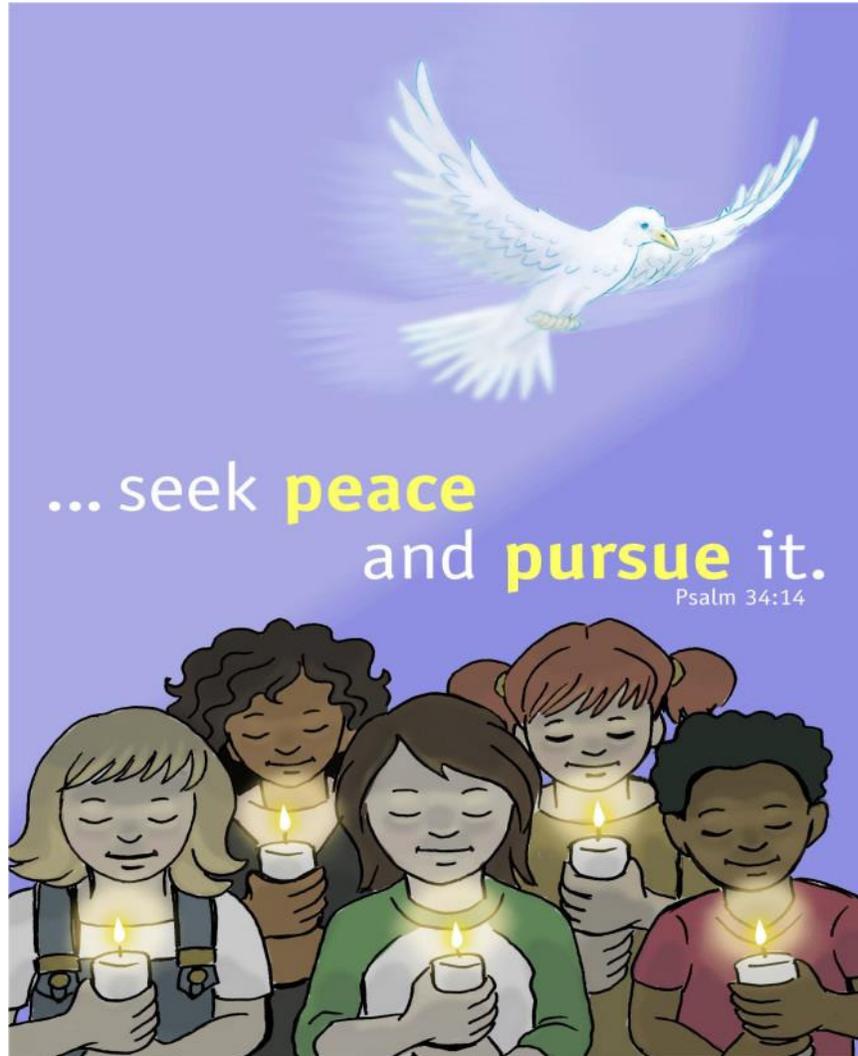




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## **Thank You**

Dear wonderful Church family—Howard and I want to thank you so much for your love and kindness after the death of Howard's father on New Year's Eve. I am writing this from the living room of Howard's sister, Anne. We have spent some time arranging the funeral service.

We are so blessed to have a church family who care so much for us, and for one another. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers. Anne, my sister-in-law, is convinced that all of the prayers being offered for George allowed him a peaceful passing.

Forgive my rambling. I promise a proper newsletter column for February!

Lovingly,



**Socks! Socks! Socks!**

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

From Laura Bidon, Mission Committee Chair

Thanks to the generosity of our church members and friends from the Men’s Group of Murchison Hall, our “Socks for the Homeless” project was a great success. On Monday, December 22, the Mission Committee delivered OVER 200 pairs of new, warm socks to the Helping Hands Outreach Office in Spring Valley...just in time for Christmas! Socks are among the most needed items for the men and women of Helping Hands, and your generosity will help them stay warm and dry throughout the winter months. Keep them in your prayers as they face another cold, snowy winter season.



**Volunteers Needed:  
Safe Haven at NHPC  
February 5th & 6th**

NHPC will be hosting our first Safe Havens of this season on Thursday, February 5 and Friday, February 6. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve dinner and clean up. Overnight chaperones are also needed for both nights. Contact Laura Bidon if you have questions, and be sure to put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Colonial Room!

**Unity Celebration of the Life & Legacy of Dr. King**

NHPC is proud to support the MLK Multi-Purpose Center’s fifth Annual “Unity Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Dr. King” at Spring Valley High School on Monday, January 19. See details below.

*Continuing the struggle for justice and equality*  
**UNITY CELEBRATION**  
*Honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

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**VOICES AND HANDS OF PRAISE**  
**AND MANY MORE!!!**

## Per Capita

From Mark Zacheis, Treasurer

The first envelope in your pledge envelope box is blue and it is marked *Per Capita*. Being Presbyterian, NHPC is part of a greater church, the Presbyterian Church (USA). Each year we contribute money to the work of the greater church, with some going to the Presbytery of the Hudson River, some to the Synod of the Northeast, and some to the General Assembly. The funds are used to support the operations of all three bodies, from salaries to mission programs to local church support programs. Some of the work of these bodies goes to directly support our church. Other goes into projects that are greater than any individual church.

The *Per Capita* is calculated on a per-member basis. New Hempstead's total contribution comes to approximately \$3,000 this year, which we will be paying. We are asking each of you to be part of the greater church as well, and contribute the individual per capita amount of **\$31**. Use the blue envelope at the front of your box of envelopes, or mark your check "per capita."



Bob Greenhalgh is turning 100 this month and

we are celebrating with him and his family. There will be a special luncheon on Saturday, January 31. Details aren't available at press time, but I'm sure a signup sheet will be in the Colonial Room as usual.

If you're too far away to join us, I'm sure he'd appreciate any messages of good wishes you could send.

## Christmas Wishes

I'm happy to have this Christmas letter from Joanna Meckley that was forwarded to me...

My dear family and friends,

How I would enjoy sitting down with you to share a few fresh cookies, a bug mug of hot chocolate, and hours of catching up on your news. Since that isn't going to happen, I am...sending you a few 2014 highlights.

I am settled here at Mount Miguel Covenant Village enjoying good health and a full calendar of activities. Participating in, and teaching, Bible study, tutoring at a local elementary school, and helping in that school's library are part of my weekly schedule. Planning most of the entertainment for our building parties and helping package food for a local church distribution center are monthly activities. I truly enjoyed returning to Alaska for two weeks in April where a friend and I volunteered at Alaska Christian College in Soldotna.

I see Bridget and Tom frequently. Bridget took early retirement from IBM and we have spent a lot of time together. Recently she returned to work part time as secretary-office manager for the Presbytery of San Diego. Tom is still working full (and over) time and fulfilling many duties at their church.

I will be spending Christmas with Priscilla and Eric. Adam (AJ), Eric's son, lives with them now. He will graduate high school this spring and has been accepted to Valparaiso University in Indiana.

Nathan continues his pastoral duties in Portland. I spent two weeks with him at Thanksgiving time and was invigorated, not only by his companionship, but by cooler temperatures, rain and even a blizzard. I am busy; I am blessed; I am happy. You are often in my thoughts and prayers.

Without CHRIST there would be no CHRISTmas. May you and yours be blessed by His holy love all through the years. Joanna