



The Carriage Stone

May 2015

New Hempstead Presbyterian Church, New City, NY. *The English Church*

New Hempstead
Presbyterian Church
**Annual
Tag Sale**



Saturday May 16 9am - 2pm
484 New Hempstead Rd.
New City

Housewares,
appliances, knick
knacks, games,
books, clothing and
more!!
Food/baked goods!!

Directions/phone:

- PIP north to Exit 11
- Left on New Hempstead Rd.
- Church is on right just before Route 45
- 845 354-2372



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In Cahoots With Jesus

Wow! What a wonderful day April 19 was! Worship, a potluck meal, fellowship and mission opportunities—something for all. We had a good turn-out from NHPC. If you missed it, you missed a wonderful time. Susan Andrews preached an inspiring sermon, in which she used the phrase, “in cahoots with Jesus.” I loved that! The word “cahoots” may come from an old French word for hut or cabin. It implies being in close quarters with someone, in partnership with them.

The Body of Christ, the Church, is in intimate partnership with our Head, Jesus Christ. We are called to proclaim the Good News that the Kingdom of God is among us—right now. This is made problematic by the fact that out of 9 PC,USA congregations in the county, only 2 have full-time, called and installed pastors (New Hempstead and Palisades). Susan’s sermon reminded us that God is not finished with us small churches in Rockland County. The way forward is in partnership: Youth groups getting together, congregations enjoying regular shared fellowship and worship time, and joint mission ventures.

To be in cahoots with Jesus means to be constantly looking for opportunities to serve God and serve those in need. Here at New Hempstead, we have been offering food and shelter to the homeless of Rockland County for the last 3 winters. This year, some folks from Germonds Presbyterian took one night to cook the meal for our guests. This is Presbyterian connectionism at work!

The Session has also approved using our space for an educational program, sponsored by Hudson River Presbytery, around food justice and hunger. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to learn more about these important issues, as well as a chance for you to invite friends to join us, especially the “not churchy” folks you know. Sometimes folks will come to a missional/educational event when they wouldn’t give up their sleep-in time on Sunday morning. It’s a good way to bring people together. Watch this newsletter for more details.

These are times of change in Rockland County. And we know that our unchanging God has opportunities for us. As the Rev. Scott Ramsey reminded us at Communion, when you are in cahoots with Jesus, anything is possible.



Tag Sale

From the Fundraising Committee

It's that time again – tell your friends, tell your neighbors that the annual NHPC Tag Sale is coming! The event will be Saturday, **May 16** from 9 AM to 2 PM on the Great Lawn. We will have lots of housewares, books, furniture, clothing, shoes, etc. Any items you could contribute to add to our existing inventory will be most appreciated, so check those closets now. We'll need to have items by Friday May 15 so that we can get things sorted and priced. And there will be a sign up sheet in the Colonial Room for volunteers to set up and man the tables Saturday, to bake goodies and to help with the sorting on Friday evening. Let's make this Tag Sale a big success!

Capital Campaign

From the Capital Campaign Committee

A few weeks ago, you heard a Minute for Stewardship, where the message was about initiating a Capital Campaign to establish funds for repairing and renovating the church buildings and property. The campaign will begin in May and run through Sunday, June 14, which will be Pledge Sunday. In the coming weeks, you will be hearing more about the campaign and the projects that we are proposing, and we will be asking for your help to carry out different aspects of the campaign. We ask that you prayerfully consider what resources you can offer to help support our church.



From **Walter and Joanne Smith**: We are very proud to announce that **Tommy** has been nominated and selected for the "Outstanding Student Service Award" at RCC. Tommy has it down to two choices for his further journey to finish his Engineering Degree.

Thank You

Dear Rev. Dr. Lori Knight-Whitehouse,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in our 4th annual celebration honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that took place at Spring Valley High School on Monday, January 19. Without you, the celebration would not have been as successful as it was. Please thank your associates who participated in the celebration.

Organized by the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center in collaboration with Spring Valley High School and sponsored by the Kurz Foundation, the event was sponsored by over 80 organizations and attracted approximately 1000 people...By all standards, it was considered a success by those who attended...

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Weldon McWilliams IV in a spirit speech spoke about Dr. King as a radical dreamer. Dr. King became more disenchanted with the political, economic and social structures of the United States and began to advocate for systemic change as opposed to mere integration...

Again, thank you! Dr. King and the thousands who participated in the Civil Rights movement would be proud of your work. We look forward to your participation at future celebrations.

Marc Pessin, Vice President, MLK Center