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Welcoming the Stranger

“...for I was a stranger, and you welcomed me...”



A few weeks back I preached about the Letter of James' command to "work our faith". Yesterday (Sept 20) we celebrated 2 organizations that do just that. Helping Hands and the Stony Point Center were recipients of NHPC's Faith in Action" Awards. We also celebrated the opportunities we have taken to serve our neighbors in the community and the world.

In my sermons, I pondered what it would look like to host a refugee family. I contacted Church World Services the next day to see what that would involve. (You may remember Church World Services from the days when we had "blanket Sunday" and collected blankets to donate to CWS.) The nearest CWS office is in Jersey City, and they try and home people closer to their headquarters in order to help them.

My contact there, Mahmood, told me that the best way to help in the resettlement of refugees was to donate either furniture or money to their Jersey City office. (IRP: Immigrant and Refugee Program). Unfortunately, furniture has to be delivered to their offices in Jersey City). Here is the address for financial donations:

IRP Jersey City

26 Journal Square, Suite 600
Jersey City, NJ 07306
Phone: 201-659-0467

There are so many other ways to welcome our Lord Jesus in his guise of the stranger. You will be receiving (if you haven't already) a bulletin insert with a questionnaire indication which of our outreach ministries you are willing to support. I urge you to prayerfully consider these, and *get involved!*

We are baptized believers in Jesus Christ. We have the joyful duty to serve him by serving others.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. James 2: 14-17

How will you join our congregation in service to the community, to the last the least, and the lost?

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Matthew 25: 34-39

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori". Below the signature is a horizontal line.



'Faith in Action' At New Hempstead Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, September 20, NHPC celebrated "Mission Sunday"—the kick-off to our new mission season and an opportunity to honor two of our long-time mission partners. Helping Hands of Rockland County and Stony Point Center received our "Faith in Action" awards for inspiring us to grow more mission-minded and to show our faith through action to support community needs. The Sanctuary was decorated with symbols of our mission projects, past and present, and Mission Chair Laura Metallo-Bidon made the award presentations.

Pictured: Rick Ufford-Chase, Amy Dalton and Paula Sandusky of Stony Point Center; Raoul Cansino and Ya'el Williams of Helping Hands.

Mission Survey 2015

Don't forget to complete your Mission Survey and return it to church by October 11. The organization with the most votes will receive the local portion (25%) of our "Peace & Global Witness" Offering. This is also your opportunity to let the Mission Committee know which projects you'd be willing to dedicate your time and talents to this upcoming year. Let your voice be heard!



Our Talented Congregation

Jane Craig Sebok

For the month of October, we have one listing. Remember to let me know when you have performances coming up, either at janeSebok20@gmail.com, or during coffee hour.



Here is the listing for October:

October 25, 4 PM– Barbara Zacheis

Adelphi Orchestra,

“Young Artist Showcase: Evocative Tone Poems.”

Riverdale Regional High School, Oradell, NY.

Fall Tag Sale

From the Fundraising Committee

The church will be holding a Fall Tag Sale on Saturday, October 10 from 9 AM to 2 PM (rain date October 17).

The fund raising committee is looking for donations for the sale, especially clothing. Donations can be dropped off at the church. We're also looking for volunteers to help sort and price the items on Friday, Oct 9 and to help set up, work the sale, and clean up afterwards on Oct 10. Please consider offering your time for a portion or all of the sale. There is a signup sheet in the Colonial Room bulletin board.

If you have any questions, please speak to Pam Fink.



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Thank You!

Thank you all so very much for the wonderful party you gave to celebrate our ten years of ministry together. The food was fabulous, the cake divine, and the iPad an absolute thrill! Being your pastor is one of the joys of my life. You welcomed Howard and me and we truly feel a part of the family.

Thank you, as well for the welcome you are already showing to my father, who will arrive in early November. The downstairs half-bath is well on its way to being a full bath, with a shower, and it looks lovely.

It is an honor and a blessing to be able to serve with the congregation of New Hempstead Presbyterian Church as your pastor. You are beloved—of God, and of me!

Blessing of the Pets

The annual blessing of the animals will be on Saturday, October 3 at 4 PM in the Sanctuary. All of your furry, scaly, winged or creepy pets are welcome, so long as they are caged or leashed.



Progressive Dinner

The progressive dinner will be held October 17. It will start at 6:30 PM with appetizers (1 hr). From there we will proceed to our dinner destination (2 hrs) and Dessert to follow at a different location.

Please sign up if you want to attend. We need volunteer homes for dinner (6–8) people. Large homes for the appetizers or the desserts. All food will be provided. The only thing required is that you bring an appetizer or a dessert to serve 6–8 people.

If you have questions please call Carmen Bermudez. 845 634-1321.