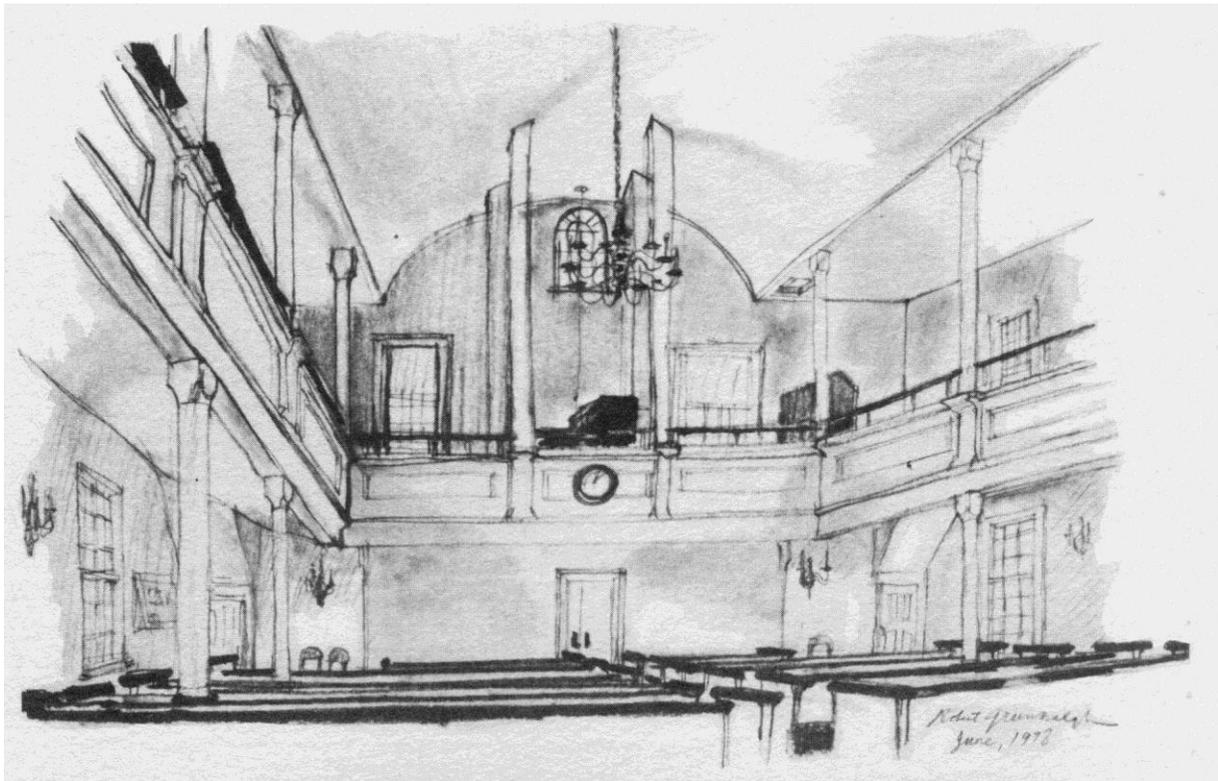




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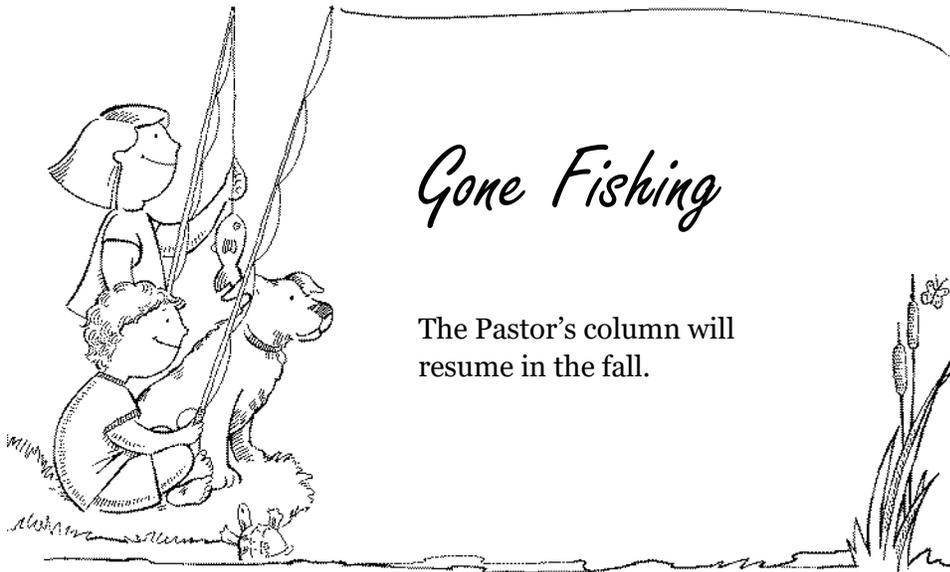
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Sunday, August 20

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Race and White Privilege Book Discussion

By Lori Knight-Whitehouse

The race and White Privilege discussion group will meet again on September 6 at 7:30 in the Colonial Room. We will be discussion (and comparing/contrasting) two books: *The Star Side of Bird Hill* by Naomi Jackson and *Between the World and Me*, by TaNahisi Coates. The Jackson book is a novel of two young girls from Queens who spend a summer in Barbados with their grandmother. The Coates work is a memoir in the form of a letter from the author to his son about the experience of being a Black Male in the US.

This discussion group has been meeting for about 18 months, (with breaks in the summer) and we have had many thoughtful, provocative discussions. Please join us for what will be more lively and loving discussions!



When Elaine & I visited Bob Greenhalgh in the hospital, he talked about the pride he feels when he sees his artwork still being used in the church...on the newsletter masthead...on the bulletin cover...on Stewardship Sunday. He said the above graphic is one of his favorites. And the one on the front page is one of my favorites.

certainly that we can make sure the rights of all matter.”

Thanks to Carmen Bermudez for acting as translator, and blessings to Charo and all involved with “El Proyecto Faro” in their important work!

“El Proyecto Faro”--The Lighthouse Project



On Sunday, June 11, NHPC was blessed with a visit from Charo Ureña, Coordinator of “El Proyecto Faro.” Supported by the Hudson River Presbytery and gifts from local

congregations (including New Hempstead PC!), the goal of the Project is to let immigrants in Rockland County know that they matter to God, to us, and that there is support for them. Charo’s role is to serve as a community organizer with the following goals:

- To develop and run legal clinics, such as “know your rights” workshops;
- To develop a core leadership which is immigrant led;
- To gather and share resources to benefit the immigrant community.

The mission of El Proyecto Faro states “we are documented and undocumented people committed to travel together from the shadows into the light. We have the faith and the

Fourth of July Remembrance



*“Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me;
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”*

Upcoming Fellowship Events

Fellowship is trying to get a **Zumba Class** going in our church. We need to know how many of you are interested. This class would probably be on a Saturday morning maybe 10 or 11 AM. This would be a beginners so you can shake your booty as fast or a slow as you want. The cost for the class would be minimal. All friends are invited.

Please let **Carmen Bermudez** know as soon as possible so we can get this fun class going.

On Sunday, August 13, Fellowship Committee is planning a trip to the **Botanical Gardens** to see the **Chihuley Glass exhibit**. We would leave the church parking lot at 12 noon SHARP!

We plan to car pool so if you are going and have a big car and want to help car pool, please let us know.

If you are interested going we **most know by the July 29**. Three weeks before the trip. The cost is \$22 a ticket.

I hope you will join for this wonderful exhibit. It's a once in a lifetime. Please let **Carmen Bermudez** know as soon as possible so we can get this fun trip going.



Here is a picture taken from the church website showing when we went back in 2006.

Pentecost Offering to Support the Children of our Community

Members and friends of our congregation were recently asked to select a local agency to be the recipient of our annual Pentecost Offering. Your votes have been counted, and the winner is.....too close to call! As a result, your Pentecost gifts will be shared equally by the Center for Safety & Change (formerly Rockland Family Shelter), Nyack Center and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multipurpose Center in Spring Valley. All three organizations work to support families and nurture children in our community. What a great way to let our Pentecost spirit shine in the community!

It is not too late to give!



Capital Campaign

The Capital Campaign kicked off in June 2015 with a program of work to be done on the church buildings and grounds. The stated goal was to raise \$160,000 in pledges over a three-year time-period, and we did reach that level. It is now June 2017, we are two years into that three-year pledge cycle, and we have received \$124,000 in contributions. We have one year and \$36,000 to go.

Most of us pledged over the three-year period. Statements of pledge status and new boxes of pledge envelopes are now available. Please contact Mark Zacheis for more information.

In the past two years, we have worked on many of the projects on the campaign list. Here is a recap:

1. Replace the carpet in the church sanctuary. This was done along with the new tile in the narthex and the fabric on the pews.
2. Remodel the Colonial Room kitchenette, choir room, and church office. This project is now complete.
3. Replace the heating systems in the sanctuary and the Colonial Room. The one in the Colonial Room was replaced but the one in the church remains. Don't fix what is not broken we like to say but we have set aside money for the day when the sanctuary heating system does need replacement.
4. Repair the driveway. This one we have not yet started.
5. Replace the sanctuary roof. Again, don't fix what isn't broken, but we believe in the next year or two the roof will be ready for replacement. We are reserving the funds as they come in for this project.
6. Mission Project Funding. Five percent of the giving was reserved for funding mission projects. Some of the funds have been used as part of our on-going mission work, mostly with Helping

Hands. Some of the funds remain to be used.

7. The final big project on the list is to establish a reserve fund for future building and property repairs and maintenance. We have already had some projects come up that required use of some of these funds. We took down some trees, replaced the sewer line from the manse, built a bathroom in the manse, and replaced leaky water lines leading into Murchison Hall.

We have spent about half of the pledged funds on the first batch of projects, which is about what we projected we would spend. Between the roof, the furnace, and the reserve fund, the budgeted cost is about \$80,000 and that is about what we will have left, assuming the \$36,000 balance comes in. I urge those who have one more year to go on their pledge to review their pledge statement, pickup their envelopes, and focus on completing that pledge over the next twelve months.

Mark Zacheis

