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Running on Empty...



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FROM THE PASTOR

Eastertide

What a meaningful Holy Week we had here. It was a blessing to be able to share worship with the choir and congregation of Germonds Presbyterian Church for Good Friday. Our Easter services here were made even more special by the addition of extra musicians and fantastic music.

Easter is, of course a season, not just a one-day celebration. We move through Eastertide until Pentecost, celebrating the wonder and mystery of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Because Resurrection is, in fact, a holy mystery. That one dead man—and that man God incarnate—should be raised from the dead as a down-payment on the promise of our ultimate rising is the enigma at the heart of our faith. We cannot explain it; we can only celebrate it, and spend the rest of our lives living into it.

The poet Julia Esquivel, an exile from Guatemala, wrote of being “threatened with resurrection”—to live in hope of this reality that is already here, and yet to come:

Accompany us then on this vigil
And you will know that it is to dream!
You will then know
how marvelous it is
to live threatened with Resurrection!

To dream awake,
to keep watch asleep,
to live while dying and to already know oneself
resurrected!

Eastertide blessings,



Green Starts Here!
**GREAT AMERICAN
CLEANUP**



**New Hempstead Presbyterian Church
joins the Great American Cleanup
on Saturday, May 18
9 AM until Noon**

Our faith calls us to be good stewards of God's creation, and we can do this by caring for our community, tending to it, and keeping it clean.

On Saturday May 18, we will be participating in *Keep Rockland Beautiful's Great American Cleanup* by clearing roadside litter along New Hempstead Road and Old Schoolhouse Road.

Come join your church family, friends and neighbors as we joyfully help to beautify our community!

When: Saturday, May 18 from 9 AM until Noon
(Rain date: Sunday, May 19, from 1–4 PM)

Where: Meet in the parking lot of New Hempstead Presbyterian Church.
Wear your NHPC T-shirt if you have one

There will be coffee and friendly faces to greet you! All supplies will be provided free of charge.

Sign-up sheet is in the Colonial Room. Let us know we can count on you to 'Keep Rockland Beautiful'!

For more info, contact Karen Martin or Laura Metallo-Bidon.

Hear Ye! See Ye!

From Barbara Zacheis

NHPC enters the technology age with our new Livestream on YouTube. You can find us by searching for “New Hempstead Presbyterian Church” or clicking this link:

<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UC1uJu-RJ5343dvTGRE7Nt5A>

As of this writing, there are six recorded services to view, including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. (And the Easter service has almost 100 views.) Bulletins can be found using the Worship link on our website. Spread the Word!



Tag Sale: June 1

As you are doing your spring-cleaning, please think about what you would like to donate to our Spring Tag Sale. Please save any winter items (clothes, holiday decorations, etc.) for our Fall sale. We can take donations on May 25 between 9 AM and noon, May 26 after church or May 31 between noon and 7 PM. Please do not leave items outside of the barn at other times. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Colonial Room for helping on May 31, prep day, and June 1.

Tag sale will run from 9–2, set-up starts at 7 AM, cleanup goes until 4 PM.

Please plan to participate in this fun event!

Spring Cleanup

Many thanks to Pam, Nancy, Syenni, Sumi, Nora, Karen, Ann, Christina, Kyle, Howard, and Mark who turned out on April 13 and participated in the spring cleanup of the church. Despite the soggy weather, we were able to give the inside of the church building a good cleaning and shining. The pews and the windows got washed, the chandeliers got dusted, and the Deacon's closet and the kitchen got cleaned out. Special thanks to Kyle for climbing into the steeple and fixing

the bell. We were also able to get outside and get some of the gardens cleaned out and the lawns fed. Also special thanks to the AA men's group that uses Murchison Hall for



their help. They washed the windows in that building, waxed the floor in the big room, and did some cement work on the steps of the Colonial Room.

Mailing List Update

Thank you to the 29 of you who have signed up for the new church email list on nhpchurch.org

If you haven't, go to the church website and fill in the form marked “Receive our Newsletter”. Or just see Bob Philhower after Worship.

Habitat Open House

Habitat for Humanity of Rockland is proud to invite you to our open house at 28 Westside in Haverstraw. We have been renovating this house for over one year and are near completion. Come meet the volunteers and supporters who built this house and the family that will make this their new home. Take a tour and see what has been accomplished in the past year.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, May 8 from 5–8 PM for a tour of our latest house in Rockland County.



Our Talented Congregation

Jane Craig Sebok
Talented Congregant

For the month of March, we have two listings. Remember to let me know when you have performances coming up, either at jane Sebok20@gmail.com, or during coffee hour.

Here are the listings for May:

May 11, 7:30 PM – Barbara Zacheis

St. Thomas Orchestra
Program of Brahms and Schumann
Highlands Middle School
28 Grandview Ave, White Plains
\$20 Adults, \$10 Students, \$40 Families

May 19, 4 PM – Jane Sebok

Rockland County Concert Band
Green Meadow Waldorf School
307 Hungry Hollow Road, Chestnut Ridge

Stony Point Open Mic

From Howard Whitehouse

The Stony Point Open Mic and Coffee House, started several years ago by Gary Mower and Madeline and Ron Drost moved to its new home in April. That new home is with us at NHCP. On the second Saturday of each month we present a program of music and fun — mostly acoustic, mostly singers with stringed instruments, mostly remembering most of the words — by anything up to a dozen or so performers. Anyone who wants to can get up and sing. There's excellent coffee, cake and cookies. A donation of \$5 is taken, all of which goes to Rockland food banks. Starts at 7, usually done a shade after 10. Bring the kids, bring your grandparents. A good time is guaranteed.*

On the fourth Saturday at 7 an informal 'jam' takes place in the Colonial room, a song-circle where each participant takes turns in choosing and leading a song, and we all join in. A great chance to learn songs and try out new ones, Also coffee, cakes, cookies. No cost.



* Not legally binding.

