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Home Again, Home Again, Jiggity Jog



Thank you all so much for the welcome you've given me and Howard after my Sabbatical. It's hard to believe I've been back 5 ½ weeks.

My time away was very refreshing—Iona, the island off the coast of Scotland, was a highlight. I lived in community, sharing household duties (in my case, worship things!) with about 25 other Christians. It was wonderful to share meals, worship, and conversation with folks who felt like family after only 24 hours.

We were able to spend much-coveted time with friends and family, some of whom we had not seen in several years. We were even able to attend the funeral of a friend's father, and be with the family to offer our love and support.

Cornwall was amazing. We had 4 weeks in a lovely house—not a hotel, or a bed and breakfast. You've seen some of our pictures on Facebook, but I will have Bob post one at the bottom of this column.

I am so proud of the work you all did in my absence. You really do know how to “be Church”.

As we approach Our Lord's birth, may each of you feel the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in your lives.

Here is a view into the Barbara Hepworth Sculpture garden, St. Ives, Cornwall.





Thanksgiving Baskets

Another successful year for the Thanksgiving Baskets program. Fifty-two families will be having a full Thanksgiving dinner this year. The baskets were provided to the Martin Luther King Jr Center and the Smarty Pants daycare center, both of whom delivered them to people challenged by hunger. We also had an additional 231 pounds of food that was delivered to the People to People food pantry. Many thanks to our partners in this ministry, Healing Hands, to those who donated and to those who helped with the shopping, bagging, and delivery. And to the Mission Committee and the Deacons for their sponsorship and support.



Warm up the Winter, 2022

New Hempstead Presbyterian Church is collecting Hats, Gloves, and Socks for our Neighbors in Need

A little warmth can go a long way...

New Hempstead Presbyterian Church is collecting winter hats, gloves, and socks for homeless and marginally housed individuals in Rockland County. We need items for men, women, and children.



Bring purchased items to Church by Christmas (Sunday, December 25). The Collection Bin is located inside the front door of the Church.



Can't shop? Monetary donations are gratefully accepted, and we'll do the shopping for you! (Be sure to indicate hats/gloves/socks on your check).

Donated items will be distributed to individuals in Rockland County, in partnership with the Salvation Army Food truck in Spring Valley and other local programs.



Remember our neighbors in need throughout the winter months.

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Millennial Corner

From Nora Asamoah

What a year it has been! I cannot speak for everyone but for me 2022 has been a memorable one. I pray that we all have a great Christmas. No matter what you went through, going through, do not forget that Joy comes every morning! Take a moment to enjoy the little things in life. The sunrise, the sunset, the fresh blanket of snow, rain, people around you and many more. Merry Christmas to you all!