



# The Carriage Stone

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# FROM THE PASTOR

Once upon a time, members of the human body council met to choose a leader. Each member introduced themselves to explain the role they played in the entire human body:

The **Hand** announced, 'I want to be the leader because it is I who helps the human. If provoked, I can defend the human body by administering shots.'

The members said to the **Hand**, 'we do not give you the power.'

The **Eyes** spoke up, asking for power. They said, 'We make it possible for people to move around, read, and see the light of day.'

The members replied to the **Eyes**...You cannot be a leader.'

The **Foot** in turn told the members, 'I want to be the leader because I move people from one place to another.'

The members said to the **Foot**, 'You do not deserve to be our leader.'

All the members stayed after the meeting to party. The **Hand** took the food and gave to the **Mouth**. The very happy **Mouth** ate joyfully then she sent it to the **Stomach** and the **Stomach** was happy to receive the food. The human walked around without any problem as long as all the parts worked together. (<https://anikefoundation.org/african-folktales/the-value-of-a-person>)

While reading this story from Africa (specific country unknown), I thought about how similar it was to the metaphor of the body used by Paul in his letters to the Corinthians (I Corinthians 12). In the midst of conflict in the early Corinthian church about who was the most important member, Paul reminds us that in Christ's body all people are important and no one role takes precedence over another. Jesus' way was non-hierarchical, yet the temptations of power were ever present to corrupt his vision.

As I think about the months ahead, I feel so blessed to be chosen to be your pastor. Teachings like these are important to keep in mind as we begin this new chapter together. Whether from African folklore or Paul's letters, we are reminded that for Christ's body to be relevant in the world it takes more than one person. Every single member must be willing to use their gifts for the greater good of the church. I am not the head of the Church, Christ is, and I cannot pastor alone...we need each other.

As we think about our day to day interactions, perhaps we can take a few moments to appreciate those who are part of Christ's body here at New Hempstead and recognize the importance of every member of the body. I am so excited to begin this journey together!

Peace and All Good,





## Pentecost Offering

for Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults

Through the Pentecost Offering, the church expresses a common commitment to provide hope for children at risk, opportunities for youth and young adults to grow in their faith, and short-term mission service options for young adults.

Please give generously.



## Pentecost Offering

From Mark Zacheis

The mission committee is happy to report a successful Pentecost Offering and that our church raised \$2,100 in that effort. The money has gone to the Martin Luther King Multi-Purpose Center in Spring Valley, just in time to help support their summer programs. Thank you to all for your support.

The next project on the mission committee's agenda is a repeat of the successful backpack and school supplies drive that we did in conjunction with Summit Park Elementary School. More information is below.



## August is 'School Supply Month' at New Hempstead

From Laura Metallo-Bidon

It's almost back-to-school time, and many children in our local schools won't have the basic supplies needed for a successful start to the school year. Our church is part of the East Ramapo community, where the need is especially great.

Once again this year, we're collecting school supplies to help families at Summit Park Elementary School--our local school serving students Grades K-3. Purchase the items listed below, and bring them to church now through the end of August.

Not able to shop? Donate \$30, indicating it is for 'School Supplies', and we'll do the shopping for you!

Thank you for your support of our local students and our local schools.

### School Supply Shopping List:

- New Backpacks (appropriate for grades K-3)
- Pencils (yellow #2)
- Crayola Crayons (24-box count)
- Crayola Washable Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Child Scissors (blunt edge)
- Marble Composition Notebooks

## Ready for a Blast from the Past?

From the Fellowship Committee

On Saturday Aug 17 at 3 PM in Murchison Hall, we will have a screening of a video recorded when the church put together a program called "Cruise to Nowhere". The video highlights the depth of talent that our congregation had (still has). In addition to the video, there will be a variety of snacks, ice cream and possibly S'mores. See you there!



## Pride Sunday

Thanks to Pastor Angela and all of the members who represented New Hempstead Presbyterian Church at the Pride Sunday in Nyack. A number of people stopped by to talk and receive glitter blessings. One couple later came to Worship with us on a Sunday.



## Tag Sale Coming in October

Have you been making your list of items to donate to the tag sale? I have one going. The tag sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 on the great lawn of the church. This should be a comfortable time to be outdoors, mingling with our neighbors and raising money for our church's mission.

## Congregational Meeting September 8

From the Clerk of Session

The Session of the New Hempstead Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, September 8 in the Sanctuary following Worship. That is the day our congregation will formally call Angela Maddalone as our Pastor. Please make plans to attend.

## Bible Study on Recess

Please note that our weekly Bible studies are both on hold for the summer and will resume in the fall.

## Pictorial Directory

From Barbara Zacheis

Our pictorial directory is available from the members-only page of our website:

<https://nhpchurch.org/members-only-bulletin/>

If you desire a printed copy, see Barbara. The cost is \$5.



## The Manse

By Mark Zacheis

The renovation of the manse has continued unabated during the month of June, now with a greater purpose. That reason is that it will be the new home of our minister, Angela Maddalone. She will officially start full time with us on November 1 and we want the building ready for her by Labor Day. That fits our schedule; we hope to complete our renovation work by the end of July, with Presbytery inspection in August.



The big milestone in June is that we have completed the kitchen. The new kitchen cabinet doors came in, have been installed, and look



great. The floor has been cleaned and sealed, and the crown and kick moldings installed. I now have a tendency to take my shoes off before I walk in the room.

The front bedroom on the second floor is nearing completion as well. The walls, ceiling, and trim have been painted, the windows cleaned, and a new ceiling fan hung. All that remains to be done is the floor.



The last big project is the upstairs bathroom. All of the old, green tile has been removed, new concrete board and purple board has been put up, and the walls and floors have been prepped for tile. And we're started to lay the tile.



Still to do is paint the hallway, stairwell, living room, the third bedroom, and refinish the floors. On the outside, we plan to power wash the building and paint the porch floor.

We could not have gotten this far without the host of volunteers ready to help. Doing so has saved the church a lot of money and has built a host of new friendships outside of the Sunday service. Volunteering can take many forms. Some of our unsung heroes are those that brought in lunch for us.

Nearly all of the remaining work will be done with volunteers. If you would like to help, even in the smallest way, please let me know and I'll find a task to suit your skills.

