



The Carriage Stone

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It's Thanksgiving basket time. Details inside.

Contrary to Bob Greenhalgh's drawing, frozen turkeys are preferred to fresh ones.



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Stewardship

From Pam Fink

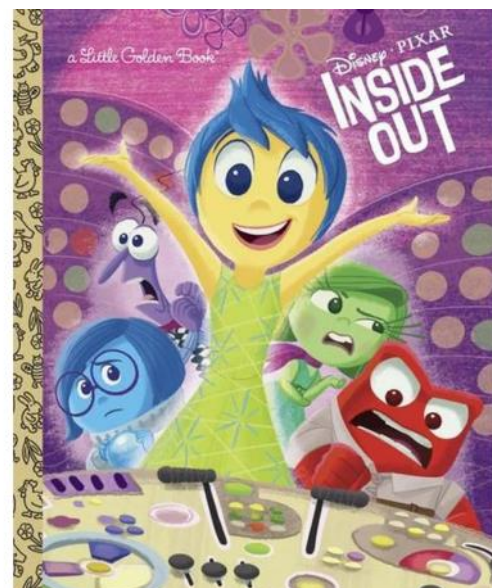
As the leaves begin to fall, there is a crispness in the air. The holiday season is just around the corner, and our thoughts turn to the new year. This is the time of the year when we start planning for what resources our church will need in the new year.

At the beginning of 2024, NHPC was without a full-time minister. We had secured an interim minister, and the search for a full-time replacement was underway. It turned out, by God’s grace that our full-time minister was already among us, serving as our interim pastor. Reverend Angela Maddalone begins as NHPC’s full-time minister this month. God has definitely been with us in this transitional time, ensuring that NHPC will remain a strong and vibrant church.

To plan for 2025, we have initiated our Stewardship Campaign, which will culminate on November 3, Stewardship Sunday. Now is the time when we ask our congregation to make a

commitment, a pledge, to support this church in the coming year. To keep our church strong, we need both a financial pledge as well as giving of time and talents. A financial pledge allows us to generate a sound budget for the church in the coming year. Committing your time and talents is what has made our church what it is today and helps to carry out our mission.

You have heard about the church budget and finances. You have also heard more personal stories from people who do pledge their support to the church, and why they choose to do so. We encourage you to be a “cheerful giver” and prayerfully consider the resources you are willing to commit to further the work of our church.



Inside Out on November 16

From the Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee will be having a movie day on Saturday, November 16, showing the family-friendly movie "Inside Out". The animated movie looks at what goes on in a young girl's head, and how her emotions behave.

The event will begin at 2 PM in the Colonial Room with snacks and ice cream. So bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun!

Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving Day is fast approaching, and you know what that means; it means that it is time for the Thanksgiving baskets food drive. In a tradition dating back decades our church family shares the bounty that is theirs with others not quite so fortunate. We intend to put together baskets of food, each of which is sufficient to feed a family a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

Attached in here is the shopping list of what goes into a Thanksgiving basket. We ask that you take the list with you so you will have it during your next visit to the grocery store, pick up everything on the list, put it in one bag (reusable bag is preferred), and bring it with you the next time that you come to church. The final collection day is Sunday, November 17, and you can bring your baskets in sooner if you like; but no later than the church service that day. We will be sending people to the grocery store during that week following November 17 so your contribution must be in by that date.

Do save your turkeys and loaves of bread to bring for the following Sunday, November 24 and please not before.

If you would like to participate but do not wish to shop, you may donate the cost of a Thanksgiving basket and we will go shopping for you. We suggest a donation of \$45 for each basket. Mark your check or envelope Thanksgiving Baskets and place it in the collection plate. Alternatively, you can mail a check to the church or use the QR code and donate to the Mission Fund.

If you are unable to provide a full basket then contribute what you can from the list. All contributions are welcome. And if you know of a family that can use a Thanksgiving basket, please contact Mark so that we can get them on our list.

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Colonial Room. Kindly put your name on the sheet and the number of baskets that you

wish to sponsor; we'd like to get a sense of the number of baskets we will be receiving and how much shopping we will have to be doing. Or call or e-mail the church office.

Last year we provided 62 baskets for local families that otherwise might go without on Thanksgiving Day and we'd like to do at least that again this year.

Turkey (14-16 pounds)
Stuffing mix
Boxed Mac and Cheese
Gravy
Canned vegetables (4 cans)
Canned sweet potatoes/yams
Corn bread mix
Brownie mix
Rice (two pound bag)
Red Beans (one pound bag)
Applesauce
Canned cranberry sauce
Soup (2 cans)
Loaf of bread

Be sure to bring your
"baskets" to church on
Sun., Nov. 17 so that we can
distribute them before
Thanksgiving.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Tag Sale

The tag sale was a huge success, both in terms of financial contribution and fellowship. Thanks to all who planned the sale, contributed items, sorted through and priced everything, set up the tables, sold items to our neighbors and friends, and cleaned up at the end.

