



The Carriage Stone

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LOCAL MISSIONS

There are many opportunities available for spreading the Gospel message through helping our community.



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New Church Directory is Available

Shirley Martignetti has completed a revision to the church directory. Thank you to all who submitted changes and corrections.

Paper copies will be distributed soon. If you would prefer an electronic copy, contact Shirley at nhpc2@yahoo.com and she will e-mail you a copy.



It's Not Too Late for Thanksgiving Baskets

If you have missed some of the dates on the Thanksgiving basket schedule, it is not too late to help. Just bring in all items by November 14. While the baskets won't be assembled until November 21, the Deacons request that we get our items in by the Sunday before, so that they can purchase enough to balance everything out.

Here's the full list:

- Canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots, string beans)
- Canned Yams or Sweet Potatoes
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Gravy mix or jars
- Cake mix
- Cornbread muffin mix
- Stuffing mix

One idea for procrastinators is to sponsor a family by bringing the entire list to the store and get one of each item. If you're able, why not sponsor two or three or ten families?



Remember that on Sunday, November 21 following Worship, we will be putting the baskets together in Murchison Hall. Please join us in this fun activity. Lunch will be provided.

If you have questions, wish to donate a turkey, or if you prefer to make a monetary contribution, please see Carmen Bermudez, Carol Camenisch or Bonnie Johnson. The Deacons will use cash donations to purchase fresh produce and turkeys.

It's Not Too Early for Letters to Santa

From Carol Camenisch

Once again, the Deacons will celebrate the Christmas season by answering letters written to Santa by children in two local families. You are each invited to share in the joy of the season by helping us buy the items on the children's wish lists.

We will try to make it possible for each child we choose to receive the toy of their wish, along with a warm

sweater, pair of pants and a pair of shoes! How wonderful to know that we are making it possible for needy families to give their children something special for the holidays.

A sign up sheet will be available in the Colonial Room with details about the children we have adopted for the season, including clothing sizes and their special wishes. Listen for weekly announcements during Sunday services.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Stewardship Sunday

By now, you should have received your pledge card in the mail. (If you have not, one is available through the church office or in the pews.) Please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider how much financial support you are able to provide. Your annual pledge is needed this year more than ever.



Stewardship Sunday is November 14 this year. Members of the stewardship committee will be

available to answer your questions concerning how your pledge will be at work during the coming year.

We urge you to mail or bring your completed pledge card to the Church.



International Luncheon

We will hold our annual International Luncheon on Sunday, November 7 in Murchison Hall. The Fellowship Committee will provide refreshments, bread and salad. We ask members and friends to share their favorite ethnic, national or regional dish (cold or hot). However, you don't have to bring anything. Just come, bring a friend or family member and sample international cuisine at its best. It will be an afternoon of food, fun and fellowship.

November 28 is the first Sunday in Advent.

Traditionally, we spend a few hours after the Worship service decorating the Church as a congregation. The "hanging of the

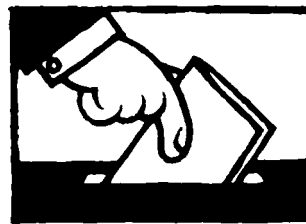
greens" is an event the whole family can enjoy because there are activities for everyone. Kids can make decorations together; youth and adults can hang evergreen boughs and other decorations in the Sanctuary.

The fellowship committee will supply a light lunch and plenty of seasonal music.

Those wishing to help with the actual hanging of the greens should bring garden shears and gloves. In addition, freshly pruned evergreen branches are always welcome.



The first Sunday in Advent is also the start of the new Church year. So, as you prepare for the coming of the Christ child, be sure to wish one another a joyous new church year.



**DON'T
FORGET
TO VOTE**

Election Day is November 2 this year.



From Facilities Management

By Pam Charbonneau

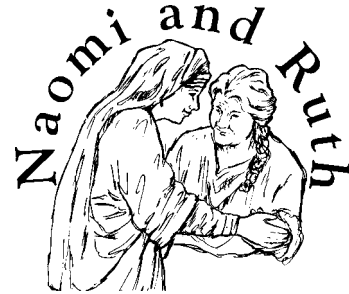
Because of budget constraints, this past summer we had to forgo the professional lawn service that we usually employ to cut the grass. You may be thinking, "But the lawn and grounds looked great! Who did that?" A group of dedicated volunteers from the congregation have mowed the lawn, raked, weeded, trimmed the shrubs and maintained the grounds of the church. These volunteers included Charles Churchwell, Percy Crockett, Joe Bermudez, Nancy Jacobs, Mark Zacheis, Anna and George Vaupel, Ed Garcia, Sid Gerstein, Bob Greenhalgh, Joe Feyjo and Pam Charbonneau. As we approach the Thanksgiving season, let's remember to give thanks for the commitment and hard work of these volunteer groundskeepers.



Sunday School Calendar

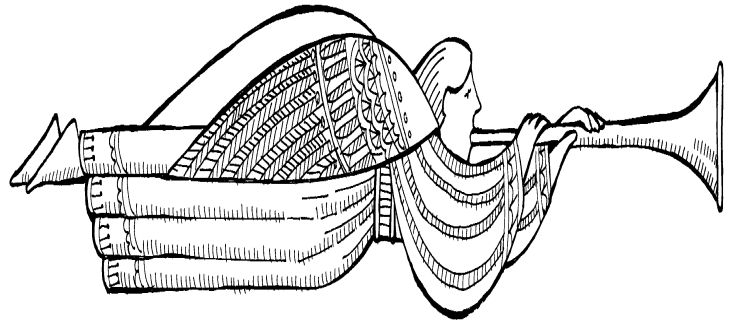
November 7–14

Continue the story of Ruth and Naomi



November 21–28,
December 5

Annunciation and Birth of
Jesus Christ



Lay Leaders and Ushers for November and Early December



	Lay Leader	Ushers
November 7	Clara Linton	Denise and Bill Farro
November 14	Bonnie Johnson	Pat and Percy Crockett
November 21	Matilda Bonsu	Laura and Marc Bidon
November 28	Charles Martin	Ellen Witte and Jeremiah Lorico
December 5	Bill Young	Faye Bennett and Wendy Keryk
December 12	Joanna Meckley	Jocelyn and Robert Petrikat

Upcoming Deadlines

By Bob Philhower, editor *The Carriage Stone*

Thanksgiving is coming soon, and Christmas is just around the corner. This is a special season to spend with family and loved ones.

Your newsletter editor and your Church secretary want to spend time with our families and friends as well. Therefore, we have altered the normal production schedule for *The Carriage Stone* to move the hard work away from the holidays.



From the Editor

The deadline for the **December/Early January** issue will be Sunday, November 14. This should include all remaining Advent and Christmas information as well as any events in early January.

The deadline for the **Late January/February** issue will be Sunday, January 9. This deadline is early enough so that information about the Ash Wednesday observations can be included.

Then, we will resume our normal publishing schedule with the **March** issue with a deadline in mid-February as usual.

If you look carefully, you'll notice that the January issue is missing. In 2003 and 2004, we scheduled January issues; however, they never came out because there was very little information submitted. This time, we're planning ahead and canceling it early.



New Church Web Site

Denise Farro has been putting together a new web site for New Hempstead Presbyterian Church at nhpchurch.org. The new site includes information about our worship schedules, church history, a calendar of events, and contact information for various committees of the church. We hope the web site will be helpful to those seeking a church home as well as to current members and friends of NHPC. Be sure to look.

Future updates will include more information about church life taken, perhaps, from *The Carriage Stone*. In this way, you could get a preview of the newsletter about a week before it arrives in your home.

You can help as well by providing information to Denise on aspects of NHPC in which you have expertise. Perhaps we could include Sunday School information, example fellowship activities, local mission, etc.

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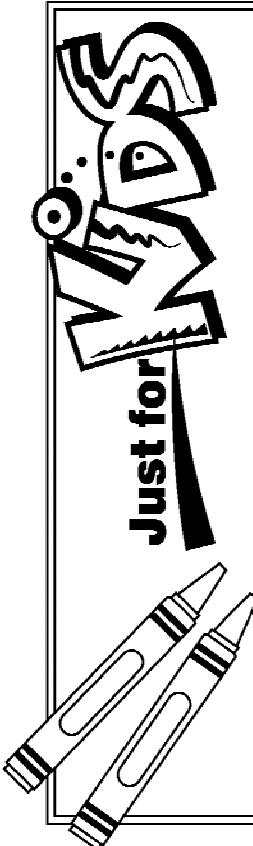
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King David's Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a special time to thank God for all He has given us.

Use the code to fill in the missing words from a portion of King David's prayer from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (NIV).

CODE	1 = everlasting	6 = honor	11 = ruler
	2 = exalted	7 = kingdom	12 = thanks
	3 = glorious	8 = LORD	13 = things
	4 = God	9 = O	14 = wealth
	5 = head	10 = praise	15 = you

" _____ be to _____, _____ ...
 (10) (15) (9) (8)

from _____ to _____ ...
 (1) (1)

Yours, _____, is the _____;
 (9) (8) (7)

_____ are _____ as _____ over all.
 (15) (2) (5)

_____ and _____ come from _____;
 (14) (6) (15)

_____ are the _____ of all _____.
 (15) (11) (13)

Now, our _____, we give _____
 (4) (15) (12)

and _____ your _____ name."
 (10) (3)

"Praise be to you, O LORD, ... from everlasting to everlasting. ... Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name."