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*We're  
Getting  
a New  
Pastor*

More information is in a Congregational mailing coming soon. Be sure to be with us for Worship on Sunday, July 17.

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## “Religion without Science is Blind — Albert Einstein

Thomas A. Hughart, S.T.D.

A sixty-four thousand dollar question on “So You Want to Be a Millionaire” a few years ago was, “Who first said, ‘Religion without science is blind?’” Was it Galilei Galileo, Sir Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein or Clarence Darrow? It could have been Galileo, who claimed that the earth rotated around the sun, and not what the Bible said (from the story of Joshua and the sun standing still in the sky). It could have been Newton, who believed that God set the world into motion, and established the law of gravity. It could have been Clarence Darrow, who defended John Scopes, who denied special creation as outlined in the first chapters of Genesis, in the “monkey trial” about evolution in the 1920s. But it was really Albert Einstein, whose theory of relativity created a whole new way of looking at reality as a set of relationships. Two hundred years ago, many people believed that religion was a set of superstitious beliefs that would soon be proved wrong by scientific method and that religion would go out of existence in a few years. Freud even suggested that religion was pathological, just as Marx felt that it was an opiate for the masses. John Dewey and others saw belief in God as just a projection of the need for a father image.

Andrew Newberg, M. D., in an address at the ReDiscovering Cosmos Conference at Syracuse University in 1997, claimed that mainstream religion is certainly in existence and stronger than ever in our society. He pointed at the development of quantum mechanics which gives us a new way of looking at God which is compatible with modern scientific theory; at the renewed interest in ethics and moral values; at the modern studies on the relationship between

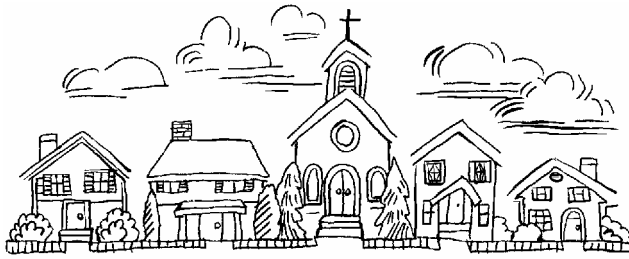
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health and religious belief; at the widespread involvement in spiritual practices; and at the almost universal agreement about some of the core elements in world religions.



More recently, Malcolm Gladwell spoke about his newest book, Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking, at a talk in Cambridge, Massachusetts on February 7, 2005. The book deals with what researchers call “adaptive unconscious”, the brain’s ability to make decisions before the person is aware of what’s going on. “A good deal of our thinking takes place like this,” he said, snapping his fingers. “This is a central part of what it is to be a human being.” His work encloses current research efforts in religion-and-health. Some, like Joshua Greene at Princeton University, said “Understanding why we think the way we think might help us change the way we think,” at the recent “Neurobiology of Human Values” conference in Paris. Echoing Greene’s viewpoint, Gladwell claimed that biases act as powerful filters when it comes to these situations.” Gladwell’s previous book, The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference, explored the phenomenon of sudden cultural changes and infectious ideas. “Maybe we don’t have to change the hearts of the decision-makers. Maybe we can change the context in which the decision is made.” Perhaps we all need to consider the importance of the Christian community as the context within which we make our decisions.

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Tom".



## LOCAL MISSIONS

### Boy Scout Troop 11 Old Photos Wanted

From William Farro — NHPC/Troop 11  
Chartered Organization Representative

Troop 11 has maintained a proud history building character, duty to God and Country and of service to the community surrounding the New Hempstead Church for over 80 years.

Members of the Troop and the Adult Leaders are looking to preserve that history and continue to share that with future generations of Scouts and Scouters.

We are looking for old photos and other historic memorabilia. Old photos will be digitally scanned and posted to the website if appropriate or copied for our archives. Original photos can be returned if desired. Memorabilia will be displayed in the newly built case located in Murchison Hall if possible.

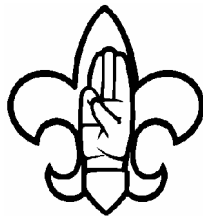
The Troop has already made progress on documenting previous Scoutmasters and Eagle Scouts and is in the process of organizing each of the Troop Charters going back to 1925.

Please check out the Troop 11 Website:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vzelykcw/bsatroop-11/id28.html>

Please contact me if you have materials to contribute to this project.

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### From the Treasurer

From Mark Zacheis, Treasurer

The church has received \$41,898 in pledge giving as of the end of May, versus a budget of \$42,287. Thank you all very much for your

continued support. For those of you who might be behind in your giving, please try and catch up. If you are not sure where you are, just ask me.

Many of you will take time for vacation away from home this summer.



**REMEMBER**  
**YOUR PLEDGE**  
**This Summer**

Remember that the church continues to operate and incur expenses. Your thoughtfulness in remembering your pledge during the summer is appreciated.



Congratulations to two children who were baptized in New Hempstead Presbyterian Church on Sunday, June 12.

Danielle Marie Kuusisto, born October 30, 2004 in Danbury, Connecticut, daughter of Sandra and Erik Kuusisto.

Hamadi Marcus Martin, Jr., born January 6, 2005 in Nyack, NY, son of Nardie Valery and Hamadi Martin.

Pastor Hughart will be on vacation from June 28th through July 13th.

Shirley Martignetti will be on vacation from June 27th through July 4th.

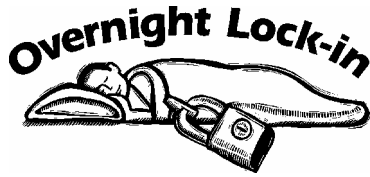
The Carriage Stone newsletter will be on vacation until the September issue. The deadline is August 14.

Have a great summer!



## The Youth Group

From Mark Zacheis



The youth group ended its season with a lock-in at Murchison Hall on June 4 and 5. Seven young people and three adults participated in the all night event. We started the evening making homemade ice cream. We followed that with our work project, painting the hallway wall in Murchison Hall that the water fountain is on. Please take an opportunity to admire our handiwork. Pizza, video games, board games, and movies followed. At midnight, we tried out our ice cream and found it very good (flavors - mint chocolate chip, raspberry, and cookies and cream). More video games and movies followed until sun up. My thanks go to the adult participants, Kristen Zacheis and Pam Charbonneau for their hard work.

The Youth Group is taking the summer off but will start up meeting again after Labor Day. All young people ages twelve and older are invited to participate.

## Free Introductory Square Dances

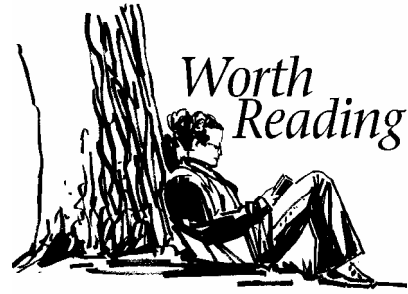
From the Rockland Rockytops

The Rockland Rockytops, who dance in Murchison Hall, are offering free introductory square dances. Free tickets are available for attendance at an introductory square dance in New City on your choice of July 14, August 11 or September 15 at 8:30 PM. No square dancing experience is necessary and people are welcome with or without a partner. Square dancing is exhilarating, relaxing and fun—and you do not realize you are exercising! Why not try it?

See the church office for a copy of the flyer that will act as your free tickets. For more information, you can contact Mal Blotner at (845) 638-4393 or via E-mail at:

MRBlot@aol.com

Be sure to identify yourself as a member of New Hempstead Presbyterian Church.



## Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study 2006

The *Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study for 2006* is available at the reduced bulk rate of \$5.25 (cover price \$8.50) if ordered, prepaid, through the Presbytery Office by July 20. Please mail your check, payable to:

Presbytery of Hudson River  
50 Dayton Lane, Suite 202  
Peekskill, NY 10566,

With the following information: Name, Address, Phone Number, number of books ordered and total amount enclosed.

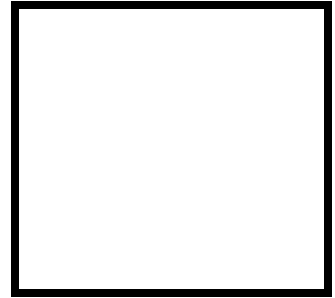
Mission Yearbooks will be available for pick-up at the Presbytery Office or at the November meeting of Presbytery.

The *2006 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study* celebrates 300 years of Presbyterian mission in the United States with the theme "From Age to Age." As we look back over Presbyterian mission in the U.S. and around the world, we realize that the faithfulness and commitment of others have brought us to where we are today. We have much to learn from our history as Presbyterians, and we have much to offer the world because of the gifts handed down to us from the past. The greatest gift is that of God's steadfast love demonstrated in our spiritual heritages as well as our own experiences. God speaks through the stories of all God's people. It is important that we share the stories of our faith. We are seeking a light that shines on our history and illuminates our future. We are reminded that we are part of something larger than our own lives. We are walking in faith, for God is completely faithful from age to age.




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### Jesus Traveled to Many Places

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of those places. Can you find all the names on the list?

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BETHANY	EPHRAIM				
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE				
BETHSAIDA	JERICHO			NAZARETH	
CAESAREA	JERUSALEM			PEREA	
CANA	JORDAN RIVER			SAMARIA	
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA			SIDON	
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA			TYRE	
EGYPT	MOUNT OF OLIVES			WILDERNESS	

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