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Newsletter of the English Church

Pastor Lori has been installed!

The Hudson River Presbytery installed The Reverend Doctor Lori Knight-Whitehouse as pastor of the New Hempstead Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, December 11.

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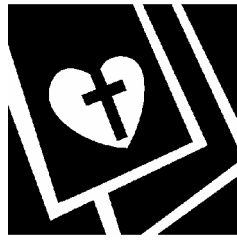
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FROM THE PASTOR

New Beginnings

It's a new year already! My Grandparents were right—time does go a lot faster when you get older. The new year brings lots of opportunities at New Hempstead Presbyterian Church. A daylong Session retreat is scheduled for January 28, at Stony Point Conference Center. The Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday Feb 3. This is an opportunity to look back on the last year in gratitude to God for all God has done in, for, and through this congregation in the last year, and to look ahead to where God is leading us in 2006.

An Inquirer's class (for folks new to our congregation and folks who want to learn more about Presbyterians and our Church in particular) will begin in early February. A confirmation class will meet throughout Lent. We will have an Ash Wednesday

worship service in the sanctuary (at 8 PM) to begin our Lenten observances.

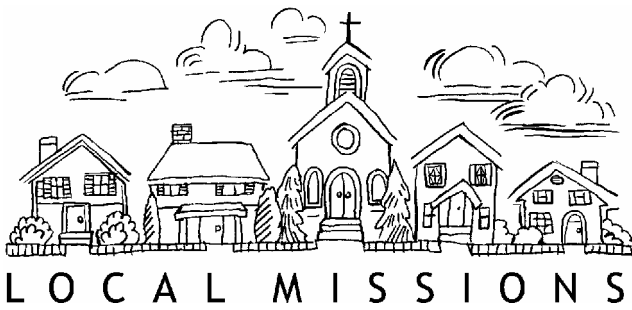


In addition, I will be hosting a “chick-flick Friday” at the Manse on the evening of Friday, Feb. 3. Women and men who can cope with a woman-oriented movie are invited to attend for fun, fellowship, and probably some chocolate! (Film to be determined later).

Of course, the Bible Study group continues to meet on Monday nights at 8 PM in the Colonial Room. Come and join us for lively discussions on the book of Genesis.

Undoubtedly, there will be many more chances for deepening our faith and strengthening our relationship with God and one another in the coming year. I'm looking forward to it, and I hope you are too.

Blessings to you all,



Thanksgiving Baskets

Once again, the Thanksgiving Basket project was a big success. There was a large turnout to assemble the baskets—over ninety in all—with plenty of “fellowshipping” as well. We can be



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sure that they made the Thanksgiving holiday brighter for the recipients. It is worth noting that when the church first began assembling these baskets, twenty-some years ago, it was considered a success when about a dozen baskets were assembled. Through the continued dedication of the Deacons and the generosity of our church, the project has continued to grow and serve ever more families.

Thank you for your support.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held after Worship on Sunday, February 5, in the Sanctuary. Reports from all church committees and boards will be available for review prior to

Congregational Meeting



the meeting. Also, church finances for 2005 and the budget outlook for 2006 will be presented.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Bible Study Opportunities

Is one of your New Year’s resolutions to learn more of the Word of God? There are two weekly Bible Studies in the church:

Sunday mornings, Ed Garcia teaches a Bible Study group at 9:30 AM in the Colonial Room. The curriculum used highlights important themes in the Bible.

Monday evenings, the Pastor leads a Bible Study group at 8 PM in the Colonial Room. Presently, the group is studying the book of Genesis.

Anyone is welcome to join any week.



Chick Flick Friday

Join Lori at The Manse for "Chick Flick Friday" February 3 at 7:30 PM. Both women and men are welcome for fellowship, fun, and a woman-oriented film.

Women’s Breakfast

The monthly women’s breakfast will resume on Saturday, February 4 at 8:30 AM, weather



Meet for Breakfast

permitting. We meet at the Rockland Diner; 29 Third Street; New City. The phone number there is 708-0191.

Boy Scout Sunday

Scouts and leaders from Boy Scout Troop 11 will help lead the service on Sunday, February 12. Our congregation has sponsored the troop since the 1920’s.



Per Capita: What is it? Why Should Our Church Pay it?

From Mark Zacheis

Our church is a member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and thus has a relationship with every other Presbyterian Church in the denomination, as well as the governing bodies: Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The name Presbyterian is from the Greek "Presbyter", which refers to an Elder or Overseer in the church.

Each church is a member of a Presbytery and sends two representatives – one minister and one Elder – to Presbytery meetings. These representatives have a voice and vote in the business of the Presbytery. Presbyteries are groups of churches, Synods are groups of Presbyteries and the General Assembly is the national group of Synods.

Our Per Capita funds are split into three parts and used by the Hudson River Presbytery, the Synod of the Northeast, and General Assembly to pay their operational costs and the costs of their ongoing programs. Presbytery has expenses similar to our own church – salaries, rent, utilities, office expenses and mission.

Some of the work that our Presbytery does includes nurturing members preparing for ordination as ministers, guiding churches as they go through the mission study and pastor search process, providing advice on financial matters and hearing and deciding disciplinary or remedial cases. The Presbytery sponsors Christian Education workshops and retreats, organizes Youth Ministry conferences and opportunities, advocates for rural and migrant farm workers and offers camps and retreat and conference facilities at Holmes and Stony Point.

Our church will be paying Per Capita this year in the amount of \$19.77 per active church member, a total of about \$2,000. Please consider including an additional gift of \$19.77 for each active member of your family in the collection. Use the blue envelope in your box or mark your check "Per Capita".

Ash Wednesday

The Ash Wednesday service will be at 8 PM on March 1.



How Do You Want to be Remembered? Will Our Church be Part of Your Legacy?

From Tim Maroney

Perhaps you have been supporting New Hempstead Presbyterian Church through your weekly offering and outright gifts for many years. But have you considered putting the church in your estate plans to help ensure its

future beyond your lifetime?



Beginning in January, the Stewardship Committee will host a series of programs provided by financial experts

to talk about planned giving. Planned giving entails thoughtfully selecting a way to make a charitable gift that is also favorable to you and your family. Many planned gifts are designated through a bequest or will, but there are many ways to make a planned gift that provide a tax benefit immediately for the donor.

For example, you can purchase a life insurance policy that names New Hempstead Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of the proceeds upon your death. During the life of the policy, the premium payments may be tax deductible. In such a case, the church receives a sizable gift from you in the future that comes at very little cost to you during your lifetime.

Whether or not you decide to include NHPC in your estate plans, please plan to attend one of the planned giving sessions in 2006. You will find them informative and helpful.

Guest Choir Director / Organist

Kryste Andrews is our new guest Choir Director/Organist. Colorado is Kryste's home state where she sang as a young girl with her musical family at church and social gatherings and later with choral groups in high school and college.

For the last six years, she has taught actors to sing at Circle in the Square Theater School in NYC. Her church musician skills have allowed her to sing, play the organ and direct choirs for various New Jersey congregations for the last fifteen years.

Kryste has a son, Edmond Johnsen, we lives in Colorado and attends Colorado State University as a Physics Major.

Church Officers

New church officers will be installed on Sunday, February 5.

Elder Tim Maroney will be ordained and then will be installed along with Laura Bidon and Joe Bermudez (all class of 2008).

Deacons to be installed as the class of 2008 are Carmen Bermudez, Teri Lowinger and Karen Martin.

A special Thank You to Silvia L. Pridgen who is retiring from office!

Flowers

The Flower Chart for 2006 is posted on the Colonial Room door. If you wish to order flowers for an occasion, please list whom they are for and from, and any special request next to the date you would like them to be placed. The cost is \$15 per vase. Checks should be made payable to New Hempstead Presbyterian Church, clearly labeled "flowers," and be placed in the offering plate or the office manager's mailbox.

The flower committee would be pleased to discuss any special requests; please make a note

on the chart to that effect and include your phone number and they will contact you.

If you would like to order flowers but cannot get to church, please call the office (845) 354-2372 or send an e-mail (office@nhpchurch.org)

Installation Pictures (more on page 7)





Thank You...There's a Spot Waiting Just for You!

From Bernice Rice Gerstein

In 2005, our worship services were enriched by the ministry of the people listed on the right. The Worship Committee thanks each of you for giving of your time and talents.

If your name is not on this list, and you would like to serve, just let me know—we still need ushers for the Easter Sunrise service.



Name		# of times served	
Last	First	Lay Leader	Usher
Asamoah	Nora		1
Bermudez	Carmen	3	2
Bermudez	Joe	1	2
Bidon	Timothy		1
Bidon	Laura		3
Charbonneau	Pamela	3	
Churchwell	Alice		1
Churchwell	Charles		1
Crockett	Pat		3
Crockett	Jarrold		3
Dickens	Clarence		5
Dickens	Joan	2	5
Farro	Denise		1
Farro	Bill	1	1
Farro	Thomas		1
Feyjo	Joe	1	
Garcia	Ed	5	
Gerstein	Bernice Rice	7	4
Gerstein	Sid		6
Greenhalgh	Catherine		2
Greenhalgh	Robert		2
Jacobs	Nancy		1
Johnson	Bonnie	2	4
Kallé	Janine	3	
Keryk	Wendy	3	6
Landers	Jack		2
Landers	Zaida		2
Lowinger	Teri		1
Lucas	Teresa	4	5
Maroney	Marian	1	4
Maroney	Timothy	2	4
Martin	Charles	1	
Martin	Karen	4	1
Meckley	Joanna	3	
Petrikat	Robert		7
Petrikat	Jocelyn		7
Philhower	Naomi		1
Philhower	Robert	2	5
Pridgen	Sylvia L.		2
Witte	Ellen		2
Young	Bill		3
Zacheis	Barbara	1	
Zacheis	Kristen		1
Zacheis	Mark	3	1



