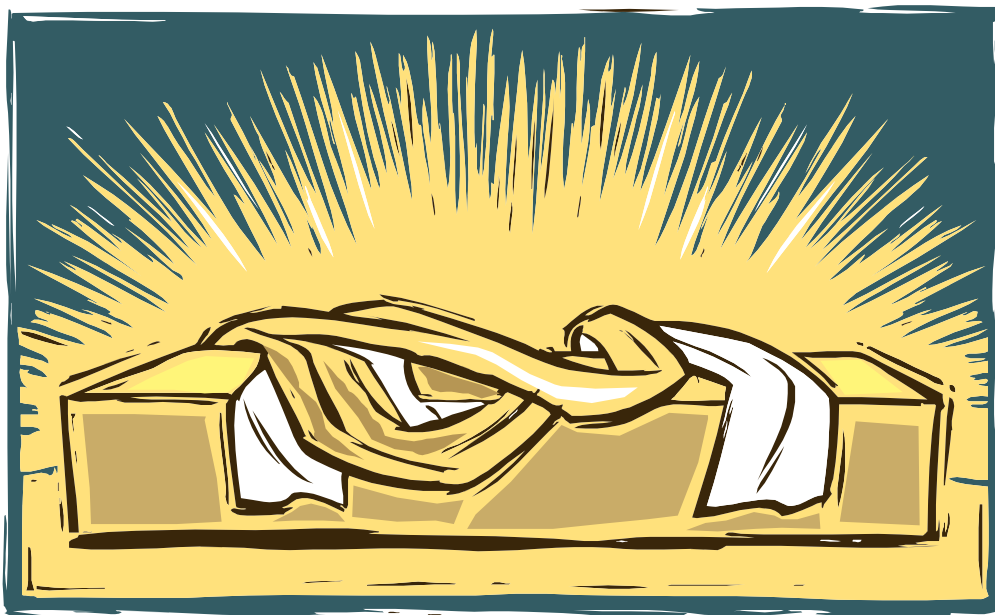


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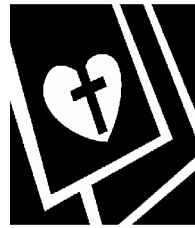
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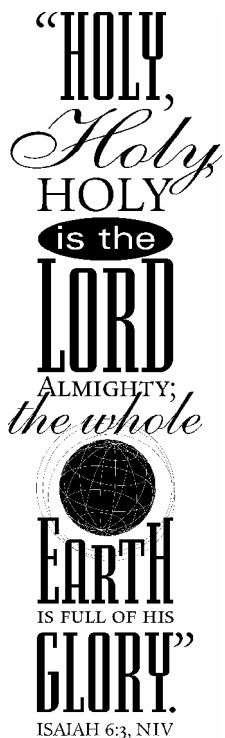
# FROM THE PASTOR

## A Blessed Easter to You

Blessings to you all this holy season of Easter! After 6 weeks of prayer and introspection, the Church turns its attention to the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We move from the “minor key” of Lent into the triumphant trumpet-blast and joy-filled chorus of Easter.

Easter—the Resurrection—forms the heart of Christian Worship. The God of Resurrection is the focus of worship. Too often, we forget that God is the focus. Folk may say, “I come to Church to hear the choir sing;” “I go the church for the sermon;” or “I go to church ever week to get my spiritual fill-up.” Because our culture teaches us to



think in terms of what we get out of an event, all too often, we forget that we are not the reason for worship—God is the reason. God is the only being worthy of our honor, praise and glorification. To put it baldly, *it's not about us!* It's all about God!

The Christian tradition teaches that worship is going on perpetually around the Throne of God. Isaiah 6 reminds us of the six-winged cherubim who sing God's praise around God's throne. Revelation 4

tells us of the four creatures who “Day and night without ceasing, they sing, ‘Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.’” Worship of God has gone on, and will go on, eternally. What a privilege we have to join in with the angels and believers of every time and place to sing the glory of God's name; to praise God for all of God's mighty acts.

It is a special blessing to leave a worship service feeling elated or blessed, or spiritually filled. But just because we don't feel that way doesn't mean worship didn't happen. Worship will happen because God commands it to happen! “Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker!” says the Psalmist.

At 11:00 on Sunday morning (10:00 in the summer) we have the great honor of dropping all other concerns and thoughts, focusing our attention on God alone, **and joining with the angels to give glory and honor to God.** What a high and holy calling, what a joy and privilege this us for us who bear the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

May you know this blessing at Easter, and throughout the year,

# Holy Week

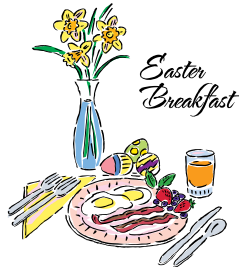
## Holy Week Fellowship

### Palm Sunday Lunch

To begin Holy Week, the Fellowship Committee will again prepare for the Annual Palm Sunday Lunch. This year Palm Sunday falls on April 1. There will be a luncheon immediately after service at Murchison Hall. We welcome all members and friends of the congregation to bring a covered dish. Please invite your family and friends. The Fellowship Committee will provide coffee, refreshments and a special cake. Please sign our lunch poster and let us know what you are bringing and how many people are coming.

### Easter Breakfast

We will again be enjoying a full breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 8. The Easter Morning Sunrise Service will start at 8 AM at Murchison Hall followed immediately by the breakfast.



### Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the 11 AM Easter Service on the great lawn and playground, hosted by the Youth Group. Please plan to have



your child participate! Different areas are designated for the different age groups, so all can enjoy!

## Quilt Auction to Benefit Women's Shelter

From Wendy Keryk

On Sunday, April 1 during our Palm Sunday Luncheon in Murchison Hall, we will hold a silent auction to raise funds for the Rockland women's shelter. Six one of a kind sample quilts have been donated to us for this purpose. Each is beautifully designed of 100% cotton fabric and fill. The quilts fit a queen or a full size bed. Alternatively, the quilts can be displayed draped over a couch or used as a decorative wall hanging.

Two of the quilts are already on exhibit in the Colonial Room. Color photos will be in the online edition of *The Carriage Stone*.





## Video Lecture

From Barbara  
Zacheis

Our next video lecture will be given by Marcus Borg on Sunday, April 22, at 1 PM in the Colonial Room. We had a wonderful response to the previous lecture by Desmond Tutu, with a lively discussion afterwards. Please consider joining us!

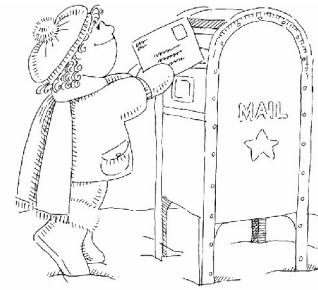
## Rockland Symphony Orchestra

The Rockland Symphony Orchestra will hold a concert at 3 PM on Sunday, April 22 at the Cultural Arts Theatre at RCC. This will be their pops concert and will feature Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. Konstantin Burla will be the piano soloist. For more information on the concert contact Barbara Hurley or see [www.rocklandsymphony.org](http://www.rocklandsymphony.org)



## Celebration of Baptism

Ryan Edward Garcia, son of Amy and Todd Garcia, brother of Rachael and grandson of Valarie and Ed Garcia, received the Sacrament of Baptism during Worship on Sunday March 11. Sponsoring Ryan were his Godparents, Richard and Susan Loretto.



## Bookmarks for the Military

We received this letter from Jim Craig (Jane Craig's nephew) regarding the bookmarks sent by the Sunday School class:

Dr. Knight-Whitehouse,

I wanted to write to let you know that I received the wonderful book marks from the Sunday School class! They are not only very beautiful, but they really mean a lot. At first, I saw the package and said, "Well, this is quite random." but then I quickly realized this was my Aunt Jane's church!

Again, thank you so much for your kind gift and prayers!

I look forward to seeing you all again in the near future.

Sincerely,  
Jim Craig  
Balad, Iraq

## Special Music at NHPC

Barbara Zacheis will give a French Horn Recital on May 19 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. A free-will collection will be taken to benefit the New Hempstead Presbyterian Church. All are invited! She will perform Richard Strauss' *Second Horn Concerto* and Reinhold Gliere's *Concerto for Horn*.





## One Great Hour of Sharing 2007

Janine Kallé, Chair  
Mission and Outreach

Let's take a moment to look at the theme of this year's One Great Hour of Sharing. When we read

the story of the Good Samaritan, if we remember the lawyer at all, we probably remember him as a kind of straight man, the person who sets Jesus up with the question, "Who is my neighbor?" If we think about him further, he may represent the kind of overblown smugness we enjoy watching Jesus puncture, the person who thinks he's doing everything God asks and doesn't care who knows it. Certainly the text supports that idea, saying he was "testing Jesus" with his first question and "wishing to justify himself" with his second.

But let's give the man some credit. He may well have been one of the seventy Jesus had sent out in his name and who returned excited by the power he had given them to subdue evil. In that case, he had already begun to lay it on the line a lot more than most of us. Perhaps he assumed that this meant he now had an inside track to heaven and wanted to cut to the chase: "Jesus, now that we've seen what we can do in your name, how do we access eternal life?" It is here that the story begins to have meaning for us, because Jesus tells him, "The road to life goes through your neighbor. First, love God. Next, love your neighbor. If you do this, you will live."

Our salvation, in other words, is not a private peace we can negotiate with God. It requires our being involved with one another. And in this story, he makes clear that "one another" does not just mean the people who shop at the same stores we do. It means whoever is in need. Now for many of us, One Great Hour of Sharing is one



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**One great hour of sharing** In Guatemala, 50 percent of the rural population have access to safe water.

*From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace* — John 1:16 NRSV

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of the ways in which we do reach beyond our own experience to the needs of others, needs we may never have seen firsthand. Surely, it is one of the ways we share the love of God with others. However, what do we get out of this transaction? Do we get our passport stamped so we can go straight to heaven?

It seems to me that when Jesus said, "Do this and you will live," he meant something more. I think he meant that our separation from our neighbor, especially the neighbor we don't really want to approach, is one of the things that separates us from true life. It is in recognizing our own face in that of our neighbor that we can see the face of God. It is in recognizing our common need and our common humanity with all of those we may be tempted to think of them as that we can open ourselves up to God. So today, as we give our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, let us thank God for the opportunities to encounter those neighbors through the mission of this offering, and ask God to open us more and more to recognize the unacknowledged neighbors in our lives.

**Pump, community hygiene training:**  **One great hour of sharing**

\$1,000

*It's Remarkable What Your Gift Will Do.*

## DOLLARS DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

For hungry villagers and rural families in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America striving to feed themselves:

\$200 Fishing nets	\$10 Two rabbits
\$50 500 baby fish	\$490 Cow
\$45 Wire chicken coop	\$125 Goat

**One  
great hour  
of sharing**

### About the OGHS Offering –

For more than fifty years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. The refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter; those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding; and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. Presbyterians' gifts support the work of The Presbyterian Committee for the Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

### OGHS Facts –

Allocation of gifts to the PC(USA)'s One Great Hour of Sharing offering. After deducting administrative costs (up to 5%) and the costs of creating and distributing promotional materials (roughly 5%), the remaining undesignated gifts are divided among three programs as follows:

- 36% **Presbyterian Hunger Program** for ministries working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, responding with compassion and justice to poor and hungry people in local communities, in the nation, and throughout the world, as well as ministries addressing homelessness and affordable housing.
- 32% **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** for disaster response and ministries with refugees.

- 32% **Self-Development of People** for partnerships with groups of people who are oppressed by poverty or social systems, who want to take charge of their own lives, have organized to do something about their own condition, and have decided what they need to do to produce long-term benefits for themselves.



## The Washington Office

*the voice of Presbyterian public policy*

### Presbyterian Voice in Washington

From The Washington Office

We must make our witness together to make it count. The programs of the Washington Office enable Presbyterians to work in a practical way to lift up the vision of a just and compassionate society. This collective effort allows each of us to take a small part of the Church's ministry for shaping our world.

Politicians respect religious perspectives. They do listen to biblically based arguments as well as to persuasive factual testimony. However, what counts most is the knowledge that voters back home really care about an issue. That is why you are the key to the public policy ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Presbyterian Washington Office is the public policy information and advocacy office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Its task is to advance the social witness perspectives and policies of the General Assembly, and to recommend specific legislative remedies to Congress and the White House.

For more information, call (202) 543-1126 or visit:

[www.pcusa.org/washington](http://www.pcusa.org/washington)



## The Garden

From Joanie Fiore

God so loved the world; that **He** gave his only begotten son to **us!**

Reading the word and hearing it and loving and living in the Holy Spirit is a **must!**

We plant our mustard seeds on solid **ground**.  
In Spring, we spring up, not lost but **found!**

We all Love "God The Most High" and Jesus is our Savior and everything to His Chosen **Ones**.

Nothing, we must remember, is complete without the infinite. Help of the Holy Spirit in us, which with Him we bear great **fruit**.

So always Remember, my fellow journey travelers; With the trinity, we don't get to be true daughters or sons!

We first must seek and the doors will be open; and thirst and God will supply the live giving **juice!**

It's one reward and promise to his people!

Always Remember we need a Good Church to go **to...** But also remember:

The Church is not a building with a steeple; the Church is all the ones who have and seek Christ, read **his Word** and be **His Chosen People!**

## Home Safety Assessments

From Home Aides of Rockland

A fall leading to a serious injury is the number one reason for needing a nursing home.

Although certain physical conditions may contribute to falls, the risk of a fall can be reduced through a thorough assessment of the home environment. Home Aides of Rockland, Inc. provides free home safety assessments for seniors aged 65 and older. A registered nurse who specializes in senior care and home care conducts the assessments. Funding is provided by the United Way of Rockland County.

Call (845) 634-2024 to learn additional information or to make an appointment for your free home safety assessment.

Established in 1969, Home Aides of Rockland is a private, not-for-profit home care agency licensed by the New York State Department of Health. The agency provides home care services on a reduced rate basis to financially qualified members of the Rockland County community.

## OUR HISTORIC CHURCH.

### Old Coe Cemetery

Did you know that New Hempstead Presbyterian Church has a cemetery associated with it? Many of the church founders from the 18th and early 19th centuries are buried in a small cemetery not a mile away from the church.

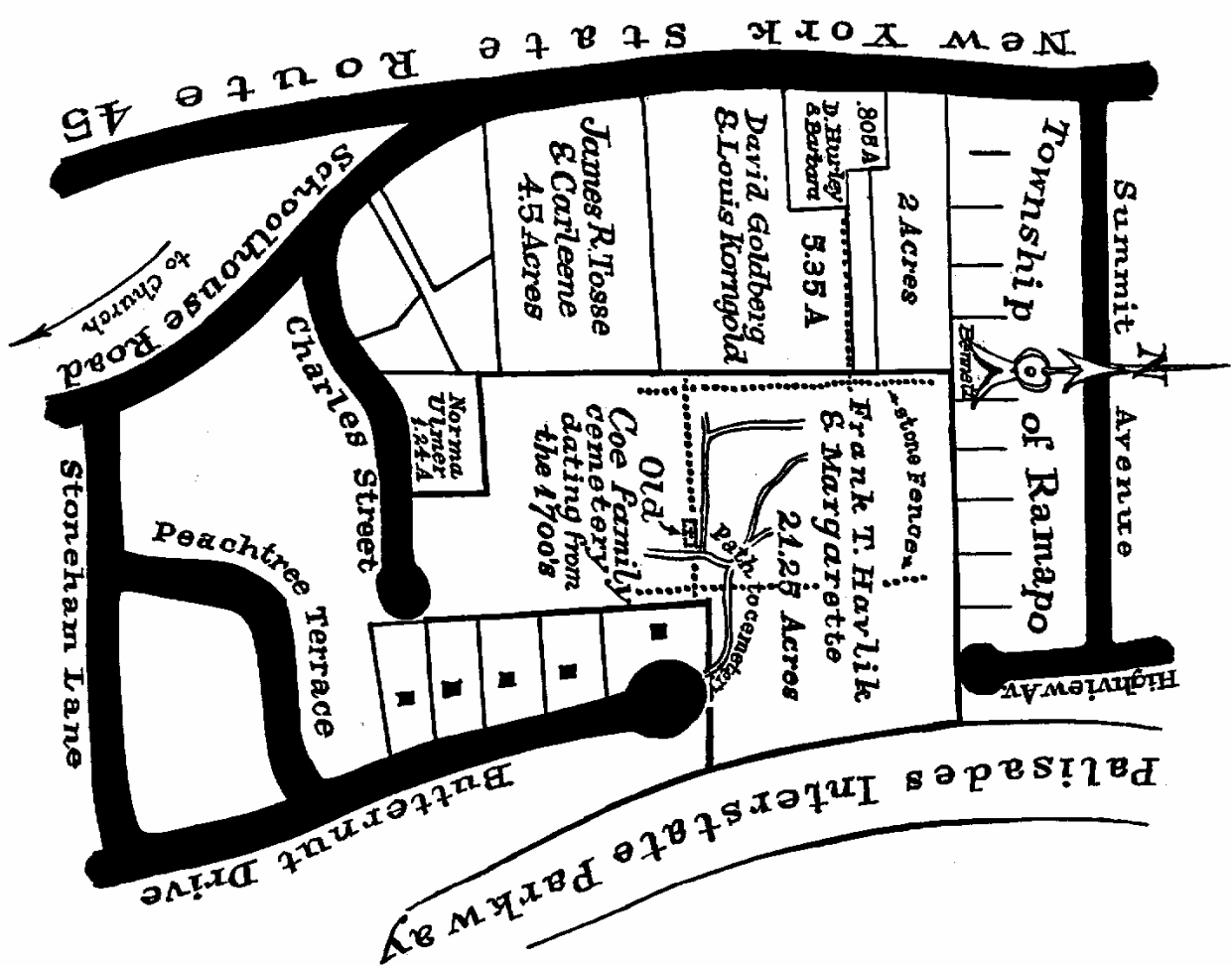
On the next page is a map of the area drawn from when The Reverend Donn Jann (a former pastor at NHPC) and Bob Greenhalgh visited the cemetery in 1989. Also shown is a representation of many of the gravestones found at the time.

IN THE OLD COE CEMETERY  
ARE FOUNDERS OF THE  
NEW HEMPSTEAD PRESBYTERIAN CH.  
(see Center of the Map)



The 100 by 60 foot graveyard is about 1/4 mile North of the church. Some of those buried there are —

- John Coe Elder son of Samuel Coe died Nov 11 1721 Age 18 yrs
- William Coe Capt. drowned in North River with 9 other passengers November 25 1774
- Anne daughter of Isaac Ogilby Dobbin July 11, 1732 Age 9 yrs
- Phoebe wife of Halstead Coe March 17<sup>th</sup> 1785 26<sup>th</sup> year
- Phoebe Coe daughter of Halstead & Phoebe Coe August 15 1787
- William son of John & Sarah Coe July 15 1797 24<sup>th</sup> yr/age
- Sarah wife of John Coe Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1801 Age 40
- Phoebe Elizabeth daughter of Rev. Samuel Pettan Sept 21, 1711
- Hannah wife of John Coe Oct 14 1804 82 years
- Matthew Coe son of Saml Coe March 27 1809 74<sup>th</sup> year
- William Armstrong 1812 Age 40 yrs
- John son of John & Charlotte Coe Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1815
- John Coe son of Saml Coe July 21 1816 age 27 years
- Samuel Coe who departed 1771
- Samuel Coe Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 1822 Age 61
- These Coe MD born Dec 1790 left this life 1825 Age 24 yrs
- Margaret widow of Dr. William Dusenberry March 2 1828
- Samuel Coe 1831
- Dr. John Coe died May 1833
- Martha daughter of John & Mary Coe March 18 1839 age 48 yrs

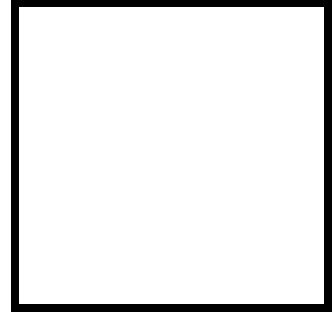


Exploration by Rev. Donn Jarrn & Robt. Greenhalgh March 21, 1989



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**Make a HANDPRINT BUTTERFLY**

The butterfly is a symbol of new life and of the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and gave us hope for a new life.

**What you need:**

- Bible verse Luke 24:5-6 (NIV)
- tempera paint or acrylic paint
- paintbrush
- 1 sheet of light-colored construction paper
- paper towel or baby wipe

**What to do:**

1. Draw a picture of a butterfly's body. Make it wide enough to write this verse inside the body:

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"*  
 Luke 24:5-6 (NIV)

2. Use the paintbrush to paint the palm of your hand.
3. Make a butterfly wing with your handprint by pressing your hand down next to the butterfly body.
4. Clean your hand with the paper towel or baby wipe.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 with the other hand.
6. Let the butterfly remind you of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and of the beauty of his Resurrection.

**Easter Crosses**

Make this craft to remember what Jesus did for us. Hang it in your room to look at all year long.

**What you need:**

- Two 8" paper plates (white)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Crayons, paints or felt markers
- Stapler, glue stick or glue
- Paper punch
- Yarn, string or ribbon (about 10" or 12")

**What you do:**

1. With your pencil draw a slight curved line all the way across the center of one plate. This will be a hill.
2. Draw three crosses on the hill. Make the center one a little bigger than the others.
3. Color the hill green and the crosses brown. Or color the hill and crosses black to look like a silhouette.
4. Cut out the hill and crosses as one piece.
5. Color the top half of the other plate with red, orange and yellow to look like an evening sky.
6. Staple or glue the hill-and-crosses plate onto the sky plate. Make sure you line up the bottom edges of the plates, and staple or glue just along the curved edges where the plates meet.
7. Punch a hole near the top of the sky plate.
8. Tie a loop of yarn, string or ribbon through the hole.
9. Hang your scene on your doorknob or on something else in your room.