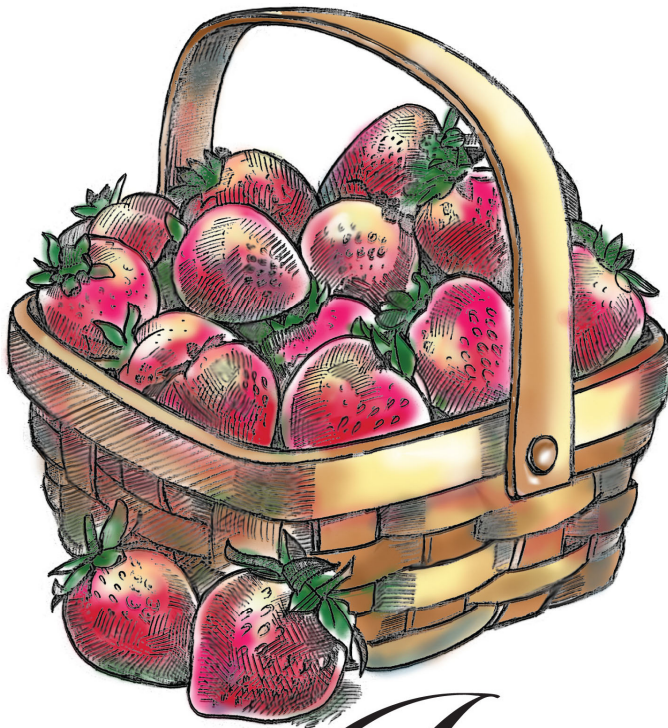


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## “...There you will see him”

While cleaning out my study to make way for the renovating team (headed by Wendy Keryk—thanks, Wendy!) I found an assortment of odd books. In one written in 1960, cleverly titled Tips to Jungle Missionaries, I found the following.

It has been a real privilege to head up the collecting and editing of these “tips to Jungle Missionaries.” My prayer is that this little booklet will be a real help to the soldiers of the cross who are pressing into the regions beyond with the message of Good news to those who are in heathen darkness.

Presbyterians no longer speak of the “heathen darkness.” We no longer understand mission work to be about taking God anywhere. As our guest preacher, Katie Rains put it in her sermon on Sunday, mission is about going where God already is, and meeting God there.

As Howard and I get ready to go to Peru with eight other folks from Hudson River Presbytery, we are embracing a new model of mission work: partnership. The Peru Pilgrims, as I have come to think of this group, are going to make connections and build relationships with people who already know God. We want to find out how we can be of assistance as they work to bear witness to God’s reign. We seek to learn from them, not take the Gospel to those in “heathen darkness.”

Matthew’s account of the Easter Story provides the paradigm for this new understanding of mission.

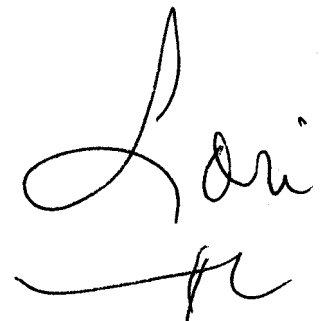
After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him, the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.

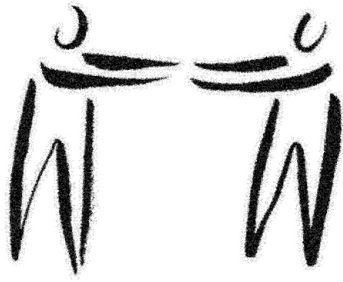
He has been raised.

He is going ahead of you.

You will see him.

This is the understanding of mission that we seek to embrace, not only in Peru, but right here at home. There is no place we can go where Jesus has not already gone on ahead of us. He is waiting for us, and we will see him. My prayer is that we can all live into this vision of Christ’s call, no matter where we may be led.





## From the Deacons

The Deacons are in the process of finalizing two very important projects that have been ongoing for the last two months. First, the package of items collected from the congregation was sent to Lance Corporal Seth Concklin. Enclosed in the package was a message of appreciation for Seth and his fellow Marines. Seth is now expected to return home from Afghanistan sometime in July.

The collection of craft items, book bags, pencils, crayons, etc. for the Martin Luther King Center will be delivered by the end of May. The Deacons will also be providing the center with a monetary gift for the after school program that is such a vital part of the Spring Valley community. Thank you to all who have taken the time to contribute to both of these very worthy community missions.

It is very satisfying to know that our efforts, regardless of how small, are appreciated. Below is a thank you from Laretta Vogel from the Golden Stitchers for our contribution of one hundred dollars. This was part of the Change in the Jar project. Currently, that collection will go to the Sunday school toward their mission to help the children in Haiti.

The Deacons have consented to support the Ramapo High School Multicultural Club with a donation as the students raise money for Young Haitian Amputees. The Board is grateful to this congregation in its support and concern for the projects that the Deacons are able to carry out.

## A Note of Thanks

From the Golden Stitchers

Dear Members of the New Hempstead Presbyterian Church,

We want to thank you for your very generous donation of \$100 for the Golden Stitchers. The yarn we purchase will be used to make hats, gloves, mittens and lap robes for our veterans.



Your support is greatly appreciated, and I'm sure the veterans will appreciate it too.

With sincere thanks, Laretta Vogel

## Youth Group Food Drive

The youth group got off to a strong start this year, with generous donations of canned fruits and vegetables during the months of January and February weighing in at 236 pounds. Our congregation continued to be generous, donating large quantities of boxed cereals and granola bars during the months of March and April. We took in a large volume of cereal during those months but in the end they didn't have the weight of the vegetables and our donation came



## Youth Food Drive

to 122 pounds. To get back on track to reach Pastor Lori's goal of 1500 pounds this year, in

May and June we're asking for donations of peanut butter and jelly.

Any donation of food is gratefully accepted. The folks at People to People tell us that they have a huge demand for food staples and that everything donated onto their shelves quickly moves back off. The need is there; thank you for your generosity.

## Rev. Weaver Passes

I am Suzie Weaver, daughter of Rev. Peter Weaver, the former pastor of New Hempstead from 1973–1983. I am writing with the sad news that my father passed away on April 10. I realize that this news may have already filtered to you, but if not, I wanted to find out if you could pass along the news to your parishioners.

My father has asked that donations be made in his honor to the Cardiac Rehabilitation Center at Thompson Hospital, 350 Parrish Street, Canandaigua, New York 14424. Those who wish to see his obituary online or light a candle may do so at [www.bairdfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bairdfuneralhomes.com).

If anyone would like to send a card to my mother, Beverly Weaver, her address is 41 East Avenue, Naples, NY 14512.

Thank you for your help. I know my father would have wanted your parishioners to know of his passing.

## Special Collections

This year's collection to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering came to \$1,170.64 This figure includes the generous contributions of our Sunday Schoolers through their OGHS fish boxes. Thanks to all who contributed.

Thank you also go out to those who contributed to help defray the costs of Pastor Lori's trip to Peru. \$640 has been collected to send her on her way and we look forward to seeing the pictures and hearing the stories upon her return.



Just a reminder...the summer Worship schedule starts June 20 (Father's Day). We'll be worshipping at 10 AM.



## Youth Group Car Wash

The youth group is running a car wash. Proceeds will benefit the Church and its Youth Group program. The car wash will be held Sunday, June 13 from noon to 2 PM in the church parking lot. Exterior wash is \$8 with interior vacuum available for \$4.

Get your car washed while you enjoy the Coffee Hour and support the youth group!

Congratulations to Tom Smith, son of Walter and Joanne Smith, who was confirmed in New Hempstead Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 23.

The Sunday school is holding a bake sale on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20. Volunteers are needed to bake and to eat! See Pauline Mattis for more information.



## BAKE SALE

Annabella Panaro will be graduating from Nanuet Senior High School on June 27 at 2 PM. She will be attending The State University of New York - Albany in the fall.

Remember, the Walk to Feed the Need, which benefits food programs in Rockland County, will be at Kennedy-Dells Park on Sunday, June 6. See Jocelyne Daniel for more information.



## 219th General Assembly

Our own Tim Bidon leaves with the Hudson River delegation for the General Assembly on July 1. He is a “Young Adult Delegate” to this assembly. While not binding for the Assembly, the YAD’s votes are studied with great respect and seriousness as the Assembly makes its decisions. Our prayers go with you, Tim!

## Hopes for the 219th General Assembly

Gradye Parsons,  
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly has released his greatest hopes for the 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), to be held in Minneapolis from July 3–10.

### 1. Prayerful decision-making

The spirit in which decisions are made at the assembly will be a prayerful and careful witness of decision-making for the entire church.

### 2. Deeper awareness of the whole PC(USA)

Commissioners and advisory delegates will gain a deeper awareness of the length and breadth of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), realizing they are part of something much larger than themselves.

### 3. Issues facing congregations

Commissioners and advisory delegates will discern with the whole church the issues and challenges facing congregations

### 4. Common calling to a changing church

A clear, common calling will emerge to actively and hopefully engage with the reality of a church in change.

### 5. Attention beyond ourselves

Attention will move beyond ourselves to a world in great need, committing ourselves to gospel work: making disciples, feeding the hungry, welcoming the outcast, encouraging the fainthearted, working for peace – all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 6. Enthusiastic sharing of the faith

Those who are part of the assembly will be the first in line of Presbyterians to talk about their faith with a contagious enthusiasm.

### 7. Furthering the mission of Christ

At the end of the assembly, commissioners and advisory delegates will have a deep sense that what they did will further the mission of Christ in the world.

## Greek Festival

The Greek Orthodox Church is holding a Greek Festival June 3–6 on their grounds: 1 Marycrest Rd in West Nyack. Food, games, handicrafts and music.