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FROM THE PASTOR

Reverend Stephen Vandergrift

As Easter approaches (April 21st), the church remembers the significance of the story of Jesus of Nazareth whom Christians believe to be the Christ of God. For us, Jesus' relatively short life revealed both the nature of God and the nature of humanity. Jesus' concern for the poor and dispossessed of his time speaks volumes about God and God's dream for a humanity that treats one another as God's beloved. No one is excluded!

Last Sunday, to begin our worship service, I introduced the following Extravagant Welcome which, I believe, embodies for our time at least in a small way the spirit of God revealed in Jesus, a (Holy) spirit of welcome to which Jesus certainly would shout AMEN! One of our members suggested that I include it in our newsletter. Here 'tis!

- *We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, filthy rich, dirt poor, yo no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying newborns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.*
- *You are welcome if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a tune in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.*
- *We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters.*
- *To anyone who is in recovery or still addicted, you are welcome. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too.*
- *If you blew all your offering money at the dog track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.*
- *We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and we welcome you!*

How would the church be different if the world saw it in this light, a light that "shines in the darkness, and the darkness will never overcome it?" (John 1:5).

*Happy Easter!
Pastor Steve*



GIGANTIC INDOOR YARD SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th

HOUGH'S NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

9A.M - 1 P.M.

310 Manet Avenue

**Kitchen items, household items, dishware, clothing, holiday decorations, etc.
available at great prices!**

Snack bar open during the sale.

Items may be dropped off on Friday, April 5, from 9:00 - noon.

If you need items picked up, or have questions, please contact Nancy

617-479-6441 or jacobs0511@gmail.com.

SEASIDE SOCIAL CLUB

SPRING POTS, VASES & JARS PAINTING – APRIL 9th

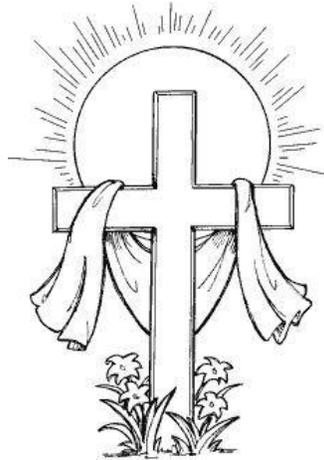


Spring Flower Pot Craft



The Seaside Social Club will meet on April 9 in the coffee room at the Houghs Neck Congregational Church. There will be a business meeting for members at 6:30 followed by the program at 7:00. We had a great time last year painting rocks so come join us as we prepare for spring planting by painting clay pots, vases and jars. All supplies will be included.

The program is open to the public and all are welcome.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER EVENTS SCHEDULE**PALM SUNDAY****APRIL 14**

10:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (HOLY THURSDAY) APRIL 18

5:00 p.m.

Soup dinner, Communion and Service of Tenebrae

EASTER MORNING**APRIL 21**

- **Seaside Service** (at Nut Island)

8:00 a.m.

Led by the Seaside Social Club. If it is raining we will be at the church

- **Easter Breakfast** (M. Alicia Corea Fellowship Hall)

8:30 a.m.

Bring the whole family, \$7 for adults and \$3 per child under 12

Reservations preferred – call Ralph Jacobs 617-479-6441

- **Easter Worship Service**

10:00 a.m.

All are Invited! All are Welcome!



Dorothy W. Sparks, 93, of Sullivan, Maine, and Quincy, died January 6, 2019, with her family by her side. Dorothy was the much loved wife of Harold B. Sparks. She is survived by her children, Robert Sparks and his wife Connie of Canton, William Sparks of Colrain and Bonnie Sparks and her husband Hugo Diaz of Sullivan, Maine; grandchildren, Caitlin, Mikaela, Wilder, Kindred, Amanda, and Georgie; great-grandchildren, Isabel, Theodore, Vivian, Matilda, Angelo, Knight, Amelia, and Finley; special friend and helper, Marlene Walker; and many nieces, nephews and lifelong friends. She was predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Harold Sparks, her parents, Edward and Dorothy M. Reid, her brothers, Robert, Richard and William Reid, sister, Barbara Zopatti, and son-in-law, George Schaefer. Born in Quincy, July 26, 1925, Dorothy grew up and lived in the Hough's Neck section of Quincy for 78 years, until moving to Maine in 2009. She loved her family without question, without condition; their well-being and success was her happiness. As grandchildren and great-grandchildren arrived her happiness was multiplied. To her last days the presence of little-ones would bring a smile to her face. Dorothy's tenacious spirit was forged by her role as the big sister helping to raise four siblings. As a young woman that spirit persisted as she contributed to the [WWII](#) effort as a "Rosie" at the shipyard in Quincy. Her heart and spirit was fed by years of volunteering. She was a vital member of the Hough's Neck Congregational Church where she served as a lifelong member of the Diaconate, Christian education, choir, Mothers & Others Club, Mr. and Mrs. Club, and the church Scholarship Committee. Her organizational skills extended to community service with hospice, Hospital Volunteer Chaplaincy, Protestant Social Service Bureau, PTA and a myriad of youth organizations. Dorothy found joy in music, nature and poetry. When she moved to Sullivan, Maine, she spent long hours at her sunny kitchen window watching her garden bloom and observing the birds at her feeder and along the shore.

A memorial service will be held on April 13, at 11:00 at the Hough's Neck Congregational Church in Quincy.

Donations in her memory can be given to the Hough's Neck Congregational Church Building Fund, 310 Manet Ave., Quincy, MA 02169. Arrangements by Jordan- Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth, Maine. Condolences may be expressed at www.jordanferald.com.

ELECTION MEETING – APRIL 28

Are you a member of the church? If so, please plan to attend on April 28 to vote at our annual election meeting. The Nominating Committee has met and the ballot will be posted on April 14 in the vestibule (entry) of the church. It is important that members come to vote that day on the slate of officers.



Seaside Social Club is once again sponsoring an Easter Plant Drive. If you would like to purchase a plant(s) to be displayed in the sanctuary please fill out the order form below and they will be purchased for you. Each plant will be \$15 - see below for the options.

If you are paying by check please make it payable to **MOTHERS CLUB** and mail to the church at 310 Manet Ave. Quincy MA 02169 or you may place your order in the offering plate during worship service.

The deadline for orders is **Sunday, April 14th**. For more information contact Nancy Jacobs at 617 479-6441 or jacobs0511@gmail.com

Name _____ phone# _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

_____ Tulips@\$15 each

_____ Lilies@\$15 each

_____ Daffodils@\$15 each



Anne Baxendale
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Linda Beck
Marie Blanchard
Bob Craig
Mary Giggey
Donnie Gamble

Edward Duddy
Elizabeth M. Orchard
Sheena Giggey Curley
May Keith
Melissa Hughes
Jane Neale
June Paul

Martha Chase
Jaime Toby
Joan Kirby
Beth Little
Laurie Mulligan
Kelly Stewart Cassier
Mark Paul

Jim Hoggrell
Paula Younie
John White
Sandy White
Eileen Menz
Harry & Bette Olson
Wink Wakelin



HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY!!
WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY WITH A SMILE, A CALL
OR A CARD TO OUR APRIL BIRTHDAY FOLKS!

APRIL

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|----|--------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Kevin Dye | 19 | Luke Rheault |
| 4 | Abigail Little | 20 | Trevor Hall |
| 8 | Janet Little | | Derek Little |
| 10 | Nancy Younie Worthington | 21 | Donna Shaw Keenan |
| 11 | Stephen Vandergrift | 22 | Jimmy Rheault |
| 12 | Judy Murphy Hall | 24 | Janet Lemieux |
| | Joan Trubiano Howard | 25 | Joseph Carr |
| 17 | Grace Younie | | Laura Butruccio |
| | Peter Grillo | 26 | John Grillo |
| 18 | George 'Chip' Schaefer | 29 | Gloria Brummitt |

SPIRITUAL MESSAGES

Our Lenten Journey

We are four weeks into our Lenten journey with about 3 weeks ahead of us. Hopefully our journey is helping discard those things which keep us busy, yet don't necessarily bring us Christian growth. The theme through our Lenten devotional, "Take Nothing with Us", highlights many things which can be discarded and allow us greater freedom to follow Christ. Hopefully our journey will bring us greater understanding of the suffering and sacrifice Jesus endured on our behalf. We look forward to Easter and being a witness to the power of Christ's Resurrection.

As we proceed towards the joy of Easter, we can ponder and meditate on the God's promises as revealed to us in scripture:

GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU.

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be satisfied with what you have. For God has said. 'I will never leave you; I will never abandon you.'" Hebrews 13:5

GOD WILL LISTEN TO YOUR WORRIES.

"Leave all your worries with him, because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

GOD WILL STRENGTHEN YOU.

"But those who hope in the Lord for help will find strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak." Isaiah 40:31

GOD MAKES ALL THINGS NEW.

"Then the one who sits on the throne said, 'and now I make all things new!' He also said to me, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'" Revelation 21:5

WITH GOD YOU ARE VICTORIOUS.

"Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your power to hurt? Death gets its power to hurt from sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. But thanks be to the God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

May we hold on to the hope of God's Word while foreseeing a future where all will be made right.

April 2019 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Year 1

APRIL

Monday, April 1

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145

Evening: Pss. 121; 6

Jer. 16:(1–9) 10–21

Rom. 7:1–12

John 6:1–15

Tuesday, April 2

Morning: Pss. 34; 146

Evening: Pss. 25; 91

Jer. 17:19–27

Rom. 7:13–25

John 6:16–27

Wednesday, April 3

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 27; 51

Jer. 18:1–11

Rom. 8:1–11

John 6:27–40

Thursday, April 4

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 126; 102

Jer. 22:13–23

Rom. 8:12–27

John 6:41–51

Friday, April 5

Morning: Pss. 22; 148

Evening: Pss. 105; 130

Jer. 23:1–8

Rom. 8:28–39

John 6:52–59

Saturday, April 6

Morning: Pss. 43; 149

Evening: Pss. 31; 143

Jer. 23:9–15

Rom. 9:1–18

John 6:60–71

Sunday, April 7

5th Sunday in Lent

Morning: Pss. 84; 150

Evening: Pss. 42; 32

Jer. 23:16–32

1 Cor. 9:19–27

Mark 8:31–9:1

Monday, April 8

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145

Evening: Pss. 121; 6

Jer. 24:1–10

Rom. 9:19–33

John 9:1–17

Tuesday, April 9

Morning: Pss. 34; 146

Evening: Pss. 25; 91

Jer. 25:8–17

Rom. 10:1–13

John 9:18–41

Wednesday, April 10

Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 27; 51

Jer. 25:30–38

Rom. 10:14–21

John 10:1–18

Thursday, April 11

Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 126; 102

Jer. 26:1–16 (17–24)

Rom. 11:1–12

John 10:19–42

Friday, April 12

Morning: Pss. 22; 148

Evening: Pss. 105; 130

Jer. 29:1 (2–3) 4–14

Rom. 11:13–24

John 11:1–27

or John 12:1–10

Saturday, April 13

Morning: Pss. 43; 149

Evening: Pss. 31; 143

Jer. 31:27–34

Rom. 11:25–36

John 11:28–44

or John 12:37–50

Sunday, April 14

Palm/Passion Sunday

Morning: Pss. 84; 150

Evening: Pss. 42; 32

Zech. 9:9–12

1 Tim. 6:12–16

or Zech. 12:9–11; 13:1, 7–9

Matt. 21:12–17

Monday, April 15

Monday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 119:73–80; 145

Evening: Pss. 121; 6

Jer. 11:18–20; 12:1–16 (17)

Phil. 3:1–14

John 12:9–19

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday of Holy Week

Morning: Pss. 34; 146

Evening: Pss. 25; 91

Jer. 15:10–21

Phil. 3:15–21

John 12:20–26

Wednesday, April 17
Wednesday of Holy Week
Morning: Pss. 5; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 27; 51
Jer. 17:5–10, 14–17 (18)
Phil. 4:1–13
John 12:27–36

Thursday, April 18
Maundy Thursday
Morning: Pss. 27; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 126; 102
Jer. 20:7–11 (12–13) 14–18
1 Cor. 10:14–17; 11:27–32
John 17:1–11 (12–26)

Friday, April 19
Good Friday
Morning: Pss. 22; 148
Evening: Pss. 105; 130
Gen. 22:1–14
1 Peter 1:10–20
John 13:36–38
or John 19:38–42

Saturday, April 20
Holy Saturday
Morning: Pss. 43; 149
Evening: Pss. 31; 143
Job 19:21–27a
Heb. 4:1–16
Rom. 8:1–11

Sunday, April 21
Resurrection of the Lord /
Easter Sunday
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 12:1–14
John 1:1–18 or Isa. 51:9–11
Luke 24:13–35
or John 20:19–23

Monday, April 22
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jonah 2:1–10
Acts 2:14, 22–32
John 14:1–14

Tuesday, April 23
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Isa. 30:18–26
Acts 2:36–41 (42–47)
John 14:15–31

Wednesday, April 24
Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Micah 7:7–15
Acts 3:1–10
John 15:1–11

Thursday, April 25
Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Ezek. 37:1–14
Acts 3:11–26
John 15:12–27

Friday, April 26
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Dan. 12:1–4, 13
Acts 4:1–12
John 16:1–15

Saturday, April 27
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Isa. 25:1–9
Acts 4:13–21 (22–31)
John 16:16–33

Sunday, April 28
2nd Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Isa. 43:8–13
1 Peter 2:2–10
John 14:1–7

Monday, April 29
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Dan. 1:1–21
1 John 1:1–10
John 17:1–11

Tuesday, April 30
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Dan. 2:1–16
1 John 2:1–11
John 17:12–19

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WEEKLY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

**Sundays
at 10:00 a.m.**

Reverend Stephen Vandergrift

There is a potluck Coffee Hour each Sunday in the Conference Room after our service. All are welcome, please join us! We serve coffee, tea and whatever goodies are donated. Please volunteer to make and serve coffee and clean up!