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# HOUGHS NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Beloved of Christ,

By the time you read this the clocks will have been set back an hour and darkness will seem to come too soon at the end of the day. As we move through the month of November, we will adjust to the darkness but I pray we will never get used to it. Some have described the times in which we live as dark times, but as people of faith we believe in the words of the Gospel of John when he says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it." (John 1:5). The Light will come. That is what the Advent of Jesus is about. And what better time to "let your light so shine," surrounded by darkness, "let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!"

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "Darkness cannot put out darkness, only light can do to that..." We are tempted in these days of bitter political jousting to let our darker side show forth. Resist! We as a people, as a nation, are better than that...and hate is certainly too much of a burden to bear.

Jimmy Carter once said: "A strong nation, like a strong person, can afford to be gentle, firm, thoughtful, and restrained. It can afford to extend a helping hand to others. It is a weak nation, like a weak person, that must behave with bluster and boasting and rashness and other signs of insecurity."

As scripture says, "You (that's us!) are the light of the world." Believe it! "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others..." (Matthew 5:14-16). Don't let your light go out!

Pastor Steve

# 2019 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP): Sunday, Nov. 3

On Sunday, November 3, Christ followers around the world will recognize the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) – a global prayer movement for Christians who boldly witness for Christ at any cost in nations where Christianity is not welcomed.

Over the years, the IDOP has served as a platform to highlight the stories of persecuted Christians and mobilize the global Church to respond to their plight. Moreover, in so doing, the IDOP has also been a source of solidarity and encouragement to persecuted Christians by reminding them that they are part of a larger, global family of believers. Each day, millions of Christians around the world are persecuted for their faith. From Pakistan to Kazakhstan, Nigeria to North Korea, Christians routinely face discrimination, harassment, violence, and even death for their faith in Jesus.

All of us are encouraged to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who bear a great burden for the Church at large. For those who would like to pray for the Persecuted Church throughout the year, please see Ralph Jacobs who has 2020 Voice of the Martyrs' calendars for you to use in your home. Each day on the calendar identifies a different location around the world, where prayers are needed. The calendars are available at no cost.

## SPIRITUAL MESSAGES



*What a big God that we serve. I'm out playing a silly game, and I put these things under my eyes and it's amazing what God can do.*

-Tim Tebow

*Almighty God... Create within us clean hearts, and renew right spirits, that we may do better and be better.*

-Peter Marshall

*Discipline is the divinely ordained path to a deepening relationship with God and a growing love with him... Thus to refuse discipline, is to turn our back on growth and love.*

- R. Kent Hughes

*The true measure of God's love is that he loves without measure.*

-Unknown

*I would rather be what God chose to make me than the most glorious creature that I could think of; for to have been thought about, born in God's thought, and then made by God, is the dearest, grandest and most precious thing in all thinking.*

-George MacDonald

**SEASIDE SOCIAL CLUB**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2019  
6:00-9:00 PM**

**'PRE- HOLIDAY SHOPPING NIGHT'**



**Dozens of vendors and artisans**

**Raffle**

**Free Admission and Refreshments**

**Don't wait for Black Friday - start your holiday shopping on 11/12**

**Event is open to the public – invite your friends**

**There will be a brief business meeting for club members at 5:30.**

**The Zhao Zhi-Min Chinese  
School of Music Orchestra**

**Presents**

*Wind From the East, 2*



**Sunday, November 10, 2019 ~ 4:00 PM**



**Freewill Donation  
All proceeds benefit DOVE  
(Domestic Violence Ended)**

**Houghs Neck Congregational Church  
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# POINSETTIA PROJECT

Sponsored by **Seaside Social Club** (formerly known as **MOTHERS Club**)

\_\_\_\_\_ Small Plant \$10

\_\_\_\_\_ Large Plant \$20

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Orders may be mailed to the church at 310 Manet Ave., placed in the offering plate at Sunday worship or given directly to Nancy Jacobs. The due date is **Wednesday, December 11th**. Make checks payable to **MOTHERS CLUB**. Orders can also be emailed to Nancy at [jacobs0511@gmail.com](mailto:jacobs0511@gmail.com).

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



Anne Baxendale  
Linda DellaCroce  
Linda Beck  
Marie Blanchard  
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Mark Paul

Jim Hogrell  
Paula Younie  
John White  
Sandy White  
Eileen Menz  
Wink Wakelin  
Bernie Van Tassell



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



**NOVEMBER**

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|---|--------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Terri Schofield    |    |                       |
| 2 | Gayle Mackay       | 15 | Kaitlyn Flibotte      |
|   | Jennifer Hallett   |    | Uncle Sam Rounseville |
|   | Michelle Paul      | 21 | Laurel Wainwright     |
| 6 | Tom Kropp          | 24 | Torey Shaw            |
| 7 | Rodger Stewart     |    | Michael Freel         |
|   | Charles Hughes Sr. |    | Mary Ann Morris       |
|   | Frank Catrambone   | 27 | Janice Hughes         |
|   |                    | 29 | Gail Trubiano Johnson |

## HNCC MEMORIES 125 YEARS

**Keep your eyes open in newsletters throughout the rest of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for remembrances or comments submitted by church and community members in honor of our 125<sup>th</sup>.**

*"I remember attending 12 years of Sunday School classes and the many friends and teachers I had. Teachers brought to mind are Marion Taylor, Mary Weixler/Fisher, Roothie Gordon and Muriel Bonney. My happiest days were in Youth Groups starting in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, then called Junior High School, then into High School and beyond in the Young Adult Group. We would meet Sunday evenings in the church hall or the parsonage. Each year we had officers, President, Vice President, and Secretary and planned short worship services for meetings, we made decorations for dances held in the downstairs hall, or holiday parties, we waited on tables at church suppers, we helped out at Vacation Bible School held 2 weeks in July, we went bowling, and showed movies in the hall, and many other fun times together. I even learned how to play pool or billiards in the downstairs fireplace room that had a big heavy full-sized pool table, cue sticks, etc. The church door was always unlocked in those days and we could go there anytime. (that was in the late 40's and in the 50's). Times have changed now. I am still close friends with several members and the "MEMORIES" will last forever."*

-Shirley Pearson

*"I have wonderful memories growing up in the Houghs Neck Congregational Church. Most of my experiences during my teenage years were with the church. We went to New York City, and ate dinner at the top of Rockefeller Plaza.*

*The youth fellowship groups were huge and we did minstrel shows, and Friday night coffee hours downstairs.*

*I always remember Gloria Brummett stopping down to the child's level when teaching Sunday School. Mrs. Sparks' apple jelly at the Christmas Fair.*

*Two of my favorite Sunday School teachers were Shirley Harrington and Dr. Carol Lee Griffin. They made you want to learn.*

*Easter Sunday was so full we had both side rooms open."* -Jean Hawes

"I can remember so many details of my first Sunday preaching in Houghs Neck. I remember walking over from next door to find the doors open and Harold Sparks ready to be the Deacon, welcoming and handing out bulletins. Harold always dressed in a jacket and tie for church and took being a Deacon seriously. We stood side by side and chatted as I looked around the narthex, noticing first how the phrase 'My house shall be a house of prayer' were written over the door into the sanctuary...from the time Jesus overturned the tables and drove out the lenders in the Temple, and then the bell rope. When I saw the rope, I turned to Harold and said, "let's wake up the neighborhood, Harold," but when I gave it a tug, it didn't move. So I pulled a little harder, but it didn't give an inch. I turned to Harold and said, "Is there a brake or lock on the rope? I can't seem to get the bell to move." Harold looked pained and said, "it's broken." To which I said, Oh my! How long?" Harold answered, "the last time I remember it ringing was at Marty's mother Roothie Gordon's funeral." "When was that?" I asked. "A year ago." "Well," I said, "we have to get that fixed." The next Saturday I came out to find Marty, Joe Giggey and Rob, Marty's son, ready to go up and fix the bell. After scraping the axle and sockets with a wire brush and re-greasing the axle, the bell was fixed. Marty came down and said, "we still have to repoint the stone as the mortar is crumbling." I remember ringing that bell every Sunday and especially on All Saints Sunday when we lit candles and read out the names of those who had died.

-Max Olmstead, former interim minister at HNCC  
current pastor, yoga teacher, spiritual friend at The  
Dover Church

## November 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

#### NOVEMBER

#### **Friday, November 1**

##### **All Saints' Day**

Neh. 2:1–20 *or* Lam. 4:1–22

Rev. 6:12–7:4

Matt. 13:24–30

*Alternate readings for All Saints' Day:*

Morning: Pss. 84; 148

Evening: Pss. 25; 40

Isa. 26:1–4, 8–9, 12–13, 19–21

Rev. 21:9–11, 22–27 (22:1–

5) *or* Heb. 11:32–12:2

Matt. 5:1–12

#### **Saturday, November 2**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149

Evening: Pss. 125; 90

Neh. 4:1–23 *or* Lam. 5:1–22

Rev. 7:(4–8) 9–17

Matt. 13:31–35

#### **Sunday, November 3**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150

Evening: Pss. 117; 139

Neh. 5:1–9 *or* Ezra 1:1–11

Acts 20:7–12

Luke 12:22–31

#### **Monday, November 4**

Morning: Pss. 5; 145

Evening: Pss. 82; 29

Neh. 6:1–19 *or* Ezra 3:1–13

Rev. 10:1–11

Matt. 13:36–43

#### **Tuesday, November 5**

Morning: Pss. 42; 146

Evening: Pss. 102; 133

Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47

*or* Ezra 4:7, 11–24

Rev. 11:1–19

Matt. 13:44–52

#### **Wednesday, November 6**

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;

147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 1; 33

Neh. 13:4–22

*or* Hag. 1:1–2:9

Rev. 12:1–12

Matt. 13:53–58

#### **Thursday, November 7**

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 16; 62

Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26

*or* Zech. 1:7–17

Rev. 14:1–13

Matt. 14:1–12

#### **Friday, November 8**

Morning: Pss. 51; 148

Evening: Pss. 142; 65

Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36

*or* Ezra 5:1–17

Rev. 15:1–8

Matt. 14:13–21

#### **Saturday, November 9**

Morning: Pss. 104; 149

Evening: Pss. 138; 98

Ezra 9:1–15 *or* Ezra 6:1–22

Rev. 17:1–14

Matt. 14:22–36

#### **Sunday, November 10**

Morning: Pss. 19; 150

Evening: Pss. 81; 113

Ezra 10:1–17 *or* Neh. 1:1–11

Acts 24:10–21

Luke 14:12–24

#### **Monday, November 11**

Morning: Pss. 135; 145

Evening: Pss. 97; 112

Neh. 9:1–15 (16–25)

*or* Neh. 2:1–20

Rev. 18:1–8

Matt. 15:1–20

#### **Tuesday, November 12**

Morning: Pss. 123; 146

Evening: Pss. 30; 86

Neh. 9:26–38 *or* Neh. 4:1–23

Rev. 18:9–20

Matt. 15:21–28

#### **Wednesday, November 13**

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 48; 4

Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18

*or* Neh. 5:1–19

Rev. 18:21–24

Matt. 15:29–39

#### **Thursday, November 14**

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 80; 27

Neh. 6:1–19

Rev. 19:1–10

Matt. 16:1–12

#### **Friday, November 15**

Morning: Pss. 130; 148

Evening: Pss. 32; 139

Neh. 12:27–31a, 42b–47

Rev. 19:11–16

Matt. 16:13–20

**Saturday, November 16**

Morning: Pss. 56; 149  
Evening: Pss. 118; 111  
Neh. 13:4–22  
Rev. 20:1–6  
Matt. 16:21–28

**Sunday, November 17**

Morning: Pss. 67; 150  
Evening: Pss. 46; 93  
Ezra 7:(1–10) 11–26  
Acts 28:14b–23  
Luke 16:1–13

**Monday, November 18**

Morning: Pss. 57; 145  
Evening: Pss. 85; 47  
Ezra 7:27–28; 8:21–36  
Rev. 20:7–15  
Matt. 17:1–13

**Tuesday, November 19**

Morning: Pss. 54; 146  
Evening: Pss. 28; 99  
Ezra 9:1–15  
Rev. 21:1–8  
Matt. 17:14–21

**Wednesday, November 20**

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 125; 91  
Ezra 10:1–17  
Rev. 21:9–21  
Matt. 17:22–27

**Thursday, November 21**

Morning: Pss. 143;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 81; 116  
Neh. 9:1–15 (16–25)  
Rev. 21:22–22:5  
Matt. 18:1–9

**Friday, November 22**

Morning: Pss. 88; 148  
Evening: Pss. 6; 20  
Neh. 9:26–38  
Rev. 22:6–13  
Matt. 18:10–20

**Saturday, November 23**

Morning: Pss. 122; 149  
Evening: Pss. 100; 63  
Neh. 7:73b–8:3, 5–18  
Rev. 22:14–21  
Matt. 18:21–35

**Sunday, November 24  
Christ the King / Reign of  
Christ**

Morning: Pss. 108; 150  
Evening: Pss. 66; 23  
Isa. 19:19–25  
Rom. 15:5–13  
Luke 19:11–27

**Monday, November 25**

Morning: Pss. 62; 145  
Evening: Pss. 73; 9  
Joel 3:1–2, 9–17  
1 Peter 1:1–12  
Matt. 19:1–12

**Tuesday, November 26**

Morning: Pss. 12; 146  
Evening: Pss. 36; 7  
Nahum 1:1–13  
1 Peter 1:13–25  
Matt. 19:13–22

**Wednesday, November 27**

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11  
Evening: Pss. 132; 134  
Obad. 15–21  
1 Peter 2:1–10  
Matt. 19:23–30

**Thursday, November 28**

Morning: Pss. 116;  
147:12–20  
Evening: Pss. 26; 130  
Zeph. 3:1–13  
1 Peter 2:11–25  
Matt. 20:1–16

**Friday, November 29**

Morning: Pss. 84; 148  
Evening: Pss. 25; 40  
Isa. 24:14–23  
1 Peter 3:13–4:6  
Matt. 20:17–28

**Saturday, November 30**

Morning: Pss. 63; 149  
Evening: Pss. 125; 90  
Micah 7:11–20  
1 Peter 4:7–19  
Matt. 20:29–34

## **Contact Information**

### **FOR ALL**

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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!**