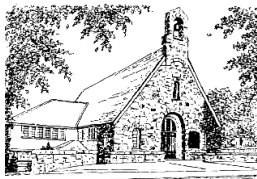


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FROM THE PASTOR

Reverend Stephen Vandergrift

Dear Friends,

June begins my ninth month at Houghs Neck Congregational Church and living in the Houghs Neck community. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be your neighbor as well as to serve as the pastor of HNCC. My wife Jean and I look forward to the months and years to come as we live among you in the Neck.

We at Houghs Neck Congregational Church believe that the Holy Spirit of God manifests itself among us in wonderful and practical ways. The center of our community of faith is our Sunday morning worship. Here our faith in the God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, is confirmed, enriched, and celebrated; in worship we share with and care for each other in our gathering and in our prayer with and for one another. It is a strength of HNCC for which I have a deep appreciation and for which I give thanks each day. We are blessed to have Steve Reed as our minister of music, and to the choir he directs on a weekly basis. HNCC owes a great debt of gratitude to Steve and the choir for enriching our worship each Sunday with the gift of music. God surely smiles each time the choir performs. The choir is taking a break for the summer but will return in the fall, so come join us! HNCC has what we call a Diaconate (from the Greek word "diakonia" which means servant), and a corp of lay leaders (non-clergy) who lead worship as greeters, liturgists, collectors of offering, and servants of communion. Many of these folks you know. In both small and grand ways their servanthood blesses all of us.

We believe that the ministries of HNCC touch and change lives in ways that are visible and evident to us, but to others, perhaps like you, may go unseen. Some of you may have seen me as the king at our Princess Tea or as a pirate at our Pirate Fest. It was a great time for all who attended. Some of you may say, "What do these activities have to do with church? Why are you doing this? We believe strongly in the words of Jesus when he said, "Whenever two or three gather in my name, there I will be also." In all the activities that we undertake and provide for the Houghs Neck community we believe that, in a way we don't always understand, Jesus is among us when we gather in his name. In the many events that we share with the Houghs Neck community, from selling baked goods at the Chowda Fest, inviting the community to the Lobster Fest, the Chili Cook Off, the Strawberry Festival, to offering the By the Sea Holiday Fair and all the events sponsored by our women's group called the Seaside Social Club, we believe Jesus is there. In all these things, and more, when we serve the community and gather in Jesus name, we see him among us and experience the presence of God. The rest of the community, those of you who don't believe any of this, you may not connect Jesus to these

events or recognize Jesus in them as we do, but it is our hope and belief that, unbeknownst to you, you experience his presence through us. When Jesus walked among the people of his day, some recognized him as the Christ of God, others did not. Yet all were blessed by his presence among them.

There are so many in our communities of faith whether in HNCC or Holy Name parish that make Houghs Neck a community that cares and great place to live. To them and all who exhibit the love of God we see in Jesus but may not be affiliated with a faith community, we owe a great debt, and give thanks. Enjoy the summer!

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Steve

SPIRITUAL QUOTES

God sometimes answers our prayers by giving us what we would have asked for had we known what He knows.

-J. D. Greear

We are never more like Christ than in prayers of intercession.

-Austin Phelps

Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence.

- Augustine

Our disappointments, our lonelinesses and our defeats do not separate us from Christ; they draw us more deeply into communion with him. And with the final unanswered cry, "Why, my God, why?" we join in [Christ's] death cry and await with [Christ] the resurrection. This is what faith really is: believing, not with the head or the lips or out of habit, but believing with one's whole life. It means seeking community with the human Christ in every situation in life, and in every situation experiencing Christ's own history.

-Jurgen Moltmann

Christians never say "good-bye"; just "until we meet again."

-Robert J. Morgan

FREE

Come sail away...



The best week of the summer!

- New friends
- Amazing experiments
- Creative games
- Tropical treats
- Surprising adventures
- Incredible music

Location: Houghs Neck Congregational Church
(church name)

VBS will last from: July 9, 2018 - July 13, 2018
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 8:30AM
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: 11:30AM
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: 617-435-1472

OR Register online at www.hnc.org/vbs



Giant Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, August 18, 2018

9:00 – 1:00

Houghs Neck Congregational Church
310 Manet Avenue, Quincy

Snack bar will be available



Donations may be dropped off any Sunday after church.

We will also be available to accept donations on Thursday, 8/16 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm or Friday, 8/17 from 9:00 – noon.

To have items to be picked up, call Gayle at 617-653-5928.

No large furniture or bedding please.

The yard sale will benefit the general fund of the church.





HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY!!

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

JULY

- 2 Ralph Brown
- Michael Shaw
- 3 Martin Gordon
- 5 Barbara Oakes
- Steve Reed
- 7 Jeff MacLean

- 9 Barbara Younie
- 10 Patty Corea
- 13 Yvette Shaw Grady

- 16 Sheena Giggey Curley
- 20 Susan Mackay Rheault
- Barbara Stewart
- Robert Allan

- 23 Paula Christie Millar
- 24 Shirley Harrington
- 25 Zak Keating
- 26 Dorothy Sparks
- 27 Susan Catrambone
- 28 Bette Olson
- 31 Richard A. Beaumont (Col.)
- Deborah Robbins Currie
- Mark Keenan



Anne Baxendale
Linda DellaCroce
Linda Beck
Marie Blanchard
Bob Craig
Mary Giggey

Edward Duddy
Elizabeth M. Orchard
Sheena Giggey Curley
Leah Davis
Barbara Dickson
Jane Neale

Mary Panasci
Jaime Toby
Joan Kirby
Beth Little
Laurie Mulligan
Kelly Stewart Cassier

John White
Sandy White
Melissa Hughes

July 2018 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

July

Sunday, July 1 6th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 67; 150 Evening: Pss. 46; 93 Num. 21:4–9, 21–35 Acts 17:(12–21) 23–24 Luke 13:10–17	Friday, July 6 Morning: Pss. 88; 148 Evening: Pss. 6; 20 Num. 24:1–13 Rom. 8:12–17 Matt. 22:15–22	Wednesday, July 11 Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 132; 134 Deut. 1:1–18 Rom. 9:1–18 Matt. 23:27–39
Monday, July 2 Morning: Pss. 57; 145 Evening: Pss. 85; 47 Num. 22:1–21 Rom. 6:12–23 Matt. 21:12–22	Saturday, July 7 Morning: Pss. 122; 149 Evening: Pss. 100; 63 Num. 24:12–25 Rom. 8:18–25 Matt. 22:23–40	Thursday, July 12 Morning: Pss. 116; 147:12–20 Evening: Pss. 26; 130 Deut. 3:18–28 Rom. 9:19–33 Matt. 24:1–14
Tuesday, July 3 Morning: Pss. 54; 146 Evening: Pss. 28; 99 Num. 22:21–38 Rom. 7:1–12 Matt. 21:23–32	Sunday, July 8 7th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 108; 150 Evening: Pss. 66; 23 Num. 27:12–23 Acts 19:11–20 Mark 1:14–20	Friday, July 13 Morning: Pss. 84; 148 Evening: Pss. 25; 40 Deut. 31:7–13, 24–32:4 Rom. 10:1–13 Matt. 24:15–31
Wednesday, July 4 Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11 Evening: Pss. 125; 91 Num. 22:41–23:12 Rom. 7:13–25 Matt. 21:33–46	Monday, July 9 Morning: Pss. 62; 145 Evening: Pss. 73; 9 Num. 32:1–6, 16–27 Rom. 8:26–30 Matt. 23:1–12	Saturday, July 14 Morning: Pss. 63; 149 Evening: Pss. 125; 90 Deut. 34:1–12 Rom. 10:14–21 Matt. 24:32–51
Thursday, July 5 Morning: Pss. 143; 147:12–20 Evening: Pss. 81; 116 Num. 23:11–26 Rom. 8:1–11 Matt. 22:1–14	Tuesday, July 10 Morning: Pss. 12; 146 Evening: Pss. 36; 7 Num. 35:1–3, 9–15, 30–34 Rom. 8:31–39 Matt. 23:13–26	Sunday, July 15 8th Sunday after Pentecost Morning: Pss. 103; 150 Evening: Pss. 117; 139 Josh. 1:1–18 Acts 21:3–15 Mark 1:21–27

Monday, July 16
Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Josh. 2:1–14
Rom. 11:1–12
Matt. 25:1–13

Tuesday, July 17
Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Josh. 2:15–24
Rom. 11:13–24
Matt. 25:14–30

Wednesday, July 18
Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Josh. 3:1–13
Rom. 11:25–36
Matt. 25:31–46

Thursday, July 19
Morning: Pss. 97;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Josh. 3:14–4:7
Rom. 12:1–8
Matt. 26:1–16

Friday, July 20
Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Josh. 4:19–5:1, 10–15
Rom. 12:9–21
Matt. 26:17–25

Saturday, July 21
Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Josh. 6:1–14
Rom. 13:1–7
Matt. 26:26–35

Sunday, July 22
9th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Josh. 6:15–27
Acts 22:30–23:11
Mark 2:1–12

Monday, July 23
Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Josh. 7:1–13
Rom. 13:8–14
Matt. 26:36–46

Tuesday, July 24
Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Josh. 8:1–22
Rom. 14:1–12
Matt. 26:47–56

Wednesday, July 25
Morning: Pss. 15;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Josh. 8:30–35
Rom. 14:13–23
Matt. 26:57–68

Thursday, July 26
Morning: Pss. 36;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Josh. 9:3–21
Rom. 15:1–13
Matt. 26:69–75

Friday, July 27
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Josh. 9:22–10:15
Rom. 15:14–24
Matt. 27:1–10

Saturday, July 28
Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Josh. 23:1–16
Rom. 15:25–33
Matt. 27:11–23

Sunday, July 29
10th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Josh. 24:1–15
Acts 28:23–31
Mark 2:23–28

Monday, July 30
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Josh. 24:16–33
Rom. 16:1–16
Matt. 27:24–31

Tuesday, July 31
Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Judg. 2:1–5, 11–23
Rom. 16:17–27
Matt. 27:32–44

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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!