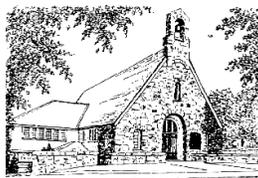


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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Beloved of God,

It's been a while since I read the Sunday comics on a regular basis. But when I did, Hagar the Horrible, an odd, adventurous Viking, was one of my favorite cartoon strips. Somewhere along the line I saved a clipping of Hagar from the Sunday comics, one in which Hagar is addressed by a Monk. In the first frame, the monk, Bible tucked under his arm and an expression of peace on his face, says to Hagar, "Remember, it is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." In the next frame, we see the monk disappearing over the horizon, and we see Hagar, looking out at us, saying, "But I enjoy cursing the darkness."

These days it seems like there's a lot of us who enjoy cursing the darkness, finding it easier to complain about what is wrong than to add to what is right? To feel sad or upset, or angry, about what is going on around rather than to change it, To cast stones and criticize what is happening, rather than to gather up the stones and build from them a new and better thing.

The days of Advent leading up to Christmas have little meaning for many these days. The idea of preparing to receive the richness of the season, lighting a candle each week to remind us that we can choose to hope for a better future, we can choose to pray for peace to come, we can choose to be joyful, all in the name of love seems futile, to some even silly. How can something so simple, so small, change the world, they say.

"And a child shall lead them..." the prophet Isaiah says. How silly.

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



Weekly Lectionary for December 2022

Season of Advent and Christmas Year A	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 11:1-10</u>	<u>Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19</u>	<u>Romans 15:4-13</u>	<u>Matthew 3:1-12</u>
Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 35:1-10</u>	<u>Psalm 146:5-10 or</u> <u>Luke 1:46b-55</u>	<u>James 5:7-10</u>	<u>Matthew 11:2-11</u>
Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 7:10-16</u>	<u>Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19</u>	<u>Romans 1:1-7</u>	<u>Matthew 1:18-25</u>
Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 11:1-10</u>	<u>Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19</u>	<u>Romans 15:4-13</u>	<u>Matthew 3:1-12</u>
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Nativity of the Lord - Proper I December 24 & 25, 2022 Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 9:2-7</u>	<u>Psalm 96</u>	<u>Titus 2:11-14</u>	<u>Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)</u>
Nativity of the Lord - Proper II December 24 & 25, 2022 Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 62:6-12</u>	<u>Psalm 97</u>	<u>Titus 3:4-7</u>	<u>Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20</u>
Nativity of the Lord - Proper III December 24 & 25, 2022 Christmas Eve, Morn, or Mid-Day <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 52:7-10</u>	<u>Psalm 98</u>	<u>Hebrews 1:1-4,</u> <u>(5-12)</u>	<u>John 1:1-14</u>



POINTSETTIA PROJECT 2022
Sponsored by **Seaside Social Club**
(formerly know as MOTHERS Club)



_____ Small Plant \$10 _____ Large Plant \$20

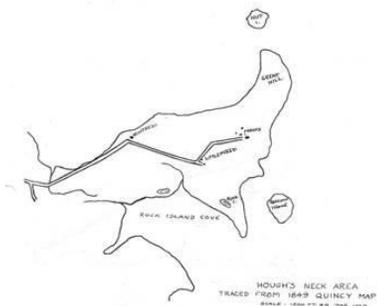
In Memory of _____

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 7th**. Please make checks payable to **MOTHERS CLUB**. Orders can also be emailed to Nancy at jacobs0511@gmail.com.

HOUGHS NECK HISTORICAL SERIES
DECEMBER 6 – 7 PM

‘THE PEOPLE OF HOUGHS NECK 1636-1900



Houghs Neck Historical Series presented by Patti Williams

December 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Houghs Neck - Church 310 Manet Ave.
Sponsored by the Seaside Social Club

Adventurers, farmers, residents, developers, business owners. This talk covers more than 250 years and highlights some of the people that had something to do with the development of Houghs Neck from a farm to the residential community we know today. Who was Atherton Houghs and why was he granted land in Quincy? Who is Veazies Rocks named after? How did Fesnmere Street get its name? Who celebrated Christmas in Houghs Neck in 1893? Come, learn about who these people were and get the answers to these questions.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 10th, 2022



9:00 - 11:00

Houghs Neck Congregational Church

310 Manet Ave.

Fellowship Hall (lower level)

Elevator available to transport strollers and Grandmas

Admission: \$5.00 children 10 and under

\$7.00 over 10 and adults (sorry prices had to go up)

Price includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk,
coffee and a digital picture with Santa.

50/50 raffle

Reservations are not required.



PRAYER LIST

Betty Baldwin
 Kevin Bilotas
 Priscilla Bonica
 Nancy Bushee
 The Cunniff Family
 The Copson Family
 Bob Craig
 Shawn Craig
 Bob Curry
 Edward Duddy
 Ruth Gamble
 Keryn Ryan Gomez
 Trudi Goodman
 Cliff Hallett
 The Haggerty Family

Jim Hogrell
 The Hogrell Family
 Maeve Hughes
 May Keith
 Joan Kirby
 Beth Little
 Georgette Lorenzetti
 Fran Lundgren & Family
 Margie McAllister
 Helen Miller
 Pete Miner
 Laurie Milligan
 Bobbie Moschella
 Nancy O'Neil

Mark Paul
 Michelle Paul
 Kathy Sampson
 Dianne Senter
 Rich Simone
 Jaime Toby
 The Tomlinson Family
 Cheryl van Dine
 June van Dine
 Heather Wainwright
 Holly Wainwright
 Richard S. Wainwright
 Lynn Walter-Petrowski
 Christina Zero



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



DECEMBER

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|----|------------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1 | Beth Little | 14 | Patrick Flibotte |
| 2 | Joyce Flibotte | 15 | Judy Blowers Crowley |
| 3 | Karen Bishop | 25 | Cynthia Carlson Jansson |
| 7 | Rick Praetsch | | Lois Zulauf |
| 8 | Mark Paul Jr | 27 | Wayne Batson |
| 10 | Harry Olson | 31 | Arthur Davis |
| 11 | Kathleen Little Taylor | | George Oakes |
| 12 | Bonnie Sparks Schaefer | | |



SPIRITUAL MESSAGES

A Friend of Mine

Scripture: You are friends of mine....I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made know to you. -John 15:14-15

Quote: The golden sun, the silver moon, and all the stars that shine, are His alone, yes, every one, and He's a friend of mine. -John Sammis

Loving Your Neighbor

Scripture: For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." -Galatians 5:14

Quote: If my heart is right with God, every human being is my neighbor. -Oswald Chambers

Let All Our Songs Employ

Scripture: And suddenly there was with the angel multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!" -Luke 2:13-14

Quote: What joy the glorious music of Christmas brings to our celebration of Christ's birth! No other season offers such an abundance of spiritual enrichment though song. -Kenneth Osbeck

Christmas Joy

Scripture: Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." -Luke 2:10-11

Quote: Whatever is your greatest joy and treasure, that is your heaven and your god. -Charles Spurgeon

The Power of God's Word

Scripture: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. -Psalm 119:97

Quote: To know the Bible is to know God. -Michelle Borchardt

NOTES FROM NEAR AND FAR

*Ever grateful for worship at HNCC,
especially via ZOOM!
Rose Costas - Milton, MA*

*Dear HNCC,
Fall has well started, and the time changes
are once again shortening our days. Time
for soups, stews and warm clothing. Our
big holidays are just around the corner. My
how the year is passing by so quickly.
Praying that everyone is well!
Dannette Costas-Carrion - Houston, TX*