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FROM THE PASTOR

Reverend Stephen Vandergrift

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Someone asked me recently. "what does it mean to be a 'member' of a church?" It's a question I have often pondered. At best, the word "membership" signals a commitment to Jesus Christ lived out through the church. The term carries various connotations in our culture, some fit well enough with the concept of being a church member, others do not. For example, if "membership" in the church is equated with being a member of a club or organization, it can take on characteristics that go against the values of the church. It might represent one who is "in" as contrasted to those who are "out," one who is entitled to certain goods and services by virtue of being on the rolls and paying dues, and one who takes part in decision-making and leadership to gain status or just to meet the club's minimum expectations.

We often like to think of being a "member" of a church as analogous to being a member of a family or a team, that is, in the sense of being "one for all and all for one," working together to reach our goals. But as much as the church is like a family, this comparison also falls short in that the church is always open to new members. What's more, families often have a "head of the household" who can determine who is in and who is out. How often have we heard stories where a son or daughter is told to leave because they can't get along with a parent.

The apostle Paul was surely inspired by God when perceived the church community as a body - the Body of Christ. The image offered an organic, spiritual connection to Jesus Christ and to one another as members of the body. In this picture of membership, members are interdependent. They exercise unique functions and work together dynamically. "As it is," Paul writes, "there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'"

When we at Houghs Neck Congregational church operate under the concept of the church as the Body of Christ, the meaning and practice of membership is also enhanced. Recently I asked the congregation to remember their baptisms or the baptisms of their own children. During baptisms, members of the congregation commit to those who are baptized, promising to help raise them in the faith. At Confirmation, young people make their own educated decision about Jesus Christ and, ideally, become active members of this body, the church, joining in the discernment of the will of Christ, voting alongside fellow members on the decisions that move the church forward. Christians remain active members in the Body of Christ through the years by staying connected through worship, through giving, and through participation in the life of the congregation. Houghs Neck welcomes new people to add themselves to the Body of Christ, becoming members who desire to join with us, to contribute to fulfilling our call, and to grow in Christ. It is important for us that the word goes out from our congregation, "All are welcome!"

Blessings,

Pastor Steve

CHOCOLATE LOVERS

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 3RD

COFFEE ROOM (AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE)

The Seaside Social Club will be selling the following items:

- Various chocolate confections...There will be Oreo pies!**
- various appetizers and snacks for SUPER BOWL LIII**
- Various novelty items for kids**

GO PATS!



A Valentine Princess Party

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Houghs Neck Congregational Church
310 Manet Avenue, Quincy

Crafts, Music, Activities, Photo opportunities, and Valentine sweets.
Some of your favorite princesses will be there.
Plus a special raffle, too.

\$10 per child and \$5 per adult

Reservations are required as this is always a sell-out.

To sign up:

e-mail hncc@comcast.net

Tell us which session: 10:00-noon or 1:30 - 3:30

Tell us how many adults and how many princesses
will be coming.

Include your phone number in case we have
questions.

Princess dress is optional

This event is intended for princesses from pre-school
through elementary age. All princesses must be
accompanied by an adult.



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

Edward Duddy
Elizabeth M. Orchard
Sheena Giggey Curley
Leah Davis
Melissa Hughes
Jane Neale
June Paul

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

Paula Younie
John White
Sandy White
Eileen Menz
May Keith
Wink Wakeli



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

February

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|----|-------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Joseph Giggey | 19 | Joanne Baxendale White |
| 3 | Jennifer Cuneo | 22 | Carol Johnston
Christine Prendergast
Andrew J. Bassett
Maxwell R. Bassett
Samantha L. Bassett |
| 5 | William Ericson | 25 | Crystal Bragg Gezotis |
| 9 | Joan Witham
Lori Oakes | 26 | June Paul |
| 10 | Leslie Bishop Peters | | |
| 16 | Judy Morris | | |
| 17 | Laurie Doyle
Jane Johnston
William Curley | | |
| 18 | Betty Bonney Bishop | | |

SPIRITUAL MESSAGES

Scripture: May the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all.

- 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Quote: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest/ Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

- Frances Havergal, in her hymn "Like a River Glorious."

Scripture: Forsake foolishness and live and go in the way of understanding.

- Proverbs 9:6

Quote: The scriptures are radiant with divine wisdom. This wisdom shines with the glory of God.

- John Piper

Scripture: Let every man be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to become angry; because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

- James 1:19-20

Quote: Hot heads and cold hearts never solved anything.

- Billy Graham

Scripture: Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

- Proverbs 22:6

Quote: The secret of home rule is self-rule, first being ourselves what we want our children to be.

- Andrew Murray

Scripture: Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how to answer everyone.

-Colossians 4:6

Quote: Without my Christian faith, I would have fallen apart and given up. But with Christ strengthening me, I had the will to go on...My faith in God gave me hope.

-Rich DeVos

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILI COOK-OFF WINNERS



Congratulations to this year's Chili Cook-Off winners!

1st place Shawn Sullivan, 2nd Place Bill Luggelle, and 3rd Place Lynda Southerland.

Many thanks to Pam Craig for organizing the event again this year!

February 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

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 1

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Isa. 50:1–11
Gal. 3:15–22
Mark 6:47–56

Saturday, February 2

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Isa. 51:1–8
Gal. 3:23–29
Mark 7:1–23

Sunday, February 3

Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Isa. 51:9–16
Heb. 11:8–16
John 7:14–31

Monday, February 4

Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Isa. 51:17–23
Gal. 4:1–11
Mark 7:24–37

Tuesday, February 5

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Isa. 52:1–12
Gal. 4:12–20
Mark 8:1–10

Wednesday, February 6

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Isa. 52:13–53:12
Gal. 4:21–31
Mark 8:11–26

Thursday, February 7

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Isa. 54:1–10 (11–17)
Gal. 5:1–15
Mark 8:27–9:1

Friday, February 8

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Isa. 55:1–13
Gal. 5:16–24
Mark 9:2–13

Saturday, February 9

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Isa. 56:1–8
Gal. 5:25–6:10
Mark 9:14–29

Sunday, February 10

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Isa. 57:1–13
Heb. 12:1–6
John 7:37–46

Monday, February 11

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Isa. 57:14–21
Gal. 6:11–18
Mark 9:30–41

Tuesday, February 12

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Isa. 58:1–12
2 Tim. 1:1–14
Mark 9:42–50

Wednesday, February 13

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Isa. 59:1–21
2 Tim. 1:15–2:13
Mark 10:1–16

Thursday, February 14

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Isa. 60:1–22
2 Tim. 2:14–26
Mark 10:17–31

Friday, February 15

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Isa. 61:1–9
2 Tim. 3:1–17
Mark 10:32–45

Saturday, February 16

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Isa. 61:10–62:5
2 Tim. 4:1–8
Mark 10:46–52

Sunday, February 17

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Isa. 62:6–12
1 John 2:3–11
John 8:12–19

Monday, February 18
Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Isa. 63:1–6
1 Tim. 1:1–17
Mark 11:1–11

Tuesday, February 19
Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Isa. 63:7–14
1 Tim. 1:18–2:8 (9–15)
Mark 11:12–26

Wednesday, February 20
Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Isa. 63:15–64:9
1 Tim. 3:1–16
Mark 11:27–12:12

Thursday, February 21
Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Isa. 65:1–12
1 Tim. 4:1–16
Mark 12:13–27

Friday, February 22
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Isa. 65:17–25
1 Tim. 5:(1–16) 17–22
(23–25)
Mark 12:28–34

Saturday, February 23
Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Isa. 66:1–6
1 Tim. 6:(1–5) 6–21
Mark 12:35–44

Sunday, February 24
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Isa. 66:7–14
1 John 3:4–10
John 10:7–16

Monday, February 25
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Ruth 1:1–14
2 Cor. 1:1–11
Matt. 5:1–12

Tuesday, February 26
Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Ruth 1:15–22
2 Cor. 1:12–22
Matt. 5:13–20

Wednesday, February 27
Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Ruth 2:1–13
2 Cor. 1:23–2:17
Matt. 5:21–26

Thursday, February 28
Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Ruth 2:14–23
2 Cor. 3:1–18
Matt. 5:27–37

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FOR THE NEWSLETTER:

Please remit in writing to Christine Keating by the 15th of the month to appear in the following month's newsletter. cmon1695@hotmail.com or mail to 16 Thomas St. Quincy, MA 02169

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!



It's that time of year again for income tax for the calendar year 2018. If you are in need of a written form of what amount you gave to the church during the year for income tax purposes, please give your name to our financial secretary Shirley Pearson:

27 Braintree Avenue, Quincy, MA 02169

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