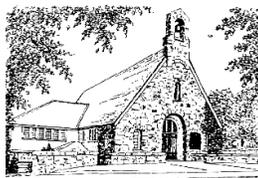


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# **HOUGHS NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

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## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Greetings Beloved of God,

We're kicking off the month of February with our Chili Cookoff, resuming it after a two year hiatus due to COVID restrictions. It's a great community event that in past years has brought together as many as 250 of our friends and neighbors for a time of food, fun and fellowship. The Chili Cookoff is just one of the many gifts our congregation has given to the community over the years that provides opportunities for neighbors to gather and be with one another. Fairs, concerts, a lecture series, scouts and scouting events, events such as Lobster Fest, Breakfast With Santa, which we resumed this past Christmas season, all these events, to name a few, are gifts we give to the community.

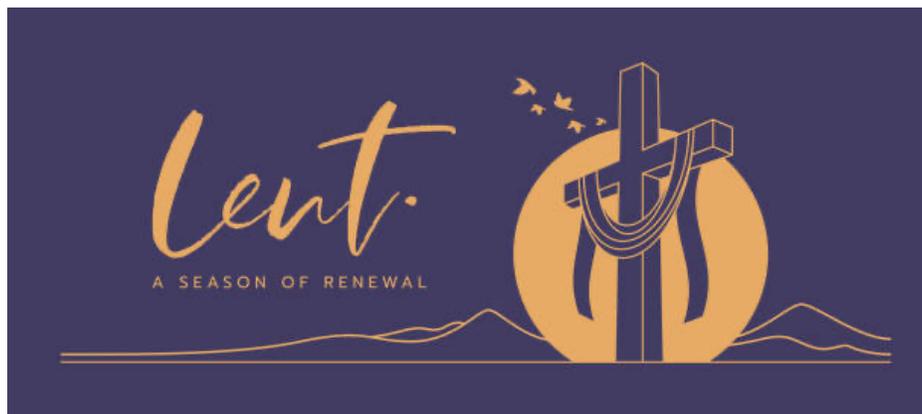
This is ministry, ministry in the name of the God of love who smiles when we love one another, share life with one another – ministry, ours...and those beyond our walls who support and participate in our events. You see, in some of these gatherings their participation helps us raise money to allow us, the folks of Houghs Neck Congregational Church, to continue to be a "beacon of light" to our community. And beyond our own community, the monies they contribute also go to help us help neighbors in need in Greater Quincy, not the least of which is Interfaith Social Services (ISS), the McKinney-Vento Program for Homeless Teens. And, where we can help, their money added to ours, provides emergency gifts to people who have an immediate need, in our community across the nation, and around the world.

So, I'd like to say once again what a privilege it has been to share in ministry with you, Houghs Neck Congregational Church, and the Houghs Neck community. May it continue for many years to come.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Steve

## Weekly Lectionary for February 2023

Epiphany Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany <b>February 5, 2023</b>	<u>Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)</u>	<u>Psalm 112:1-9 (10)</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)</u>	<u>Matthew 5:13-20</u>
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany <b>February 12, 2023</b>	<u>Deuteronomy 30:15-20</u> or <u>Sirach 15:15-20</u>	<u>Psalm 119:1-8</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 3:1-9</u>	<u>Matthew 5:21-37</u>
Transfiguration Sunday <b>February 19, 2023</b> (Last Sunday before Lent)	<u>Exodus 24:12-18</u>	<u>Psalm 2</u> or <u>Psalm 99</u>	<u>2 Peter 1:16-21</u>	<u>Matthew 17:1-9</u>
Ash Wednesday <b>February 22, 2023</b>	<u>Joel 2:1-2, 12-17</u> or <u>Isaiah 58:1-12</u>	<u>Psalm 51:1-17</u>	<u>2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10</u>	<u>Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21</u>
First Sunday in Lent <b>February 26, 2023</b>	<u>Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7</u>	<u>Psalm 32</u>	<u>Romans 5:12-19</u>	<u>Matthew 4:1-11</u>



# 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHILI BOWL!



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2023  
1 – 4 P.M.**

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310 MANET AVE., QUINCY**

Admission: \$5 per person

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

**February**

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



**PRAYER LIST**

- |                     |                        |                       |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Betty Baldwin       | Jim Hogrell            | Mark Paul             |
| Kevin Bilotas       | The Hogrell Family     | Michelle Paul         |
| Priscilla Bonica    | Maeve Hughes           | Kathy Sampson         |
| Nancy Bushee        | May Keith              | Dianne Senter         |
| The Cunniff Family  | Joan Kirby             | Rich Simone           |
| The Copson Family   | Beth Little            | Jaime Toby            |
| Bob Craig           | Georgette Lorenzetti   | The Tomlinson Family  |
| Shawn Craig         | Fran Lundgren & Family | Cheryl van Dine       |
| Bob Curry           | Margie McAllister      | June van Dine         |
| Edward Duddy        | Helen Miller           | Heather Wainwright    |
| Ruth Gamble         | Pete Miner             | Holly Wainwright      |
| Keryn Ryan Gomez    | Laurie Milligan        | Richard S. Wainwright |
| Trudi Goodman       | Bobbie Moschella       | Lynn Walter-Petrowski |
| Cliff Hallett       | Nancy O'Neil           | Christina Zero        |
| The Haggerty Family |                        |                       |

# SPIRITUAL MESSAGES

## Spiritual Messages

### The Promise of Power

Scripture: But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. -Isaiah 40:31

Quote: Christianity is the power of God in the soul of man. -Robert B. Munger

### Worry

Scripture: Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. -Matthew 6:34

Quote: Worrying is carrying tomorrow's load with today's strength—carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength. -Corrie ten Boom

### A Way of Escape

Scripture: No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Quote: Christian giving is to be marked by self-sacrifice and self-forgetfulness. -John Stout

### The Promise of Protection

Scripture: The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation. -Psalm 18:2

Quote: A sovereign Protector I have, unseen, yet forever at hand; unchangeably faithful to save, almighty to rule and command. -Augustus M.

Toplady

### The Promise of Providence

Scripture: And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. -Romans 8:28

Quote: Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence. -Augustine

## NOTES FROM NEAR AND FAR

*Wishing everyone in Houghs Neck  
Congregational Church and community  
a safe and blessed holiday season.*

*-Dannette Costas Carrion  
Houston, TX*

*Thank you so much for your  
wonderful support!*

*-Leslie Bridson,  
Quincy Public Schools  
(McKinney-Vento Public Assistance Program)*