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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As the new year dawns, I wish for you, for all of us, a bright, hopeful future, new and fresh. I trust that the year 2023 will be full of promise for us as a congregation with high aspirations to be faithful to the mission God is calling us to. Pray, sisters and brothers, that we will allow God's Holy Spirit of love, justice, and mercy be our guide.

T.S. Eliot wrote "For last year's words belong to last year's language. And next year's words await another voice." May each of us this year find a new and hopeful voice as faithful Christians, offering it to God and to one another as we strive to bring the realm of God here on Earth as it is in Heaven. Happy New Year!

Blessings,
Pastor Steve



Weekly Lectionary for January 2023

Epiphany Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Holy Name of Jesus January 1, 2023 <i>(Mary, Mother of God)</i>	<u>Numbers 6:22-27</u>	<u>Psalm 8</u>	<u>Galatians 4:4-7</u> or <u>Philippians 2:5-11</u>	<u>Luke 2:15-21</u>
New Year's Day January 1, 2023	<u>Ecclesiastes 3:1-13</u>	<u>Psalm 8</u>	<u>Revelation 21:1-6a</u>	<u>Matthew 25:31-46</u>
Epiphany of the Lord January 6, 2023 ART -- PRAYER	<u>Isaiah 60:1-6</u>	<u>Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14</u>	<u>Ephesians 3:1-12</u>	<u>Matthew 2:1-12</u>
Baptism of the Lord January 8, 2023 First Sunday after the Epiphany	<u>Isaiah 42:1-9</u>	<u>Psalm 29</u>	<u>Acts 10:34-43</u>	<u>Matthew 3:13-17</u>
Second Sunday after the Epiphany January 15, 2023	<u>Isaiah 49:1-7</u>	<u>Psalm 40:1-11</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:1-9</u>	<u>John 1:29-42</u>
Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 22, 2023	<u>Isaiah 9:1-4</u>	<u>Psalm 27:1, 4-9</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:10-18</u>	<u>Matthew 4:12-23</u>
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 29, 2023	<u>Micah 6:1-8</u>	<u>Psalm 15</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:18-31</u>	<u>Matthew 5:1-12</u>

MISSIONS PROJECT

During the Fall the church participated in a missions project to help displaced Christian families by providing health and hygiene items. Our members provided 12 "Action Packs" which will be distributed through the international group, 'The Voice of the Martyrs'. Ten of Thousands of our Christian family members have been driven from their homes by Islamic extremists in Africa and the Middle East. As they face ongoing persecution in places like Iraq, Sudan, Nigeria and in Syria refugee camps, our "Action Packs" will help provide them with basic necessities and personal care items. Each "Action Pack" was filled with 6 brand new items: (1) Heavy-duty tarp, (2) Pack of zip ties, (3) Small blanket, (4) Twin-size (flat) bedsheet, (5) Bar of soap, and (6) Foam/sponge ball (children's toy). The Church wants to thank all those members who participated in helping our brothers and sisters in Christ who struggle under severe persecution.

HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS - ISS

In December our church continued in partnership once again this year with Interfaith Social Services to provide Christmas gifts for 12 children and spread happiness to them and their families in need. In total the ISS Help for the Holidays program distributed 4,000 gifts to more than 750 children. We want to thank all those who participated in this important mission effort as we support those struggling sectors of our community.

12TH ANNUAL CHILI BOWL!



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2023

1 – 4 P.M.

HOUGHS NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

310 MANET AVE., QUINCY

Admission: \$5 per person

Sample up to 20 different chili recipes and vote for your favorite!

Prizes for the Best Individual Chili Entries – no fee to enter your chili!

Soda, beer, hot dogs, chips, baked goods also for sale!

RAFFLES – Cash prizes and gift certificates

To enter or for more information, call/email Pam Craig

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POINSETTIA PROJECT 2022



Joan Kirby - In memory of Nell and William Kirby, William C. Kirby, Marion Neill, Alice Trubiano, Paul Blowers

Diane Robbins and Family - In memory of Richard Robbins Carol Lee Wilson- In honor of Donald and Ruthie Gordon

Lois Peterson - In memory of Harold and Peg Ferguson

Ralph and Nancy Jacobs - In memory of Mark Shaw, In honor of our grandchildren

Laurel Wainwright, Pat Murphy and Carol Murphy - In memory of loved ones

Pam and Bob Craig - In memory of Tom, Lil, Bunny, Ruthie, Bo, Danny and Gail

Christine Keating - In memory of Joseph O'Neil

Lois Zulauf - In honor of Laurel Wainwright and her special gifts to the music ministry of the church, Steve Reed and the choir

Joe and Moe Flores - In memory of Fred and Eunice Flores, Bill and Ruth Flynn, In honor of Cathy Parsons and family

Harry Olson - In memory of Elizabeth (Bette) Olson

Gayle and Jim Mackay - In memory of Jessie Taylor, In honor of our grandchildren

Marty Gordon - In memory of family

Shirley Pearson - In memory of Minnie Keith, Robert Pearson, James Bassett, Gladys Barnes

Cliff and Carol Hallett - In memory of Cliff and Ida Hallett, Carroll and James Jones

Rose Gaura - In memory of Robert Gaura, Marjorie Herbert, David Dunn

Don and Ruth Gamble - In memory of the Gamble Family and the O'Neill Family

Jean Hawes - In memory of Joseph and Helen Cossette

The Seaside Social Club is grateful for your support in decorating our sanctuary during the Christmas season while honoring and memorializing your loved ones.



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

January

1	Carol Hallett	12	Alex Rheault
3	Ann Doyle	15	Stephen Wainwright
4	Pamela Praetsch	18	Dorothy Marrocco
	Mikaela Sparks	19	Helen Miller
	Gary Shaw	20	Robert J. Craig
6	Christine Keating	28	Richard Trubiano
8	Holly Bishop Anderson		Robert Trubiano
10	Chris Jacobs		Chad Hallett
		31	Jim Hobbs
			Christopher Murphy

SPIRITUAL MESSAGES



Spiritual Messages

Solid as a Rock

Scripture: In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

-Psalm 62:7

Quote: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand.

-Edward Mote

Another Helper

Scripture: He will give you another Helper...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him.

- John 14:16-17

Quote: God has given us the Holy Spirit to illuminate our minds. He is eyes and understanding to us.

-A. W. Tozer

Go the Second Mile

Scripture: Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

- Matthew 5:42

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

-John Stout

The Anchor of Hope

Scripture: Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

-Romans 15:13

Quote: (Hope) is an anchor that is cast upon the rock, the Rock of Ages.

-Matthew Henry

The Love of Christ

Scripture: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I love you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

-John 13: 34-35

Quote: Jesus gives the world the right to judge whether you and I are born-again Christians on the basis of our observable love toward all Christians.

-Francis Schaffer

NOTES FROM NEAR AND FAR

*Thank you for the gift of meaningful and
uplifting worship via Zoom!
Indeed a blessing throughout 2022.*

*-Rose Costas
Milton, MA*

Merry Christmas to my HNCC Family!

*Best wishes and Love
-Bill and Sheena Curley
Knoxville, TN*