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STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

It is May and you know what they say – April showers bring May flowers. What do May flowers bring (no – the answer is not the Pilgrims). May brings talk of the 's' word – that's right – Stewardship. During the month of May, Pastor Steve will focus his sermons on various aspects of stewardship. Our theme this year is Inspiring Generosity. We have an incredibly generous congregation. Whenever the call goes out for special collections, or fund raising events, we are blessed to have an amazing response.

Well this a special call to all in our church to respond to our request for pledges. In order to build a budget and plan for the church year, we need to know what you will pledge. Some people make a weekly pledge, some do it monthly. We have folks who live a distance away and they might even make an annual pledge. There are two important aspects to your pledge. The first is to determine the amount that is right for you or your family to pledge. The second aspect is to fulfill your pledge. This means that if you pledge weekly, when you are away on a Sunday you will still put aside that money each week and catch up when you return. As we have said many times, we are self-sustaining. We do not receive funds from any organization to help with the bills. We have to raise all of the money to sustain the church and parsonage and pay the personnel.

Pledges are the largest source of our income. At the annual meeting, you will see the proposed budget. I am confident you will be surprised to see how efficiently the church is run. This year, as is the case in most years, the proposed budget projects a deficit. We have been fortunate over the past few years to be able to raise money sufficient to cover those deficits. When we cannot, then the money comes from our small endowment.

This is not how we want to operate since when the endowment is depleted – that is the end of the money - and I don't think I need to say what could happen to the church.

Let's think carefully about how much to pledge – sometimes it helps to think of a particular expense in your mind and know that the amount you pledge would cover that expense for the year. Here are some examples:

- If you are able to pledge \$10 a week – that pledge could cover the water bill for the church. If we did not have the elaborate rainwater system for the garden, that would not be the case.
- A pledge of \$30 per week might cover the expenses for our Sunday School.
- \$50 per week would cover projected repairs and maintenance at the church, only because we have amazing Trustees who have the talents to handle much of the maintenance and repairs themselves.

These are just a few examples. Just like your home, we have all the same expenses for two buildings: electricity, heat, water, phone, gas, insurance.

But then there are other expenses you might not think of such as maintenance for the piano and organ, elevator, fire extinguishers, plus expenses for office supplies (weekly bulletin and monthly Newsletter), music, salaries, etc.

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Think about what you can pledge. Back in the days when I wore pantyhose to work every day, I used to relate expenses to the cost of my pantyhose which were disposable. I could subscribe to a favorite magazine for a year for the cost of two pairs of panty hose or I could buy a pretty shirt which I would have for years for the cost of 5 pair of pantyhose. Would you give up one coffee a week to add to your pledge? Would you stop purchasing scratch tickets to add to your pledge? Do you have other disposable income you might redirect to support your church?

Please come and hear the messages about stewardship during May. When the new offering envelopes are distributed at the end of the month, please complete the pledge card and return it to the church by mail or place it in the offering plate. We are counting on you to continue to be the generous congregation we know. By the way, the amount of your pledge is confidential and known only by our Financial Secretary, Shirley Pearson.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Thank you,
Gayle Mackay
Director of Stewardship

SEASIDE SOCIAL CLUB

SALSA NIGHT! – MAY 14th



Our installation of Officers will take place in the sanctuary at 6:00 and will be followed by a business meeting led by the new President, Maureen Flores.

The program will begin at 7:00 and it will be **Salsa Night!** Are we cooking or dancing? The answer is both! Come learn to make several types of salsa and take home a sample. Then, get those hips moving with some simple Salsa steps. Let's have a fun night of dips and dance!

The program is open to the public and all are welcome.

HNCC SCHOLARSHIP FUND



College bound students affiliated with the Houghs Neck Congregational church may obtain applications from Pam Craig, president.

617-471-8968 or pcraig1962@comcast.net

Applications are due *BY JUNE 1st*



**7th Annual Strawberry Festival
Craft & Vendor Fair**



**Sponsored by the Houghs Neck
Congregational Church
310 Manet Ave Quincy, MA**

**Saturday, June 8th - Rain or Shine
10am - 2pm**

**Space Rental - \$30
10 Foot space includes 6 ft table and 2 chairs
Setup starting after 830am**

**For additional information call or email Jill Hockney
617-548-2823 or strawberryfestivalhncc@gmail.com**

Please Type or Print

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ Cell: _____

City / State/ Zipcode: _____

Please list your arts/crafts/vendor item to be sold. **There will be a limit of 2 jewelry vendors this year

Date: _____ Signature: _____ Space Fee enclosed _____

**MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO HOUGHS NECK
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
MAIL ENTRY AND CHECK TO:**



**Event Coordinator
STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Houghs Neck Congregational Church
310 Manet Ave
QUINCY, MA 02169**

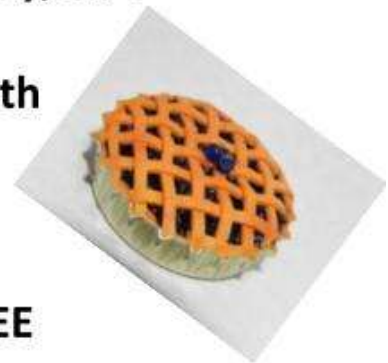




Strawberry Festival Craft & Vendor Fair

Sponsored by the Houghs Neck
Congregational Church
310 Manet Ave, Quincy, MA

Saturday, June 8th
(rain or shine)
10am – 2pm



Admission is FREE

20 vendors

Entertainment by Jimmy Peters, Strawberry
Shortcake, Barbeque Lunch, Pie Bake off, and
More!!!

Don't miss out on a
fun way to welcome
in the summer!!!



Face painter and Moonwalk
for children!

Contact Jill Hockney @
strawberryfestivalhncc@gmail.com
with any questions or to REGISTER
AS A VENDOR



**Houghs Neck Congregational Church
Strawberry Festival
BERRY PIE BAKEOFF!!!
Saturday, June 8th**

Enter your favorite BERRY PIE.

Include your name on the bottom of the pie plate.

Please bake one to taste and one to display & sell with proceeds going to HNCC

JUDGED ON: CRUST, FILLING, TASTE AND OVERALL APPEAL.

FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED!

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 10am – 11am

I accept the invitation to participate and agree to abide by the rules of Houghs Neck Congregational Church Pie Bake Off on Saturday, June 8th. I agree to deliver my pies to 310 Manet Ave by 10am on June 8th.

Mail Entries to: Houghs Neck Congregational Church
Attn: Christine Keating
Strawberry Festival Pie Bake Off
310 Manet Ave Quincy, MA 02169
Or email to cmon1695@hotmail.com

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cellphone: _____

Address: _____

**Please list the pie flavor you will be entering.
Remember – Please stick with Berries**



The best week of the summer!!!

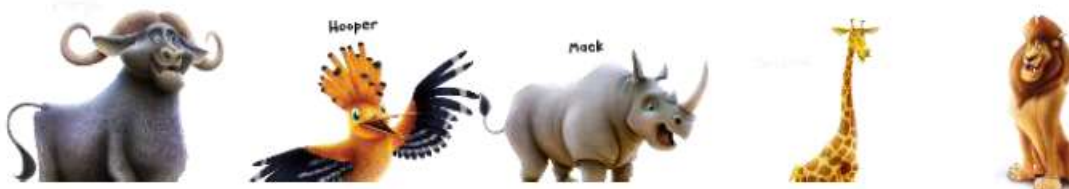
- 🦁 New Friends 🦁 Amazing experiments
- 🦁 Creative games 🦁 Hungry Herd Cafe
- 🦁 Surprising adventures 🦁 Incredible music

For Kids entering Kindergarten through 6th grade

Location: Houghs Neck Congregational Church
VBS will last from: August 5th, 2019 – August 9, 2019
Each day's fun begins at 8:30am
The VBS day ends at 11:30am
For more information, call: 617-435-1472
Register online at <http://www.hncong.org/vacation-bible-school.html>

VBS is FREE!

(However, we welcome donations of \$10 per student to help defray the cost.)





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

Edward Duddy
Elizabeth M. Orchard
Sheena Giggey Curley
May Keith
Melissa Hughes
Jane Neale
June Paul

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

Jim Hoggrell
Paula Younie
John White
Sandy White
Eileen Menz
Harry & Bette Olson
Wink Wakelin

SPIRITUAL MESSAGES

Scripture: *I rejoice at Your word as one who finds great treasure.* -Psalm 119:162
Quote: *The more reverence we have for the Word of God the more joy we shall find in it.*
-Matthew Henry

Scripture: *Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.* -Hebrews 7:25
Quote: *We are never more like Christ than in prayers of intercession.* -Austin Phelps

Scripture: *By this (love) all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.* -John 13:35
Quote: *The business of the church is to demonstrate God.* -Bruce Hurt

Scripture: *If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.* -John 8:31
Quote: *The way to get back to reading the whole Word of God, and to reading it with understanding, is to live in Bible territory - to regulate one's life and experience in every detail by God's revealed law.* -Oswald Chambers

Scripture: *You show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.* -Psalm 16:11
Quote: *Only to sit and thank God, O what a joy it is!* -Frederick W. Faber



HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY!!



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

MAY

7	Scott Christie	18	Laura Stimpson
8	Pamela Craig Jamie Gordon	19	Donald Oakes
		20	Anne Baxendale
		24	Melissa Freel McKeen Joyce Sparks
11	Joan Matthews Paul Schofield	25	Sean H. MacLean
13	Jackie Smollett	28	Arthur Praetsch Wilder B. Sparks
15	Ronald E. James Robert Baldwin	29	Caitlin Sparks
16	Christie Lee Millar	31	Terri Murphy Dinneen

EASTER FLOWERS DONATED 2019

Helen Miller- **In memory of** Mary and Alexander Scott MacKinlay, **In honor of** my children and grandchildren

Rose Gaura- **In memory of** Bob Gaura, Dick Kelley, Marty Blake, Herbert, Marjorie and David Dunn

Karen Bishop- **In memory of** Walter and Joyce Bishop, Mamie Stevensen, Peter, Alicia and Bill Corea, Arden Schofield **In honor of** Paula Younie

Lois Zulauf- **In honor of** Steve Reed and the choir

Cindy Milford- **In memory of** Jack Aiguier, Marcella Milford, Ambrose (Big Chick) Milford, Wayne Milford

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

Pam and Bill Kist- **In memory of** Evelyn Elizabeth Yardley

Lindsey and Scott Yardley- **In memory of** Evelyn Elizabeth Yardley

Carol and Cliff Hallett- **In memory of** loved ones

Jill Hockney- **In memory of** John A. Nickerson, John M. Missale

Don Gamble- **In memory of** John and Leslie Gamble

Ruth Gamble- **In memory of** Connie and Ed McGuire

Pat Murphy- **In honor of** all who help others

Beth and Glenn Brown- **In memory of** Ziggy

Gordon and Belmont Families- **In memory of** our family

Shirley Pearson- **In memory of** Robert Pearson **In honor of** James and Kaitlyn Pearson

Nancy and Ralph Jacobs- **In memory of** Dot Sparks, Jane Griffin **In honor of** Lois Zulauf and Betty Baldwin

Pam and Bob Craig- **In memory of** Tom, Lil, Bunny, Ruthie, Gail, Lois

The Wainwright Family

May 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.

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Wednesday, May 1

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Dan. 2:17–30
1 John 2:12–17
John 17:20–26

Thursday, May 2

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Dan. 2:31–49
1 John 2:18–29
Luke 3:1–14

Friday, May 3

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Dan. 3:1–18
1 John 3:1–10
Luke 3:15–22

Saturday, May 4

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Dan. 3:19–30
1 John 3:11–18
Luke 4:1–13

Sunday, May 5

3rd Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Dan. 4:1–18
1 Peter 4:7–11
John 21:15–25

Monday, May 6

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Dan. 4:19–27
1 John 3:19–4:6
Luke 4:14–30

Tuesday, May 7

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Dan. 4:28–37
1 John 4:7–21
Luke 4:31–37

Wednesday, May 8

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Dan. 5:1–12
1 John 5:1–12
Luke 4:38–44

Thursday, May 9

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Dan. 5:13–30
1 John 5:13–20 (21)
Luke 5:1–11

Friday, May 10

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Dan. 6:1–15
2 John 1–13
Luke 5:12–26

Saturday, May 11

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Dan. 6:16–28
3 John 1–15
Luke 5:27–39

Sunday, May 12

4th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Gen. 18:22–33
1 Peter 5:1–11
Matt. 7:15–29

Monday, May 13

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jer. 30:1–9
Col. 1:1–14
Luke 6:1–11

Tuesday, May 14

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Jer. 30:10–17
Col. 1:15–23
Luke 6:12–26

Wednesday, May 15

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Jer. 30:18–22
Col. 1:24–2:7
Luke 6:27–38

Thursday, May 16

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Jer. 31:1–14
Col. 2:8–23
Luke 6:39–49

Friday, May 17

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Jer. 31:15–22
Col. 3:1–11
Luke 7:1–17

Saturday, May 18

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Jer. 31:23–25
 Col. 3:12–17
 Luke 7:18–28 (29–30) 31–35

Sunday, May 19
5th Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Isa. 32:1–8
 2 Thess. 2:13–17
 Matt. 7:7–14

Monday, May 20

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115
 Jer. 32:1–15
 Col. 3:18–4:18
 Luke 7:36–50

Tuesday, May 21

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Jer. 32:16–25
 Rom. 12:1–21
 Luke 8:1–15

Wednesday, May 22

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Jer. 32:36–44
 Rom. 13:1–14
 Luke 8:16–25

Thursday, May 23

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113
 Jer. 33:1–13
 Rom. 14:1–12
 Luke 8:26–39

Friday, May 24

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Deut. 31:30–32:14
 Rom. 14:13–23
 Luke 8:40–56

Saturday, May 25

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Deut. 32:34–41 (42) 43
 Rom. 15:1–13
 Luke 9:1–17

Sunday, May 26
6th Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Deut. 15:1–11
 1 Tim. 3:14–4:5
 Matt. 13:24–34a

Monday, May 27

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115
 Deut. 8:1–10
 or Deut. 18:9–14
 James 1:1–15
 Luke 9:18–27

Tuesday, May 28

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Deut. 8:11–20 or Deut. 18:15–22
 James 1:16–27
 Luke 11:1–13

Wednesday, May 29

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Deut. 19:1–7
 James 5:13–18
 Luke 12:22–31

Thursday, May 30

Ascension of the Lord
 Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113
 Ezek. 1:1–14, 24–28b
 Heb. 2:5–18
 Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, May 31

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Ezek. 1:28–3:3
 Heb. 4:14–5:6
 Luke 9:28–36

Contact Information

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Please remit in writing to church office by Thursday for the following Sunday or hncc@comcast.net or mail to 310 Manet Ave Quincy, MA 02169

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!