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FROM THE PASTOR

Reverend Stephen Vandergrift

If you don't give up and don't give in, you just may be okay. – Mike and the Mechanics

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's likely that by the time you receive this newsletter you will have already voted. I hope that you did, it is one of the most important aspects of being an American citizen. For quite a while now, many of us voters have been doing our best to fight against cynicism. Too many Americans project that things won't change for the better, so they don't vote. Too often we tell ourselves that little if anything will change whatever choices we make at the polls. Psychologist Martin Seligman describes this phenomenon as "learned helplessness." This cynical attitude seems to be dangerously expanding in our culture. Hopefully the outcome of the election has helped to restore our confidence that we are citizens of a compassionate America that proclaims justice for all.

But whatever the outcome, we are a people of faith. And as a people faith we have, according to the apostle Paul, a kind of dual citizenship. Ephesians 2:19 says: "we are no longer strangers and aliens, but citizens and members of God's household." In other words, our identity is not only as U.S. citizens, but also as active citizens in God's Commonwealth. This citizenship as the people of God can help us exercise our earthly American citizenship more faithfully. You and I are valued agents in God's realm. Jesus helps us find the resources to overcome hopeless helplessness. As the Body of Christ, the church, none of us is alone in our struggles to be faithful. We have each other. And remembering that we have this dual citizenship empowers us to act communally – encouraging all peoples to stand against the forces that want to drive us apart. As witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we in the church can model for the rest of our community what it means to repent of the sin of cynicism and become good stewards of the rights and duties of democracy that extend even beyond the election season. (And it won't hurt to hum a few bars with Mike and the Mechanics!)

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Steve

SEASIDE SOCIAL CLUB

**PRE-HOLIDAY
SHOPPING NIGHT**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:30 TO 9:00 P.M.

**Houghs Neck Congregational Church
310 Manet Avenue, Quincy**

Dozens of vendors and artisans and Raffle

**(Sea Glass Art, Perfectly Posh, Color Street, Freedom Jewelry,
Caryn's Corner, 31 Gifts, Karen's Klassy Krafts, C- Side Designs,
Personalized by Angela, Wreaths n Things by Dawn, Just Say
Crochet, Harbor Island Creations, Scentsy, LollyCake Lady,
Handcrafted Toys, Tile Creations by Chris, Church Crew Crafts and
more.....)**

Free Admission and Refreshments

**Don't wait for Black Friday - start your holiday shopping on 11/13
Event is open to the public – invite your friends**



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 1st, 2018



9:00 - 11:00

Houghs Neck Congregational Church
Fellowship Hall (lower level)

Elevator available to transport strollers and Grandmas

Admission: \$5.00 per person

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

50/50 raffle

Reservations are not required.



POINSETTIA PROJECT

Sponsored by **Seaside Social Club** (formerly known 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 **Friday, Dec 9th**. Make checks payable to **MOTHERS CLUB**. Orders can also be emailed to Nancy at jacobs0511@gmail.com.

Your Name _____ Phone _____



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

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Terri Schofield | | |
| 2 | Gayle Mackay | 15 | Kaitlyn Flibotte |
| | Jennifer Hallett | | Uncle Sam Rounseville |
| | Michelle Paul | 16 | Frank Haskins |
| 6 | Tom Kropp | 21 | Laurel Wainwright |
| 7 | Rodger Stewart | 24 | Torey Shaw |
| | Charles Hughes Sr. | | Michael Freel |
| | Frank Catrambone | | Mary Ann Morris |
| | | 27 | Janice Hughes |
| | | 29 | Gail Trubiano Johnson |



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| Anne Baxendale | Edward Duddy | Mary Panasci | Martha Chase |
| Linda DellaCroce | Elizabeth M. Orchard | Jaime Toby | Paula Younie |
| Linda Beck | Sheena Giggey Curley | Joan Kirby | John White |
| Marie Blanchard | Leah Davis | Beth Little | Sandy White |
| Bob Craig | Barbara Dickson | Laurie Mulligan | Eileen Menz |
| Mary Giggey | Jane Neale | Kelly Stewart Cassier | |

SPIRITUAL QUOTES

Christians never say "good-bye"; just "until we meet again." -Woodrow Kroll

If we are praising Him continuously we'll discover just how difficult it is to keep on complaining. -Harold Adolph

Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence. -Augustine

God sometimes answers prayers by giving us what we would have asked for had we know what he knows. -J. D. Greear

If our identity is in our work, rather than Christ, success will go to our heads, and our failure will go to our hearts. -Tim Keller

God doesn't want to keep changing your circumstances; he wants to change you. -J. Sidlow Baxter

November 2018 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

November

Thursday, November 1

All Saints' Day

Morning: Pss. 116;

147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 26; 130

Isa. 26:1–4, 8–9, 12–13,

19–21

Rev. 21:9–11, 22–27

(22:1–5) or Heb.

11:32–12:2

Matt. 5:1–12

Friday, November 2

Morning: Pss. 84; 148

Evening: Pss. 25; 40

Nahum 2:13–3:7

Rev. 13:1–10

Luke 12:13–31

Saturday, November 3

Morning: Pss. 63; 149

Evening: Pss. 117; 139

Nah. 3:8–19

Rev. 13:11–18

Luke 12:32–48

Sunday, November 4

24th Sunday after

Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 103; 150

Evening: Pss. 117; 139

Zeph. 1:1–6

1 Cor. 12:27–13:13

Matt. 18:21–35

Monday, November 5

Morning: Pss. 5; 145

Evening: Pss. 82; 29

Zeph. 1:7–13

Rev. 14:1–13

Luke 12:49–59

Tuesday, November 6

Morning: Pss. 63; 149

Evening: Pss. 125; 90

Zeph. 1:14–18

Rev. 14:14–15:8

Luke 13:1–9

Wednesday, November 7

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;

147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 1; 33

Zeph. 2:1–15

Rev. 16:1–11

Luke 13:10–17

Thursday, November 8

Morning: Pss. 97;

147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 16; 62

Zeph. 3:1–7

Rev. 16:12–21

Luke 13:18–30

Friday, November 9

Morning: Pss. 51; 148

Evening: Pss. 142; 65

Zeph. 3:8–13

Rev. 17:1–18

Luke 13:31–35

Saturday, November 10

Morning: Pss. 104; 149

Evening: Pss. 138; 98

Zeph. 3:14–20

Rev. 18:1–14

Luke 14:1–11

Sunday, November 11

25th Sunday after

Pentecost

Morning: Pss. 19; 150

Evening: Pss. 81; 113

Joel 1:1–13

1 Cor. 14:1–12

Matt. 20:1–16

Monday, November 12

Morning: Pss. 135; 145

Evening: Pss. 97; 112

Joel 1:15–2:2

Rev. 18:15–24

Luke 14:12–24

Tuesday, November 13

Morning: Pss. 123; 146

Evening: Pss. 30; 86

Joel 2:3–11

Rev. 19:1–10

Luke 14:25–35

Wednesday, November 14

Morning: Pss. 15;

147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 48; 4

Joel 2:12–19

Rev. 19:11–21

Luke 15:1–10

Thursday, November 15

Morning: Pss. 36;

147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 80; 27

Joel 2:21–27

James 1:1–15

Luke 15:1–2, 11–32

Friday, November 16
Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 139
Joel 2:28–3:8
James 1:16–27
Luke 16:1–9

Saturday, November 17
Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Joel 3:9–17
James 2:1–13
Luke 16:10–17 (18)

Sunday, November 18
26th Sunday after
Pentecost
Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Hab. 1:1–4 (5–11) 12—2:1
Phil. 3:13–4:1
Matt. 23:13–24

Monday, November 19
Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Hab. 2:1–4, 9–20
James 2:14–26
Luke 16:19–31

Tuesday, November 20
Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Hab. 3:1–10 (11–15)
16–18
James 3:1–12
Luke 17:1–10

Wednesday, November 21
Morning: Pss. 65;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Mal. 1:1, 6–14
James 3:13–4:12
Luke 17:11–19

Thursday, November 22
Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Mal. 2:1–16
James 4:13–5:6
Luke 17:20–37

Friday, November 23
Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Mal. 3:1–12
James 5:7–12
Luke 18:1–8

Saturday, November 24
Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Mal. 3:13–4:6
James 5:13–20
Luke 18:9–14

Sunday, November 25
Christ the King / Reign of
Christ Sunday
Morning: Pss. 108; 150
Evening: Pss. 66; 23
Zech. 9:9–16
1 Peter 3:13–22
Matt. 21:1–13

Monday, November 26
Morning: Pss. 62; 145
Evening: Pss. 73; 9
Zech. 10:1–12
Gal. 6:1–10
Luke 18:15–30

Tuesday, November 27
Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Zech. 11:4–17
1 Cor. 3:10–23
Luke 18:31–43

Wednesday, November 28
Morning: Pss. 96;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Zech. 12:1–10
Eph. 1:3–14
Luke 19:1–10

Thursday, November 29
Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Zech. 13:1–9
Eph. 1:15–23
Luke 19:11–27

Friday, November 30
Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Zech. 14:1–11
Rom. 15:7–13
Luke 19:28–40

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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!