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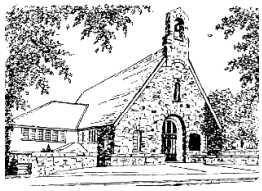

HOUGHS NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Beloved of Christ,

On November 7th the clocks will be set back an hour and once again darkness will seem to come too soon at the end of the day. As we move through the month of November we will adjust to the darkness with the help of remembering our veterans on November 11 and gathering with family and friends less cautiously for Thanksgiving on the 25th. Still, the darkness remains and we must resist the temptation to let it encroach on our well-being. But as people of faith we believe in the words of the Gospel of John when he says, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it." (John 1:5). The Light will come. November will give way to days of December and the Advent of Christmas. So keep the lamps of your heart trimmed. And be prepared to "let your light so shine," surrounded by darkness, "let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!"

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, "Darkness cannot put out darkness, only light can do that…" We are tempted these days when we are trying desperately to recover our equilibrium as Americans to let our darker side show forth. Resist! We as a people, as a nation, are better than that...and hate is certainly too much of a burden to bear.

Jimmy Carter once said: "A strong nation, like a strong person, can afford to be gentle, firm, thoughtful, and restrained. It can afford to extend a helping hand to others. It is a weak nation, like a weak person, that must behave with bluster and boasting and rashness and other signs of insecurity."

As scripture says, "You (that's us!) are the light of the world." Believe it! "No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others…" (Matthew 5:14-16). Don't let your light go out!

November Blessings,
Pastor Steve

PS: If you are a member of Houghs Neck Congregational Church (HNCC), you should be receiving soon via email or snail mail an updated copy of the HNCC By-Laws with revisions proposed by the Church Council. Please review them. A vote to approve them as revised will be forthcoming. Thank you.

Weekly Lectionary for November 2021

Season after Pentecost Year B	First reading and Psalm	Psalm	Second reading and Psalm	Gospel
All Saints Day **November 1, 2021** *(Sometimes observed on first Sunday in November)*	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 ***or*** *Isaiah 25:6-9* Psalm 24		Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
Proper 27 (32) Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost **November 7, 2021**	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127	1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Proper 28 (33) Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost **November 14, 2021**	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 **	Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost **November 21, 2021**	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
Thanksgiving Day, USA **November 25, 2021**	Joel 2:21-27 Psalm 126		1 Timothy 2:1-7	Matthew 6:25-33

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY!!

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

NOVEMBER

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

Houghs Neck
Congregational Church

FAIR

SATURDAY
November 13, 2021
9:00 am – 2:00 pm

310 Manet Avenue Quincy MA 02169

credit cards accepted, cash/checks preferred

please wear a mask when inside our building

our Spirit Café is currently closed, no meals for sale

SEASIDE SOCIAL CLUB

Making CAKE BOMBS with Maureen Flores - November 9, 2021

Join us on November 9, 2021 in the Church Hall for a **Confections Delight!**
Come learn how easy it is to make Cake Bombs!
Please try to let us know if you will be attending so we have enough for everyone!
There will be refreshments in addition to some cake bombs to take home.

All are welcome!

Reservations are recommended. Please email jandmflores@gmail.com

NOTES FROM NEAR AND FAR

Fall is here. I love that time of year when you can smell the change in the air. I'm grateful to be able to spend a few days in N.E. during this time.

- Dannette Costas-Carrion
Houston, TX

I'm well and I hope you are, too! Glad to read in the Newsletter that church is open again. If we can only get this COVID behind us I want to be back next summer.

Love,
Patty
San Ramon, CA

SPIRITUAL MESSAGES

Known by Their Fruits
Scripture: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. Galatians 5: 22-23

Quote: A machine can do work; only life can bear fruit. Andrew Murray

God's Certain Purpose
Scripture: And we all know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Quote: God permits no suffering or trials without purpose, even though that purpose may be hidden from us.
Frank Retief

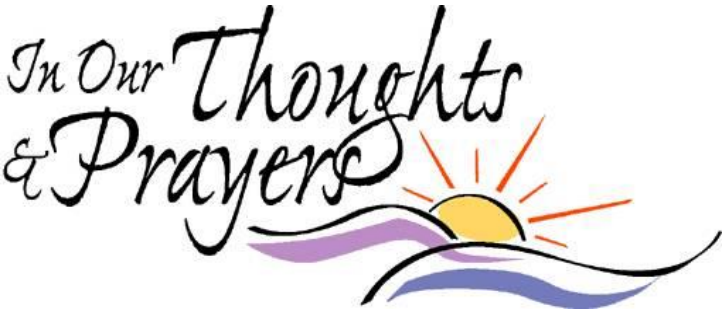
For Prayer
Scripture: I love the Lord, because He has heard my voice and my supplications. Because He has inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live. Psalm 116: 1-2

Quote: In prayer we can approach God with complete assurance of His ability to answer us. There is no limit to what we can ask, if it is according to His will. John F. Walvoord

For Us!
Scripture: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad. Psalm 126:3

Quote: For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign. For us he sent his Spirit here, to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer. Benjamin Web, "O Love, How Deep"

Inseparable
Scripture: For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8: 38-39
Quote: If you have trusted Christ, nothing can separate you from His love, and nothing can separate you from God the Father's love. Francis Schaeffer



PRAYER LIST

Betty Baldwin
Linda Beck
Kevin Bilotas
Priscilla Bonica
Nancy Bushee
The Conniff Family
The Connolly Family
The Copson Family
Bob Craig
Bob Curry
Sheena Giggey Curley
Brooke Deedy
Edward Duddy
Roy Feliciano
Michaela Galligan
Mary Giggey
Keryn Ryan Gomez
Trudi Goodman
Cliff Hallett
Jim Hogrell
Marilyn Hogrell
Wanda Hogrell
The Haggerty Family
Jill Hockney
Maeve Hughes
Justina Johnson
May Keith
Joan Kirby
Beth Little
Fran Lungren & Family
Margie McAllister
Frank McCauley
Helen Miller
Laurie Milligan
Bobbie Moschella
Jerry Mullen
June Paul
Mark Paul
Michelle Paul
Kathy Sampson
Vianna Schuerch
Dianne Senter
Rich Simone
Kelly Stewart Cassier
Jaime Toby
The Tomlinson Family
Jean Vandergrift
Cheryl van Dine
June van Dine
Heather Wainwright
Holly Wainwright
Richard S. Wainwright
John White
Sandy White
Jonni Wrestler

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