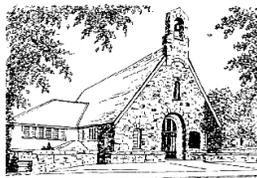


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# **HOUGHS NECK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

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## **PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Beloved of God,

I recently heard a story of a pastor vacationing in Greece who decided to attend church one Sunday in a Greek Orthodox cathedral. He sat in a pew at the rear of the church, taking in the sights, sounds, and fragrances of the Eastren Church tradition. Looking around he noticed off to the side in one of the porticos an icon among the many in the cathedral. It was an icon depicting the suffering of Jesus on the cross, enclosed in a glass case. A line had formed where worshippers took turns to kneel and kiss the glass of the encased icon. After a few had performed the ritual, an elderly woman sitting next to the icon would rise and halt the line long enough to spray the glass with something akin to windex, wiping it clean, making that familiar squeaky clean sound.

The pastor thought, what a metaphor for the church, a place where the buildup of all the crud that weighs us down, all the accumulated negative baggage we tend to carry around for way too long, is wiped clean... again and again.

We all need from time to time to wipe clean from our hearts the bitterness, selfishness, stubbornness, we have written there and begin anew with a clean heart where God can write upon it his Word of justice, kindness, and humility, his Word of grace and love.

That's really what the church is about, not a place where people congregate, trying to achieve perfection but a place, a community, where we can be our true selves with our frailties as well as our strengths, and allow others the same graceful space.

As I walk the trails in the woods surrounding Jacobs Pond near my home the leaves have just about all fallen – orange, red, and yellow – all pretty much have turned brown. The trees have let go of their leaves (or perhaps the leaves have let go of the trees!), making them less vulnerable to the winds of winter. All this nature's way of performing a kind of cleansing, a readying for the new life that will eventually come. And it will come, as it has always come, again, and again.

We need times of beginning again, as individuals and as a community, when "wiping the glass clean," can open the way to things hoped for and the promise of new, abundant life.

Blessings,  
Pastor Steve

## Weekly Lectionary for November 2022

Season after Pentecost Year C and Advent Year A	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<u>All Saints Day</u> November 1, 2022 (Sometimes observed on first Sunday in Nov.) <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18</u>  <u>Psalm 149</u>		<u>Ephesians 1:11-23</u>	<u>Luke 6:20-31</u>
<u>Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</u> November 6, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Haggai 1:15b-2:9</u> <u>Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21</u> or <u>Psalm 98</u>	<u>Job 19:23-27a</u>  <u>Psalm 17:1-9</u>	<u>2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17</u>	<u>Luke 20:27-38</u>
<u>Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost</u> November 13, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 65:17-25</u>  <u>Isaiah 12</u> **	<u>Malachi 4:1-2a</u>  <u>Psalm 98</u>	<u>2 Thessalonians 3:6-13</u>	<u>Luke 21:5-19</u>
<u>Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u> November 20, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Jeremiah 23:1-6</u>  <u>Luke 1:68-79</u> **	<u>Jeremiah 23:1-6</u>  <u>Psalm 46</u>	<u>Colossians 1:11-20</u>	<u>Luke 23:33-43</u>
<u>First Sunday of Advent</u> November 27, 2022 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 2:1-5</u>	<u>Psalm 122</u>	<u>Romans 13:11-14</u>	<u>Matthew 24:36-44</u>



### Can you spare some Bread?



There will be a bake table at the Shopper's Night on November 8, 2022 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The church will host a bake table. We will NOT be selling cookies and brownies, but will be focusing on breads and cakes. We are looking for donations of breads (white bread, pumpkin, cranberry nut, date and nut, lemon poppy seed, blueberry, Irish bread, Stollen, gingerbread or any other variety). They can be mini loaves or full-sized loaves. We are also looking for cakes, primarily cakes like pound cake, coffee cake, or bundt cake. If you are able to bake, please let Gayle know, [g.mackay@northeastern.edu](mailto:g.mackay@northeastern.edu), and breads can be dropped off at the church on Tuesday, November 8 between 5 and 6 or Gayle can possibly pick up earlier in the day. Thank you





**PRE-HOLIDAY  
SHOPPING NIGHT  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022  
6:00 TO 9:00 P.M.**

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

**Over two dozen vendors and crafters!  
Gifts for everyone on your list!**

(Freedom Jewelry, Caryn's Corner, 31 Gifts, Salt 'n Ink, Click + Stitch Embroidery, C- Side Designs, S&A Sweet Gifts, Nonnie's Gnomes , Wreaths by Danielle, Baskets by Moe and Christine, Houghs Neck Congregational Church Breads and more....)

**Gifts for everyone on your list!**

**Free Admission and light refreshments**

**Don't wait for Black Friday - start your holiday shopping on 11/8**

**Event is open to the public – invite your friends**

## MISSIONS PROJECT

The church has decided to participate in a missions project to help displaced Christian families by providing health and hygiene items. This effort of providing “Action Packs” is being done 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, we can help provide them with basic necessities and personal care items. Each “Action Pack” is to be filled with 6 brand new items: (1) Heavy-duty tarp (preferably light-colored, 8’ x 10’ or larger), (2) Pack of zip ties (preferably 11” or longer), (3) Small blanket (polyester “fleece” or similar), (4) Twin-size (flat) bedsheet, (5) Bar of soap, and (6) Foam/sponge ball (children’s toy). If you would like to fill an “Action Pack” or provide some of the items need for an “Action Pack”, please contact Ralph Jacobs 617-750-0563. The estimated cost for all the items to fill one “Action Pack” is approximately \$60. Thank you for considering this effort to aid our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters.

## HOUGHS NECK HISTORICAL SERIES NOVEMBER 15

Houghs Neck Congregational Church  
310 Manet Ave., Quincy

### George Morton (1841-1911) and Houghs Neck

Who was George Morton? Real estate developer, insurance executive, bank president, street railway superintendent, library trustee, historical society founder, yachtsman, pioneer Houghs Neck summer resident – and the most influential person in the development of Houghs Neck. Come to this talk to learn how he changed Houghs Neck from a largely farming community to the residential community we know today. Also hear – and see – the story of the Red Lion as it is moved from the beach 35 feet up a a hill to a new location,

This program is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Seaside Social Club.



George Morton (right) and family at Houghs Neck



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 10th, 2022

9:00 - 11:00

Houghs Neck Congregational Church  
310 Manet Ave.

Fellowship Hall (lower level)  
Elevator available to transport strollers  
and Grandmas

Admission: \$5.00 children 10 and under  
\$7.00 over 10 and adults (sorry prices had to go up)  
Price includes pancakes, sausage, juice, milk,  
coffee and a digital picture with Santa.  
50/50 raffle

Reservations are not required.



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



1	Terri Schofield	15	Kaitlyn Flibotte
2	Gayle Mackay		Uncle Sam Rounseville
	Jennifer Hallett	21	Laurel Wainwright
	Michelle Paul	24	Torey Shaw
6	Tom Kropp		Michael Freel
7	Rodger Stewart		Mary Ann Morris
	Charles Hughes Sr.	27	Janice Hughes
	Frank Catrambone	28	Mark Whitehouse
8	Glenn Brown	29	Gail Trubiano Johnson

## SPIRITUAL MESSAGES



### Love One Another

Scripture: By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:35

Quote: If we love God we'll love His children.

A.W. Tozer

### Joy

Scripture: These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:11

Quote: Joy in the Lord should be the loftiest of joy.

Charles Spurgeon

### On Guard

Scripture: And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

Quote: We need to cultivate patience in the midst of our trials (knowing) that God is actively working on our behalf to bring us a better day.

Philip De Courcy

### Come, Holy Spirit!

Scripture: God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:19, NIV

Quote: Come, Holy Spirit, every cloud dispelling, fill us with gladness, through the Master's name; bring to our memory words that He hath spoken, then shall our tongues His wondrous grace proclaim.

Fanny Crosby

### Peace and Gratitude

Scripture: And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

Quote: God's giving deserves our thanksgiving.

Unknown

### Holy and Disciplined

Scripture: Be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined.

Titus 1:8, NIV

Quote: We have everything we need within us to walk a disciplined, victorious walk with God.

Lin Wills