

NEWS FROM NORTHAMPTON

Northampton Presbyterian Church
539 Buck Road, Holland, PA 18966

JANUARY 2024



KEEP READING FOR..

- ***Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck***
- ***“Job” Bible Study for Everyone***
- ***MLK Day Panel & Service***
- ***Red Cross Blood Drive***

Livestream Information:

All “livestreamed” messages are broadcasted from our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/northamptonpresby

Sunday Worship Services are additionally posted on our website: www.northamptonpresby.com/sermon-videos

“The Snow-Storm”

by Anne M Cooper

IT IS FUN TO SIT IN THE WINDOW-SEAT,
WHEN ALL OUTDOORS IS SNOW AND SLEET,
FOR EVERYWHERE I LOOK I SEE
THINGS THAT AREN'T WHAT THEY SEEM TO BE.
THE FENCE-POSTS, EACH WITH A CAP OF SNOW,
LOOK LIKE SOLDIERS ALL IN A ROW;
WHILE JUST OVER THERE, THE KITCHEN PUMP
LOOKS LIKE A RABBIT ABOUT TO JUMP.
DOWN BY THE GATE, THAT TALL WHITE GHOST
IS REALLY ONLY THE HITCHING POST;
WHILE UNDER THE TREE, THAT POLAR BEAR
IS ONLY OUR OLD RUSTIC CHAIR.

A Word from the Pastor

By: The Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

It has been a while since most of us have looked out our window “when all outdoors is snow and sleet!” Lately, rain and wind have been more on view!

When I miss the snow – which I do – I reach back to a memory of sledding down the huge hill in the neighborhood where I spent my earliest years. The scary thrill of coming down that steep slope at a high rate of speed was offset by the loving embrace of my father’s arms, as he sat snuggled in behind me, never letting go.

For me, that is a wonderfully comforting image of the many ways in which God holds on to us when the going gets rough. At the cusp of a new year, when we have no idea what lies ahead of us, it is good to know that God is there, sitting right behind us, “our rock and our salvation, our fortress” no matter what happens (Psalm 62:2).

We dare to sing of the endless protection of God in a hymn that echoes this psalm entitled, “My Life Flows On/How Can I Keep from Singing?” (Hymn #821 in our *Glory to God* hymnal).

“No storm can shake my inmost calm

While to that Rock I’m clinging.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,

How can I keep from singing?”

Don’t let anything keep you from singing this year! When the unexpected happens, as it will, take a seat by the window and feast your eyes on all the things that aren’t what they seem to be. Know that God is right there next to you on that seat, and that the Lord of heaven and earth will calm life’s storms as surely as he did on the Galilee. Then come to worship to be reminded of all the people who are here, just waiting to walk you through the next snowstorm.

Thanks be to God!

Happy new year!

- Pastor Judy



Annual Congregational Meeting



Sunday, January 28th
following the worship service

Annual Reports are due on **January 15th** and will be made available for review on January 22nd.

POTLUCK

will follow the meeting

Sign-up in the narthex or email the church office

npchurch@comcast.net



Bible Study for Everyone



Tuesdays at 11 AM

JANUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 13

BRING YOUR BROWN BAGGED LUNCH

Our Tuesday morning Bible Study resumes on January 23rd with a look at Janice Catron's wonderful study on the book of **Job**:
“Faith Remains When Understanding Fails”
(A Horizons Bible Study).

Copies of the study are being made and will be available at no charge.

Please let Pastor Judy know if you will attend so we have adequate copies for all.
(npcdwyer@comcast.net)



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Service

January 15th, 2024

6:00 PM EST- Panel

7:00 PM Worship Service

**Macedonia Baptist Church
Newtown, PA**

Promoting Diversity & Unity



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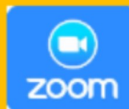
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(In Person & Virtual)



<https://ministrelife.zoom.us/j/99336339123>

Webinar ID: 993 3633 9123

Phone: (312) 626-6799

Panel Leader & Preacher:

Pastor Cedric Hughes Jones Jr.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Phila.



Invite others to join and hear a panel discussion & message addressing living in a world where all are not treated equally or even considered equal. We truly need a shift to begin seeing one another.



Rev. Wakaki Thompson, Lead Pastor

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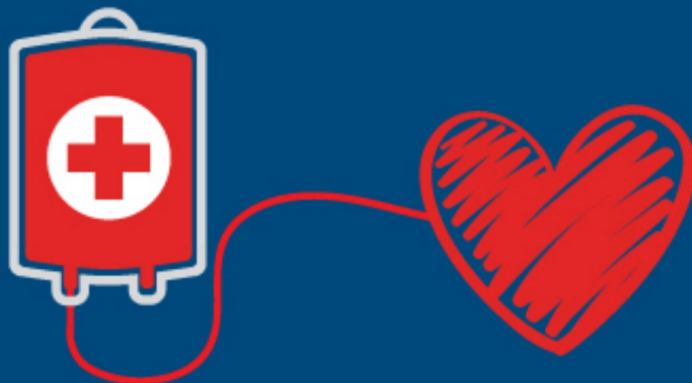
**MLK Scholarship Award -
Newtown Ministerium**



Our Service Project initiative is booksmiles.org - "Bring a book donation"



Kindness
is in your blood.



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive
**Northampton
Presbyterian Church**

Fellowship Hall
539 Buck Road
Holland, PA 18966

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call **1-800-RED CROSS** (1-800-733-2767) or visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter **zipcode 18966** or **sponsor code nhp** to schedule an appointment. **(or scan QR Code below)**

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible **type O, B - or A - donor**, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting **RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass** to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



**ALL BLOOD
TYPES NEEDED**



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>14</p> <p>10 AM Sunday Worship Livestream & In-Person</p> <p>11:30 CLGs</p>	<p>15 <small>MLK DAY</small></p> <p>(Church Office Closed)</p> <p>6 PM Girl Scout Troop #2367</p> <p>6 PM Boy Scouts Committees</p> <p>6 PM MLK Panel & Service at MBC</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7 PM BSA Troop Mtgs</p> <p>7 PM Session Mtg.</p> <p>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 AM Esther Circle</p> <p>5 PM GS Troop #2934</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 PM Choir</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10 AM Sunday Worship Livestream & In-Person</p> <p>11:30 CLGs</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 PM CS Den #1 —Tigers</p> <p>7 PM CS Den #3— AOL</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11 AM “Job” Bible Study for Everyone</p> <p>7 PM BSA Troop Mtgs</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9 AM Women’s Breakfast at Manny’s</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7 PM Choir</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>10 AM Sunday Worship Livestream & In-Person</p> <p>11:30 AM Annual Meeting & Potluck</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11 AM “Job” Bible Study for Everyone</p> <p>7 PM BSA Troop Mtgs</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>FEB 1</p> <p>11 AM Ministerium Meeting</p> <p>7 PM BSA Troop Trail to Eagle Mtg.</p> <p>7 PM Choir</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>10 AM Communion Service Livestream & In-Person</p> <p>11:30 CLGs & In-Person</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6 PM Girl Scout Troop #2367</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11 AM “Job” Bible Study for Everyone</p> <p>7 PM BSA Troop Mtgs</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30 AM Mission Committee</p> <p>5 PM GS Troop #2934</p> <p>6 PM CS Den #2— Wolves</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7 PM Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
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