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## **Area Churches Observe Hospice Sabbath Nov. 6**

(High Point, NC) – Seventy-three area churches will participate in Hospice of the Piedmont’s annual observance of Hospice Sabbath on Nov. 6, which also marks the beginning of National Hospice and Palliative Care Month during the month of November.

Hospice Sabbath is a day for local churches to remember those who have died in the last year and honor their families and caregivers. Churches can commemorate the day with a white rose placed on the altar, special music, or relevant scripture reading.

Hospice of the Piedmont provides special bulletin inserts to participating faith communities. This year’s piece features the story of a High Point resident whose wife and grandmother were Hospice of the Piedmont patients, and information on how to support and care for those who are grieving.

Having served more than 800 patients last year, Hospice of the Piedmont meets more than just the physical needs of patients and families.

“At Hospice of the Piedmont, we provide a model of care that incorporates caring for the whole person,” says Hospice Chaplain Rev. Jeanette Robertson, MA, MTA. “Spiritual care is an important part of hospice care because we are three-part people – body, soul, and spirit -- and each facet of the individual needs care.”

For information about participation in Hospice Sabbath, please call 336.889.8446.

Hospice of the Piedmont is a not-for-profit organization providing medical, emotional, and spiritual support for those with life-limiting illness and their families, regardless of ability to pay, since 1981. The agency serves four counties – Guilford, Randolph, Davidson, and Forsyth. For more information on Hospice of the Piedmont, visit [www.hospiceofthepiedmont.org](http://www.hospiceofthepiedmont.org).

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