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From Pastor Bruce

My Funeral

A couple of Sundays ago, right after worship I did a graveside service at "our" cemetery for a woman I had never met. She was a southerner from Alabama but insisted on having her family bring her back to be buried by her husband. The family contacted me and I, of course, said, "Yes." The time together was spent in laughter and tears. They talked about a loving, caretaker and teacher of others. I told them that over the years I had done many services for people I had never met. But, I promised them, I had never done a service for someone who wasn't known and loved by God.

While an individual's memorial service celebrates both this life and the one to come, it's often the party afterward that brings out the best stories and promotes the deepest belly laughs. I kind of hate to miss my own funeral and wake - especially the story-telling and belly laugh parts. With that in mind, I am sharing this poem that I wrote:

MY FUNERAL

A great many people with a far, future plan
Are a part of the rat-race throng.
And what does it profit the future of man
To forfeit God's good gift of song?

Yes, my funeral is set for the week after next.
Just when I'll be dead, who can say?
So I've already chosen the music and text;
I find it much better this way.

I'll attend my own service in jeans and a tie,
Then serve up a sumptuous wake.
To have a good send-off why should I have to die
Without tasting my own funeral cake?

On reflection some words will be said of my life,
Frank thoughts - only best friends can say,
How I gave as I could to three kids and a wife
And never walked past a buffet.

Let's plan out your funeral, 'bout a month after mine.
We'll make it a scheduled affair.
With deep friendship and fondness and lots of fine wine
Uncorked without any despair!



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

Praise God for His promises

Gift of



If you want to honor or memorialize someone and aren't sure what to do, why not consider a Gift of Love. A Gift of Love is a donation made in someone's name, to the church. A letter is sent to the giver (these gifts are tax deductible) and an acknowledgement is sent to the honoree (or the family in the case of a memorial). If you are interested, please pick up a form in the narthex or contact the office.

The altar flowers on July 2nd were placed by Debbie LaBreck in memory of her sister, Ina.



A big thank you to the Staples family
who made a very generous donation to the church in memory of
our beloved Bob & Ginny Staples!



We continue to have church in person and virtually on Sunday's at 10am. Come on in! Or check us out on Facebook via Second Church Virtual Services! If you have been watching, see you on Sunday! You can also watch the services on PACTV. Thursday at 8am and Sunday at 6pm. (Comcast channel 13 or Verizon channel 43)



You can watch services that have already happened!

It's easy to do. If you've never used YouTube, just type it in your search engine (Google, or whatever you use). Or go to youtube.com. In the search bar at the top of the screen, type in "second church of plymouth" and click on "Subscribe". Don't worry, it's free. Follow the prompts and you're in!

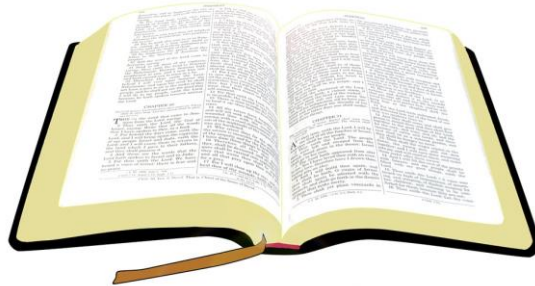
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Did you know - or ever think about?

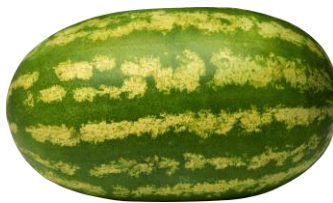
Submitted by Ruthanne Gellar



Is the name Huldah familiar to you? She was a Hebrew prophetess to whom King Josiah sent his High Priest. She told him that, because of idolatry, Jerusalem would be destroyed. (2 Kings 22:14)



Do you know what a great salesperson Kyrie DeGretchie is? At the Plant, Yard and Bake Sale, she successfully counted back change to several people.



Did you know watermelons can get ginormous? The world's heaviest weighed over 350 pounds and was grown by Chris Kent in Tennessee in 2013



Birthdays

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary, please contact the office.

July 21 - Jennifer Bennett

August 11 - Tim English

August 12 - Erik Luke

August 15 - Peter Renaud

August 16 - Jeanette Johnson

August 22 - Hannah Giacomozzi

August 31 - Katie Ozelius

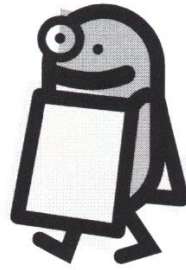
September 7 - Sean Walsh

*Happy
Anniversary*

August 4 - Bill & Sherri Dyer



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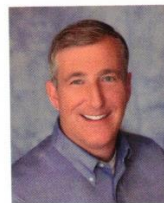
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July 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9am AA
2 10am Church Service 7pm AA	3 10am Food Pantry	4 Independence Day 7pm AA	5 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	6 7pm AA	7 7pm AA	8 9am AA
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