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The Bell

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From Pastor Bruce

*Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first;
nationalism, when hate for people other than your own comes first.*

Charles de Gaulle

At first, Memorial Day was called Decoration Day. It was first observed after the Civil War. For decades, mail service ceased, businesses closed, and entire communities became one in remembrance. The graves of fallen soldiers were adorned with flags and flowers. Time was set aside across the country, to honor and appreciate the fallen. In 1971, the hundred-year-old tradition was made a federal holiday. This long-standing tradition was recognized as a time for our nation to come together as one and recognize the cost of freedom.

Probably twenty years ago now, I did a graveside service at a cemetery on the shores of the Menominee River in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The man was a veteran, having flown choppers in Vietnam. The first part of his tour was almost exclusively doing dangerous runs into combat zones to evac wounded soldiers. Toward the end of his time in country, he was responsible for taking Vietnamese civilians out of the falling Saigon, soon to be known as Ho Chi Min City. They were ferried to ships waiting just off the Mekong Delta. For whatever reason, the only others graveside there with me were 3 young, short-haired, spit-shined Marines and the Funeral Director. Before the casket was lowered into the ground the Marines snapped to, removed the flag from the casket and folded it, with precise movements making sharp creases, into a perfect triangle. Not more than 5 miles from this cemetery was a site that made and assembled Enstrom helicopters. I don't know how the pilot knew but as soon as the flag was folded, a chopper rose from the river and hovered in an opening in the trees, visible to us from the grave. Suspended in the air, it was as if the man's spirit was being transported into the heavens via a rotary-winged angel. Joseph Campbell has rightly observed, "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

Once after officiating at a funeral, the minister and three of the deceased's relatives were standing together near the coffin. While speaking in hushed tones, they heard this strange,

muffled, beeping sound. It was coming from the coffin! Everyone stopped talking as they all realized that the alarm of the watch on the dead man's wrist was going off! Hesitantly, nervously, everyone laughed and to wonder out loud discuss what it might have been for. One thing was certain: unless it had been set for something happening in heaven, he wasn't going to make the appointment.

Let's not miss our appointment with Memorial Day. Let's enjoy and get out and be with loved ones. But not until we have said, "We won't forget." And "Thank you!"

*Lord, in our grief and as we remember our fallen, we turn to you.
Guide us toward peace even as we honor those willing to give their lives, for our freedoms.
On this Memorial Day, 2024, hear our prayers for peace and for those who gave all.*

Upcoming Events at Second Church

May 18th is the Plant and Bake Sale from 9am to 2pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office, Sandra Locke, or Laurie Savery for more information.

August 17th is the church Yard Sale from 9am to 2pm. Volunteers and donations are needed for this big fundraiser as well. Please contact the office for more information.



The Food Pantry is open!
Mondays 10am-12pm



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

The truth will set you free - you have God's word.

Gift of Love

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.



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!

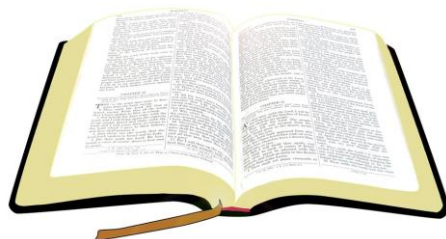
If you have any problem getting set up, please feel free to contact the office.



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Did you know - or ever think about?

Submitted by Ruthanne Gellar



Polygny, meaning having many wives, was a sign of wealth and rank in the Old Testament. Although it was not approved by God, it continued until the Babylonian Captivity which started in 597 BC.



Did you know that Henry Thoreau's father, John, had a pencil factory in Concord, MA. In the 1840's it was the most successful one in the US.



Did you know that the word "pluvophile" means "lover of rain". Thank you Mary.

Flowers from the first quarter 2024

March 3 - Placed by Denise Luke in memory of Uncle Richy Crowell

March 17 - Placed by Rev. Bruce & Jeanie dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Dylan and Ian Haapalainen

March 31 - Easter Flowers donated by:

Gary Allen in memory of Greg Martin

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The Bennett Family in memory of Victoria Bennett

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Karen Giar in memory of the Giar Family

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Nathaniel Gustafson in memory of Sharon Wentzell

Debbie LaBreck in memory of loved ones

The Luke family in memory of Henry A. Luke

David & Suzanne Malaguti in memory of Jessica Malaguti

Marlene & Annemarie in memory of our Mother, Henriette

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Susan Meyer in memory of Matthew & Betty Gibbs

Carol and Susie Moore in memory of Allen and Bea Moore

Janet Murley and Audrey in memory of Bill/Jahjoo Mazalewski

Mary Provonche in memory of Andrew Luce

Deb Richters in memory of Smitty and Rev. Edd

Darryl and Deb Richters in memory of Danielle and Samantha

Adam & Joanna Roderiques in memory of Muriel Roderiques

Sandi Santos in honor and memory of loved ones

Dana & Laurie Savery in memory of our parents

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Gail Starkey in memory of Christy Thomas

Al & Jeanne Stone in memory of our parents

Al & Jeanne Stone in memory of loved ones

Cindy, Melissa, and Courtney Talbot in memory of Dorothy Whiting

Roy Zahreciyan & Susan Moore in memory of Milt & Angie Moore

Roy Zahreciyan & Susan Moore in memory of Steve & Esther Zahreciyan

Roy Zahreciyan & Susan Moore in memory of George, Marilyn & Debra Poisson



Birthdays

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

May 1 - Chris Cappoli

May 4 - Bruce Haapalainen

May 6 - Marilyn Ozeius and Kristen Walsh

May 10 - Debbie LaBreck

May 12 - Kathy Freeland

May 19 - David Walsh

May 20 - Eric Montanari

June 2 - Karen Woodhall

*Happy
Anniversary*

May 8 - Jane and Scott Elliott

May 27 - Midge and Roger Concannon



A Life Celebration Home

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 5 10am Church Service 7pm AA | 6 10am Food Pantry 12pm Missions | 7 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA | 8 6pm TOPS 7pm AA | 9 7pm Trustees 7pm AA | 10 7pm AA | 11 9am AA |
| 12 10am Church Service 7pm AA | 13 10am Food Pantry | 14 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA | 15 6pm TOPS 7pm AA | 16 7pm Church Council 7pm AA | 17 7pm AA | 18 9am Plant and Yard Sale 9am AA |
| 19 10am Church Service 7pm AA | 20 10am Food Pantry | 21 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA | 22 6pm TOPS 7pm AA | 23 7pm AA | 24 7pm AA | 25 9am AA |
| 26 10am Church Service 7pm AA | 27 Memorial Day | 28 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA | 29 6pm TOPS 7pm AA | 30 7pm AA | 31 7pm AA |  |