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## The Bell

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### From Pastor Bruce

Spirit of the Living God, help me this day to focus my attention on what really matters. Keep the fragments of this long day together, and as it ends, let me see my life in its parts, my connection in its connections, my life's way in its many ways. When I get confused, clarify me. When I get lost, find me. And when I wonder what meaning all of the pieces have, visit me. Confidently, in the Name of Your Son, who knew the threat of the fragments to the whole, I say Amen. (a prayer by Donna E. Schaper)

The prayer above comes from a devotional booklet edition from a few years back. It is designed to be used as a prayer before the day begins, but I'm sure you can see how it could be used in a number of ways and for lots of occasions. Focusing on the whole and not getting tangled in the fragments is a lot of what modern Christians are challenged to do. Everything is a priority. Many causes are good and needful and worthy. Competition for our time is fierce, often to the level of being vicious. The world is hungry, naked, imprisoned, disenfranchised, lonely, angry, and all-around not too nice. And most of the time that "world" begins very close to home - like waiting at our church doors for food or walking the streets of our neighborhoods or simply sitting at home alone, praying that the doorbell or phone will ring.

In addition to the above adjectives, though, our world is also amazing, caring, joyous, communal, hopeful, challenging, and ultimately, I believe, rewarding. It is not only a matter of perspective. This isn't one of those, "Is the glass half empty or half full?" kind of questions. In truth the glass is both. Also, in truth, it doesn't really matter. For a Christian the debate is quite useless. We are called to get the glass while it still contains life-giving and cleansing water and share it - with someone who is thirsty. I read a book once that described life choices like this:

- + we play to win
- + we play to avoid losing
- + we play to lose
- + we're not sure we want to leave the locker room

If you're at all like me, you can identify with each choice at one time or another in your life. Sometimes the choice du jour is number 4. When we land there it's because the locker room is at least comfortable and known. But none of the real action takes place there. Are we ready to take the risk together of playing to win for Christ? I believe we are!



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

What promises like this to pull us on, dear friends. . .  
let's make our entire lives fit and holy temples for the worship of God.

2Corinthians 7:1



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.



Visit us at [www.secondchurchofplymouth.org](http://www.secondchurchofplymouth.org) . Our goal with the website is to provide our visitors an easier way to learn about Second Church of Plymouth and what the church offers. The website contains our social media buttons for Facebook and YouTube. We are constantly updating our content with updated information on church events and announcements.



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

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.



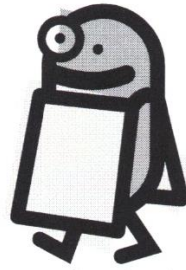
Birthdays

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

July 9 - Amanda Dyer  
July 11 - Merin English  
July 18 - Pam Renaud  
July 20 - Alan Williamson  
July 26 - Doug Montanari

Happy  
Anniversary

July 11 - Dale & Rosemary Irving  
August 4 - Bill & Sherri Dyer



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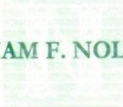
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 10am Church Service 7pm AA	3 10am Food Pantry	4 Independence Day 7pm AA	5 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	6 7pm AA	7 7pm AA	8 9am AA
9 10am Church Service 7pm AA	10 10am Food Pantry	11 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	12 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	13 7pm Trustees 7pm AA	14 7pm AA	15 9am AA
16 10am Church Service 7pm AA	17 10am Food Pantry	18 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	19 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	20 7pm AA	21 7pm AA	22 9am AA
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