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From Pastor Bruce

Logic

What good is it if someone gains the whole world but loses their soul? Mark 8:36

The Japanese eat extraordinarily little fat and have fewer heart attacks than the Brits or Americans.

The French eat a lot of fat and have fewer heart attacks than the Brits or Americans.

The Japanese drink little red wine and have fewer heart attacks than the Brits or Americans.

Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and have fewer heart attacks than the Brits or Americans.

Germans drink lots of beer, eat many sausages and consume many fats. They have fewer heart attacks than Brits or Americans.

What does this all mean? I say, you can eat and drink whatever you want, but to avoid a heart attack, learn another language. Speaking English could kill you!

Or, if you agree that God is love, do you agree that love is blind? Then, doesn't it make perfect sense that Stevie Wonder is God?

Logic is a tricky thing.

When Native Americans kill a deer in the hunt, before doing anything to the carcass they say a prayer. The native prayer will say something about gratitude for the gift of food and the

abundant providence of the earth. It will also include a prayer for and even to the deer. The language expresses the idea that the deer is more powerful and important than they. Some tribes will even prop the deer head in the crotch of a tree so the animal can see the sunrise and sunset. Once I had the chance to talk to a native about the prayer and asked why deer were thought to be superior to humans. His wry smile led him to the explanation that we need the deer to survive. If the deer ceased to exist so we would we, he said. The deer on the other hand, has no particular need for us. Should we seek to exist, they would be just fine.

A University professor once said that irreverence toward dead creatures is quite common among people who are anxious about their own mortality. While alive, a bird eats ants. When it dies, the ants eat it. If you cut down one tree, you can make it into a million matches. One match can burn a million trees. The wind blows, life changes sometimes more quickly than we realize. What is powerful today will eventually become the progenitor of possibility for what is to come.

In the logic of Jesus, the paradoxes are quite striking - even counter-intuitive. More than just paradigms when we look at what Jesus did and listen to what he said.

The right labor ultimately gives the most rest.

To receive the most, it's best to give.

The truest freedom comes through submission to the way of God.

To find your life, be willing to lose it.

The best way to walk the path is by faith, not sight.

To move to the front of the line, step to the rear.

*Be nice to people on your way up because
you'll meet them on your way down.*

Jimmy Durante



The Food Pantry is open!

Mondays 10am-12pm

Last month, the Missions Committee made a \$100 donation to
Least of these Ministries in Africa.

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.

Gratitude and Well Wishes for Bill and Sherri Dyer!

We would like to thank Bill and Sherri Dyer for their unwavering support of Second Church over the years, including keeping the church open and active during the pandemic. Setting up a home studio and broadcasting from it each Sunday provided a strong sense of community and allowed us to continue to worship and do God's work during a challenging time when many were left feeling isolated. When we were finally able to meet in person, Bill and Sherri helped implement resources in the church to help continue to bring our wonderful Second Church service to folks through a live, streaming broadcast on Sunday mornings.

Bill and Sherri's contributions to Second Church are countless, always focused on doing God's work. Simply put: It was their calling. Sometimes their involvement was evident and other times it was behind-the-scenes. Bill served on Trustees, Deacons, and as Moderator and Search Committee Chair. Every Sunday, he was on the drums (and previously on guitar and bass) with the Praise Band. He also set up audio for the sound system in the Sanctuary. Each week, Sherri designed visuals to display announcements, song lyrics, scripture and more for broadcast in the Sanctuary for Sunday worship and the live broadcast that she ran from the technical booth. Sherri managed the church's social media and Spotify accounts, many Christmas Fair gift basket raffles, and served as Sunday School Superintendent back in the day!

Bill and Sherri would love to stay in touch: Feel free to email at sdyer40@comcast.net

They will be missed by many, and we wish them well.

-Submitted by Kristen and David Walsh



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

Surrender your life to God, and prepare for amazing things to happen!

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.



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!

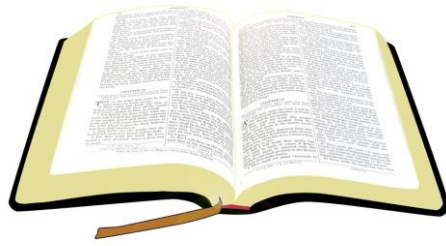
If you have any problem getting set up, please feel free to contact the office.



Visit us at www.secondchurchofplymouth.org . 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.

Did you know - or ever think about?

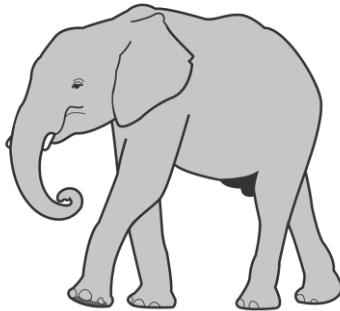
Submitted by Ruthanne Gellar



Do you know that after Judas hanged himself and only 11 disciples were left,
Mathias was chosen to be the 12th.
No mention of him was made in the Bible again.
Thanks to Pastor Bruce for this info.



Do you know that Quebec is the largest provider of blueberries?



Here is a recipe for elephant stew that I think you do not know:

1 medium elephant
brown gravy to cover
salt and pepper
2 rabbits (opt.)

Cut elephant into bite sized pieces (this should take about 2 months)

Add gravy and cook about 4 weeks at 465 degrees.

It will serve 3,800 people. If more are expected, 2 rabbits may be added. (only do this if necessary since most people don't like to find hare in their stew).



Birthdays

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

April 3 - Matthew Walsh

April 12 - Eric Ozelius

April 14 - Nancy Carini and Linda Emo

April 23 - Samantha Beaton

April 26 - Ruthanne Gellar

May 1 - Chris Cappoli

May 4 - Bruce Haapalainen

May 6 - Marilyn Ozeius and Kristen Walsh

Happy
Anniversary

April 20 - Doug & Susan Montanari

April 21 - Scott & Janette Johnson

Church is Fun

Word Search



Word list:

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|--------------|------------|-----------|
| BELIEF | FRIENDSHIP | JOY |
| BLESSINGS | GIVING | LOVE |
| CHRIST | GOD | MERCY |
| CHURCH | GRACE | OBEDIENCE |
| COMPASSION | GUIDANCE | PATIENCE |
| COURAGE | HEALING | PEACE |
| ETERNAL | HEAVEN | SALVATION |
| FAITH | HOLY | SPIRIT |
| FAITHFULNESS | HOPE | TRUTH |
| FORGIVENESS | JESUS | WISDOM |





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 	2 10am Food Pantry 12pm Missions	3 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	4 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	5 7pm AA	6 7pm AA	9am AA
7 10am Church Service 7pm AA	8 10am Food Pantry	9 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	10 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	11 7pm Trustees 7pm AA	12 7pm AA	13 9am AA
14 10am Church Service 7pm AA	15 10am Food Pantry	16 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	17 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	18 7pm AA	19 7pm AA	20 9am AA
21 10am Church Service 7pm AA	22 10am Food Pantry	23 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	24 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	25 7pm AA	26 7pm AA	27 9am AA
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