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Easter, Then What?

Pastor Bruce

At the end of the movie Love and Death, Woody Allen faces the audience as a man who is going to be executed, even though he is innocent. He waits for the promised circumstances to occur so he can be saved. Finally, when no one comes to get him out of trouble, he looks into the camera and says, "The important thing, I think, is not to be bitter. If it turns out there is a God, I don't think that He's evil. The worst you can say about Him is that basically - He's an underachiever." It sounds like Woody Allen. It sounds blasphemous. It sounds like--well, like what a lot of us think sometimes but don't have the honesty to say. After all, if God was really, as my kids used to say, "All that," why wouldn't he just take suffering and death away? "Because," says Allen, "he's an underachiever." I say, instead of taking away suffering, God suffers with us. Instead of waving a heavenly hand and eliminating death, God experiences it, so that we needn't fear it anymore.

As you read this, Easter will be either right around the corner or just past. Back in the days when our family was young, Easter was always a wild ride. Easter Baskets and Church all wedged into one short morning made for interesting times. There's one particular Easter Sunday, from those days, that stands out in my memory. On this particular holiday, before 9 a.m., son 3 managed to spill a full cup of coffee on my office carpet and sons 1 & 2 had gotten into three major altercations. In addition, the dog had eaten the fake grass out of the Easter baskets and I came to within a whisker of falling on a patch of ice breaking my, my - the body part I always fall on and no one in the family will massage when it hurts. Most of the above things passed quickly enough (except for the Easter grass which kept coming back to haunt us for days), but they did happen. Ordinarily, that would have thrown me into a spin, one from which I might not have been able to recover.

I don't know what changed me, but it might have been the advice of a little old couple I used to visit when I lived in Colorado. On their 72nd wedding anniversary I asked what advice they

would give to young couples starting out. Neither had much to offer me. I then asked the man what he had expected to happen after he got married. He answered quite quickly that he really hadn't expected much of anything. And then, before I could kid him for such a comment he went on to say, "So in all these years I've never been disappointed."

MACCC Women's Retreat

April 29, 2023

**Congregational Church of Canton
541 Washington Street, Canton, MA
781-828-2131**

Gathering: 9:30am

Worship: 10am

Keynote Speaker: 11am Trish Kendall

Luncheon: 12:45pm

Sharing, small group discussions

Closing: 2:30pm

If you are interested in helping with the retreat, please contact Rev. Deidre Scott at cedirector@cc-cantonma.org. We will plan to get together this fall. Looking forward to seeing you all there.



Easter Flowers

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From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

"When you feel alone, God promises He will be your father, mother, sister, and brother."



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.



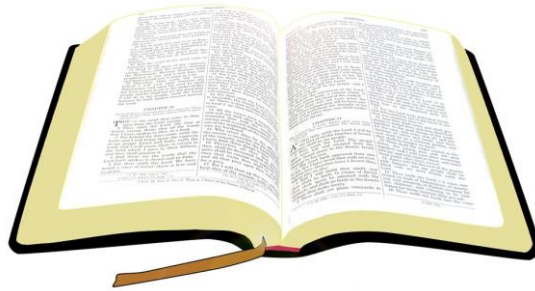
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The Food Pantry is open!
Mondays 10am-12pm.

Did you know - or ever think about?

Submitted by Ruthanne Gellar



Did you know there is another name for the Sermon on the Mount?
According to a commentary in my Bible (Quest Study Bible),
it is called "Constitution for Citizens of God's Kingdom"



Did you know that the inventor of dynamite (Alfred Nobel)
was also the founder of the Nobel Peace Prize?



Did you know that in Finland there is a wife carrying contest once a year?
The prize? 5 times the weight of the wife . . . in beer!

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.



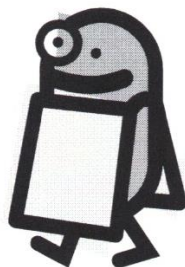
Birthdays

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

April 3 - Matthew Walsh
April 12 - Erik Ozelius
April 14 - Nancy Carini & Linda Emo
April 16 - Robin Hesson
April 23 - Samantha Beaton
April 26 - Ruthanne Gellar
May 1 - Christopher Cappoli
May 6 - Marilyn Ozelius & Kristen Walsh

*Happy
Anniversary*

April 20 - Doug & Susan Montanari
April 21 - Scott & Janette Johnson



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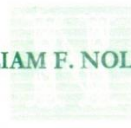


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Palm Sunday 10am Church Service 7pm AA	3 10am Food Pantry	4 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	5 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	6 Maundy Thursday 7pm Church Service 7pm AA	7 7pm AA	8 9am AA
9 Easter 6:05am Sunrise Service 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 11am Congregational Meeting 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
23 10am Church Service 7pm AA	24 10am Food Pantry	25 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	26	27	28	29 
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