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From Pastor Bruce

The Mustang Carburetor

Who am I to God?

What is life's meaning and my purpose?

How does God work in my life?

How does God want to work through my life?

I once was on a staff with a woman who worked ridiculously long hours. She didn't get more done than anyone else. During one of her reviews, I suggested that what she needed was not to work longer or harder but that she should consider thinking of working smarter and with more focus. The look on her face told me that she not only didn't know what I was talking about, she also had no intention of finding out. During the pandemic and its increased reflection, there was a lot more wondering and prayer. What should and can I do and how can I do so with more focus? If nothing else, those past days, week, months at home made us all consider what are essential tasks and services in our own lives. I finally did it, when I heard my wife say, "After being together during COVID, I'm not afraid of your retirement." Whew!

Even when older in life, I think we are still working on some version of the questions - "What do I want to be when I grow up? Working on that answer involves some version of the Discovery, Development and Deployment. Here is one way that can go:

Discovery - Who did God make me to be? What things in other people draw me to them? Could those be traits I admire because deep down inside I have them too?

Development - What can I do to enhance those gifts? What education and experiences do I need to help me maximize who I am and what I can become?

Deployment - To put them to use in my life and to benefit the lives of others, what are the answers to the Who/What/When/Where/Why?

Pope John the XXII said, "I believe that, when I stand before God, God will simply ask me 'How did you use the gift of life I gave you?'" It's a good question. It is nothing more than the spiritual version of "What do I want to be when I grow up?"

I read a story about the one-millionth Ford Mustang carburetor. When it came off the line it had a sparkling shine and a special patina glaze. It didn't end up inside a Mustang because it was scooped up for display in a Ford vice-president's office. After three years that vice-president left. The new vice president stuck the carburetor in a closet. For five years. When the office was being redecorated, the carburetor was removed from the closet and sent to basement storage. Ten years later, when the basement was cleaned, it went to a junkyard. After another five years, a man restoring his Mustang, located the carburetor. He installed it in his restored car and started her up. Under the car's hood it was hot and noisy, full of flames and mini explosions with oil and grease, dirt and racket. The carburetor loved it! Finally, it was complete. It was doing what it was made to do. The point? What we might consider a burden is a joy for others. And vice versa.

God, help us to discover the loving seeds of possibility within each of us. The seeds are planted, now may we turn to you for the water and sunshine you can also provide. Help us to grow and to glow and show your love wherever we may be. Amen.

*This is how God has made me, so that is what God is calling me to.
And that has never led me wrong. When I've reached a fork in the road
and wanted to know what I should do, follow your gifts has been my answer.
And the Lord has always seemed to lead the way.
Anonymous*



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

The abundant life God promises is available to you now - right this very minute!



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.

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.



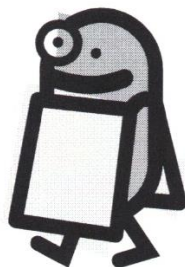
Birthdays

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

June 2 - Karen Woodhall
June 12 - Joal Sisman
June 16 - Gary Allen
June 17 - Timothy Bennett
June 18 - Robert Bennett
June 27 - Joey Bishop

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June 16 - Dana & Laurie Savery



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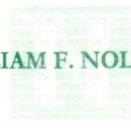


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4 10am Church Service 2pm Bruce's Installation 7pm AA	5 10am Food Pantry	6 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	7 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	8 7pm Trustees 7pm AA	9 7pm AA	10 9am AA
11 10am Church Service 11am Congregational Meeting 7pm AA Church Secretaries Conference	12 Church Secretaries Conference 10am Food Pantry	13 Church Secretaries Conference 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	14 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	15 7pm AA	16 7pm AA	17 9am AA
18 10am Church Service 7pm AA	19 10am Food Pantry	20 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	21 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	22 7pm AA	23 7pm AA	24 9am AA
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