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KINDNESS & GENEROSITY

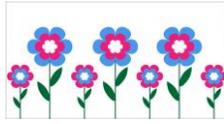
By Rev. Bruce

When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. Titus 3: 4-5a NLT

There are many ways to measure health and success. Over the years many "yardsticks" have come and gone. If you had asked me what made for a healthy church when I first entered ministry I would have said discipleship and a sense of community. Then, as I matured I might have said spiritual growth and transformation. Now, if I only had two traits to give a church, I know what they would be: Kindness and Generosity. I wasn't surprised to learn, a few years back, that what was evident in every loving and satisfying marriage was the presence of . . . Kindness and Generosity. The following are some of the ideas from psychologists Julie and John Gottman's study of marriages:

- + One question to answer is what people bring to the relationship. Is it kindness and generosity; or contempt, criticism and hostility?
- + Research shows that being there for each other when things go right is actually more important for a quality relationship [than being there when the going is rough.]
- + In relationships there are really only two categories: masters and disasters.
- + When someone tries to do the right thing, even if it's poorly executed, appreciate the intent.
- + There are 2 ways to think about kindness. Is it a fixed trait that you either have or you don't, or is it a kind of muscle that grows stronger every time you exercise it?

I believe that even though these ideas were first circulated in the arena of marriages, they are important for all relationships - especially in the church! Practicing kindness leads to acts of generosity which inspire more kindness. If kindness is part of a church's DNA, the backbone of the Body of Christ will be incredibly healthy. We do kindness and generosity well at Second Church, but the more we exercise it - the stronger it will be. In 2023 I'm challenging myself to increase my capacity for kindness along the journey toward generosity. Join me!



Altar Flowers

If you would like to have flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of someone (or something), please contact the office.



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

"Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently."

- Henry Ford -



From the Collector

Amount Pledged for 2023: \$84,408

Total Collected as of 1/31/23: \$8,409

Total Expected as of 1/31/23:\$7,034



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.



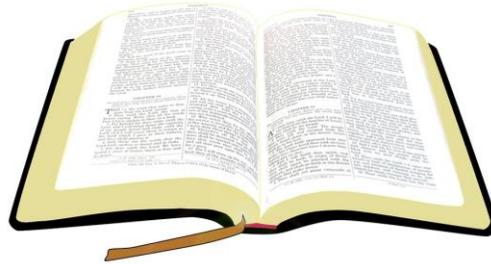
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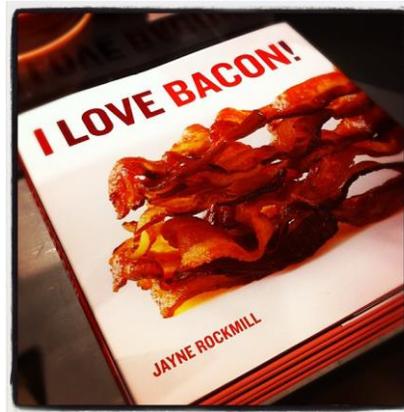
The Food Pantry is open!
Mondays 10am-12pm.

Did you know - or ever think about?

Submitted by Ruthanne Gellar



Do you know what the "Great Commission" is?
It was given to the disciples by Jesus on the day he ascended back to heaven.
Read Matthew 28:18-20



Did you know that in 2015, competitive eater Matt Stonie ate 182 slices of bacon in five minutes claiming him the world record.



Do you know that the flavonoids in green and black tea support your immune system.
Make tea time part of your day.

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.

February 1 - Max Beaton
February 9 - Laurie Savery
February 15 - Bill Dyer and Sandi Santos
February 20 - Adam Montanari
February 23 - Roger Concannon
February 24 - Amber Pearson
February 25 - Lynda Whyte
February 26 - Dorothy Williamson
February 28 - Rosemary Irving
March 2 - Erin Cappoli
March 5 - Charlotte Luke

*Happy
Anniversary*

February 14 - Peter & Pam Renaud
February 27 - Bill & Barbara Bartlett



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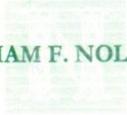



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February 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 10am Church Service 7pm AA	6 10am Food Pantry	7 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	8 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	9 7pm AA	10 7pm AA	11 9am AA
12 10am Church Service 11::30am Annual Mtg 7pm AA	13 10am Food Pantry	14 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA 	15 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	16 7pm AA	17 7pm AA	18 9am AA
19 10am Church Service 7pm AA	20 Presidents' Day	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 10am Food Pantry	28 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA				

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