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"My Liege"

If you can't do great things, Mother Teresa used to say, do little things with great love.

If you can't do them with great love, do them with a little love.

If you can't do them with a little love, do them anyway.

Love grows when people serve.

— John Ortberg

The first time I tasted death, I was a little boy. Everyone I trusted told me that my Grandfather was dead. I believed them begrudgingly, especially since I had visited him often, watching him wither and fail. On the day of his funeral, I remember going to their house because my Grandma was hosting a family breakfast. As I walked in, there was my Grandpa! He was alive and sitting at the kitchen table. I knew it! He didn't die! "Grampa," I called out as I ran to him and threw my arms around him. But he didn't smell right. His cologne was all wrong. I had never met Uncle Hike, my grandfather's brother. People who knew them both couldn't help but see one and think of the other. For years, when I was back in my hometown, people commented on how much I reminded them of my Grandpa Jackson. Every time that happened, it made my heart glad.

When using words today, we don't often consider their etymology. For example: LIEGE - Have you ever seen an old movie or read a historical piece where someone calls a lord, "My Liege"? According to Dictionary.com a liege is "a feudal lord entitled to a subject's allegiance and service." An allegiance is "a duty of fidelity said to be owed, or freely committed, by the people, as in subjects of a superior." Allegiance, in fact, comes from liege. While I don't ask the question every day, my actions constantly reveal who my liege is - the one who has my allegiance, the one whom I serve.

RELIGION - It comes from the Latin "ligare," which has the same root as "ligament." Re-ligio, then, means to re-bind or bind again. Also revealed by one's actions, religion can either be that which re-binds people with connections of affection and shared service OR be what binds and gags. I am very aware that what you and I do enacts one definition . . . or the other.

I have read that somewhere near the Alamo in San Antonio, there's a painting with a plaque under it that reads, "A memorial to James Butler Bonham—no picture of him exists." The plaque goes on to say, "This portrait is of his nephew, Major James Bonham, deceased, who greatly resembled his uncle. It is placed here by the family so that people may know the appearance of the man who died for freedom."

No portrait of Jesus or picture of God exists either. The best likeness of the God we worship is seen in the lives of His followers. When the 1st century followers of Jesus were called Christians - little Christs - it wasn't always meant as a compliment. But the early church saw it as the perfect way to name their Liege and therefore identify their allegiance. It still is.

The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. Acts 11:26

Plant/Bake/Yard Sales & Vendor Fair

Saturday, May 20th 9am-2pm

There is still time to sign up to help!

Donate - Plants, baked goods, yard sale items

Help - set up (Friday; Saturday 7:30am), during sale (any time appreciated!), after sale clean up (2pm)

Cashier

Raffle baskets



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

Pray with a thankful heart - and hold your arms wide to accept the gift of God's peace.



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.



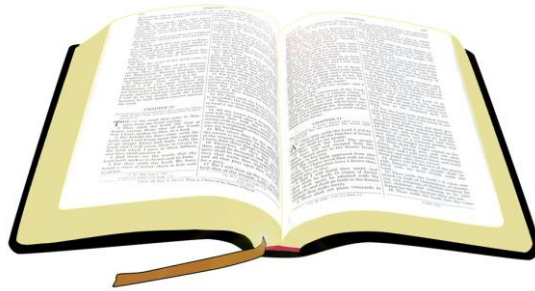
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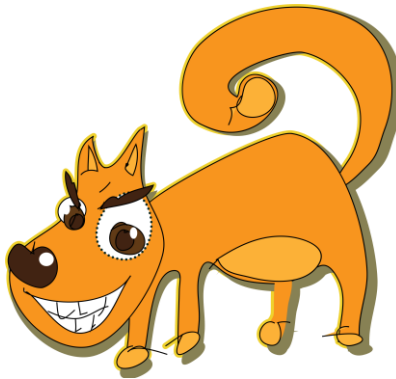
The Food Pantry is open!
Mondays 10am-12pm.

Did you know - or ever think about?

Submitted by Ruthanne Gellar



Did you know that, according to author Max Lucado, Jesus' name was mentioned almost 600 times in the *Gospels*?



Did you know (or do you want to know) that a dog has 42 teeth?



Did you know that A&W Restaurants served the first bacon cheeseburger?
It was added to the menu in 1963.

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.



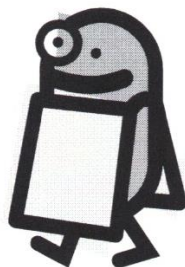
Birthdays

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

May 1 - Christopher Cappoli
May 6 - Marilyn Ozelius & Kristen Walsh
May 10 - Debbie LaBreck
May 12 - Kathy Freeland
May 19 - David Walsh
May 20 - Eric Montanari
June 2 - Karen Woodhall

*Happy
Anniversary*

May 8 - Scott & Jane Elliott
May 27 - Roger & Midge Concannon - 45 years!



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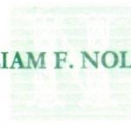
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	6pm TOPS 7pm AA	7pm AA	7pm AA	7pm AA	9am AA
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am Church Service 7pm AA	10am Food Pantry	6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	6pm TOPS 7pm AA	7pm Trustees 7pm AA	7pm AA	9am AA
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day 10am Church Service 7pm AA	10am Food Pantry	6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	6pm TOPS 7pm AA	7pm AA	7pm AA	9am Plant/Bake/Yard Sale 9am AA
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am Church Service 7pm AA	10am Food Pantry	6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	6pm TOPS 7pm AA	7pm Church Council 7pm AA	7pm AA	9am AA
28	29	30	31			
10am Church Service 7pm AA	Memorial Day	6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	6pm TOPS 7pm AA			

