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From Pastor Bruce

Stewardship's not about money - right?

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How would you answer the question at the top of this page? Is stewardship about money - or not? The answer is YES and NO. Stewardship, the allocating of our resources to do God's work in God's world, is not about money. It is about attitudes and opportunities. It is about living a lifestyle of awe and gratitude. On the one hand, it is not about money. But on the other hand, it is about money. It is about utilizing our cash, our treasure, for the purposes of reaching out and reaching in. The things in which we invest show something about what we truly love and worship.

What we ask of you this year is to support our ministry and mission::

**Thoughtfully** - Giving to God as God does to me. As surprising as it continues to be to me, God gives to me and my life treating me as his first and foremost priority. That always brings me up short because I don't deserve it. (Think Grace!) And it is mind boggling to think that as highly as God regards and loves me, He does that for you too! That's what I call REALLY Amazing Grace.

**Proportionally** - Once, as the story goes, a Five Dollar bill was having a conversation with a 20 Dollar Bill. The 20 went on and on about how her went to the movies and some pretty good restaurants and, together with other 20s, bought only the finest of everything. "Wow," said the 5. "The only place I go to occasionally is to church." "What's a church?" the 20 asked. Giving what I can helps me grow in my spiritual maturity and enhances my sense of sharing God's Kingdom.

**Joyfully** - I'm so blessed, and with such abundance, how can I not give knowing that? "I know that God loves a cheerful giver." Over the year I have also become convinced that the number of people taking part is much, much more important than each one's individual number of support.

Going out in the mail soon will be a giving card for you to use to tell us about your intention to support 2<sup>nd</sup> Church in 2024. (Can that be possible - 2024!?) As we close in on our 285<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we have chosen the theme - **Faith From Yesterday Into Today For Tomorrow.**

You - Me - We are all called to reflect God's love. In response to Jesus' love, let's shine as a reflection of God's Glorious light! Then the light will continue to show our **Faith From Yesterday Into Today For Tomorrow!!!**

Rev. Bruce

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**December 2, 2023**

The Christmas is fast approaching!! We are asking for volunteers to help us with the Christmas Fair and the Gift Basket Raffle and we would be delighted to have you join us!!

- The gift basket raffle needs 2-3 people to collect items, assemble the baskets and make the raffle tickets. Anyone who wishes to help out with the raffle, there is an easy step by step guide available on how to organize the raffle (please ask Sherri Dyer for a copy). There are also copies of the raffle tickets, brochures and a donation request letter that has been used the last several years that can be used this year.
- If you have gently used or new items you can donate to the Regifting room, you can leave them in the Sunday School room downstairs. It would be very helpful if you can price the items ahead of time!
- We will also have the annual Christmas Wreath decorating!

Please keep an eye out for the sign-up sheets that will be located in the sanctuary!

Please see Laurie Savery or Sandra Locke for more information.

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## Christmas Fair Re-Gifting Table

Have you received gifts that you can't use?  
Do you have new or gently used items at home that you want to part with?  
If so, please donate those items to the Re-Gifting Table!

Items can be dropped off and left in the Sunday School room downstairs.

- *Please make sure items are in good condition*
  - *Please price your items if possible*

Thank you!



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

When you can't . . . remember, God can!



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!

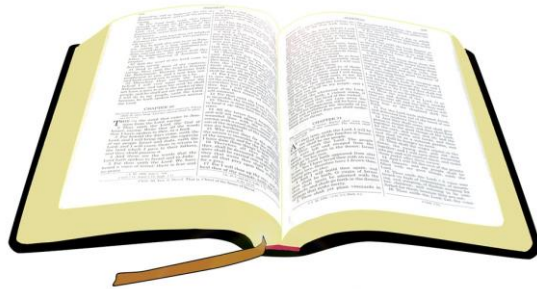
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## Did you know - or ever think about?

Submitted by Ruthanne Gellar



Athaliah was the only woman to ever rule over Judah.  
She " was the extreme in wickedness" and "evil ran in her veins. "  
Read II Chronicles 22: 2, 10, 11, 12. 23: 12 , 13, 21. 24: 47.



Do you know that Col. Sanders uses 11 herbs and spices in his batter?



Do you know that Dana Savery spends many hours  
doing carpentry and electricity repairs in our church?  
Next time you see him, say thanks.



### Birthdays

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

October 18 - Pauline Paton

October 20 - Bill Bartlett

October 21 - Steve Gellar

October 25 - Margaret Montanari

October 31 - Janet Murley - Happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday!

*Happy  
Anniversary*

October 8 - Ted & Marilyn Ozelius - 35 years!

October 9 - Jim & Linda Emo - 30 years!

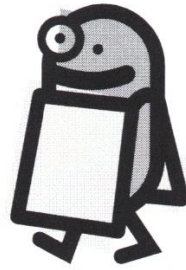
October 11 - Michael & Denise Frazier

October 16 - Roy & Susan (Moore) Zahreciyan

November 7 - David & Kristen Walsh - 25 years!



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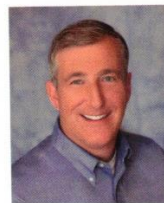
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10am Church Service 7pm AA	2 10am Food Pantry 12pm Missions	3 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	4 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	5 7pm AA	6 7pm AA	7 9am AA
8 10am Church Service 7pm AA	9 10am Food Pantry	10 6pm Band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