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**Spiritual Distancing
Pastor Bruce**

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise.

— Saint Patrick

We have just come through times when it was not only strongly suggested but necessary to practice social distancing. When those times occur (like during a pandemic) I believe they are moments to celebrate that God never practices Spiritual Distancing. In times of stress or hurt, suffering or sorrow, it's tempting to ask, "Where is God in all of this?" I say, go ahead and ask, then look around. God is right beside you, behind you, in front of you, holding you up. When we read about God's covenants in the Old Testament, God promises 2 things. The first is that God will ALWAYS be our God and we should always strive to act like God's people. The second is that God will never leave us. God doesn't promise we will never suffer or stumble. God doesn't commit to providing us with financial prosperity or popularity. God promises to be with us:

"Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God . . . Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

(Isaiah 43, selected verses)

Times of stress or uncertainty? He's there. Pandemic? Yup, there. The total feeling that life's too much and our own strength not nearly enough? Still there! Jesus is Emmanuel, which translates, "God WITH us." God is with us to celebrate. God stands beside us to listen and to wipe away our tears. God promises the profound power of presence. Through the death of two of our sons, the sorrow and hurt far surpassed numbing and debilitating. Yet I never doubted God was with me. God lost his son too. I don't want that to seem sappy or maudlin, but it's one more way I've experienced God to be with me.

This Lent, may we open our eyes, ears, hearts and spirits. If we do, we'll find Him before, behind, beneath and above us. God **never** practices Spiritual Distancing. Christ is with us when we lie down and when we arise. And in every second in between!

Help me to seek you, Lord. I know I can find you.

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.



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

"God is always awake and ready to hear your prayers"



From the Collector

Amount Pledged for 2023: \$84,408

Total Collected as of 2/28/23: \$14,150

Total Expected as of 2/28/23: \$14,068



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.



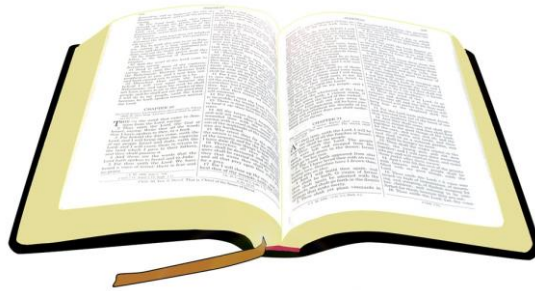
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The Food Pantry is open!
Mondays 10am-12pm.

Did you know - or ever think about?

Submitted by Ruthanne Gellar



Read Matthew 4:12-17



Did you know that Mr. Potato Head was the first toy to be advertised on TV?
At that time the cost was 98 cents.



Did you know that the very last Howard Johnson (HO JO's) closed in New York in 2022?

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.



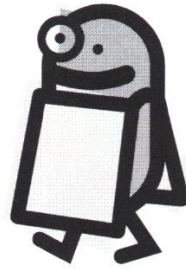
Birthdays

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

March 2 - Erin Cappoli
March 5 - Charlotte Luke
March 9 - Ted Ozelius
March 11 - Jim Emo
March 16 - Denise Luke
March 25 - Violet Luke
April 3 - Matthew Walsh

Happy
Anniversary

If you have an anniversary in March, please contact the office!



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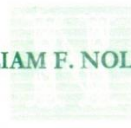
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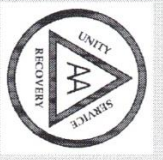
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 6pm TOPS 7pm AA | 2 7pm AA | 3 7pm AA | 4 9am AA |
| 5 10am Church Service 7pm AA | 6 10am Food Pantry | 7 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA | 8 6pm TOPS 7pm AA | 9 7pm AA | 10 7pm AA | 11 9am AA |
| 12 10am Church Service 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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