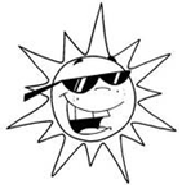


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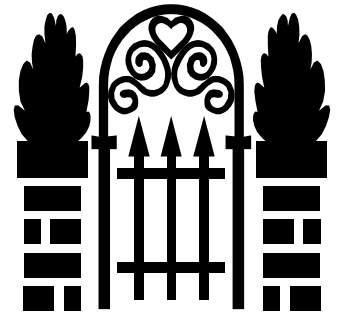


Let it Shine Stewardship: It All Belongs to God

A woman once asked why she kept her children in church. Her response: “Because the church makes my home better, my community better, our nation better and my job easier.”

I was reminded of these words while reading a sermon by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., entitled “The Things That Are God’s”, delivered at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church on 27 October, 1957. In this sermon, Dr. King had this to say about Stewardship and the church:

“The church has a just claim on your active, practical, and financial support, if for no other reason than that your home is better, your community is better, our nation is better, because of the church. With all of its faults—and it certainly has them—the church is the strongest ally in our struggle to discover life at its best. Some of you will say that you support many charities and causes outside the church and I have nothing but the highest of praise for these chari-



ties which are doing so much to alleviate human suffering and which I too, support. But we who are members of the church of Jesus Christ are the lighthouse of the world. We are responsible for one task above all others—to keep the light of the

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9am Church Service on Sunday April 3rd!

Due to the half-marathon being run in Newmarket on Sunday, April 3rd, church service on that day will be at 9am. See you then!

Let it Shine

Stewardship: It All Belongs to God cont. . .

gospel burning bright all, all else must be secondary; and no amount of spending or righteous philanthropy will excuse us from the faithful fulfillment of that task.”

Our Stewardship and responsibility to the Church of Jesus Christ have not changed or diminished since Dr. King preached this sermon over 50 years ago. Yes, the church is often at the center of the tough issues of our time but that's where the church belongs.

In a world challenged by human rights violations, an ever increasing gap between developed and developing countries' the crisis of the environment, religious and ethnic conflicts, war, terrorism, and worldwide poverty, the truth is our stewardship and responsibility to the church are even greater today than ever before. Martin's words—"With all of its faults—



and it certainly has them—the church is the strongest ally in our struggle to discover life at its best.” - are as true today as they were over 50 years ago; the church is still the best way to transform people and lives.

That's one of the reasons we come to church, because we believe that the church makes us better. We also know, deep down inside, that anything that can make us, our community and our world better, deserves our full and wholehearted support, and just as important, deserves the best we can give of our financial resources. We should give because

we have, and we have because we give, and therefore we are never without.

Matthew 6:21 reminds us that, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” It cannot be otherwise. Our

Stewardship must reflect our hearts and therefore our giving. If we believe with all our heart, mind and soul that God has called each and every one of us to expect to bring reconciliation, seek justice and liberation for all of God's children, then our Stewardship must reflect our hearts and therefore our giving. After all, it all belongs to God.

Reflection:

- ☆ Who taught you about stewardship?
- ☆ Why do you go to church? What do you find there that you do not find anywhere else?
- ☆ How do you keep the light of the gospel burning bright?

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Josh

Heartbeats

Happy Spring - at least that is what the Calendar is telling us. I hope that everyone is excited to have Spring finally arrive; yes I know that they are saying more snow in the forecast.....but hey at least it won't hang around forever! With Spring follows Summer and before we know it the Church's Annual Meeting.....its not too early to be thinking of that. Just a reminder that the Trus-



tees would like everyone's budgets before their next Trustees Meeting which is April 28th. This will give them time to put the budget together for the Annual Meeting. We also will need all of the Committees to put together their Annual Reports - I always love reading these; so we can see where we have come from - so

we can know where we are going. Please have the reports to Pam for May 1st. This will allow her plenty of time to put together the Annual Report of the Church. I want to take this time to thank everyone for the use of their time, talents, and gifts! We are truly a blessed church. God Bless you all,

In His Service

Jacque K Mongeon

Church Moderator.....



Getting to Know You

A new column written by Colin White

We are adding a new column this month, Getting to Know You. Every month, Colin will interview a different person from the congregation and ask them a few questions, allowing us to “Get to know them” a little better. Enjoy!

Full name: Shirley Ann Pratte Gonet Agnes Bill White (yes that is real – ask me I’ll tell you about it!)

Nicknames: Shirl the Girl (given by Robin Orcutt) – Squirrel (give by Colin)

Family: Husband; Colin / Brother; Charlie / Sister; Linda (deceased) / Mother; Theresa / Father; Karol (deceased)

Born where and when: Exeter, NH - September 7th, 1951

Name of your first Pet: Princy (dog)

If a movie were made of your life, what would it be called and who would play you: It’s a Wonderful Life – Vivien Leigh

What is your favorite way to relax: Robin & Ron’s hot tub

What is your greatest fear: very fast moving water & ice on a deep body of water

When it’s the last time you laughed until you cried: yesterday with my brother during a family visit at my mothers’ apartment

What annoys you: people who say one thing, but mean another

Which talent would you most like to have: the ability to sing (so I could sing a duet with my husband)

Give your best scar story: When I had my left knee replaced in 2007. It’s a 9 inch scar top to bottom

What is the last thing you ate: Kielbasa and pirogue

What is your greatest regret: my first marriage

What is your motto: Open your heart and mind. The best may enter in.

Most embarrassing moment: Brooks Drug Store in Presque Isle, Maine

What did you want to be when you grew up: Flight Attendant

Goofiest thing you believed as a child: That life would be simple

Product you would do a commercial for: Jiffy Mix – (best pancakes and biscuits ever) & Bigelow French Vanilla Tea (YUMMY!!)

If you could invite 3 people to dinner who would they be: Pope John Paul II, Ronald Reagan & Bill Clinton

Celebrity/famous person you would most like to meet: Jesus Christ

You can ask God one question (or 2), what is it: Will you take me to heaven? & Why did you put mosquitoes, black flies & ticks on this earth to annoy us?

Guilty Pleasure: Éclair Pie & Strawberry’s and Whipped Cream

What is your most prized possession (not a living thing): My Sleep Number bed and then my recliner

My Favorite’s:

Color: Red & Purple

Food: Steak & Baked Potato

Words:- I love you

Vacation spot: Grand Cayman Islands

Bible verse: John 3:16

Magazine: Better Homes and Gardens

Perfume: None

Album: Touch of Grey

Movie: Gone with The Wind

Book: Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell

Restaurant: Newick’s @ Dover Point

Web site: - any website with recipes.....

Hymn: In the Garden

TV show: NCIS

Toothpaste: Arm & Hammer w/ baking soda

Flower: Red Rose

Holy Humor



A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?" The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.' (This one is my favorite)

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the

world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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There is the story of a pastor

who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

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While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.



April Birthday's

Happy Birthday April babies! —if you don't see your birthday, or know that you have not given your birthday info to the office, contact the church!



Beth Graham 4/4
Mary Burson 4/6

Glenda Joyce 4/8
Jamie Jennings Martin 4/9

Darlene Colvin 4/11
Cece Carpenter 4/21
Samson Tokuno 4/22
Brianna Bonner 4/24
Diane Foley 4/26
Daniel Colvin 4/30

SEACOAST FAMILY PROMISE

Presents

FIRST ANNUAL SPRING SING

Admission: \$5.00**



The Newmarket Community Church Choir will be participating in the Seacoast Family Promise Spring Sing. The money goes to support families in the seacoast, with children, who have become homeless. Please mark your calendars and join us in the First Annual Spring Sing!



Community Choruses, Choirs and A Cappella Groups will sing for your vote in a bid to win the coveted Sparky Award

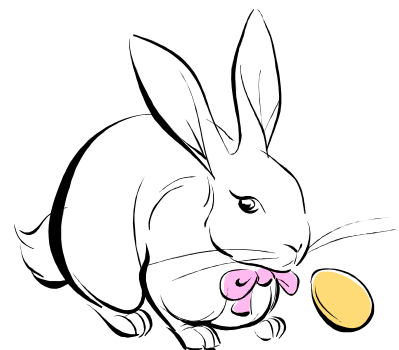
**SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd 2:00pm –
5:00pm**

**WINACUNNET HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM**

Christian Education



Sing to the Lord a new song!
For flowers and bunnies and
birds that sing.
We thank you, Lord,
for everything.
Have a Blessed Easter Season
Sincerely, Christian Ed



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MILITARY PRAYER LIST

The following is a list of addresses for those in our church family and community who are serving in the military.

For addresses please see Pam in the office or the Military bulletin board in the vestry.

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| TSGT Matthew M. Arsenault | Brian Dossett |
| Sergeant Jason Dumas | Specialist Adam Hatch |
| PFC Lance Henderson | SPC Darrel Losh |
| SGT Jody Donovan | Josh Arsenault |
| Jamie Bishop | PVT E-2 Ronald Fortier |
| SPC Darrel Losh | Michael A. Gazda |
| GSGT Anthony Hines, USMC | Tim Small |

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers. Contact the church office to add names. Names will stay on the prayer list for 30 days, unless otherwise specified.

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| <i>Zimbabwe Churches</i> | <i>Vernice Lucas</i> | <i>Dott Nash</i> |
| <i>Colvin Family</i> | <i>Pat Bernier</i> | <i>Betty Harclerode</i> |

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