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From Pastor Bruce

Falling Back

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?

Think not of them, thou hast thy music too,—

While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,

And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;

John Keats

For many years now I've felt like the universe or at least the US Congress owed me some time. What am I going to do about it? Like most other things I feel the government owes me I am doing ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. The reason for the debt involves Daylight Savings Time. It just so happened that I was flying from Denver to Toledo on the day that we were to spring ahead. I took off in Mountain Time and landed in Eastern Standard Time. The next morning, I woke up in Eastern Daylight Savings Time and drove to South Bend, Indiana, where they don't change time. I was robbed. I still feel that a modicum of justice has been served when I get to fall back. Falling back into a deeper, kinder Autumn is something I anticipate with pleasure.

By now the sky is a dark enough purple to herald news that a big change is coming, a promise the "real" cold will soon be deep enough to deliver. All around my house the trees are slowly starting to look like the palette of an Old Dutch Master, awash in rusts and saffron. Some have leaves that have already released in the face of the inevitable, drifting gently to their winter bed. Others stubbornly hang on, resisting with every fiber of their leafy being. Fall is my favorite season, even though I know what comes next. Many of the churches in my hometown are ramping up prayers for the safety of hunters - rabbit, pheasant and especially deer. Every Fall, my son, Ian, always asked for prayers for the deer. Fall reminds us that like the seasons, all things change. Even faith ebbs and flows. Everything earthly is eventually transformed, but the Father of Fall and Master of all equinoxes remains faithful.

Many, many Falls ago I was stricken with SYMS - Smart Young Man Syndrome. In its grip I was brilliant, often petulant and most assuredly right. Now I'm mostly content with dodging the

bombarding snail and email applications for Medicare supplements. I wish I could consult with my younger self, choose one of the thousands of plan options and be done with it. Instead, I'll probably rely on AARP. At least until the next open enrollment. By the way, I have completely recovered from SYMS. If I have a syndrome these days, it has nothing to do with being smart. Or young. Now, as I look at the promising revitalizing and rejuvenating products advertised on TV and my Facebook feed, I wonder: How many casks of that cream would be required to keep me from aging, let alone actually being rejuvenated?

The Psalmist says, "The heavens are telling of the glory of God." Each season does so in its own way. Garrison Keillor describes this season as, "fall, magnificent fall, in all its grandeur, when the maples are blazing with glory, like young romantic poets dying as they are writing their best stuff." In Spring, the leaves, too, had a syndrome: SMYLS - Smart Young Leaf Syndrome. Just a few months ago, with tree sap flowing like a life-giving river, they couldn't imagine anything that could challenge their invincibility. Now with a wind that's colder and more insistent they're ready to be a part of the change rather than resist it. The Dutch Masters of Fall will soon be replaced by Monet's "Magpie." In the parade of seasons, can van Gogh's "Water Lilly" be far behind?

*Well, the leaves have come to turning
And the goose has gone to fly
And bridges are for burning
So don't you let that yearning
Pass you by
James Taylor*



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



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck

Soak in God's promises, and fall deeper into His will for you.

Gift of



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.



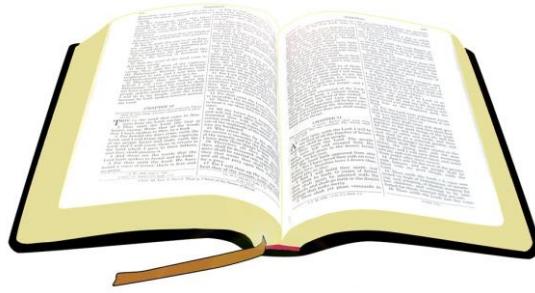
We continue to have church in person and virtually on Sunday's at 10am. Come on in! Or check us out on Facebook via Second Church Virtual Services! If you have been watching, see you on Sunday! You can also watch the services on PACTV. Thursday at 8am and Sunday at 6pm. (Comcast channel 13 or Verizon channel 43)



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Did you know - or ever think about?

Submitted by Ruthanne Gellar



Did you know that Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines? Yet in the book of Proverbs, he warned young men about the evil ways of adultery.



Did you know that in 1922 Barney Oldfield was the first person to reach 60 MPH driving the Indy 500?



Did you know that in 1961 Wisconsin was the first state to require seat belts in cars? However, there was no law mandating them to be worn.



Birthdays

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

October 2 - Kyle Slavik

October 18 - Pauline Paton - 99!!!!

October 20 - Bill Bartlett

October 21 - Steve Gellar

October 25 - Margaret Montanari

October 31 - Janet Murley

*Happy
Anniversary*

October 8 - Ted & Marilyn Ozelius

October 9 - Jim & Linda Emo

October 11 - Michael & Denise Frazier

October 16 - Roy & Susan Zahreciyan

November 7 - David & Kristen Walsh



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	2 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	3 7pm AA	4 7pm AA	5 9am AA
6 10am Church Service 7pm AA	7 10am Food Pantry	8 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	9 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	10 7pm Trustees 7pm AA	11 7pm AA	12 9am AA
13 10am Church Service 11am Congregational Meeting 7pm AA	14 10am Food Pantry	15 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	16 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	17 7pm AA	18 7pm AA	19 9am AA
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