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## The Bell

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From Pastor Bruce

### Top 10

I collect quotes from others. They're often fertile soil for my own thoughts. Over many years I've gathered the ideas of others. It's like laying down a garden with the richest topsoil and the most productive seeds. Here are some from my list for you to reflect on:

"The flower that follows the sun does so even on cloudy days." Calvin Coolidge said, "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent." Persistence, perseverance and positivity may be what the world needs almost as much as love. It's not only about following the sun on cloudy days, it's also about having faith in the sun. Even when it's not shining.

"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself." JFK put it this way, "Not everyone has equal abilities, but everyone should have equal opportunity for education." And not just for education, but for the opportunity and freedom to love, to laugh and to learn.

"No one is perfect until you fall in love with them." Love does change everything. At least, true love does. Dispassionate disinterest can do my world in. From the inside out.

"He who cuts his own wood warms himself twice." This is a Chinese proverb about living a life of action and activity as a prelude to reflection and relaxation. The word praxis has many definitions. For me it's about balancing life's thinking and doing.

"The game of golf consists of a lot of walking, broken up by disappointment and bad arithmetic." Sounds cynical, doesn't it? Golf may not be that experience for you. But we all probably have one. Life is walking (moving forward), occasional disappointment and trying not to add 2 + 2 and getting 3.

"Apology is a good way to have the last word." Last words often are things like, "So there," "What of it," "Oh yeah," or "Or else." More often my last words should be, "I love you," "Thank you," or "You're right."

"EARTH without ART is just EH." And who wants EH, eh? When you think about it, life is a combination of art and science. We need both, because without art, living is just, eh. Is living on earth a 50/50 proposition with regard to art and science or just enough science to see the art of living?

"Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year." This actually doesn't just apply to trees. It is also true that it shouldn't just be seasonal, but daily. "I try to take one day at a time - but sometimes several days attack me at once." The one day, today, I find myself involved with is more than enough to attract my attention, anxiety and angst. Yesterday is quite the lose/lose proposal. There's always a temptation to create a revisionist version of my life. That's far worse than faulty recollection. Then there's the tomorrow conundrum. I can worry about tomorrow all I want, but it never seems to show up. Last, and perhaps best is "Diplomacy is thinking twice before saying nothing." Nothing. As I reflect on this, I've got nothing.

As each one has received a gift,  
use it to serve one another  
as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
1 Peter 4:10

Dear Members and Friends of Second Church:

Each year, in the Fall, we celebrate and focus our attention as a community on our commitment to stewardship. We have been blessed by our Father in heaven with the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ, and the gift of faith through the Holy Spirit. In a grateful response, we share our time, talents and treasure, individually and as the family of Second Church.

On behalf of the Stewardship Team, we thank you for your generous Pledge to the 2024 Stewardship Campaign. We thank you for your service, your gracious support, and your continued willingness to share your time and resources. With commitments like yours, we can go into the new year with faith and confidence that our ministry will continue to make a difference in our community, enabling us to continue our service to God. While we have much to be thankful for, we also have much to do to continue our service as we rejoice in our faith together.

Yours in Christ,  
The Second Church of Plymouth Stewardship Team



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



From your Life Deacon, Deborah LaBreck  
God will always go before you and show you the way.

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.



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)



Visit us at [www.secondchurchofplymouth.org](http://www.secondchurchofplymouth.org) . Our goal with the website is to provide our visitors an easier way to learn about Second Church of Plymouth and what the church offers. The website contains our social media buttons. We are constantly updating our content with updated information on church events and announcements.



## Birthdays

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

January 3 - Dana Savery  
January 7 - Jane Costa-Elliott  
January 8 - Christine Giacamozi  
January 9 - Midge Concannon  
January 24 - Sarah Dempsey and Nikki Montanari  
January 25 - Susan Moore  
January 30 - Matthew Montanari  
February 1 - Max Beaton

Happy  
Anniversary

Evidently, no one chooses to marry in January!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 10am Church Service 7pm AA	6 10am Food Pantry	7 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	8 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	9 7pm Trustees 7pm AA	10 7pm AA	11 9am AA
12 10am Church Service 11am Congregational Meeting 7pm AA	13 10am Food Pantry	14 6pm Band Practice 7pm AA	15 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	16 7pm Church Council 7pm AA	17 7pm AA	18 9am AA
19 10am Church Service 7pm AA	20 10am Food Pantry	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	29 6pm TOPS 7pm AA	30 7pm AA	31 7pm AA	