

## Week of February 4, 2024



**From Woody:** Last week I wrote a bit about some of the people I met while covering the New Hampshire Primary for radio and also magazines. With Black History month underway I wanted to mention two people related to the Primary. Shirley Chisolm was the first black woman elected to Congress. She was elected from New York in 1968 and then ran for President as a Democrat in 1972. She didn't win but was an inspiration to many people. I didn't meet her but I did hear her speak when she came to Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. She was a very impressive candidate.

I did meet and was around Jesse Jackson when he ran in the 1972 primary. As George McGovern's NH Coordinator, I saw Jesse at the debates. He took his Black Church preaching style into his political speeches. It was a very effective technique when he would use his hands at the end of a speech to get the audience on their feet. Then, when everyone was standing he would end the speech and get a standing ovation. He also was a lot of fun behind the scenes. When he went anywhere, he also had a entourage with him, and was loud and funny and very friendly. He was a great friend of George McGovern and often stayed at Eleanor and George's house when he was in Washington. Jesse was one of the closest people in the Civil Rights Movement to Martin Luther King and was right with him on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis when he was shot and killed on April 4, 1968. I have a couple stories of Jesse that are too long for a newsletter but I would be glad to share them with anyone who is interested. He founded a social justice organization in Chicago, The Rainbow Connection which has done great social justice and civil rights work in our country.

Both Congresswoman Shirley Chisolm and Rev. Jesse Jackson are people who did great things and are important figures in Black History. It was a privilege to see both he and Congresswoman Chisolm in person. They are great examples of people who lived their lives to help and inspire others.

### Announcements



**Family Bingo Night** - fun and prizes for all ages! **Saturday, February 10**, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Hot cocoa bar  
salty snacks  
cookies, brownies

\$1 a Bingo card. Come warm up and play Bingo with us!



**Valentine Serenades:** Members of the choir are again offering Valentine Serenades for your valentines. The offering includes 1-2 songs by members of the choir, a box of handmade chocolates by the Trzepacz family, a flower, and a card. This will be offered **February 4-14, 5-8 pm**. Cost is \$35. Reservations can be made by calling or emailing Barbara Woodland 603-487-3643 or [barbarawoodland@comcast.net](mailto:barbarawoodland@comcast.net). This is a fun and wonderful fundraiser for the church. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO ORDER ONE!**



**Artison Candies:** Would you like to purchase these delicious candies? You are in luck. The dark chocolates are filled with salted caramel and the milk chocolates are filled with chocolate ganache. There are 2 sizes of boxes: 6 chocolates for \$12; 8 chocolates for \$16. Heather and Rob Trzepacz, the talented chocolatiers, will be selling them after church on Sunday. If our would like to pre-order candy, you can email Heather and Rob at [rhtrapz@gmail.com](mailto:rhtrapz@gmail.com).



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