

Week of January 28, 2024



From Woody: The 2024 New Hampshire Primary is now in the history books.

As someone who had not lived in New Hampshire until 1980, I really grew to love the Primary. I think it gives folks here a chance to meet the future President of our country, which is a special opportunity. You especially have the special opportunity if you are in the media. I was thrilled to be able to meet Ronald Reagan and Ted Kennedy in 1980,, riding in a car with then Governor Reagan and sitting next to Senator Kennedy on the

Press Bus. I remember well how friendly Governor Reagan was and how much he enjoyed talking about when he was a radio announcer and did Chicago Cubs games on the air. I also remember the look in Ted Kennedy's eyes when I asked if the hatred he encountered from some on the campaign trail bothered him. His words said no but his eyes said yes. One of my other memorable conversations was with John McCain, who had a great sense of humor but also an undeniable love of our country. I was excited to speak with Elizabeth Dole, the first major female candidate in a Primary.....a very intelligent and kind lady. I also enjoyed interviewing her husband, Senator Robert Dole and driving him up to speak to the NH Legislature at the State House. My all-time favorite, of course, was one of Senator Dole's best friends, George McGovern. It was such an honor to work for him and even more of an honor to become his friend. He and Bob Dole were political opposites but great friends of each other and together are responsible for programs that continue to help feed the hungry. I also am honored to have gotten to know Pat Buchanan. He and I didn't agree on much but had great fun on the air talking about the issues of the day.

We have a real opportunity here to meet and speak with people hoping to become President. I hope we can keep that opportunity. As Christians we should be tuned in to a chance to influence decisions of war and peace, justice, race relations and care for the needy. My hope is that NH can keep and take advantage of this opportunity in years to come. It has also been a great honor to have had George McGovern visit and speak at our church.

I will close with a story about a fringe candidate, a man originally from New Hampshire, Lyndon LaRouche. I had a few minutes to chat with him in the studio before we went on the air and we had a very pleasant conversation. When we went on the air I said, "Mr. Larouche, we have been having a very pleasant conversation. I have to ask why so many people think you are crazy." He said, "Probably people think that when I say that Queen Elizabeth is a drug dealer." I said, "Yes, I guess that explains it."

Announcements



Annual Meeting: Will be held after church on **February 4**. This is a time when major decisions are made for the next fiscal year. We encourage everyone to come and bring a dish to share for lunch.



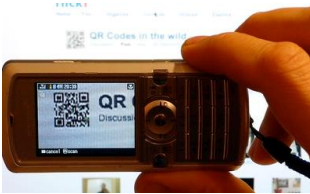
Valentine Serenades: Members of the choir are again offering Valentine Serenades for your valentines. The offering includes 1-2 songs by members of the choir, a box of handmade chocolates by the Trzepacz family, a flower, and a card. This will be offered **February 3-14, 5-8 pm**. Cost is \$35. Reservations can be made by calling or emailing Barbara Woodland 603-487-3643 or barbarawoodland@comcast.net. This is a fun and wonderful fundraiser for the church.



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!



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