

Week of May 28, 2023



From Woody: . . .Here we are at really the beginning of summer and Memorial Day gives us all an opportunity to reflect on the state of our country. This morning I was reading a speech given by our old friend, Sen. George McGovern. George was the son of a Methodist minister and after graduating from college and serving as a Bomber pilot in World War II, attended seminary and served as a minister. He decided to pursue service to God as a politician rather than a pastor and had a wonderful career as a Congressman, head of Food for Peace for President Kennedy, a US Senator from South Dakota, the Democratic Party nominee for President in 1972 and the US Ambassador to the United Nations Food Agency in Rome. He also was a gracious friend to Barbi and me and a friend to our congregation, which he visited on several occasions. This morning I was reading a speech he gave on Religious Faith and Politics. I share a section for your consideration on this Memorial Day, in the midst of a very divided US population:

Some Christians believe that we are condemned to live with man's inhumanity to man-with poverty, war, and injustice-and that we cannot end these evils because they are inevitable. But I have not found that view in the Bible. Changed men and women can change society, and the words of Scripture clearly assign to us the ministry and the mission of change. While we know that the kingdom of God will not come from a politician's platform, we also know that if someone is hungry, we should give them food; if they are thirsty, we should give them drink; if they are strangers, we should take them in; if they are naked, we should clothe them; if they are sick, we should care for them; and if they are in prison we should visit them. "*For inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.*" That is what Scripture says. None of us can be content until all of us are made whole.

These are words to think about as we honor those who gave their lives to protect and defend this fragile democracy which we all cherish.



Graduating Seniors: We will honor our graduating seniors on Sunday, June 11(for a great Commencement Address take 20 minutes and view Tom Hanks Harvard Commencement Address on YouTube)



Jay Marden Funeral: Jay Marden's funeral will be at the church on June 17 at 1 pm.



JOIN US IN SAVING LIVES Through a special program offered by the State of New Hampshire, we have the opportunity to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) at a significantly reduced rate. Having this life saving device in our building will improve the chance of survival for anyone experiencing cardiac arrest. While the purchase of an AED was not included in our budget for this year the Session and Trustees of Expenditures fully support its acquisition. We are asking you, our members and friends, to assist us in purchasing this life saving

device. The total cost is \$2,150 which includes the Philips Model FRx AED, an extra set of adult pads, an extra battery, training pads, a Child/Pediatric programming key, and training for 10 people by a certified instructor. If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of an AED for the church you can do so in the following ways: A check made out to CCNB with AED donation written on the memo line Through our website communitychurchnewboston.org. Click on the donation button, select one time gift, and write AED donation under Comments If you have any questions. please contact Bruce Tostevin or Lynda French. Thank You!



Church Library: The Church Library up and running in the church parlor. We are just getting started but if anyone wants to borrow a book it will be on the honor system. Borrow whatever book you want to read and return it when you're done. Also, if you have a book that you'd like to donate to the church library just leave it on the shelf. We want only books by Christian authors.



Peace Quote We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain.....*Abraham Lincoln in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania Nov. 19, 1863*