

MIDWEEK MISSIVE – 02/08/18

As hard as it may be to believe, we are about to enter the Lenten season. This is an important time of introspection, prayer, and practicing our Spiritual Disciplines. It is a time to ask how we can become closer to the people God would have us be, and how we can come closer to being the congregation God would have us be. Much of the Lenten work is solitary and individual. But some is shared by us all.

The theme of the sermons I will preach in Lent are “Fasting and Feasting” and will focus on what we need to give up on our faith walk, and what we need to take on. It is about change, which is something this congregation knows about. Change can be hard. In fact, if it’s not hard, I’m not sure we have really changed anything! In the coming weeks and months, the Candleberry Chapel will undertake more of the hard work of change. But just as our Lenten introspection can lead to wonderful changes and possibilities in our individual and shared lives, so will this period of change for the Candleberry Chapel. Together, we will discover just how wonderful change can be in our life together.

Since one of our Spiritual Disciplines is “service”, I want to update you on some possible service opportunities that are available.

First, thanks to the efforts of Ernie Boucher in making a connection with “Food and Friends”, we were able to supply badly needed food assistance to our Attleboro neighbor isn need during Advent. Our associate pastor, Rebecca Driscoll has joined with Ernie to explore other possibilities with “Food and Friends”. Their needs include another Food Drive, providing desserts for neighborhood meals, and sending a team from Candleberry Chapel to prepare and serve a meal at a neighboring church on a regular monthly or semi-monthly basis. But we need your help in making a decision as to what we can do to help. In particular, if we are to send a team to prepare and serve meals, we need to know who is willing. As of now, the possibilities are a Friday Dinner meal at Memorial Baptist Church in Seekonk (teams would work from about 3:00 to about 5:30) or a Saturday Lunch at Centenary United Methodist Church in Attleboro (teams would work from about 8:30 to about Noon). If you are interested, please contact Rebecca at drisre01@gmail.com. We are not looking for any commitments yet, we just want to see how is interested so we can move forward in assessing the possibilities.

In the meantime, if you are interested in volunteering in the Attleboro community, here is a list of some possibilities, as promised a couple of weeks ago.

- Imagination Generation Lab After School Volunteer, Southeastern Massachusetts Arts Collaborative. Volunteers needed at Willett Elementary School, and Sturday Elementary School. Contact the Collaborative at (508) 222-8484
- Volunteers needed at various programs at the Attleboro Council on Aging (774) 203-1900
- Volunteers needed at The Literacy Ceneter, 80 N. Main St., Attleboro, MA 02703. Phone number is (508) 226-3603
- Friends of the Attleboro Animal Shelter (774) 203-1862

Let us all use this time of Lent to dig deep into what we can give up, what we can take on, and what we can change....all to God’s Glory and Honor!

Be peaceful,
Rev. Brad

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"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." - Francis of Assisi