

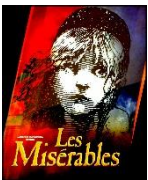
Week of February 18, 2024



From Woody: It is President's Day and I can't help sharing an interview I saw yesterday on Meet the Press with Patti Davis, daughter of Nancy and Ronald Reagan. She was asked how politics have changed since her Dad was President and she talked about the lack of civility and cordiality today between political people in Washington. She was on the show promoting a new book she has out. I thought her words were on the money. Certainly the friendship that developed between House Speaker Tip O'Neill and President Reagan, a devoted liberal and a devoted conservative, was an inspiring one that is missing in today's Washington. I was privileged to spend 20 minutes or so in a Secret Service car with then Governor Reagan in 1980 when I was doing radio news. I found him to be a wonderful and friendly man. He especially enjoyed talking about his days as a radio sportscaster for the Chicago Cubs. At the end of our time together I remember saying good bye and thinking that Ronald Reagan would be the first neighbor to bring a casserole to your door if someone in the house was ill, but he didn't want the Federal Government paying for it.. I also learned from George McGovern about friendships across the aisle. Some of his good friends included Bob Dole, Bill Buckley and Barry Goldwater.

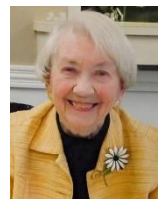
We need to work to regain the ability to work together for the common good. It is important to stand for something you believe in but we must regain the ability to do so without turning those with other ideas into the enemy. Jesus taught us in the way he lived his life that we should love one another, even if someone's ideas are quite different from our own. I think the phrase he used in the Sermon on the Mount was "Love your enemies." We need to get back to the days of friendship with those who are "political enemies." Senator John McCain and President Barak Obama are another great example.

Announcements



Some of our younger church family members are involved in the Goffstown High School production of **Les Misérables**, which is being put on Friday night at 7 and Saturday at 2 and 7. Hope we can make an effort to support what I hear is a great production.

For those who remember **Fran Wiggin**, who attended our church for several years and was in several of our plays, she passed away at 94 and her funeral is at her home Bedford Presbyterian Church at 2pm on Saturday, March 9. She was a great lady and a great friend.





COMMUNITY DINNER: Saturday, March 16, 5-7pm.
Homemade lasagna (meat or meatless), salad, garlic bread, and dessert
\$18 per person

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