

Week of February 5, 2023



From Woody: . Yesterday was an interesting day at church. The great work of the choir in singing a Valentine Elvis Song for Dottie and the interest in the children for my description of Jackie Robinson and President Obama as we celebrate Black History Month. The music both before and during the service was great (so great I almost had us sing a hymn twice).

Saturday night, in the midst of the extreme cold, Lynn and her crew held a very successful Bingo Night with a terrific crowd responding to Dick Bacchus's bingo number announcing. Some great refreshments were served and also provided snacks for after worship coffee yesterday.

We also helped a man who arrived right after worship in desperate need of help. His name is Arthur and he is from the Congo. He and his wife and young son had to leave their apartment in Manchester because they could not pay the raised rent. A friend living in Georgia invited them to stay with him and sent plane tickets for Arthur's wife and son. Arthur was to drive their car down to join them in Georgia. Only problem was that he had no cash left for the trip. He had come to churches in search of help. He found help here at the Community Church in New Boston. We got together \$250 for his trip. I just called him and he is about half way to Georgia, doing well and very grateful for our help. I also want to thank our friend and neighbor Noel Sagna who spoke with him in French on the phone in my office to make sure I was understanding his story accurately. Noel would have come down but is homebound with COVID. His nonprofit organization, ASPIRE, helps refugees in our area but is really struggling for funds to carry out their work. I am glad we were able to help. I think that Jesus wants us to do what we can to help those in real need.

Here is an encouraging sign after the cold of the weekend that Spring is coming. The equipment truck left Fenway Park on Friday for Spring Training in Fort Myers, Florida. It contained, among other things: 20,400 baseballs, 1,100 bats, 200 batting helmets, 160 game jerseys, 20 cases of bubble gum and 60 cases of sunflower seeds.



Valentine Serenades and Candy: Thank you to all those who purchased serenades and also boxes of candy. We got preview in church this week with a serenade to Dottie Marden and boxes of chocolates for those who ordered them. This is a wonderful valentine tradition!



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Peace Quote: Tolerance, like any aspect of peace, is forever a work in progress....*Octavia E. Butler*