

## Week of March 3, 2024



**From Woody:** These thoughts are a week late but wanted to share a few thoughts on the Goffstown High production of LES MISERABLES. The show is a musical based on the Victor Hugo novel of the same name. It debuted in Paris in 1980 and was first done in English in 1985. For a high school to put on this extraordinary play is a huge undertaking. The two-act show is about two and a half hours with a cast and crew of 42 students. That talented and hard working group included Marlena Roach, part of the Ensemble, and Helen Carle, who was the student Lighting Director. Several other New Boston students identified in the cast by Sam Gorton and Candy Woodbury, are Michael Ardita, Getchen Carlson, Kaylin Emerson and Kaelyn Lavery. It was directed by Danielle O'Keefe.

It takes place in Paris between 1815 and 1832, a time of unrest and strife. The Director said of the theme of the play:

*This story's themes continue to resonate with performers and audiences. Standing for a cause, standing for each other, the power of love and empathy for our fellow human beings.*

Colm Wilkinson, the lead actor in the original production, said:

*The points that Hugo made are as valid and as valuable today as they were 100 years ago-Man's inhumanity to man, in a society which exists at two levels, the downtrodden and the powerful. It's deeply spiritual, and it gives hope.*

Congratulations to the Goffstown High School Community for a very professional show that took incredible work, effort and commitment. The themes and questions raised are those that our world needs to continue to grapple with today.

## Announcements



### **COMMUNITY DINNER: Saturday, March 16, 5-7pm.**

Homemade lasagna (meat or meatless), salad, garlic bread, and dessert  
\$18 per person

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**Holy Week Schedule**    **March 24--** Palm Sunday Service and collection of our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

**March 28, 7pm--** Holy Thursday Communion

**March 31 7 am--**Early Easter Service at Deb Downing's, 266 Saunders Hill Rd.

**8-9 am--**Easter Breakfast at the church

**10 am—**Easter Worship Service



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**Peace Quote:** We must come to see that the end we seek is a society at peace with itself, a society that can live with its conscience.....*Martin Luther King*