

WEEK OF APRIL 26 2026



From Woody: Saturday night saw an apparent intent by a man to assassinate President Trump at the White House Correspondents Dinner. I am not Mr. Trump's fan but thank goodness no one was hurt except one Secret Service agent whose bullet proof vest saved him from serious damage. It is time to end the gun violence that plagues our country, and also to end the political rhetoric that is so divisive. We need to disagree without the

hatred.

One of my favorite talk show guests when I was on the radio was Pat Buchanan. He had a great sense of humor and loved to debate without anger and hatred over disagreements. He also told me that in the 2000 election, when he was the third party (Reform Party) candidate, that the Supreme Court was wrong in that deciding votes in Broward County in Florida were his. He said that the Jewish ladies in Broward County were confused by the ballots, which required you to use punch cards. He told me, "Woody, those nice Jewish ladies weren't trying to vote for Pat Buchanan, they were intending to vote for Al Gore." We need to turn down the rhetoric, regain a sense of unity despite our differences, and regain a sense of humor in our national life. I always enjoyed talking with Pat and he wrote me a wonderful note when I lost my talk show on WGIR. One of the lines on his note was "I always enjoyed being on the air with my McGovernite comrade." Let's try to turn down the hate which fuels the violence and maybe consider doing more to keep weapons away from mentally ill people".



Paul Revere Bell: We are working to get our Paul Revere Bell fixed for the 4th of July. The estimated cost is \$25,000 and we have received a generous gift of \$10,000. Other gifts would be gratefully received. You can donate by clicking on the QR code to the right..



\$25,000 seems like a lot of money, but read below for a description of all that is involved in getting the bell ready to be rung on July 4th:

In 2023, members of the Community Church of New Boston reported hearing vibrating noises and noticing small movements from the wall at the front of the church when the bell was rung. It was determined that the swinging of the bell was introducing significant lateral loads to the structure and that it should be addressed. After some research the church decided a striker system should be installed. Upon further inspection, the members of the Trustees of Expenditures found the cradle that holds the nearly 2000lb historic, genuine Paul Revere bell and yoke was very old and should be replaced.

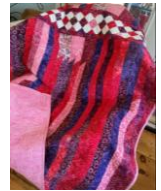
The church Trustees and members of The Session have contracted McShane Bell, an old American bell manufacturer in Maryland Heights, Missouri (<https://mcshanebell.com/work/>) to replace the bell cradle and install a bell striker system to resolve these issues. In addition the church is working with Glenn Dodge, owner of Dodgeco Contracting Services (<https://dodgeco.com>) to define the best materials and implementation strategy so the church can get a contractor to properly replace the bed / platform roof that surrounds and protects where the cradle sits.

A custom steel powder coated cradle is going to be fabricated by McShane Bell and sent to the church for installation. McShane Bell will then send technicians that will use a lift rented by the church to go up to the bell platform area, jack up the bell off of the old cradle, replace the old cradle with the new custom cradle and dispose of the old cradle. The roofing company will install the new platform roof around the new cradle in coordination with McShane Bell.

All this is being done with the intention to have the bell ringing again after more than two years of silence in time for the July 4th celebration in New Boston in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States. If all goes as planned the historic church bell will not need further attention for many, many years...



Quilt Raffle: Carolyn Ferguson-Wilson has generously sent us 2 quilts to raffle off. Proceeds will be donated to the bell repair. She is also willing to make a custom quilt. Tickets are \$5 for 1 ticket and \$10 for 3. The quilts will be available to see after church each Sunday, and you can purchase tickets then. Coming soon, we will have a dedicated link through Zeffy, where you can purchase tickets and indicate where you want the tickets to go. Drawing for both quilts will be Sunday June 6.



Kathleen Kennedy Townsend: We are excited to have Kathleen Kennedy Townsend coming to speak about the 250th on September 20. If anyone is interested in helping with the planning please let Woody know.



Peace Quote: Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means....Ronald Reagan



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