

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026



From Woody: Some random thoughts on a Monday...As we prepare for tonight's and Tuesday night's sessions at the school gym, I think about all of the fine people who make this town the wonderful place it is. The town employees at Town Hall; the teachers, aides and administrators and others at the school; the great Recreation leaders and participants: our Police and Fire Departments; the Public Work employees; the librarians at the Whipple Free Library; all of these and don't forget the federal employees who get us our mail no matter the weather. While we are listing people let's not forget our elected officials on the town boards, and the people who put in countless hours for \$100 and gas money as our elected State Representatives. We may not always agree with their decisions but we have to acknowledge their hard work and willingness to serve. We live in a great community and each of us who live here also contribute in many ways. We all are privileged to live in New Boston. So, I hope as we approach the meetings and town voting we can agree and/or disagree with humility and respect for one another.

And I apologize for anyone I missed. I just realized I always find hard working and very friendly people when I come to the Transfer Station, otherwise known as the Dump. So, thank you all for being a part of a terrific town. And of course I am also very grateful for such a forgiving and encouraging church family who puts up with me.



Our town deliberative session: Monday evening, February 2, at 6pm at the school gym. On Tuesday evening, February 3, at 6pm for the **school deliberative session**, also at the school Gym..



Installing New Officers: We will be installing our new officers on Sunday during the worship service. If you are a new Session member or Trustee please try to come around 9:30 and we will go over the questions I will ask you during the ordination and installation during the service.

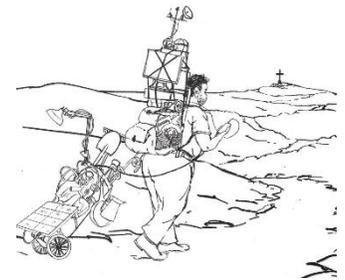


Sewing class: Interested in learning basic sewing skills? Then please join Kristi Citak and Judy Hull on Saturday, February 28 and March 28, from 10am-12:00pm in the Dignard room. We would love to hear what you want to learn as well. Some of you may learn how to make dresses for our Dress a girl dress making. HOW exciting would that be. I will have a sign up in the hallway. See Kristi or Judy.



Lenten Pilgrimage: Ash Wednesday is February 18th. On Sunday, the 22nd at 3:00 Dawn Sweet will be providing a Lenten organ time of prayer and meditation. As we begin Lent, she is inviting us to take a “figurative” walk on the pilgrimage route “The Camino - Santiago de Compostela” across northern Spain. We will walk approximately 500 miles from St. Jean - Pied - de - Port” to the Cathedral of St. James in Santiago de Compostela. We will not need hiking boots, backpacks, walking sticks, etc. We will, however, need a desire to recognize what in our lives “clutters” our day-by-day living. May our prayer include the words of Psalm 51:10: “Create in me a clean heart willing.”

Dawn will play hymns and chorales that represent places and scenes along the “The Camino.” As she plays, we are invited to silently pray and ponder centering on why we need to go on this “long walk” and what decluttering we need to do. As pilgrims meet and greet, they exchange the phrase “Buen Camino” meaning good path, good way or good journey. So “Buen Camino.”



Peace Quote: Peace begins with a smile....*Mother Teresa*



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