

WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2026



From Woody: In a violent world it sometimes seems true that tennis is the only sport where love means nothing. I do have a couple of examples from the world of tennis where love (kindness) has meant something. The great friendships of Billie Jean King, Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova have been great examples of rivals competing for the position of being the best in the world. In the midst of competition came friendships when these ladies supported each other off the tennis court while competing on the court. Billie Jean King wrestled with her sexual orientation as did Martina Navratilova when it wasn't okay in the eyes of the public to be gay. Chris Evert stood by them both as a friend. Billie Jean took the great risk of competing with Bobby Riggs in the most viewed tennis match of all time, to back up the movement to put women's tennis on an equal footing of prize money and respect with the men. Billie Jean King also was kind enough when I had her on my sports talk show to send Barbi an autographed picture when I told her what an inspiration Billie Jean was to her and to so many others. Chris Evert and Martina were great rivals on the court but have been great friends off the court and have supported each other during illness and also in Martina's same sex relationships. They are examples of love in action.

On the male side of the aisle, I am proud that the great Pancho Gonzales once spoke to me. In the days before professional tennis became a big money sport the great player was part of Jack Kramer's entourage that traveled the country to play in indoor arenas after the hockey season ended. Our high school tennis team was invited to be ball boys at an event out on Long Island because our coach knew Jack Kramer. Pancho was serving at my end of the court in his match when he served a let. I was concentrating on standing absolutely still when I heard him say, "Hey keed, the ball the ball." I had to bounce another ball to him to serve. But I've said proudly ever since that one of the greatest players of all time spoke to me. I don't know that it was a loving comment, but I have loved that story ever since. I think that LOVE is the most important element in our faith...God's love for us and our love for God. So let us remind ourselves that love means a lot even in tennis and especially in life.



Our granddaughter, Kaydee is one of the leads in the hilarious **ARSENIC AND OLD LACE**. It is on this coming weekend at the Amato Center in Milford and tickets are only \$20. It may help you smile in some very stressful times.



Lenten Garden: Lent is a special time of reflection and prayer, in preparation for the events of Holy Week. This year we are honoring this time with a "Lenten garden" in the front of the sanctuary. It is looking great and is growing! Thank you to those have contributed their plants. We will gladly accept more contributions, if you would like add to the garden. Any questions? Ask Ellen Anderson or Janet White. andersel@njms.rutgers.edu, cell 973-747-2321



SOUP-ER BINGO NIGHT

Community Church of New Boston

Saturday, March 14

5:30pm Soup

6:15pm BINGO

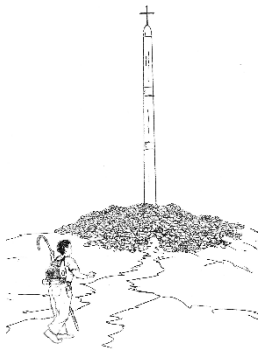
ALL AGES WELCOME!

**Price: \$15 adults, \$10 kids
includes soup, drink, dessert, and
BINGO cards**



**ONE GREAT
HOUR OF SHARING**

One Great Hour of Sharing: We are planning our One Great Hour of Prayer Offering for Palm Sunday, March 29.



Lenten Pilgrimage: Dawn Sweet will be back to take the “pilgrim travelers” to the Iron Cross through organ music, on Palm Sunday, March 29, 3:00 pm. All are invited, even if you didn’t come when we started the “figurative journey”.



Gail Cousins: The Celebration of Gail Cousins' life will be Sunday, March 29 at 1 pm



or Judy.

Sewing class: Interested in learning basic sewing skills? Then please join Kristi Citak and Judy Hull on Saturday, 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 air dress making. HOW exciting would that be. I will have a sign up in the hallway. See Kristi



Peace Quote: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his friends proved by their resistance unto death that even in the age of the nation-state there are loyalties which transcend those to state and nation. They proved that even in this age, nationalism stands under God and that it is a sin against him and his call for fellowship with other nations if it degenerates into national egotism and greed." *G.Leibholz*



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