

Week of May 5, 2024

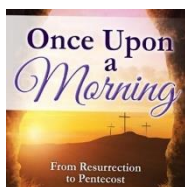


From Woody: I saw a lady on Meet the Press yesterday who, along with her late husband, represent people who have made, and continue to make a difference in the world, by the way they live their lives. Cindy McCain, widow of the late Sen. John McCain, is now the Director of the World Food Programme. She was interviewed yesterday about the crisis in Gaza, which she said was already a full blown famine in parts of the area. She has people on the ground there attempting to get food supplies into the region. They need a cease fire to be able to bring the food supplies to those who are starving. They have already had World Food workers killed as they tried to bring life-sustaining food into Gaza. Mrs. McCain has been there several times and is fully committed to helping the starving civilians in the midst of the horror of this war.

Her husband was the same kind of person, trying to do the right thing. I was privileged to spent an hour with him when he ran for President in 2000. George W. Bush won the nomination that year but McCain became the Republican nominee in 2008. He came into the studio in 2000 at WSMN in Nashua for an hour. He was bright, warm and had a sense of humor. One couldn't help but like him and also marvel at his story. His plane had been shot down in Viet Nam and he became a POW. His father and grandfather were Navy admirals. The North Vietnamese were going to send him home because of his family, thinking that would help negotiations. McCain refused to go before other POWs so he endured the tortures carried out in those camps. He carried the physical wounds with him the rest of his life. On Election night in 2008 when the networks declared Barak Obama the winner, McCain gave his concession speech in Arizona, congratulating Obama. When he did so the audience booed at Obama's name and McCain stopped them and praised Obama, saying what a fine young man he was and saying what a night it was, especially for our black American citizens. It was a show of true patriotism. He did the right thing, as he always tried to live, and his wife is carrying on that sense of duty to do the right thing.

We certainly need that sense of duty as the world tries to do the right thing, which in the world in 2024, means working to help those caught in the vortex of violence which is this awful war in the Middle East. Thank you for the McCains, who are examples of doing the right thing despite the cost to themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENT



One Upon a Morning: Thanks to Sam, Karina, and the choir for a wonderful job on Saturday. If you were unable to attend, you can watch it on video on the website:

communitychurchnewboston.org. Click on the Cantata in the left column of the home page.

There is a copy of the program with the words to all the songs that you can download and follow along. It will enhance the experience

Save the date...

Family Sunday

Sunday, May 19
10:00 am



On Sunday, May 19, the students of Covenant Kingdom will be celebrating their year of learning in Sunday School. It will be a fun, playful service with the children participating throughout! After service, please plan to join us for a picnic on the church lawn. B.Y.O. lunch and we'll provide the drinks and dessert!



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