



February 2020

"Follow the Bells"



The Church Bell

"Remembering True Love"

"But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love,"
(Revelation 2:4 NAS95).

I have seen many marriages drift further and further apart. So much so, that the marriage is no longer based upon love but becomes that of toleration. Over my pastorate I have been asked to lift many different couples in prayer that their marriage would be saved.

While our 2020 culture sees marriage as something that is disposable, it is far from it. Marriage is a holy institution that should be taken with the utmost seriousness. The ending of a marriage should be the exception not the norm.

What is it that causes husband and wife to drift apart? For simplicity's sake, it is forgetting their first love. The couples that fight, the couples that merely tolerate each other often no longer love one another as they did when they first met. At some point in time they have stopped dating. They have stopped being romantic. They have stopped having a special night each week to dance, dine, and be intimate. Such time is important to continue to know one another, for as humans we change each year based on our life experiences. Knowing someone is a life-long process. Indeed, many couples in distress have forgotten their first love and this can lead to other marital issues too.

If this is you, then I encourage you to remember those things that caused you to fall in love with your spouse. Bring back a weekly date night. Go out together and dine and converse. Experience life together that you will have a common bond to grow upon and build for if you do not then you are relying on decades old experiences that have been used as much as they can be. Imagine sewing a dress with only two or three seams. It would fall apart. Each seam represents those common bonds that have formed from common experiences. Return to dating and loving. Return to your first love.

Christians, too, need to remember their first love. He is Christ. He is the One who gave His life for us and gave us a promise through His resurrection of eternal life. "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends," (John 15:13 NAS95). God gave the greatest love that He could to you. He took upon flesh and gave up His life upon a cross for your sins, so that you could spend eternity in paradise with Him, the Creator of all.

Christians do not be astray long, but remember why we pray, remember why we read the Bible, to draw closer to Jesus. Remember why we gather in church to worship, because we love Him for, He first loved us, and He has not forgotten His love for us.

And to the church, remember why you gather weekly. You are not a social club. You are not a list of programs. You are not a bunch of numbers on tithe boxes. You are the body of Christ. You are co-heirs with the Son of God, the Messiah. You are loved and highly valued for you are His bride. The things that take place in your walls are out of love for Him and for all created in His image who do not know Him yet. Go out to them, and when they come let them in to hear about His love for them that they would receive Christ as Savior and become apart of His body, loving Him by repenting and obeying as we all to do.

Remember your first love.

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February Worship Leaders

Deacons:

February 2	Carol Robinson and Amy Popichak
February 9	Spencer Chapman and Linda Swauger
February 16	Amy Seger and Ron Miller
February 23	Jeff Byler and Carol Robinson

Deacon Team Leader: Judene Ainsley— 330-637-9938

Deaconess: Susan Mc Crimmon

Organ and Keyboard: Jonathan Gallo

Musical Director: Darlene Ball

Happy Valentine's day!



January Financial Report

Our monthly Budget for 2020 of \$13,500 explains the amount needed to maintain the preservation and upkeep of our church.

January 1, 2020 to January -31, 2020

Offering Received	\$ 7,069.00
Expenses	\$ <u>10,435.00</u>
Balance	\$ -1,492.00

Mortgage Payment \$1,883.24

Balance \$91,691.45

**Pastor Casey
is in the office
8am-1pm Mon-Thurs.**
If you need anything call the office

330-637-4611

**Office is open
Monday-Thursday
8 am-1Pm**



January Coffee Fellowship

February 2 Judy Hansel and Friends

February 9 Linda Rogers and Diana Martin

February 16 Carolyn Sparhawk and
Virginia Carr

February 23 Ron Miller and Cindy Miller



Regional Minister Thaddeaus B. Allen
placing coins in David's
'Week of Compassion Offering Box.'

Happy Birthday

February 1	Brenda Byler
February 1	Kay Payne
February 3	Ronna Nazarini
February 5	Bob Johnson
February 13	Chuck Corbet
February 16	Spencer Chapman
February 16	Tom Sacca
February 17	Linda Tucker
February 20	Tony Niemi



No Anniversaries

Important Meetings

Tuesday, February 4

Finance Meeting 6:15pm

Board Meeting 7pm



L.O.A.F.

**Cortland Christian
Church**

Thursday, February 6 , 10 am

Pastor Casey - President of LOAF

"Woodchuck Day", a variant of "Groundhog Day", was celebrated in the 1860s. The name never caught on.

Although this ritual, which typically centers on the observation of the Behavior of the *Marmota monax* when it observes (or neglects to observe) its own shadow, has been traced back to the first half of the 19th century, our earliest known use of Groundhog Day comes in the early 1850s.

The 2nd of February is known to our natives of the mountain by the not very euphonious name of *ground-hog day*. It is believed, by them, to be a certain index of the weather for the first six weeks.

While it is unclear what name was given to February 2nd prior to this point the holiday appears to have been well-established by the time it began being referred to as *Groundhog Day*, as many of the early citations of this use indicate that *El Día de la Marmota* was widely known.

To-day, of all other days, from time immemorial, is rendered "famousest of all," from its peculiar name, "groundhog's day." It is said that upon the second day of February, the *ground-hogs (woodchucks)* come from their burrows, and, *seeing no shadows of themselves*, remain out—a sure sign of a commencement of pleasant weather.

—*Daily Scioto Gazette* (Chillicothe, OH), 2 Feb. 1854

The fair-minded readers among you will doubtless have felt stirring of outrage on the part of the woodchuck; why should the *groundhog* receive all the fame and glory, when *woodchuck* is a perfectly acceptable variant? Why doesn't anyone celebrate *Woodchuck Day*? Well, people used to, but it never quite caught on the same way.

Groundhog Day



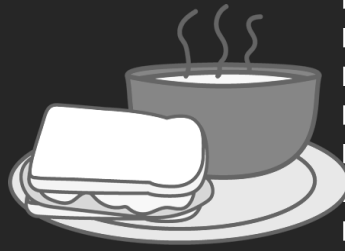
Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Thursday, March 19

Prep day is March 18

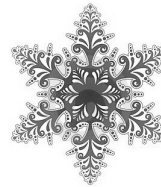
Will Need HELP and PIES

NO Soup and Sandwich in February



Elders Meetings

*Third Thursday in
month at 8 am or
whenever.*



INTERESTING CONFUSIONS

1. Can you cry under water?
2. Do fishes ever get thirsty?
3. Why don't birds fall off trees when they sleep?
4. Why is it called building when it is already built?
5. When they say dogs food is new and improved, who tastes it?
6. If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?
7. Why does round pizza come in square box?
8. Why doesn't glue stick to its bottle?

Crazy world isn't it?



Lighting the Way

Ministry for children

3 years - Kindergarten

2nd and 4th Tuesday
of the month



**Education Building
Cortland Christian Church**

Lesson, activity or game and snacks.

Meet new friends, and have fun
together.

Bring a friend.

Valentine's Wordsearch

F Z V G U S L H C P H L P R Y X Q J S T M Z V Y P
 B V R P Q I N B G Q E F O F F D S M G D L G M W B
 F H M C L V T H I B A M V V W M N O W Z K Y K L C
 A E P T C X P B J A R B Q V E C O A D T F P E H Y
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 L E Q E U R B G L T E F A T H X C R H M X M I F U
 Y T L M E E Y Q A Z S A B S H D O R B A Y K X P L
 K A M J P Q B D F K J V K B T V F A M G G H K D Q
 V C I P W E L P D S X F P M I B W S S W X Q F P C
 Z Q P W R S Z C E C K B O H D I P U C B R G W T U
 T Z K U W H V S V T Q A B A K H V Z C V M J Y K S
 A E M E W L R D Q A F W R T B R R V V P G B J J G
 L F E S O S J P W X R K S B H I U J V I Y S T Z Z

Arrow
 Chocolate
 Hearts
 Pink
 Red

Cupid
 Candy
 Cards
 Valentine
 Love

Hugs
 Flowers
 Purple
 Kiss

WEDDING WHITE

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and today is the happiest day of her life."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

ADAM & EVE

After having children, Adam and Eve started getting a lot of questions from their kids about why they no longer lived in Eden.

Adam has a simple answer for this:

"Your mother ate us out of house and home."

A Christian Holy Day

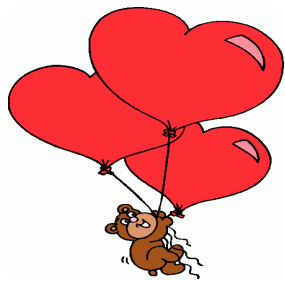
Ash Wednesday

February 26



Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and falls on the first day of Lent, the six weeks of penitence before Easter. Ash Wednesday is traditionally observed by Western Christians. Most Latin Rite Roman Catholics observe it, as do some Protestants like Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Nazarenes and Independent Catholics.

Our service will be 6:30pm on Wednesday, Feb. 26



FEBRUARY

2020

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1. Aerobics
2. Sunday Service 	3. Girl Scouts Aerobics	4. Meetings Finance 6:15pm Board Meeting	5. Joyful Noise	6.  Aerobics	7.	8. Aerobics WOW Meeting 10am Four Star Men at Work Meeting 10am at CCC
9. Sunday Service 10 am	10. Aerobics	11.	12. 	13. Jo Aerobics	14. 	15. Aerobics
16. Sunday Service 10am Elder Meeting 8am	17. Girl Scouts Aerobics	18.	19 Joyful Noise	20. 	21.	22 Aerobics 
23. Sunday Service 10 am	24.  Aerobics	25.	26 Ash Wednesday Joyful Noise	27.. Aerobics	28. 	29. Leap Year Aerobics

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends". They would enjoy a Thinking of you card or a joke or story you found in a magazine. Maybe a phone call, just say "hello" to our friends.



Katie and John Molnar
2444 Williams Drive
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Lauralee Lawrence
124 Willow Street
Cortland, Ohio
44410

Edwin Niemi
Lake Vista
Apt. 207
Mecca Street,
Cortland, Ohio

Kathie Bates
Room 105
369 N. High Street
Cortland, Ohio
44410

Kathy Miller
Room 225
Shepherd of the Valley
4100 North river Rd
Warren, Ohio

Pat Taylor
Room 212
4100 North River Rd.
Warren Ohio

Phyllis Beer
Lake Vista
41 Heron Circle
Cortland, Ohio
44410
330-637-1456

Grace Wagner
Gillette Rehab
Room 613
3310 Elm Rd. N. E.
Warren, Ohio 44483

Fun Times at CCC



Our fearless organizer for Chili cook off and Potato Bake.



Brad Bevans has captured the title of most Unique Tie.



Proceeds for these events go for charitable situations in our community. Hence the title "Community Helping Hands"

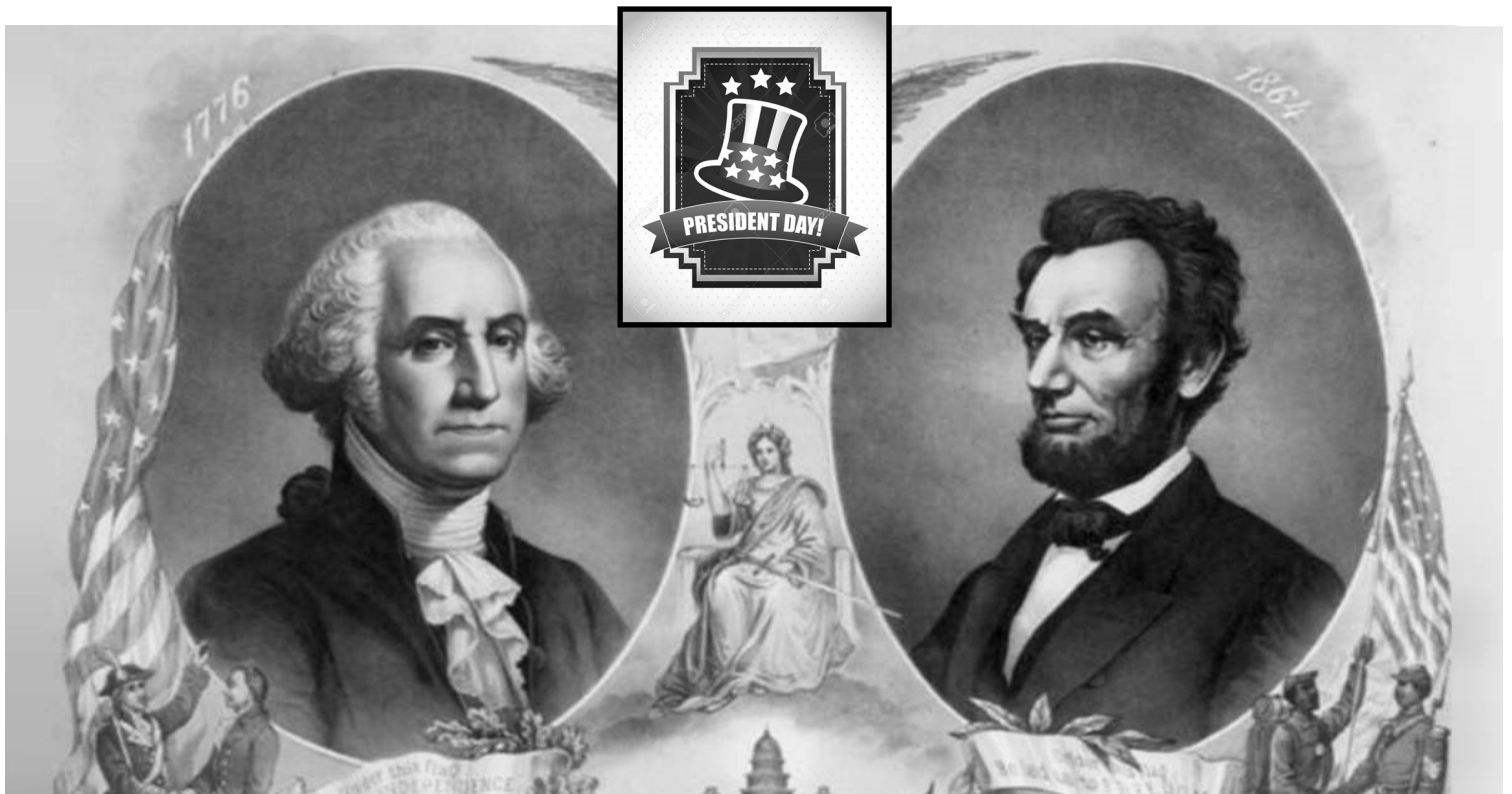
The winner of the Most Unique Hat contest is ...

Ruth Young. Congratulations !

Is the Derby next?



Looking fine, Ladies



Presidents Day

Back in my school days, February was an important month — not just because it included the eagerly-anticipated Valentine’s Day, but because even though it was the shortest month of the year, it encompassed two holidays for which public schools were closed: Lincoln’s Birthday (February 12) and Washington’s Birthday (February 22). Two school-free days for the kids, two days off for working parents, and terrific bargains on bedding, linen, and towels at department store white sales. What wasn’t to like about February?

Nowadays, though, many of us — whether we be employees or students — don’t get any weekdays off at all in February, or we’re offered a single holiday that falls on the third Monday in February and is neither Lincoln’s nor Washington’s Birthday but some hybrid known as “Presidents’ Day.” What happened to our traditional February holidays? And just what the heck are we commemorating on “Presidents’ Day”?

Some of us think we’re observing George Washington’s Birthday (perpetually moved to more convenient Monday dates since 1971), some of us think we’re celebrating the combined birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln (two formerly separate holidays smushed into one), and some of us think we’re honoring the memory of all U.S. presidents past and present. Which is it?

Men at Work and Play



Team Work

"This is a group for the men"

Donuts, coffee and conversation.

Saturday, February 8, 2020 10am.

In the Library

Come see what this could be about. This is your church. This could be your group.

This would be a good way to keep this church ready for the next generation to come.

*Previous generations of men at work did this work for this church, to help keep it nice for future generations,
making small repairs to help maintain the prestige of our beautiful CCC.*

Bring your ideas for work or play.

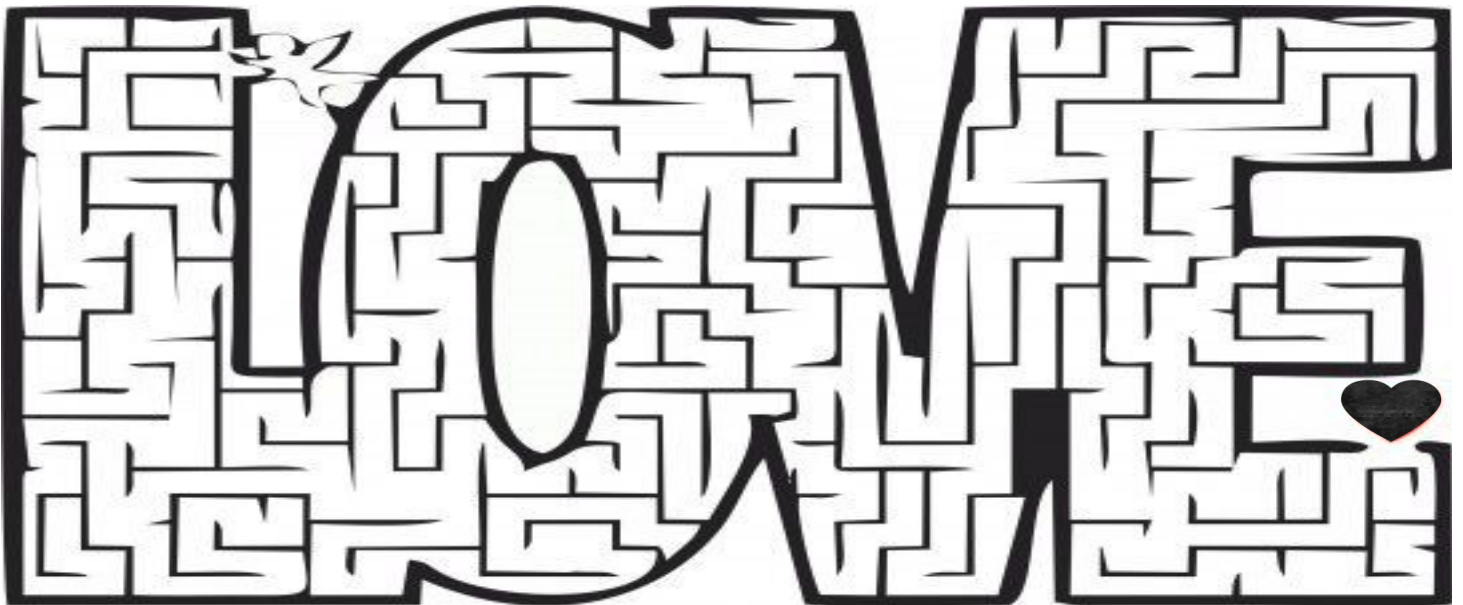
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife."

BOAZ & RUTH

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? Answer: He was Ruthless.

Help Cupid find Love



Leap Day: February 29, 2020

A Leap Day, February 29, is added to the calendar during leap years. This extra day, also called Leap Year Day, makes the year 366 days long – not 365 days, like a common year.

Leap Day has been a day of traditions, folklore and superstitions ever since Leap Years were first introduced by [Julius Caesar](#) over 2000 years ago.

The Why of Leap Day.....Leap days are needed to keep our calendar in alignment with the Earth's revolutions around the Sun.



It takes the Earth approximately 365.242189 days – or 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 45 seconds – to circle once around the Sun. This is called a tropical year. Without an extra, or intercalary, day on February 29 nearly every four years, we would lose almost six hours every year. After only 100 years, a calendar without leap years would be off by approximately 24 days in relation to fixed seasonal days such as the vernal equinox or the winter solstice.

The length of a year on Earth is defined by the time it takes our planet to complete a full orbit around the Sun. Called a tropical year, solar year, astronomical year or equinoctial year, it is approximately 365.242189 days long on average. Its length changes slightly over time.

Because a common year has 365 days in today's Gregorian calendar, a leap day is regularly added to bring it in sync with the tropical year.

Without leap days, our calendar would be off by 1 day approximately every 4 years, causing the astronomical seasons to occur at an increasingly later date as time goes by. In less than 50 years, the March equinox would be in April and the June solstice would occur in July.

Women Propose to Their Men

According to an old Irish legend, or possibly history, St Brigid struck a deal with St Patrick to allow women to propose to men – and not just the other way around – every four years.

This is believed to have been introduced to balance the traditional roles of men and women in a similar way to how leap day balances the calendar.

12 Pairs of Gloves

In some places, leap day has been known as “Bachelors’ Day” for the same reason. A man was expected to pay a penalty, such as a gown or money, if he refused a marriage proposal from a woman on Leap Day.

In many European countries, especially in the upper classes of society, tradition dictates that any man who refuses a woman's proposal on February 29 has to buy her 12 pairs of gloves. The intention is that the woman can wear the gloves to hide the embarrassment of not having an engagement ring. During the middle ages there were laws governing this tradition.

Leap Day Babies World Record

People born on February 29 are all invited to join The Honor Society of Leap Year Day Babies.

When do Leap Day Babies Celebrate Their Birthdays? Either February 28 or March 1 usually as they prefer.

According to the Guinness Book of Records, there are Leap Day World Record Holders both of a family producing three consecutive generations born on February 29 and of the number of children born on February 29 in the same family.

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



Have a Happy

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day,
also called Saint Valentine's Day
or the Feast of Saint Valentine,
is celebrated annually on
February 14.

Originating as a Western
Christian feast day honoring one
or two early saints named
Valentinus, Valentine's Day is
recognized as a significant
cultural, religious, and
commercial celebration of
romance and
romantic love in many regions
around the world.

Fresh Strawberry Upside Down Cake

Prep 15 m Cook 50 m Ready In 1 h 20 m

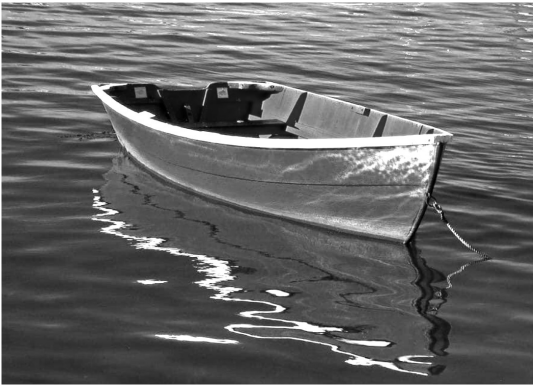
- 2 cups crushed fresh strawberries
- 1 (6 ounce) package strawberry flavored Jell-O (mix)
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 (18 ounce) package yellow cake mix, batter prepared as directed on package

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Spread crushed strawberries on the bottom of a 9x13 inch baking pan. Evenly sprinkle strawberries with the dry gelatin powder, and top with mini marshmallows.

Prepare the cake mix as directed on the package, and pour on top of the marshmallows. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 40 to 50 minutes. Cool in the pan for 15 minutes. Run a knife around the pan to loosen the sides, and turn the cake out onto a serving tray. Store cake in the refrigerator.





THE BOAT

A man was asked to paint a boat. He brought his paint and brushes and began to paint the boat a bright red, as the owner had asked him.

While painting, he noticed a small hole in the hull, and quietly repaired it. When he finished painting, he received his money and left.

The next day, the owner of the boat came to the painter and presented him with a check, much higher than the payment for painting. The painter was surprised and said “ You’ve already paid me for painting the boat, Sir!”

“ But this is not for the paint job. It’s for repairing the hole in “boat.”

“Ah! But it was such a small service... Certainly it’s not worth paying me such a high amount for something so insignificant.”

“ My dear friend, you do not understand. Let me tell you what happened: “ When I asked you to paint the boat, I forgot to mention the hole. When the boat dried, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip. They did not know that there was a hole, I was not a home at the time. When I returned and noticed they had taken the boat, I was desperate because I remembered that the boat had a hole. Imagine my relief and joy when I saw them returning from fishing. Then I examined the boat and found that you had repaired the hole!”

“You see, now, what you did? You saved the life of my children! I do not have enough money to pay your “small” good deed.”

So no matter who, when or how, continue to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen attentively, and carefully repair all the “leaks” you find. You never know when one is in need of us, or when God holds a pleasant surprise for us to be helpful and important to someone.

Along the way, you may have repaired numerous “boat holes” for several people without realizing how many lives you’ve saved.

As the world fights to figure everything out, I’ll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying good morning, keeping babies entertained in grocery lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at a passerby.

WHY?

Because I will not stand idly by and live in a world where love is invisible. Join me in showing kindness, understanding and judging less. Be kind to a stranger, give grace to friends who are having a bad day , be forgiving of yourself – today and every day...

Be the change. Be the light, start today and never stop.

Audrey Love's Parry