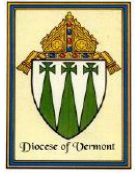


St. Paul's Epistle



JANUARY 2020



Two weeks ago, a young man came into the food shelf. He has 4 children, the youngest is 5 months old. Lee had picked up the Sunday school bag of warm clothes from Hollyhocks and installed a rack in the back of the FS. In Hollyhocks' bag was a baby's snowsuit. Now, granted the kid could swim in it and perhaps purple isn't quite the color for a boy... But his dad says he can't walk anyway, and he will be warm. Later Dad was able to pick up just the right jacket for another son.

The first picture is a very shy mom (you can just see her hand) having a relative hold up the jackets and gloves she was delighted with. Apparently, the helper was shy too.

And a young woman, wearing just a thin hoodie, fit perfectly in the neat red jacket you see in the second picture. And there were just the right size gloves for her too. Two really warm work type jackets went to two farm workers who only had sweatshirts.

In all, the Sunday school collected well over 50 jackets and more than 50 hats, scarves, gloves- almost all brand new- boots, mittens, a bathrobe, sweaters, a beautiful really warm almost new shawl...I could go on and on. But I wish I had room for a picture of our living room floor when we were sorting 4 garbage bags of clothes from one Hollyhocks pickup. Many thanks to Kristin and Diane for being willing to be the collection site. What we had left we donated to the John Graham shelter, who were delighted and will pass on what they can't use to another helping organization.

Way to go kids!!!!

Stewardship Thanks and Reminder

Thank you to all who have turned in their pledge cards for 2020. We really appreciate your continued support of St. Paul's and its ministries. For those who have not had a chance, please consider a Stewardship pledge this season. If you should decide to pledge, it would be helpful to get your pledge in prior to the Annual Meeting at the end of January. As of this writing in December, we have 19 pledges amounting to \$50,246.00.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



2nd Leigh Phillips

6th Nate Merrill

12th Butch Huizenga

14th Del Guilmette

16th Steve Lowe

17th Charlie Glassberg

23rd Alisdair Chauvin

29th Samuel Mangini

HAPPY
New Year

Repeat the Sounding Joy?

By Elissa Cobb

Repeat the Sounding Joy.
Repeat the Sounding Joy...
I am stopped in my tracks by these timeless lyrics.
Hoping they still mean there is something wonderful to repeat
In our time,
Something that is sorely needed.

“Repeat the Sounding Joy.”
I find that joy doesn’t always make a sound.
That the silent or murmuring joys often go unnoticed,
Overlooked, missed.
While others jump right up and kiss us on our hearts,
And yet we might just walk on by,
Forgetful as we are.

So, let us all become joy finders,
Joy collectors,
Joy watchers,
Detectors, magnets, sleuths, excavators.

Let us ruthlessly seek them out, these joys of all kinds!
Let us not discriminate.
Like pilgrims, we’ll sling satchels around our shoulders,
In which we’ll stash them all as we come upon them:

Outbursts of laughter, sly giggles, tears of happiness and relief,
Glances of gratitude, words of love, touches of friendship,
Vibrations of music, works of art, artifacts of hands,
Elements of surprise, displays of nature,
Chances to help,
And choices to be kind.

And may we not just collect them, but absorb them,
Embody them, breathe them,
And hold them up to the light in the face of all that wants to deny their existence.

Then let’s pay them forward as fast as we find them,
“Repeat the Sounding Joys”
So that our satchels remain light,
Always with room for more and more joys.
Sounding joys,
Ever repeating.

Repeat,
Repeat
The Sounding Joy!

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