



Our Mission:

“We welcome all, who with God’s help, work to build a better world.”

“WEEKLY UPDATE”

Friday, MAY 15th, 2020

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Everybody Can Be Great!

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don’t have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

PASTORAL CARE & CELEBRATIONS:

Please continue to pray for each other, our community, our city, our province, our country and the world. Please pray for our incredible doctors, nurses and staff who are keeping essentials services running. For our leaders, for their continued strength and direction. To those who are alone at this difficult time, for those who are facing treatment, surgery, and those who are recovering from surgery and those grieving. **Rev. Ed Gratton as graciously assured us that as long as he is well and is able, he will continue to provide pastoral emergency care for our congregation. His contact information is 613-822-6433, South Gloucester United Church.**

**Church Bulletin
Bloopers**



- † Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- † Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.
- † For those of you who have children and don’t know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- † Tuesday at 4pm there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- † The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement Friday.
- † Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It’s a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don’t forget your husbands.
- † The Outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- † The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare’s Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- † The Rev. Merriwether spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.



Tom Hanks - Prince of Perseverance

Actor Tom Hanks is an example of perseverance. He took a difficult and challenging childhood and turned himself into a storyteller as a way of coping with the lonely days and nights.

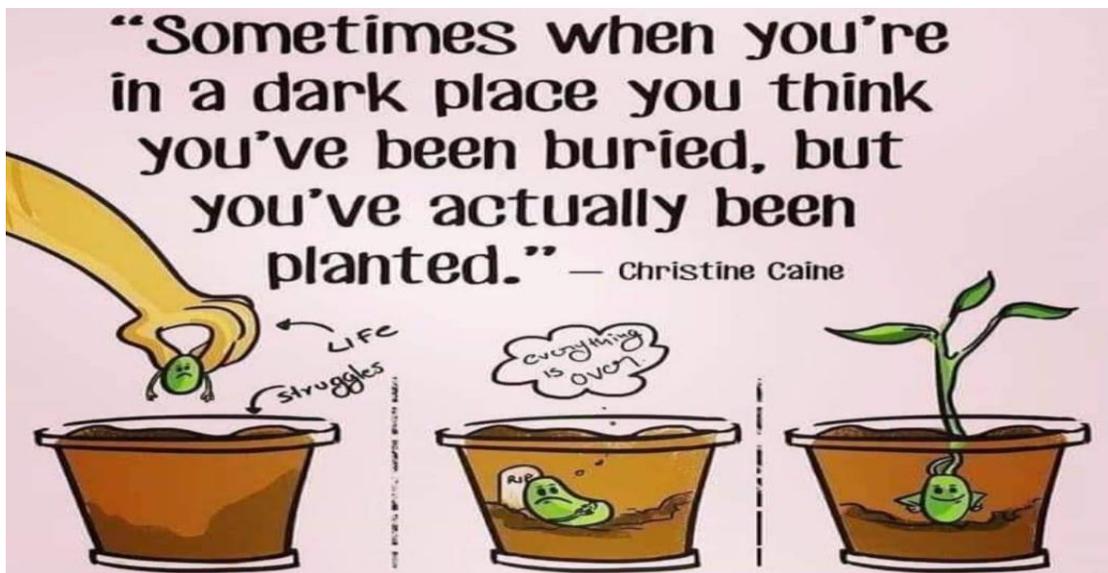
He has been called a modern-day Jimmy Stewart. Not only is he an award-winning actor, but he also expanded his efforts into writing, directing and producing.

You might be thinking that he was destined to succeed but that wasn't the case. In his early years, he wanted to act in commercials but could not break-in. He auditioned for television shows repeatedly but was constantly rejected. He never gave up. He had a dream and he would keep trying to reach that dream no matter what.

Finally, in 1980, he landed a steady job on a sitcom called "Bosom Buddies." He was only paid \$5,000 per episode and the sitcom only lasted two years. But the exposure finally led to his first big break which was a starring role in the movie "Splash."

Tom never let rejection keep him from his goals. He persevered. He just kept right on going, accepting small parts in movies, doing what he had to do. Today he has made over sixty movies earning millions of dollars per film. Was his success his destiny? No.

Tom Hanks had determination and that is what brought him success.



It's Okay

To be

Still.

If you feel deprived of your creative outlet, don't panic. Your creativity hasn't died; it's simply maturing in your subconscious. So the very first step to escaping the claustrophobic feeling of being buried in the darkness is to don a cloak of joyous expectation for the dawn. Just keep your eyes open, heart bare, and trust that when you sprout from this dormant season, you'll bloom bigger and brighter than ever before.

-by Amber Helt

“There are two ways of spreading light...
to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.”

EDITH WHARTON