



## *Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast*

*May 28, 2023*

*“Memorial Day Weekend”*

*They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. [Isaiah 2:4, NIV]*

### **Memorial Day, May 29, 2023**



The last Monday of May signifies a day of remembrance for all the women and men who have died during active duty during armed combat and hostilities. I doubt those who gave their lives imagined their lives would end in war. Every person who reads this has had a family member who served during hostilities or war. Maggie and I, while tracing our direct ancestors back to immigrants, found in every generation veterans who served and some who died after they came to the United States, or in some cases the British Colonies. I invite everyone this day to honor those who died and cast aside our hatred. Pray for the souls of those who have died or were scarred in war and pray for the peace in which God would have us live. Pray for the day when “nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.” Amen – Vance

### **“Blacksmithing Bishop Turns Guns into Plowshares in Connecticut”**

*Bishop Jim Curry, right, retired bishop suffragan of the Diocese of Connecticut, guides Washington Bishop Mariann Budde in hammering and shaping the metal of a former gun into a garden tool on Capitol Hill. Photo: David Deutsch (11-16-2021)*



*Left, Bishop Curry’s pectoral cross is made from pieces of an AK-47 from Mozambique’s civil war. (Photograph: Davis Dunavin/WSHU)*

**To read more about Bishop Curry’s mission read:** <https://www.wbur.org/news/2022/07/01/blacksmith-christ-episcopal-church-shotgun-barrels-trowels>

**Prayer box:** let us continue our prayers for Dean’s soul and comfort for his grieving family; let us also continue to pray for healing and comfort for Robin, Lynn, Bill, Mark, Joyce, and Andy P; let us pray for comfort for those who mourn; and may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, Lord, our rock and our redeemer [Psalm 19:14]. Lord, hear our prayer!