

## Jeremiah 1:4-10

God's message came to Jeremiah.

God said:

"Before I shaped you in the womb,

I knew all about you.

Before you saw the light of day,

I had holy plans for you:

A prophet to the nations—

that's what I had in mind for  
you."

But Jeremiah said, "Hold it, Master  
God! Look at me.

I don't know anything. I'm only a  
boy!"

God told me, "Don't say, 'I'm only a  
boy.'

I'll tell you where to go and you'll  
go there.

I'll tell you what to say and you'll  
say it.

Don't be afraid of a soul.

I'll be right there, looking after you."

God reached out, touched my  
mouth, and said,

"Look! I've just put my words in  
your mouth—hand-delivered!

See what I've done? I've given you  
a job to do

among nations and govern-  
ments—a red-letter day!

Your job is to pull up and tear  
down,

take apart and demolish,

And then start over,

building and planting."

## Luke 4:21-30

Jesus rolled up the scroll, handed it  
back to the assistant, and sat down.  
Every eye in the place was on him, in-  
tent. Then he started in, "You've just  
heard Scripture make history. It came  
true just now in this place."

All who were there, watching and lis-  
tening, were surprised at how well he  
spoke. But they also said, "Isn't this Jo-  
seph's son, the one we've known since  
he was just a kid?"

Jesus answered, "I suppose you're  
going to quote the proverb, 'Doctor, go  
heal yourself. Do here in your  
hometown what we heard you did in  
Capernaum.' Well, let me tell you  
something: No prophet is ever wel-  
comed in his hometown. Isn't it a fact  
that there were many widows in Israel  
at the time of Elijah during that three  
and a half years of drought when fam-  
ine devastated the land, but the only  
widow to whom Elijah was sent was in  
Sarepta in Sidon? And there were  
many lepers in Israel at the time of the  
prophet Elisha but the only one  
cleansed was Naaman the Syrian."

That set everyone in the meeting  
place seething with anger. They threw  
him out, banishing him from the village,  
then took him to a mountain cliff at the  
edge of the village to throw him to his  
doom, but he gave them the slip and  
was on his way.

**Partners in Ministry- First Church Braintree, UCC**

**Sign-up for February 2, 2025**

Please use this form to sign up for ministry opportunities and activities at our church. Place it in the offering or return it to the office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_

You will be contacted in response.

❖  I need a **name tag**

❖ **Coffee Hour Help is needed!** It's not hard. Just pick up some treats, come early to set up, and pack everything away when it's done. There are plenty of signs to help guide you. Bill O., "the Coffeeman", takes care of the coffee pot so that's all set. Host solo or work with a friend!

I can host a Coffee Hour this winter! My preferred dates are:

Feb 9     Feb 16     Feb 23

Mar 2     Mar 9     Mar 16     Mar 23     Mar 30

❖ **Lenten Study Group**

Pastor Karen is making plans for a possible Lenten Study Group.

Please help her by answering the following questions:

I am definitely interested in participating or  I might be interested

If you are interested, would you prefer

"In-person" sessions or  ZOOM sessions

Daytime sessions or  Nighttime sessions

I am NOT interested in participating

❖ This person could use a **call from the Pastor** \_\_\_\_\_

**To add something to the Pink Sheet:**

◇ Contact Deb McMartin in the Church Office to get it listed.

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