



Welcome to Spring! **March 2023 Social Justice News**

What is your mission? If it's to make the world a better place, there are so many opportunities! And so often, those opportunities enhance our lives as well.

This month, I encourage you to consider -
What's *your* mission? Write it on a post-it note and stick it on your fridge or bathroom mirror!

An Eco-Friendly Easter: We recently put together about 200 Easter baskets and it was a great project! As we were working, several women mentioned the amount of plastic we were seeing. Plastic is ubiquitous, but we'd like to find more eco-friendly solutions where we can. In looking for solutions and ideas, I came across a great article on how to have a more eco-friendly Easter. Thought y'all might be interested in it too: <https://earthfriendlytips.com/how-to-have-an-eco-friendly-easter/>

While we're at it: If you have ideas on how we might be able to do more eco-friendly Easter buickets for the kids at the food bank next year, please email me so I can put those ideas together to be considered. My email is booksbyari@gmail.com

What exactly IS the school to prison pipeline:

We often hear about this pipeline, but a lot of us don't quite understand how it works. This is a great 30 minute podcast that explains it well. After listening it, if you'd like to take some action, start a discussion with friends and family. If you want to go beyond that, write to your school board and learn more about (and support) restorative justice. <https://www.aclu.org/podcast/how-end-preschool-prison-pipeline-ep-172>

A Prayer for You: Thank you, Lord, for the fresh start spring offers to us. As the snow and ice melts into streams of life-giving water, the buds burst open into flowers, help us to see our own potential and the synchronicity of opportunities you so abundantly provide. - Amen