

Faith Notes

June 3, 2007

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Dear fellow travelers with Christ,

What have you learned by spending some time in the book of James this spring?

I have learned that 'respect' (our topic for this season) is a profoundly spiritual quality. By 'spiritual' I mean that it requires a bigger vision of God and others and a smaller vision of myself.

We might be tempted to think of respect as an exercise in gentility... learning how to be a good team player. But James keeps reminding us that our sense of self is ...well... too grand. Focus on the good (and remember that it all comes from God). See that good in others. And then (James is extremely practical!!) make sure that your actions and especially your words express that respect actively.

Let's receive James' word as a word of hope to our church.

Warmly in faith,



Bringing your faith to your work ... in word and spirit ...and finding encouragement for your faith at work... these are the concerns of a local ministry that creates workshops on this topic and sends out devotional material weekly by email. Go to www.marketplace-network.org to find out more about their work and to sign up for their mailings.



Love must be as much a light as it is a flame.

- Thoreau



A great time was had by everyone attending the **Memorial Day Parade** on Monday, May 28th. Pictured above is Yvonne Hall holding one end of TCC's banner as approximately 50 TCC'ers marched in the parade along Main Street, and played their kazoos under the direction of Paul Manning.

Red T-shirts, worn by band members, were given by the Missions Committee, to any church member or friend who works on a Missions outreach project. T-shirts have been earned for working on the April car wash to earn money for the Mexico mission trip in October, given to those who served meals at the Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC) or help bake brownies for Lazarus House. Since the band was a community outreach endeavor, all received a shirt!

It was Paul Manning's dream to have our church participate in the Memorial Day parade as he recalled we used to be actively involved in past events. His dream was fulfilled on Monday as he lead the kazoo band down the main street of town to show that TCC is a vital presence in the community.

The following information was requested from Pastor Jonathan following his sermon on May 27th, “*The Path of Self Respect*”...

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you.

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight.

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, there may be jealousy.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow.

Be good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough.

Give the world the best you have anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and (God).

It was never between you and them anyway.

- Kent M. Keith



Casey Roux carefully cleaning one of the many cars that supported the Mission's Car Wash earlier this spring.



Sunday, June 3rd

**Mexico Mission Fund-Raising
Event**

**BREAKFAST after the
worship service in Fellowship
Hall**

Make your own Breakfast Burrito, enjoy hot and delicious pancakes, fresh fruit, hot beverages. Come and support the Mission team's efforts to raise money for their mission trip in October. A free-will offering will be accepted!

A message from the Board of Deacons

As summer approaches with the hint of warmer weather and smells of cut grass mixing with fragrant flowers, we start making our summer plans.

Want something to brag about to your friends on what you did over the summer? How about leading a worship service? We are looking for someone to preach in July and someone to preach in August.

Pastor Jonathan will take his sabbatical leave starting July 2nd and return to the pulpit on August 26th. The Board of Deacons is in the process of requesting pulpit supply from TCC Lay Leaders and guest preachers. If you are spiritually moved through prayer to preach on a Sunday, contact either Julie Marotte (603-791-5801) or Bob Jenkins (978-459-1640).



A serious conversation between Ethan Trudeau and Adam SanClemente during a social event sponsored by *M&E* in Fellowship Hall.

Do you have musical talent that you would like to share? Can you play the piano, the flute, guitar? Can you sing? *Let Serena Santoro or Craig Seaman know or call the church office at 978-851-9411. We'd love you to share your musical talents with us this summer during our worship services.*

If you would like to donate a bouquet of flowers from your garden this summer to be placed on the altar, please call Carolyn Fialkowski 978-256-0897.

Call Rita Masters, 978-452-4934, if you can help teach Mini-Sunday School starting at the end of June.

A Summer Reminder from the Finance Committee

Summer is rapidly approaching and church attendance tends to slip. Though we hope to see you in worship, the Finance Committee sends you this reminder. While you may find yourself away on Sunday mornings, the church's financial obligations are still here. Even a monthly contribution of your pledge or financial support will greatly ease the summer cash flow strains.

If you have made a pledge or are a regular contributor and do not plan to be here in the summer, you can still make your donations by mailing your pledge/contribution to:

*Tewksbury Congregational Church
Attn: Michael Wildeman, Fin. Sec.
10 East Street
Tewksbury, MA 01876*

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Wildeman by email (m.wildeman@neu.edu) or by phone (978-851-7161). Thank you for your continued support, and have a safe and happy summer vacation.

Vacation Bible School registration Sunday, June 3rd in classroom #10 in the Educational Wing at **11:00am**. The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child. This year's theme is "***Avalanche Ranch – a wild ride through God's World***". VBS will be held from July 30th through August 3rd from 9:00am until noon at St. William's School. Volunteers are needed. See Cathie Seaman today for registration information.

Calendar of Events for the Week of June 3, 2007

Date	Event
Today	9:00 AM - Jr. Choir Rehearsal 9:30 AM – Worship Service & Sunday School 10:30 AM – Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall) 10:30 AM – Missions Fundraising Breakfast (Free-will offering.) 10:45 AM – Cherub Choir Rehearsal (Rm. 10) 11:00 AM – VBS Registration (Room 10) 6:30 PM – Jr. Youth Fellowship Meeting
Monday	6:00 PM – Jubellation Ringer’s Rehearsal
Wednesday	12:30 PM – Prayer Circle (Parlor)
Thursday	6:00 PM – Pastor Parish Relations Committee Meeting 7:30 PM – Music Staff Meeting (Parlor)
Friday	10:00 AM – Fairgrieve Scholarship Fund Meeting



Next Sunday, June 10th is a **Celebration of Youth Ministries and Dedication of the Church Steps and Columns.**

Everyone is invited to a church picnic in Fellowship Hall following the worship service.

Hot dogs and beverages supplied by the RE Board. Please bring a salad or finger-type dessert.

FINANCIAL NEWS

2007 thru May 27	Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
Pledge	\$54,432	\$55,857
Identified	\$8,425	\$9,783
Rentals	\$25,050	\$21,544
All Other	\$5,840	\$5,817
Total Revenues	\$93,746	\$93,001

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