

# Faith Notes

June 10, 2007

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Dear friends,

Summer is upon us and this is the last edition of *Faith Notes* for the school year. It will resume in the fall, on Rally Day, September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will publish information with the weekly service order and post the same information on the website too!

Some of you have studied martial arts. And we have a distinguished teacher of the martial arts in our own congregation, Jim Kenney! The word 'disciple' is a word closely connected to the martial arts... or to any skill that requires oversight from a 'Master'. While you can pick up some skills in a book, this would not have been the way in Jesus' day. Few of His followers could read or had the resources to own *papyri* (the books of His day, hand written scrolls). This meant that they listened, memorized, observed and practiced the skills and postures of being a disciple, a follower of the Master.

We are rich in information, books and written resources. But there is an ancient wisdom that says that we cannot grow in the faith without being in relationship with Master Jesus and with those who embody His traits imperfectly as followers of Him. Some things can't be gotten from a book. Surely faith is one of them!

So this means, this summer, grow your connection to Master Jesus, no matter where you are. And it also means... keep in touch with fellow disciples. You cannot make this journey of faith on your own.

Stay in touch, grow in faith. We'll see each other more often than not and feel the pulse of God's Spirit alone and together.

Warmly,

*Pastor Jonathan*



## TCC – Terms begin June 1, 2007

**Church Council at large:** Valerie MacKenzie, Mary Lou Adams, Yvonne Hall.

**Board of Deacons:** Donna Haines, Noel Metcalf, Pat Takach, Bob Jenkins, Sue Trudeau.

**RE Board:** Jim Kenney, Christopher Jenkins, Carol Sturtevant, Peggy Mello, Sue Panilaitis.

**Board of Trustees:** Jim Keddie, Steve Raso, Ken Mouser

**Finance Committee:** Russ Adams, Arlene Roux, Julie Marotte

**M&E:** Jean Metcalf, Heather Leary, Sheryl Imhoff, Jim Carr

**Missions:** JOJO Scharmer, Beth McFadyen, Emir Galevi, Suzanne Spezzano, Cathie Seaman

**Music:** Stephanie Muse, Lisa Parker-Sclafani, Sarah SanClemente

**Memorial Gifts:** Carolyn Fialkowski, Ann Marie Baldwin

**Pastor Parish Relations Committee:** Linda Bowley, Valerie MacKenzie, Jean Carr, Karen Geier, Bruce Panilaitis.

**Personnel Committee:** Steve Trudeau, Beth McFadyen

Committee Chairs will be nominated at the ABC meeting on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Members of the Ladies Aid met May 9<sup>th</sup> for lunch and a fashion show wearing clothing that was both colorful and unique. Remember when women wore hats to church? Well, there were plenty of ladies wearing hats on May 9<sup>th</sup> in the Vestry!



*Pictured above is Alice Golen as she was about to serve coffee to the ladies.*



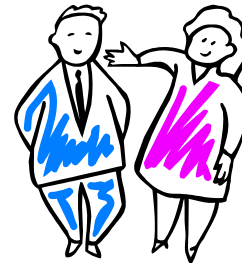
*Members sitting at the head table are pictured in their fashion finery!*

On **Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** members of the **Ladies Aid** will meet in the church parking lot at **11:00 a.m.**, to car pool to **Jackson's Restaurant** for their final meeting before summer's recess.

For more information, please call Eleanor Corey at 978-851-2773.



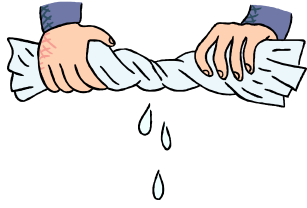
This week members of **Friendship Circle** will meet at the home of Yvonne Hall for a delicious brunch on **Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00a.m.** This will end the season until September when the group meets again. Come and enjoy each other's company over brunch. RSVP Yvonne at 978-851-6668 for planning purposes.



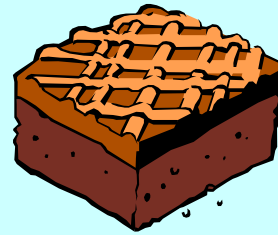
**ABC's Meeting June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

Attention all members of **TCC's Boards & Committees**, all new members, all members leaving their board or Committee—and those continuing. Please come to Tuesday's meeting. Each outgoing chair will chair the meeting or will outline an agenda if he/she is moving to another board. There will be elections for chair and secretary of each Committee/Board.

This is a time to pass along ideas and lessons learned and also begin discussions for FY08's budget.



**My trunk is full!** Thanks to the generosity of many of you, I have filled my trunk with towels for LTLC! This will be the second load to be brought to the shelter and the **Junior Youth Group** would like to thank you! The project was an overwhelming success. I would especially like to thank the Diet Workshop members and Beverly Reardon who leads them for the over-fifty towels they donated! We will never know exactly how the men and women feel when they reach for a brand new towel as they step out of the shower, but we certainly can imagine they feel supported and loved! That is just what God wants us to do! Praise the Lord, He is good.



Brownie ingredients needed for June 13<sup>th</sup> baking in TCC's kitchen for the Lowell Transitional Living Center –can you help by purchasing and donating some unsalted butter and some cocoa powder? Amount needed is posted on the BB in Fellowship Hall. Also folks needed to package the brownies on 6/14 at 4pm in TCC's kitchen. More info on the bulletin board.

While our pastor is on Sabbatical....

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This summer... Pastor Jonathan is taking a mix of sabbatical and vacation time. His last Sunday is July 1<sup>st</sup> and he will return August 26<sup>th</sup>. During his absence, there will be a lively mix of lay preachers and pastors serving the church. The office will stay open on typical summer hours (Tuesday through Thursday) and the Board of Deacons will stay on top of pastoral concerns and refer pastoral needs to local pastors who have agreed to cover the parish for pastoral crises or needs.

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We are offering **Mini-Sunday School** starting **June 24<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>**. This is for preschool children to students in Grade 3.

Our curriculum this year will feature *Fruits of the Spirit*. There are nine spirits and we will be studying the *Lord's Prayer*.

The curriculum is designed by Cokesbury and includes take home story sheets, a lesson geared to the children's ages and crafts.

It is not necessary to sign up for this program. Children will be released from worship after the *Children's Moment* and will meet in classroom 9 in the Educational Wing.

**2007-2008 Sunday School Teaching Needs** – Nursery coordinator, a kindergarten teacher to team with Sherry Fulton, two teachers for Grade 2. Sr. High Youth Fellowship needs a leadership team. Please speak to Christopher Jenkins, Rita Masters or the Pastor.

**Calendar of Events for the Week of June 10, 2007**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>Today</b>	<p><b>9:30 AM – Celebration of Youth Ministries, Dedication of Church Steps and Columns followed by all-church Picnic in Fellowship Hall</b> (All welcome – Reservations not necessary!)</p> <p><b>5:00 PM – NEW STEPS Contemporary Worship</b> <i>(Last service for the spring.)</i></p> <p><b>6:30 PM – Mission Trip Team Meeting</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM – Interfaith Choir Rehearsal</b></p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>6:00 PM – Women’s Handbell Rehearsal</b> (Will ring one more time prior to Father’s Day. Date and time will be announced.)</p> <p><b>7:30 PM – F/C’07 Ringer’s Rehearsal</b></p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>9:00 AM – Prayer Circle</b> (Parlor)</p> <p><b>11:00 AM – Ladies Aid Luncheon Meeting</b></p> <p><b>6:30 P.M. - <i>New Steps</i> planning</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM – Brownie Bake – TCC Kitchen</b></p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>9:00 AM – Friendship Circle – Brunch at Yvonne Hall’s home.</b> RSVP 978-851-6668</p> <p><b>4:00 PM – Brownie Packaging TCC Kitchen</b></p> <p><b>4:45 PM – Lowell Transitional Living Center Meal (Serve)</b></p>

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

<b>2007 thru June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Budget</b>
<b>Pledge</b>	<b>\$58,242</b>	<b>\$58,989</b>
<b>Identified</b>	<b>\$8,885</b>	<b>\$10,232</b>
<b>Rentals</b>	<b>\$25,310</b>	<b>\$21,544</b>
<b>All Other</b>	<b>\$6,293</b>	<b>\$6,270</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$98,729</b>	<b>\$97,035</b>

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