

Reminder, Daylight Savings Time ends a week later this year on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Faith Notes, October 21, 2007



Some say faith is just believing, but inside there is a strong yearning. We all long to learn more of God's Word. We have heard the call for more Bible study and we have an answer!

Beginning next **Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** and held weekly, we are pleased to invite you to **OPEN DOOR BIBLE STUDY**. Meet in the **Vestry at 10:50** for a small treat, some fellowship and music, followed by a study of Philippians, our first six-week session.

We will end in prayer and be finished by 12 noon. We will be looking for you to join us through the **"Open Door"** and into the heart of God.

Childcare is available!

- JoJo Scharmer

Parents, please note: Children in the second grade Sunday School class will meet in the third-grade class today.

### *Notes on worship:*

*"Dusting for God's fingerprints"... where can we find God in the world? What do we make of the presence of many religions in the world? Where does that place our faith in Christ? Aren't we all 'God's children'?*

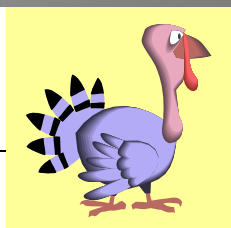
*This is a wonderful and perplexing set of questions. I am going to look outward to begin this sermon... but then ask what Paul and Jesus seem to say about this new faith, their faith, barely separate from the Jewish faith of their own day! The answer may even have something to do with opening the door to Joy.*

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*We are beginning a practice in worship this morning where we will prepare our hearts to hear the scriptures after the children go to class. If you are a parent returning from the classroom you may find us sitting quietly for a moment. Just join us and use the time for your own spiritual preparation. We will speak aloud, and then sit in silence for about a minute until the organ calls us from this moment of prayer.*

On Wednesday of this week the Rev. Leslie Hastings will facilitate a workshop on *What Kids Need to Succeed, Tools for Success*. As parents, educators, grandparents, interested adults, this is an important subject and one that we all contribute in some way to helping our children succeed. There is no cost to attend this workshop, but it would be helpful if we knew how many people are coming for the distribution of handouts. Light refreshments will be served.

Come Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:00pm. Don't miss this opportunity to help the child or children in your life. Call 978-851-9411 to register or email the church office at [tewksburycc@verizon.net](mailto:tewksburycc@verizon.net). For more information call Rita Masters – 978-452-4934.



**COMING SOON!**

Friendship Potluck Supper featuring a turkey dinner! Come and enjoy the fellowship of other TCC'ers on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30-7:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Turkey, gravy and beverages will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Jean Metcalf will be in Fellowship Hall today with a sign-up sheet for this exciting event.

**Today**

**Junior Choir**  
**9am, Fairgrieve Room**  
**Hymn Sing**  
**9:15am, Sanctuary**  
**Cherub Choir**  
**10:45am, Rm 10**  
**Sr. & Jr. Youth**  
**Fellowship – Meet at**  
**TCC parking lot**  
**1:00pm – Corn Maze**  
**Interfaith Choir**  
**Rehearsal, 7:30pm**  
**Fairgrieve Room**

**Coffee Hour is held**  
**downstairs in Fellowship**  
**Hall. Come join us!**

**Monday**

**6:00 PM**  
**Jubellation**  
**Ringers**

**Tuesday**

*Newsletter*  
*articles due in*  
*church office*  
*today for*  
*November and*  
*December*  
*issue!*

**Wednesday**

**8:30 AM**  
**Prayer Circle**

**7:30 PM**  
**“How**  
**Children**  
**Learn” -**  
**Workshop**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM**  
**Holiday**  
**Friends**

**7:30 PM**  
**Sr. Choir**  
**Rehearsal**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

**12:30 PM**  
**New**  
**Member’s**  
**Class**

**Make a Difference Day –**  
**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

In the spirit of making a difference in our community and in the world, the Missions Committee would like to encourage you to celebrate Make a Difference Day this Saturday. Even the smallest gestures can make the world a better place... a quick visit to a homebound person, the purchase and donation of new socks to a shelter, raking leaves for someone who is ill, offering your lower number to a person in an obvious rush at the deli counter. Together, we can make a difference!

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single minute before starting to improve the world.”  
 - Anne Frank

Today the **Tewksbury**  
**Community Pantry** is holding an  
**Open House and Food Drive**

from  
 2:00 to 4:00pm.  
 You can tour the Food Pantry and see firsthand the community’s effort to serve those less fortunate. The Pantry is simultaneously holding a food drive and requests residents to drop off non-perishable canned goods during their Open House. The Food Pantry is located at 999 Whipple Road (DPW site).

A size 2XL winter coat is needed for one of the Mexican workers associated with Harvest Hands ministries. If you can donate a gently used coat size 2XL, please call Jean Carr at 978-851-0174.