

Philippians chapter one, verses 1 to 11, a fresh translation

(1-2) Paul and Timothy, both of us committed servants of Christ Jesus, write this letter to all the followers of Jesus in Philippi, pastors and ministers included. **We greet you with the grace and peace that comes from God our Father and our Master, Jesus Christ.**

(3-6) Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. **I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present.** There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

(7-8) **It's not at all fanciful for me to think this way about you. My prayers and hopes have deep roots in reality. You have, after all, stuck with me all the way from the time I was thrown in jail, put on trial, and came out of it in one piece.** All along you have experienced with me the most generous help from God. He knows how much I love and miss you these days. Sometimes I think I feel as strongly about you as Christ does!

(9-11) **So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately.** You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. **Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.**

TCC ... faith notes



Notes on worship, from the pastor

The freshness of the Christian message gives it power in our lives.

Everything about the Christian message was a depth charge to its own culture. It challenged the Roman and Greek assumptions about power and leadership. It upset conventional norms about worship. It created a different approach to law and morality. It's piety, or sense of God, looked and felt different to its practitioners.

We can look back with '20/20 hindsight' and be grateful for the spirit of the apostle Paul. He led strongly in new directions from the beginning! The freshness of the message leads us into joy more easily today in our faith.

What we may need for this morning is to recapture the message of Jesus in fresh ways. Its 'gospel' literally means 'good news' ... and when it is good to us it has the power to do good in the world.

Pastor Jonathan

I hope you'll come down to coffee hour and look at pictures and thoughts from my sabbatical... offered to you with thanks for the gift of this time away.

News from Boards and Committees

Deacon's

At the beginning of the calendar year the Deacon's go on a retreat, so that we can talk more deeply about our work. We went to Rolling Ridge Conference Center, Saturday Sept. 22 for the day.

Missions - October is winter warmth collection month. We are collecting hats, mittens (gloves) and scarves to be placed in receptacle in side hall.

Membership and Enlistment

New Member Classes

Sat. Oct. 13th and 20th

12:30 to mid afternoon

Fellowship Pot Luck, Saturday Nov. 3rd
early dinner and games, all welcome!!

The **Music Committee** is pleased to announce that a piano has been donated to the church for use in the sanctuary. We are also pleased to announce that we have already received a donation of \$175 to put towards the \$385 cost of professionally moving the piano here and tuning it once it gets here. More details will follow when the piano is dedicated.

The Stewardship Committee

(Russ Adams, Gail Pendergast, and Julie Marotte) is looking for assistance with short term tasks for the upcoming Stewardship Campaign kicking off on October 7th.

If you can help with one or more of the following items, please contact Julie Marotte.

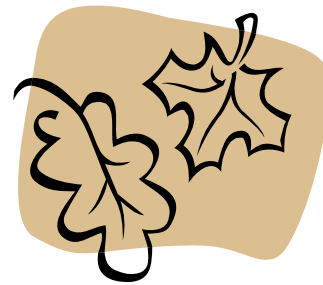
- Bulk mailing of stewardship materials - copying, folding, and stuffing envelopes.
- Calling Steward (looking for 25-30 individuals) to visit homes in pairs week of October 28th for an every member canvas to discuss stewardship materials.

Training will be held on October 21st following worship in the Vestry for these visiting teams.

Today

Junior Choir
9am, Fairgrieve Room
Cherub Choir
10:45, room 10
Jr. High Fellowship
6pm, Fellowship Hall

Coffee Hour is held in Fellowship Hall in the education wing of the church. Come join us!



Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	NEXT SUNDAY
<p>6:00 PM Jubellation Ringers Rehearsal</p>		<p>9:00 AM Holiday Friends</p> <p>7:30 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal</p>		<p>Mass. Conference Annual Meeting - Part II Worcester MA</p>	<p>We commission Mexico mission trip members as they leave the next weekend.</p>

Sr. High Fellowship Kick off meeting Sunday evening the 30th at 6pm at church.