

This year's fair needs Volunteers!

Can you help coordinate the effort to set up and tear down tables for the fair? Can you volunteer to help at tables to give fair workers a break for lunch or shopping?

Volunteers needed to help at the *Silent Auction* and *Holiday Ornament* tables during fair hours.



Holiday Fair and Pie Social Volunteer and Donation Sign- ups.

Please see **Linda Dunn** at coffee hour following worship today!

Faith notes!

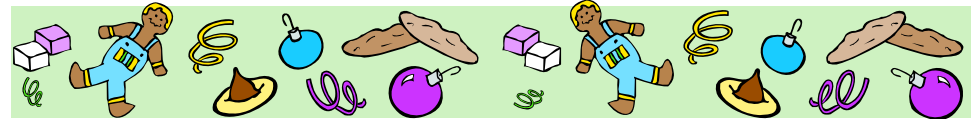


Notes on worship (From the Pastor)

Like a butterfly, pressing its way through a cocoon into the bright sun, the Christian is invited to push through suffering into the bright reality of God's love. In some ways it is our avoidance of suffering that keeps us in the dark about God. Breaking out of that cocoon is part of growing up and becoming more real about faith.

Jesus' followers were not particularly impressed with this message. It seems that Jesus had to repeat it over and over. Embracing suffering in our lives and in the lives of others takes us closer to God's heart. After all, love without suffering is ... like gravy on a grilled cheese sandwich... tasteless, pointless and a bit fattening.

This morning I will focus on how to embrace the suffering of others, reminding ourselves that suffering often goes hand in hand with the wonderful message of our faith.



Are you doing any **fall cleaning**? There are many tables that would welcome your gently used or new/unused items. **DVD's, books, videos, CD's children's toys/games/dolls, white elephant household items, craft items** and Silent Auction items.

There are several **food-themed tables** that could use homemade pies, sandwiches, baked goods and candy.

Craft items, sewn items and knitted items are also needed.

SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW – A timeshare at **Hilton Head** for the week of **January 10-17th, 2009**; and a pair of **Red Sox tickets** to a game in April. *For more information, please speak to Linda Dunn, 978-640-6907*

Word has it that there will be something different at the Kid's Fair this year! There will be a Popcorn/Movie room and instead of a cookie walk, children will be asked to decorate their own cookies! This will be lots of fun! To help, if you can bake some plain sugar cookies, we'll have enough on hand to provide for our enthusiastic and creative children. Please contact Cathie Seaman for more information (978-640-0101).



One must never lose time in vainly regretting the past or in complaining against the changes which cause us discomfort, for change is the essence of life.

- Anatole France (Novelist and recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature, 1921.)

Sunday School News –

- **Volunteers** are needed to assemble craft kits for the **Advent Workshop** (scheduled 12/7 at 11:00am). Kits can be assembled at TCC or at home.
- Workers are needed to help at the Advent Workshop assisting with crafts.
For more information on how you can help, please see Rita Masters.

Please note:

- The Junior and Senior Sunday School classes will attend full worship next Sunday, Nov. 23rd.
- There is *no* Sunday School on the 30th. Nursery care will be available.

Starting, Sunday, November 23rd from 8:30 to 9:15am there will be supervised child care (for all ages) in classroom #9 for families who are involved in early Sunday morning activities.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at the **First Baptist Church on Andover Street**, Tewksbury, on Sunday evening, **November 23rd at 7:00pm.**

Special music from the choirs of St. William's, Interfaith and TCC's youth ensemble along with scripture readings and prayers led by Pastors Moo, Debbie Carter, Father John Hanley and Jonathan Goodell. This service has always been a wonderful evening of faith and thanksgiving in the community.

Today
Junior Choir
 9am, Fairgrieve Room
Coffee Hour
 10:30am, Fellowship Hall
Cherub Choir
 10:45am, Room 9
Open Door Bible Study
 10:55am, Room 10
Jr. Youth Group
 Meet after worship to travel to Winchester.
Interfaith Choir Rehearsal
 7:30pm, Fairgrieve Room

Monday
6:00 PM
 Jubellation
 Ringers
7:00 PM
 Holiday Friends
7:30 PM
 Carillon
 Ringers

Tuesday
7:30 PM
 Church Council

Wednesday
8:30 AM
 Prayer Circle
11:00 AM
 Bible Study

Thursday
9:00 AM
 Holiday Friends
7:30 PM
 Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Nov. 21st at 2:30pm
Blaire House
Worship Service
(Meet at Blaire House.)
 Volunteers welcome!
 The Pastor has prerecorded hymns that are played to the residents with hearty singing by the Pastor and anyone who would like to join him.



The Giving Tree Starts Today!

After worship, please consider visiting 'The Giving Tree' (in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour and outside the church office after that) and select a person for whom to purchase a gift for the holidays. This year, we are partnering with the MSPCC to serve children living in foster care and babies in need. Additionally, there are options to purchase gifts for elderly TCC members. Gifts will be due on Sunday, 12/7.

Contact JoJo at jojo19@comcast.net for more information.



You are invited...

Members and friends of TCC have consistently supported our confirmation classes over the years.

Students in this year's class are **Jonathan Foss, Jaelyn Fulton** and **Jenna Stanley.**

Members of the 2008 class will hold a worship service on Saturday evening Nov. 22nd at 7:30pm in the sanctuary followed by refreshments in the Vestry.

Parents, friends and TCC members are most welcome to join the confirmands as they convey their faith journey.

Thank you to everyone who brought potatoes to church today or contributed toward the \$120 that was collected to purchase potatoes on your behalf. We anticipate supplying approximately 150 bags to the Food Pantry this week, to be included in the Thanksgiving Baskets which will be distributed to Pantry clients next Sunday.