

## Notes from Your Missions Committee

**Next Sunday is Potato Sunday** ~ TCC is honored to supply potatoes to 150 Tewksbury families in need through the Community Pantry's Thanksgiving Basket Program. We hope that you are able to add a 5lb bag to your grocery list this week and bring it to church with you next Sunday for the "in gathering." Because the baskets are distributed on 11/24, we cannot accept donations after next Sunday, 11/16. If you are worried that you might forget your potatoes next week, then kindly consider offering \$5 for 2 bags of potatoes at the Potato Table during Coffee Hour today. Jennie Muse will gladly accept your donation and use it to make a bulk purchase on behalf of TCC next week. Last Sunday, Jennie collected \$85. That's 34 bags! See Stephanie or Jennie Muse at the Potato Table for more information.

**Halloween Candy Collection** ~ Today is the last day that we are collecting leftover Halloween Candy to make candy bags for our friends at the Lowell Transitional Living Center. Joanne Kenney reports that we've already collected 2 full bins worth of treats! If you forgot your candy today but still wish to donate, please contact Joanne at [jokenney@comcast.net](mailto:jokenney@comcast.net) to make special delivery arrangements.

**Brownie Baking on Wednesday Evening** ~ Do you love to bake? If so, you would *really love* baking TCC Brownies from scratch. We bake 6 batches on 3 full sheet pans which makes 150 extra large and super tasty chocolate treats to serve at the LTLC dinner on Thursday night. At this time, all ingredients have been supplied except for 4 dozen large eggs. If you would like to join Carol Sturtevant and her baking buddies on Wednesday from 7-9pm in the TCC Kitchen, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Helping Hands bulletin board or contact Carol at [sturtevantcb@verizon.net](mailto:sturtevantcb@verizon.net).

**Toiletry Kits Created Today** ~ Our Jr/Sr High Sunday School class, under the guidance of Toiletry Mission Project Coordinators Laura and Ben Holmes, are creating toiletry kits this morning with the wonderful donations received from our Congregation.

**Giving Tree Begins Next Sunday** ~ On 11/16, ornaments will be available on The Giving Tree located outside the church offices. This year, we are excited to partner with the Lowell office of the Department of Children and Families (formerly DSS) and with Massachusetts Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) to sponsor adolescents and infants (0-3 years) living in Foster Care. Additionally, we will provide small gifts to some of our elder TCC members who are no longer able to worship with us. Contact JoJo Scharmer at [jojo19@comcast.net](mailto:jojo19@comcast.net) for more information.

**Fall Stewardship Campaign Follow-up** – Last Sunday was **Pledge Dedication Sunday** with 61 pledges returned. There are many more expected and if you have not returned your pledge cards (Time & Talents as well as Financial) yet, please do so immediately. You may place them in the offering plate or mail them to TCC, Attn: Financial Secretary, 10 East St., Tewksbury, MA 01876. This will save a follow-up call by the Stewardship Committee. If you have misplaced your pledge cards, there are additional Stewardship Packets located at the front and side entrances. Thank you for your continued support.

## Faith notes!



### **Notes on worship** (From the Pastor)

*This section of the beatitudes is the 'queen' of our list of eight essential character qualities of the growing disciple. It summarizes the highest aspiration of the follower of Jesus, followed only by the caution of suffering in the last beatitude.*

*But 'making peace' is no simple matter. It can be a lofty aspiration frustrated by the reality of hurt feelings, bad history and weak motivation on the part of those involved. Thus the ones who persevere as peace makers are truly blessed from Jesus' perspective.*

*I hope to be practical in this sermon about how we actually make peace with the ones we rub shoulders with on a daily basis.*



Swinging on delicate hinges  
the Autumn Leaf  
Almost off the stem.  
- Jack Kerouac

**LTLC Servers Needed** ~ Are you available tonight or this Thursday night from 4:45-6:45? If so, might you consider serving a meal at the Lowell Transitional Living Center? Meet in the TCC parking lot at 4:45 to carpool, and expect to return by 6:45. Sign-up sheets are available on the Helping Hands Bulletin Board, or you can contact Cathie Seamen at 978-640-0101 (Sunday coordinator) or Jean Metcalf at 978-640-9220 (Thursday coordinator) for more information.

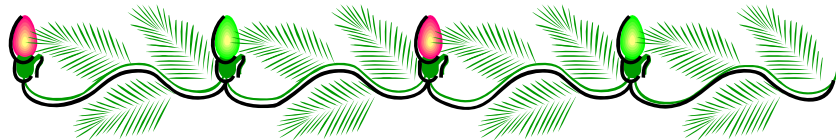
**Holiday Fair and Pie Social Volunteer and Donation Signups**  
**Please see Linda Dunn at coffee hour following worship today!**

- This year's fair needs Volunteers!!!
- 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.
- Do you have any metal one-pound coffee cans that can be used to make TCC's famous brown bread? Please bring to the church office prior to the fair.

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

Bob and Rita Masters have generously given two items for the Silent Auction:

1. A timeshare in Hilton Head for the week of Jan. 10-17<sup>th</sup>.
2. Two tickets to an April Red Sox's game (near April vacation week).



**Today**  
**Junior Choir**  
 9am, Fairgrieve Room  
**Coffee Hour**  
 10:30am, Fellowship Hall  
**Cherub Choir**  
 10:45am, Room 9  
**Preliminary Budget Meeting**  
 10:45am, Vestry  
 Open Door Bible Study  
 10:55am, Room 10  
 LTLC Meal  
 4:45pm, Meet in TCC parking lot to carpool.  
**Jr. and Sr. Youth Groups**  
 6:00pm  
**Interfaith Choir Rehearsal**  
 7:30pm

The newly formed 2009 Confirmation class, youth and parents, will meet with the Pastor on Wednesday, at 7:30pm.

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

**Tuesday**  
**7:15 PM**  
 ABC's

**Wednesday**  
**8:30 AM**  
 Prayer Circle  
**11:15 AM**  
 Ladies Aid  
**7:00 PM**  
 Brownie Baking for LTLC  
**7:00 PM** –  
 Bldg Com.

**Thursday**  
**9:00 AM**  
 Holiday Friends  
**4:45 PM**  
 LTLC Meal  
**7:30 PM**  
 Sr. Choir Rehearsal

**Friday**  
**7:00 PM**  
 Men's Group

Members of the **Ladies Aid** will meet in TCC's parking lot at 11:15am on Wednesday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> to travel to the Greater Lowell Technical High School for a delicious lunch.



Members of the Trustees, **Stephen, Jim, Joan, and Gerry** are working **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am** on Fall cleaning up the church grounds. **Can you help?** They are looking for a large number of volunteers to get the job done so that everyone can be finished by noon.



**Invitation from the Finance Committee**

All are invited today to attend a **Preliminary 2009 Budget Information Session** at 10:45am in the Vestry following worship. The purpose of this session is to foster an open dialogue in a Question & Answer format and to hear about Boards and Committees upcoming programs and staffing needs in 2009.

This is an informal (non voting) session so bring along your cup of coffee and participate to help shape the future plans of TCC.

*(Child care will be available in the nursery during the budget discussion.)*

REVENUE SOURCE	ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	YTD (Deficit)/Credit	TOTAL BUDGET
PLEDGE	\$121,216	\$126,412	(\$5,196)	\$149,800
IDENTIFIED CONTRIBUTIONS	\$9,004	\$9,726	(\$722)	\$12,000
RENTALS	\$43,860	\$46,160	(\$2,300)	\$55,000
ALL OTHER*	\$7,790	\$8,992	(\$1,202)	\$24,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$181,871</b>	<b>\$191,290</b>	<b>(\$9,419)</b>	<b>\$241,300</b>

**TCC Operating Revenue Summary through Week 44.** The table above presents the 2008 Operating Revenues received (Actual) vs. the year-to-date (YTD) budget, which compares 2008 receipts with actual revenues received at this time last year. A positive Credit number indicates that 2008 receipts are running ahead when compared with 2007, while a negative number (Deficit) means that we are running behind. The Total Budget column shows projected 2008 Revenues that was presented at the January 2008 Annual Meeting.