

Notes from Your Missions Committee

Mission Grant ~ For your convenience, **TCC Mission Grant** applications are available in Fellowship Hall on the coffee hour table. At this time of year, when we receive many requests for end-of-year donations from our favorite charities, please consider applying for a \$250 TCC Missions Grant. Should you have any questions, please contact Beth McFadyen at bmcfadyen@comcast.net

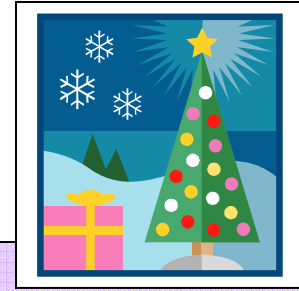
Baby Blankets ~ As the New Year quickly approaches, **Baby Basket** season is upon us. The Missions Committee seeks homemade baby blankets to include in the Baskets that we prepare for new mother's served by **The Wish Project** of Lowell. If you would like to knit, crochet, or quilt a blanket for one of our Baby Baskets, please contact **Cathie Seaman**, our Mission Project Coordinator, at 978-640-0101.

TCC Elves Needed ~ Several **Giving Tree** gifts are awaiting delivery to our dear elderly members. If you would like to spread some holiday cheer by visiting one of these members and hand delivering their gift, please contact JoJo Scharmer at jojo19@comcast.net.

Today is the last Sunday to order your **Christmas Poinsettia** to decorate the altar on Christmas Sunday, December 21 and during the Christmas Eve worship services. Forms are available during Coffee Hour today in Fellowship Hall. The cost of a poinsettia is \$10 and checks should be made out to Carol Sturtevant.

Faith notes!

December 14, 2008



Notes on worship (From the Pastor)

The 'Occupied Territories' of Palestine today include land that Mary and Joseph walked in their journey to Bethlehem. As they traveled they saw powerful evidence of Roman occupation, not to mention the typical challenges and dangers of heat, exposure to the elements and the uncertainty of brigands on the road. This solitary couple could listen to our doubts and fears about our own life's journey this December. For on this journey we also face an important set of fears for our own future. To be preoccupied by an awareness of these dangers can crowd out a deeper joy, an awareness of God's love that is meant for us today.



Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time.

- Laura Ingalls Wilder, Author

An Update of the Pie Social and Holiday Fair from Linda Dunn, Fair Chairperson

Thank you to everyone at TCC for all your hard work, your passion to put on the best event and for your generous donations of items, handiwork and effort for this year's **Pie Social, Holiday and Kid's Fair**. Huge thanks to all of those who generously donated time to make this happen!

The **Pie Social** had a great turnout with both TCC faces and those of our community. The social totaled **\$520** which is over **130** pieces of yummy homemade pie served.

The **Holiday Fair** had abundant tables with creatively handcrafted, deliciously homemade and generously donated items. The total 'so far' is **\$6,722.91**. The combined total is **\$7,342.91** but will continue to grow as all monies are collected.

Another great year and continued confirmation of what a great community we have here at TCC. Final detailed numbers (broken down by table) will be presented in the next newsletter.

Today

Junior Choir Rehearsal

9am, Fairgrieve Room

Coffee Hour

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Cherub Choir

10:45am, Room 9

Jr. Choir Rehearsal

11:00am, Fairgrieve Room

Open Door Bible Study

Open House

*will happen on
January 4th*

Jr. Youth Group

6:00pm – Christmas Party
Fellowship Hall

Interfaith Christmas

Concert

7:00pm – St. William's

Of Note:

Members of the **Jr. Youth Group** are caroling on Sunday evening at 6:30pm at the Blaire House. If you would like to join them, please meet at TCC at 6:15pm.

The **Trustees** are looking for someone to shovel snow this winter that would include the walks around the church building, the exit doors and steps. This is a paid position. Please contact the church office (978-851-9411) if you are interested in obtaining more information.

Monday

6:00 PM

Jubellation
Ringers

7:30 PM

Carillon
Ringers

Tuesday

7:30PM

Church
Council

Wednesday

11:00 AM

Prayer &
Bible Study

7:00 PM

Advent
Vespers
Service

Thursday

7:30 PM

Sr. Choir
Rehearsal

Friday

Blaire House Worship

Service

2:30pm

Come and sing Christmas carols with the Pastor and enjoy the fellowship of the residents at Blaire House.



*Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love divine; Love
was born at Christmas; star and
angels gave the sign.*

Today's hymn was composed by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894). She is the author of the more familiar carol, "*In the Bleak Midwinter*". Christina lived a very quiet life in England.

The text to, "*Love Came Down at Christmas*" has been described as a "gem" where so much is said in so little space.



December Worship

Wednesday, December 17th

Advent Vespers in the church sanctuary at 7:00pm.

Carols, prayers, readings, Candle Screen for reflections of the season.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Worship theme – Love

Sunday, December 21st at 9:30am

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 24th

4:00pm – Cherub Service

7:00pm – Candlelight Family

11:00pm – Candlelight Family

Sunday, December 28th, the first

Sunday after Christmas. Worship with us at 9:30am.



Reminder!

Please pick up your **2009 Offering Envelopes** that are located in the Narthex. If you cannot find a box with your name on it, please contact Mike Wildeman at 978-851-7161.