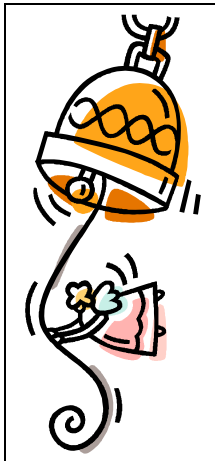




Next Sunday, December 14th, the Interfaith Choir will hold its annual Christmas concert at St. William's Church at 7:00pm. Practice is held here at TCC throughout the year for this annual event. The concert is free but a free-will offering is taken. Refreshments follow in the church hall. Everyone is invited to hear the beautiful music of Christmas sung by the choir.

Q4 Missions Grant ~ Would you like to give your favorite non-profit \$250 this holiday season? *Then why not apply for a Missions Grant?* Simply complete the brief application (found in hard copy at the mailboxes outside of the church office or in soft copy on the Missions & Outreach page of our TCC website) and perhaps the Q4 Grant will be awarded to an organization that is near and dear to your heart. The deadline is December 31st. Contact Beth McFadyen at bmcfadyen@comcast.net for more info.



On fifteen such old window panes
Bent rods, unadorned, where drapes should hang.
In a church parlor that needs some TLC
If you can help with ideas, see a Trustee!
Either Joan or Gerry would be glad to have
You as a part of the 'Parlor Subcommittee'.

Faith notes!



Notes on worship (From the Pastor)

This season is, so often, about staying the same. Our children want the familiar surprises and we look forward to the comfort of traditions of all sorts. But things do change... sometimes in a big way. "Rough news" of all sorts is shaking up our holidays this year!

John the Baptist offered a different sort of newscast than the ones we receive night by night on the television. First of all, his news was delivered personally, rather than impersonally. He didn't ask people to worry in general but to deal with the specifics of their lives. Second, it was a 'final report', versus the constant zigzagging reports that we receive of economic ups and downs. And it brought with it the chance to respond... and so the promise of genuine change and real hope.

The "rough news" of John was followed by the willingness of his followers to believe that God was ready to move in with something more than mere promises. We will explore the 'rough and ready' elements of Christian hope in the faces of John and Jesus this morning.

Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love!

- H. Wright Mabie



NOTES....

Join today's **Advent Workshop** at **11:00am** in the **Vestry**. Fun for the whole family and a great time for seniors and singles. A tasty lunch is provided. Create some Advent decorations that can be taken home and enjoyed.

Christmas poinsettias can be ordered today. Please see Carol Sturtevant in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour. Next Sunday is the last Sunday to order.

The Giving Tree ~ Warm thanks are extended to all who participated in this year's Giving Tree Mission Project. The gifts, which are due today, will certainly provide lots of holiday cheer to their recipients. If you have any questions regarding this project, please see JoJo Scharmer after worship today.

Today

Junior Choir

9am, Fairgrieve Room

Coffee Hour

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Cherub Choir

10:45am, Room 9

Junior Choir

11:00am, Fairgrieve Room

Advent Workshop & Lunch

11:00am, Vestry

Jr. Youth Fellowship

6:00pm, Advent Worship & Dinner (Parlor)

Note: The Junior Choir is rehearsing twice this morning.



Friendship Circle's TCC's Christmas Tree on display at the Tewksbury Public Library

Don't forget to visit the Library where a lovely Christmas tree decorated by Jean Metcalf is on display near the front entrance. This year's theme is an "Old-fashioned family Christmas". You can see some of Noel's ornaments that he obtained from TCC's silent auction last year.

Monday

6:00 PM

Jubellation
Ringers

7:30 PM

Carillon
Ringers

Tuesday

7:15 PM

ABC's

Wednesday

11:00 AM

Prayer Circle
12:00 Noon
Ladies Aid
Christmas Party & Luncheon
7:00 PM
Brownie Baking

Thursday

9:00 AM – Friendship Circle meets at the Holiday Inn for Christmas breakfast.
4:45 PM – LTLC Meal Serve
5:30 PM – Admin Staff Meet'g
7:30 PM – Sr. Choir Rehearsal



December Worship

Third Sunday in Advent

Worship theme – Joy
December 14th

Wednesday, December 17th

Advent Vespers
Carols, Prayers, Readings,
Candle Screen for Reflections of the Season

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Worship theme – Love
December 21st

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24th

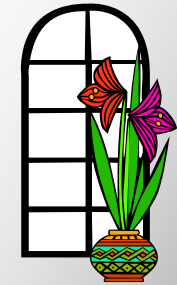
4:00 PM – Cherub Service

7:00 PM – Candlelight Family

11:00 PM – Candlelight Family

Sunday, December 28th, the first Sunday after Christmas. Worship

with us at 9:30am.



Next Sunday, December 14th

Open Door is holding an **Open House** in classroom 10 at 11:00am.

There will be seasonal goodies, a conversation about holiday rituals in our homes and a look at topics for January.

Come and join us, especially if this is your first time at Open Door!



Members of 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. If you are interested and can help with the winter shoveling, please contact the church office at 978-851-9411.