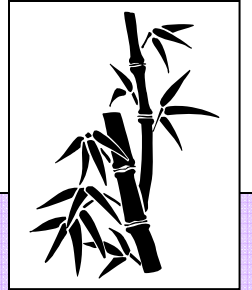


Faith notes!



Notes From Your Missions Committee:

- Today is the last Sunday of our **baby supply collection** as we gather items like blankets, onesies, lotions, small toys, etc... for the creation of Baby Baskets for The Wish Project of Lowell. If you still have items that you haven't yet donated, please contact Cathie Seaman at 978-640-0101 by the end of this week.
- New sign-up sheets are posted on the Helping Hands bulletin-board in Fellowship Hall to assist with the Lowell Transitional Living Center's monthly meal service. If you would like to **donate brownie ingredients** OR **serve dinner** on the second Sunday or Thursday of March, please add your name to the appropriate list.
- **Deliver a Dorcas' Kitchen Meal** to a member of our church family who is ill, homebound, or just in need of some loving care from TCC. A large variety of meals (including soup, macaroni and cheese, meatloaf, etc...) are located in the freezer in the Vestry. ALL are welcome and encouraged to serve from this church resource. Simply sign your meals out in the log held in the office or contact a member of the Missions Committee.
- Did you know that we have **collection bins** for non-perishable food (for Tewksbury Food Pantry), travel-sized toiletries (for local shelters), and ink cartridges (for Lowell Campus Ministries) located throughout the building? Thanks for your support of this ongoing ministry.

A memorial service for Mary Garland will be held on **Saturday, March 8th at 1:00pm** in the sanctuary. Following the service, there will be a reception downstairs in the Vestry. Everyone is invited to Mary's service.

Mary was a member of TCC for 80 years having joined in 1926 at the time the Rev. Henry B. Mason was the pastor. Rev. Mason resigned sometime in 1926 after serving this parish for nine years, and TCC later hired the Rev. John Cummings in 1927.

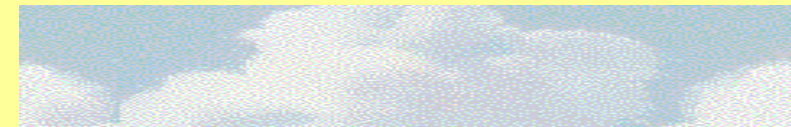
Notes on worship (from the pastor)

What does God have to do with 'friction'?

Jesus taught strongly that we are to love our enemies, love the people who place friction in our lives. The apostle Paul reminded the church in Rome that they were to overcome evil with good. Over and over the Bible reminds us that God is in charge... that when we attend to God's business...loving others... the obstacles placed in our path by others have a way of getting worked through.

You may have several questions about loving your opponents... When does this make me a doormat? When does it matter more to stand up to my enemy? What happens when I just can't stand that other person?

There are no easy answers, but there are wonderful examples for us to draw from. Jacob is the first...a reluctant reconciliation with an older brother after an encounter with God that changed his heart. That change of heart is what God want to do for you and me.



When you carry out acts of kindness, you get a wonderful feeling inside. It is as though something inside your body responds and says, "Yes, this is how I ought to feel."

- Rabbi Harold Kushner

Today we look at the life of **Frederick Douglass** as we conclude our celebration of **Black History Month**. We read in last week's *Faith Notes* that Carter E. Woodson wanted to celebrate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Douglass was born in 1817. He was the son of a black slave, Harriet Bailey, and was separated from his mother when only an infant. At the age of 12 while working for a white slave owner, the owner's wife broke the law by teaching Douglass some letters of the alphabet. Douglass succeeded learning how to read and write from the white children in the neighborhood in which he lived and by observing the writings of the men whom he worked for. Later Douglass taught slaves how to read the New Testament. Douglass later went on to successfully escape from slavery and officially won his freedom when British sympathizers paid the slaveholder who legally owned Douglass. Douglass joined various organizations in New Bedford, MA and regularly attended abolitionist meetings. He wrote his first autobiography, *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave*, published in 1845. He went on to hold several important political positions and was the first African American to receive a nomination for Vice President of the United States. Douglass knew President Lincoln and spoke at his memorial service. Lincoln's wife was so impressed with his speech that she gave him President Lincoln's walking stick that rested in Douglass' home in Washington, DC. Douglass was quoted as saying, *"Without struggle, there is no progress."*

Today

Worship Service & Sunday School
9:30am
Coffee Hour
10:30am, Fellowship Hall
Cherub Choir
10:45am, Room 10
Open Door Bible Study
11:00am, Vestry
Jr. Youth Group
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Interfaith Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm, Fairgrieve Rm.

There are only 13 tickets left for the **Progressive Supper** on **March 8th**. Please see **Sarah SanClemente** today in Fellowship Hall if you would like to attend. It's lots of fun!

Please schedule an appointment today to be a part of our new **Church Directory**. Photographers from **Olan Mills Studio** will be here on March 12th and 13th to take photographs of our church family. A free 8 x 10 portrait will be given to each family or individual.

A makeup date is being scheduled.

You can schedule your appointment today. Please see Sarah SanClemente in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.

Monday

7:00 PM
 Adult Easter Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday

7:30 PM
 Sunday School Teacher's Meeting

Wednesday

8:30 AM
 Prayer Circle

6:30 PM
 Lenten Meal & Bible Study

Thursday

7:30 PM
 Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Junior Youth Group

Regularly scheduled meeting tonight.

Come and "bee" surprised!



OUR LENTEN SERIES...

"Living the Questions in Matthew"

Today at 11:00am, Open Door Bible Study – and Wednesday evening, Feb. 27th at 6:30pm, Chapter III:

"All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference?"
(Paraphrased from Matthew 6:28)

Lent...a season to go deeper in faith by reading Scripture, praying, and reflecting personally.

It is not necessary for you to attend both sessions. Our Wednesday meeting begins with a light meal of homemade soup and hearty bread. If you prefer not to eat, come at 7:00pm for our study.



Be part of the conversation!

At Council this week we talked about how close we feel to the church and how tired or rested we may be.

As we shape plans for this next year, we want to know where our energies are as a church.

Perhaps you'd like to put yourself on the chart that Council worked on this week. It's on the new bulletin boards outside the church office.

Pastor Jonathan is attending a training conference for pastors this week. He will lead worship next week.

*Sweet February Twenty-Nine!—
 This is our grace-year, as I live
 Quick, now! this foolish heart of mine;
 Seize thy prerogative!*

- Walter De La Mare