

In the February/March issue of the newsletter, Rita Masters, the Director of Religious Education, wrote answering the question on whether or not an offering was collected during Sunday school. Rita's answer was, "Yes!" Offering envelopes are available in the church office for Sunday school children. The envelopes come in two designs—one pictures the animals Noah invited into the ark and the other contains Bible trivia.

On Friday, March 1st, the Men's Group is meeting at my home. The Men's Group is made up of a group of men in TCC ages 21 and over. Single or married; kids at home, kids at college, no kids at all! It doesn't matter what the family makeup is. Any male member is invited to attend the monthly meetings that are usually held in one our member's homes. Our meetings are very informal.

The **Men's Group** allows us to gather and enjoy fellowship, but we also play an active role in service of the TCC community.

We have served meals in the former Neighbor-to-Neighbor program, assisted the Trustees with special projects inside and outside the church, assisted TCC members with various service projects and we've even been responsible for the setup and takedown of the manger after Christmas.

So between our fellowship time and service projects, we strive to help each other as men of Christian faith. We all have issues/concerns at home and at work, so we work together to help each other out.

Thus, an open invitation is made to all men to come to our next meeting. Whether you can make it only once a year or every month, you're always welcome! Any questions? **Call me, Steve Trudeau at 978-640-9716.**

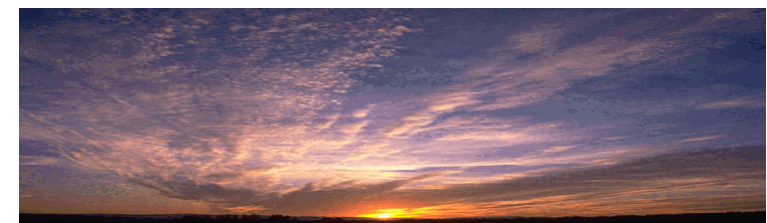
Faith notes!



Notes on worship (from the Pastor)

It is not uncommon in the scriptures to see grass or flowers used as an image of the transience of life. In the desert climate of Afghanistan, the little tulip springs up at about this season when the spring rains flood the area. It is a gorgeous little slip of color against the muddy fields and then it dies back again when the days get hot and dry. Jesus reminds His followers that the fragile grasses and flowers of His own desert area were like so much of life... beautiful, fragile, and perishable.

What is Jesus asking us about this morning? I believe He wants us to look again at what is permanent and what is perishing in life. So often these are confused by the images of life that society provides. Jesus does this so that we can find another way to handle the vulnerability of our lives... He asks us to consciously give our lives to the permanence of God's love.



The days come and go like muffled and veiled figures sent from a distant friendly party, but they say nothing, and if we do not use the gifts they bring, they carry them as silently away.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Gentle reminders!

- The need is for four pounds of unsalted butter for the brownies that will be made for the **Lowell Transitional Living Center**. Please see the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall if you can help.
- If you would like to provide **Easter flowers** to be placed in the chancel, please fill out the order form in the pew racks or see **Carol Sturtevant** during Coffee Hour today.
- Sign-ups for **Olan Mills photographs** continue today in Fellowship Hall. The photographer will be here **March 12th and 13th**.
- There are only six tickets left for the **Progressive Supper** on **Saturday, March 8th**. See **Sarah SanClemente** for tickets priced at \$10 each for a three course meal and lots of fun and fellowship!

Today

Junior Choir
9am, Fairgrieve Room
Worship & Sunday School
9:30am
Coffee Hour
10:30am, Fellowship Hall
Cherub Choir
10:45am, Room 10
Open Door Bible Study
11:00am, Vestry
Sr. Youth Fellowship
5:00pm, meet at TCC. *Will go snow tubing at the Nashoba Valley Ski area.*
Jr. Youth Fellowship
6:00pm, Fellowship Hall
Interfaith Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm, Fairgrieve Rm.

This week's Lenten study in *Living the Questions in Matthew* is taken from Matthew 9:12, "Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick?"

It was in this chapter that Jesus healed the paralytic. Some religion scholars whispered, "Why, that's blasphemy!"

Learn more during the **Open Bible Study** today at **11:00am** or come to the Wednesday evening Lenten study at 6:30pm. On Wednesday, we begin with a light supper of hearty bread and homemade soup. If you do not want a meal, but would like to come to the study, come at 7:00pm. There is no charge for the meal.

Monday

7:00 PM
Adult Easter
Handbell
Choir
Rehearsal

Wednesday

8:30 AM
Prayer Circle

6:30 PM –
Lenten Book
Study

Thursday

7:30 PM
Sr. Choir
Rehearsal



Friday

7:00 PM
Men's Group at
the Trudeau's,
1 Claire St.,
Tewksbury

Holy Week Worship Services

*Please join us for our Holy Week and
Easter Worship Services*

Palm Sunday
March 16th at
9:30am

*Children in Grade 3 will distribute
palms wearing their hand-made stoles*

Maundy Thursday Worship Service
March 20th
7:30 PM

Dramatic Scripture Readings
Prayer - Hymns
Choir will Sing

Good Friday, March 21st
Church Sanctuary open for Prayer
from 1:00 to 3:00pm

Easter Services
Sunday, March 23rd
6:30am – Ecumenical Sunrise
Service at Tewksbury United
Methodist Church followed by
breakfast.

Worship Services at TCC
9:00 and 11:00am



*Did you know...that Easter is
always the first Sunday after the
first full moon after the Spring
Equinox (March 20th)?*

*The dating of Easter is based on
the lunar calendar that the
Hebrew people used to identify
Passover, which is why it moves
around our Roman calendar.*

*Based on the above, Easter can
actually be one day earlier
(March 22nd but that is pretty
rare.)*

*This year is the earliest Easter
any of us will ever see the rest of
our lives. The next time Easter
will be this early will be the year
2228 (220 years from now.) The
last time it was this early was in
1913.*

*(Information on the above was provided by
the Rev. Marj Stark)*

Saturday, March 8th

1:00pm
**Memorial Service for Mary
Garland**

Mary joined TCC in 1926 and
was a member for 80 years. The
TCC church family is invited to
her memorial service.