

Please note the change in date for the afternoon Bible study and worship service at Blaire House for this month only—from Wednesday, March 19th to...

Wednesday, March 26th
On the 26th, the topic is – *He Disciplines Us* from Hebrews 12:5-13.



Junior Youth Group Fellowship News!

The SOCK collection has been completed!

We are excited to report that there were 111 children's socks, 113 adult socks as well as some slippers, undies and some gloves donated in February. These will be given to the Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC) and to Greater Lowell Somebody Cares, The Wish Project and Solomon's Adolescent Mental Health Program. Thank you, members of TCC!

**Tonight's Jr. Youth Fellowship Meeting –
The Trinity is the subject of tonight's meeting at
the regularly scheduled time of 6:00pm.**

Come for fun, games, refreshments and fellowship!

Please note: There will be no Jr. Youth Fellowship meetings on March 16th and March 23rd.

Thank you!

All of the ingredients for brownie baking this week have been donated.

These delicious brownies will be served at the LTLC on Thursday. Your ongoing generosity supporting the 'Brownie Baking Team' is very much appreciated!

Faith notes!



Notes on worship (from the Pastor)

An oncologist friend recently confided in me that today's cancer patients are very hard to guide. They come into the office armed with facts from the internet and want to doctor themselves. It's one thing to get another opinion, but it can be quite another thing to be your own doctor.

Today we watch a group of tax collectors gather joyfully with Jesus to celebrate Matthew's call into ministry. But the Pharisees, the religious experts of the time, are fussing about who Jesus is seeing. They have their own ideas about health, like these patients coming in armed with facts. And their idea is that these patients will never get well! But Jesus reminds them that a spirit of humility and a desire for mercy are the chief issues in getting well spiritually. And He implies that they may need a good deal of healing themselves!

Do you and I want to get well or shall we debate theories of spiritual medicine? Unfortunately a (spiritual) cancer can rage out of control while a patient debates the doctor on how to get well!



"The real issue in life is not how many blessing we have, but what we do with our blessings. Some people have many blessings and hoard them. Some have few and give everything away."

- Fred Rogers



- **Friendship Circle** is meeting **Thursday, March 13th at 9:00am** in the **Vestry**. They are working on a special project to coordinate Easter baskets for our shut-ins. Homemade paper baskets and decorated eggs will be placed in baskets along with delicious jelly beans. If you would like to come and join the group, please come on Thursday morning. For more information, please call Sarah SanClemente at 978-667-9771.
- Photos by **Olan Mills** are scheduled this week for our new **Church Directory**. Photographers will be here on **Wednesday, March 12th** and **Thursday, March 13th** from **3:00pm to 9:20pm** – the last appointment of the evening. If you haven't made an appointment to have your picture taken, please see Sarah SanClemente today during coffee hour.

Today

Junior Choir
9am, Fairgrieve Room
Hymn Sing
9:15am, Sanctuary
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 Room

Members of the Ladies Aid are meeting this week for their monthly luncheon at noon on **Wednesday, March 12th**. Scheduled for this month's program is a **social auction**. Members can bring anything they want to be auctioned off. Money earned is put in their general fund.

It is always a fun time and many enjoy the fellowship of getting together once a month in the church vestry. If you are not a member of ladies aid, but would like to come, please join the ladies for lunch and participate in their auction.

Monday
6:00 PM
 Jubellation
 Ringers
7:30 PM
 Adult Easter
 Handbell

Tuesday
7:30 PM
 ABC's

Wednesday
8:30 AM
 Prayer Circle
12:00 Noon
 Ladies Aid
3:00 PM
 Church Dir.
 Photos
6:30 PM
 Lenten Book
 Study

Thursday
9:00 AM
 Friendship
 Circle
3:00 PM
 Church Dir.
 Photos
7:30 PM
 Sr. Choir
 Rehearsal



Don't forget—today is the last day you can order Easter flowers for the chancel. Please use the forms in the pew racks.

**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 12:00 noon 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

Open Bible Study at 11:00am
 today studying from the book,
**“Living the Questions in
 Matthew”**

Matthew 10:25

*“So a pupil should be satisfied to
 become like his teacher, and a
 slave like his master. If the head
 of the family is called Beelzebul,
 the members of the family will be
 called even worse names!
 (From the Good News Bible)*

Our study paraphrases the
 Matthew text as follows:
*“If they call me, the Master,
 ‘Dungface,’ what can the workers
 expect?”*

Our study today at 11:00 and
 Wednesday evening at 6:30 will
 provide an answer to this
 challenging passage in Matthew.



The **Silvertones** are coming to TCC on **Saturday, March 29th**. Enjoy a dinner of spaghetti and homemade meatballs followed by some great music. All proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the 2009 Mexico mission trip. Tickets are \$10/each and can be purchased from any member of the Mission team!