

Open Door Bible Study today—we will discuss Matthew 8:12, *“If someone has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders off, doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine and go after the one?”*

Readings will include scripture, a short story by Walter Wangerin from his book, *“Little Lamb, Who Made Thee? A Book About Children and Parents”* and discussion. Everyone is welcome to the **Open Door Bible Study at 11:00am** in the Vestry.

Each month the Pastor receives from Christopher Jenkins, Andover Association’s Clerk, information on local UCC church events. This information is posted on the bulletin board near the church office under the heading: **Andover Association Newsletter**.

In addition, the Pastor receives the **Andover Association Prayer List**. This lists churches we are asked to pray for in our Association.

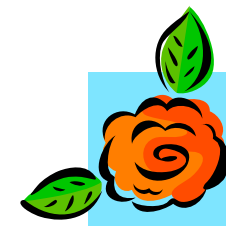
This week we are asked to pray for **South Church, Andover** and its pastoral staff, the Rev. Lisa Stedman, Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Katherine Kallis, Associate Pastor and the Rev. Jonathan Drury, Youth Pastor.



Calling All Graduates!!

If someone in your family is graduating this year from high school, college, or graduate school, please call the office (978-851-9411) and leave a message with the person’s name, degree, their educational institution, and their future plans. All graduates will be honored during the June 8th worship service.

Faith notes!



Notes on worship (from the Pastor)

What makes a church more than a club of like minded individuals? It is my hope that rather than owning TCC, that TCC will ‘own’ us, grab our hearts ... because it is bigger than we are! In the end, it truly is a house of God.

‘Discovering God’ is the unseen business of a strong church. While it is hard to measure directly, it is something that you can feel as you enter. The mind and heart of a healthy church is humble at its core because it sees the Divine, it knows God.

Today I want to paint a picture of this humility, reminding us especially that it has unusual strengths, dimensions that make us healthier as individuals and as a community.

Have you had a kindness shown?

Pass it on!

‘Twas not given for thee alone,

Pass it on!

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another’s tears,

Till in Heaven the deed appears---

Pass it on!

- Henry Burton

Service and Outreach Opportunities from Your Missions Committee: (Please sign up on the Helping Hands bulletin board located in the church Vestry.)

Serve dinner at The Lowell Transitional Living Center (LTLC) tonight at 5:30pm. Meet in the parking lot at 4:45 to carpool. Contact Cathie Seaman for more information.

Walk for Hunger on Sunday May 4th. Early morning, probably 7:00am, departure from parking lot to Boston for 20-mile walk. Missions will sponsor each walker \$25!

Postal Carrier Food Drive, Saturday, May 10th. Seeking eight volunteers to sort food at the Pantry from 2:00 to 4:00pm.

Church World Service Collection Site, Saturday, May 10th from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Seeking volunteers to work 2-hour shifts doing intake of 'kits' in Fellowship Hall. Contact Jean Carr for more info.

Bring a home-made meal to a TCC member who is homebound, ill, or in need of some loving care. Our Dorcas' Kitchen freezer is stocked with delicious frozen meals, and we need your help to un-stock it. The freezer is located in the kitchen corner of the Vestry. Please help us with this caring and nourishing ministry to our members.



Heifer Starts TODAY!

Our annual Heifer program starts today and will run through Sunday, May 11th. Our goal is to purchase 15 llamas at a cost of \$150/each. We need to raise \$2,250 during the next month. Coin banks are being sent home with the Sunday school children today (to be returned on May 11th), and we will be taking orders for **Mother's Day** and **General Purpose** cards today and the next two Sundays (we will gladly accept your free-will offering!). Cards can be ordered and picked up next week or anytime before Mother's Day. Please stop by our table at Coffee Hour and take a look at these beautiful cards!

Today is **Jazz Sunday** and one of the songs we are singing is "*Shine, Jesus, Shine*" with words and music written by Graham Kendrick. This song's refrain should stick in your memory...*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

The author has been described as the '*Father of modern worship music who's songs are crammed full of poetic, divine and biblical truth*'. The son of a Baptist minister, Graham trained as a teacher, but launched out as a singer/songwriter in 1972. Since then he has recorded over 30 albums and written over 400 songs. He is married with four daughters and lives in Kent, England.



The **Mexico Mission Team** is holding a fundraiser on **April 21st** at **Burger King** (across from the Oakdale Mall). A portion of every dollar spent will support the TCC mission trip to Juarez, Mexico.

You must purchase your meal between the hours of **4:00 and 8:00pm** in order for TCC to qualify for this. Mexico Mission Team members will be at Burger King on the 21st to greet patrons and explain about their trip.

Today
Junior Choir Rehearsal
9am, Fairgrieve Room
Worship & Sunday School
9:30am
Coffee Hour
10:30am, Fellowship Hall
Cherub Choir Rehearsal
10:45am, Room 10
Open Door Bible Study
11:00am, Vestry
Jr. Youth Pantry Scavenger
Hunt at 1:00pm
LTLC Meal Serve
4:45pm
Interfaith Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm, Fairgrieve Room

Monday

6:00 PM
Jubellation
Ringers

Tuesday

7:30
Church
Council

Wednesday

8:30 AM
Prayer Circle
7:00 PM
Bldg. Com.
Meeting

Thursday

7:30 PM
Sr. Choir
Rehearsal



Spring Clean-Up
Please help the Trustees
as they work to clean up
the grounds Saturday,
April 19th at 9:00am.
(Rain date 4/26.)

Date Change

The monthly **Bible Study** will meet **Wednesday, April 23rd** at 1:00 pm *instead of* April 16th. Following the Bible Study is the worship service at Blaire House. Scripture for this session is
1 John 3:1-10.

The afternoon Bible study is open to all if you are free to come.