

Mission and Outreach Opportunities (sign-up on the **Helping Hands** bulletin board in Fellowship Hall):

- **Walk (20 miles) for Hunger on Sunday, May 4th** with our Jr/Sr High Sunday School students. The Missions Committee will sponsor you (and give you a red Mission/Outreach T-shirt, too).
- **Sort canned goods at the Tewksbury Food Pantry on May 10th** during the Postal Carrier Food Drive. Looking for eight (8) volunteers to work from 2:00-4:00pm.
- **Package Church World Service “kits”** being dropped off at our very own TCC Depot in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, May 10th** from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Seeking two (2) volunteers for the 11:00am to 1:00pm shift and two (2) volunteers for the 1:00-3:00pm shift.



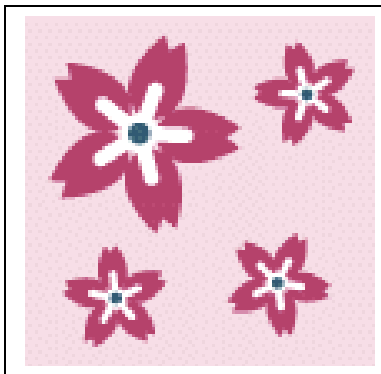
We have put together a new church survey. This survey provides an opportunity for you to go into detail with your comments or simply check off an answer. Surveys will be e-mailed to those the office has e-mail addresses for and others can pick up a copy after today's worship service.

Responses should be returned to the church office by **Sunday, May 4th** to allow the Church Council time to evaluate and compile your responses or they can be e-mailed to Bob Jenkins.

We would like to have 100% response! Do your part by letting the members of Church Council know how you feel about our life at TCC.

Andover Association Prayer List

Today we pray for West Parish Church in Andover and its pastor, the Rev. Thomas McMillan



Faith notes!



Notes on worship (from the Pastor)

I am looking forward to hearing from Sue on prayer. Let me offer a couple of thoughts on the use of the Psalms as a way of praying deeply. These are written by Kathleen Norris... a poet who turned to faith as a young woman and discovered a Catholic Benedictine order that nourished her faith..

“The Psalms make us uncomfortable because they don’t allow us to deny either the depth of our pain or the possibility of its transformation into praise. As a Benedictine sister in her fifties, having recently come through both the loss of a job and the disintegration of a long-term friendship, put it to me, ‘I feel as if God is rebuilding me, ‘binding up my wounds’ (Ps. 147:3). ‘But,’ she adds, ‘I’m tired, and little pieces of the Psalms are all I can handle... The Psalms feel to me like a gentle spring rain: you hardly know that it’s sinking in, but something good happens.’”

*⁵If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given to you.
⁶But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind...*

James 1:5-6



Llama Tell You Some News....This year's **Heifer Campaign** is off to a great start with funds (already!) being raised to buy two (2) of the 15 llamas in our very first week! You can support our fundraising efforts by purchasing **Mother's Day** (or general purpose) cards from us rather than from *Hallmark*. Please stop by the card table today after worship to place your order and be sure to come to church on May 4th to see real llamas from *Big Red Acres Alpaca Farm*.

Today

Hymn Sing

9:15am, Sanctuary

Worship Service

9:30am, Sanctuary

Coffee Hour

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

***Open Door Bible Study**

11:00am, Vestry

Sr. High Youth Group

6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

*Today's lesson is from Matthew 16:26, paraphrased as follows:

"What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?"



Sunday, May 4th, after the worship service, Russ Adams will be taking photographs of church families who were unable to schedule an appointment with *Olan Mills*. Russ' photographs will be included in the church directory. Please see either Yvonne Hall or Sarah SanClemente for more information.

Monday

Office

Closed

4:00 –

8:00PM

Burger

King

Fundraiser

Wednesday

8:30 AM

Prayer Circle

1:00 PM

Bible Study

2:00PM

Blaire House

Worship

Service

Thursday

7:30 PM

Sr. Choir

Rehearsal



The **Jr. Youth Fellowship** conducted their '**Pantry Scavenger Hunt**' last Sunday and collected over **100 items** that were donated to the **Tewksbury Food Pantry**. Prizes were awarded for the most complete list, the first to arrive back, the largest item, the most *unusual item and the most collected items! **Jim Kenney** and **Sue Panilaitis** were the team leaders and **Bob Sturtevant** delivered **20 plus bags** to the Pantry.

Thank you to everyone who answered their doors and contributed.

Reminder, there's no JYG tonight. On April 27th we begin our **Backwards Progressive Dinner at 5:00pm.**

** (The most unusual item was an empty tube of toothpaste!)*



Don't forget to eat at *Burger King* from 4 to 8pm Monday evening! A portion of *Burger King's* profits will support our '**'09 mission trip to Juarez, Mexico.**



Were you aware that we have a new baptismal policy? The Pastor and others at TCC feel that a child who grows in faith alongside a mom and dad has many advantages. It helps the family to develop deeper connections to a local church and is a commitment on our part to every family who baptizes a child here. When a request to baptize a child is received, there are several steps in the process—

- The parents meet with the Pastor and the baptismal date is set.
- The family must attend worship three times after meeting with the Pastor. An individual is assigned from TCC who hosts the family and becomes their '*TCC Baptismal Sponsor*'.
- We ask the parents to attend a 'parenting in faith' class that is also available to the child's godparents if they live in the area.
- We recognize that membership is not a requirement for baptism, but it is our hope the baptismal family will be led into a deeper relationship with God and a stepping stone toward local church membership and involvement either in this church or a church in the family's community.