

Andover Association Prayer List

This week we are praying for members of the **Community Congregational Church** in Billerica and their interim pastor, the Rev. Debbie Ennis. Of the two Congregational Churches in Billerica, Community Congregational is located in the Pinehurst section of town near the Burlington/Billerica town lines.



Llama Update...Our Heifer program continues this week with the sale of **Mother's Day** and **General Purpose** cards during Coffee Hour. Today is the last day to order cards, so please consider making a free-will offering to support Heifer while selecting beautiful cards for the wonderful people in your life! And in case you haven't heard, we will have **alpacos** at **TCC next Sunday, May 4th** (rain date is May 11th). **Our Heifer program will conclude on May 11th** with a special collection during worship and the gathering of the coin banks which were distributed to the Sunday School children on April 13th.

Don't forget, next Sunday, **May 4th** after worship, Russ Adams will be taking photographs for our new **Church Directory**. These are for the folks who couldn't attend when Olan Mills was here taking photos in early March.

Mission and Outreach Opportunities: Walk 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.

- Sort canned goods at the **Tewksbury Food Pantry on May 10th** during the Postal Carrier Food Drive. Looking for eight volunteers to work from 2:00 to 4:00pm.
- Package Church World Service 'kits' being dropped off at TCC in Fellowship Hall on **May 10th from 11:00am to 3:00pm**. Seeking two volunteers for the 11 to 1 shift and two volunteers for the 1 to 3 shift.

Faith notes!



Notes on worship (from the Pastor)

Christians are called by their faith to hold a special allegiance. This has always made them threatening to the culture around them. If you weigh and measure everything you do by what it means to your Lord and Savior, it will give you an authority that the culture around you does not have. This could eventually put you into hot water with political authorities or make you the butt of criticism and discomfort at work or at home.

Don't let discomfort keep you from sharing your faith, your hope.

You have something quite special and it needs to be shared with others...the hope of the cross and the resurrection to eternal life.

Most of life's circumstances are created by three basic choices: the disciplines you choose to keep, the people you choose to be with, and the laws you choose to obey.

- Charles Millhuff



The **Jr. Youth Group** is still “growing” strong! We have **12 registered members** and have led many service projects, as well as having a lot of fun and fellowship this year. We are looking forward to our **‘backwards’ progressive dinner** and our **weekend retreat** at the SanClemente’s home on the Cape this month. We will be ending the year with our annual restaurant meal and pool party at the Kenney’s home.

We would like to thank everyone for all their support in our service projects this past year. Over the past few months, the youth became acquainted with many more TCC members, thus increasing the size of their Christian church family.

Were you aware...that if you climb to the top of the stairs or take the elevator to the third floor, located outside the church office is a large poster. On this poster are the names of 28 TCC members who have volunteered to serve on a Board or Committee.

There are 26 vacancies with volunteers needed on the Board of Deacons, Religious Education Board, Music, Missions, Finance and Stewardship committees.

Your time is never wasted when you volunteer for an opportunity at church. *Volunteerism enhances our creativity, enlivens our communities and nurtures our individual responsibility* according to John Gardner, a onetime Government official. He also said that *volunteering provides a strong sense of individual responsibility and irrepressible commitment to the great shared task of improving our life together.*

**TCC’s Semi-Annual Meeting
Sunday, May 18th
11:00am
Vestry**

Agenda

- Adopting the *Annual Report*
- Ratifying the Slate of Nominees

Petitions for additional warrant articles must be submitted to Christopher Jenkins by Friday, May 9th. Put in the Church Clerk’s mailbox.

We will be joined by MAUCC Associate Conference Minister, the **Rev. Carol Atwood-Lyon**, who will preach that morning and will brief us on developments in the Conference.

Today

Worship Service

9:30am

Coffee Hour

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Cherub Choir Rehearsal

10:45am, Room 10

***Open Door Bible Study**

11:00am, Vestry

Jr. Youth Fellowship,

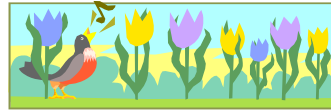
‘Backwards Progressive

Supper’, 5:00pm

Interfaith Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm

*Today’s lesson is from **Matthew 11:28**, paraphrased as follows: *“Are you tired? Worn Out? Burned out on religion?”*



Volunteers needed for **Summer Watering of the Gardens!**

Please consider volunteering to help water the garden this summer. Annuals will be interspersed among the shrubs in the Friendship Garden and will need watering. If you can only volunteer certain days or within a certain week, we could still use your help. We are trying to put a schedule together soon. Please contact: Gail Bliss, 978-851-7243 or Mary Lou Adams, 978-851-5207. Thank you!



Monday

6:00 PM

Jubellation
Ringers

Wednesday

8:30 AM

Prayer Circle

Thursday

7:30 PM

Sr. Choir
Rehearsal

Have you completed your annual church survey?

Copies are available as you leave church today or you can pick up a copy at Coffee Hour. Surveys should be **returned next Sunday, May 4th.**



If you look closely under the church sign, you will see tulips popping through the ground. Bulbs were planted by Beth McFadyen and her son, Luke, back in November in honor of **National Adoption Awareness** month. Soon we’ll see lots of bright color when the tulips are in full bloom. *Thank you Beth and Luke!*