

*I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for the day.*  
- Abraham Lincoln



Overheard recently was a parishioner talking about how nice it was to see the crocus in bloom alongside the church's foundation. The person said winter had been with us for such a long time, that it was great to see a 'breath of spring'.

The Trustees are coordinating their annual **Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** (rain date, April 26<sup>th</sup>). Please come to TCC at 9:00am to help clean up the grounds and uncover the daffodils and daylilies. Bring a rake and your gardening gloves—your help and energy will be greatly appreciated!

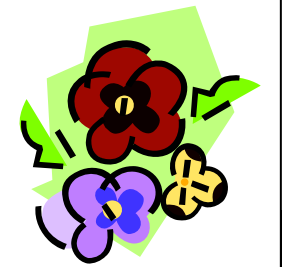
Would you like to be a part of the **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**? TCC has participated in the past and is hoping to send a team for this historic year. Earn your red Mission/Outreach t-shirt and receive financial sponsorship from the Missions Committee. See Beth for more details.



**Heifer Alert!** Our annual **Heifer campaign** begins next week with the sale of **Mother's Day cards** and **distribution of banks** to the church school children.

Did you guess which animal we are buying this year?  
***Don't get too close to one, or it might just spit at you!***

## *Faith notes!*



### *Notes on worship (from the Pastor)*

There are enough winners of the lottery now that we should seriously question the benefit of winning a million dollars. Let's say you win a million dollars. This is given out over twenty years and taxed heavily. A million dollars translates into about thirty-five thousand dollars a year for twenty years. While this sounds wonderful, the dreams of financial independence, along with the requests for help from family, can quickly capsize the boats of newly minted, so called 'millionaires' ... !

What we do with our money, the pennies, the dollars, and the hundreds or thousands of dollars, shapes our heart deeply. God doesn't seem to want to give us the desires of our hearts, but to help us sort out where love as a motivation fits into our lives. 'First fruits' giving is the discipline that shapes us the most deeply here... just ordinary, loving commitment translated into dollars and cents. Today I hope we can reflect on where our trust lies. When we do that sorting out we also get the chance to think about how to use the resources we have to make a spiritual, practical difference in our own lives...and in the lives of others.

*What is the proper limit for wealth?  
It is, first, to have what is necessary;  
and, second, to have what is enough.*

- *Marcus Annaeus Seneca*  
(or Seneca the Elder) (c.55 BC–c.39 AD)

**YOUTH NOTES**

A reminder to parents with children in **Sunday school**. There is **no** Sunday school on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Nursery care for babies and toddlers to age 3 will be in session.

On Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, Jazz Sunday, students in the **Jr. High and Sr. High Sunday school classes** will attend full worship as there is no Sunday school program for them on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

On Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, the **Junior Youth Group** will be conducting a Pantry Scavenger Hunt. We will visit various neighborhoods, requesting designated food items to donate to our local pantry. We will be leaving the church at 1:00pm.

The **Jr. & Sr. High** youth assembled 40 toiletry kits that were delivered to the Veterans NE Outreach Center in Haverhill on Thursday by members of the **Missions Committee**. Items for the kits were provided by TCC families through their donations. *Thank you everyone!*



On the second Wednesday of each month members of the **Ladies Aid** meet at noon for lunch and a program. This week's program will feature guest speaker, Sarah SanClemente. Sarah will talk about skin care and will have many sample products for the ladies to try.

On the second Thursday of the month, members of **Friendship Circle** meet at 9:00am for devotions and fellowship. This week's meeting will begin with devotions followed by a trip into Lowell where they will work on a service project.

Both meetings, held in the Vestry, are open to all women in the church. *Come if you can!*



The **Open Door Bible Study** has reopened its doors today to continue our study in, *Living the Questions in Matthew*.

This week's lesson is from Matthew 9:23, "*Do you have any idea how difficult it is for the rich to enter God's kingdom?*"

Readings from Scripture, Henri Nouwen, Richard Foster and Wendell Berry will provide additional insight into today's lesson in Chapter 8.

The **Open Door Bible Study** is open to everyone.



Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Attend next week's worship service as we celebrate our second annual Jazz Sunday! We'll use a variety of instruments to lead you in worship. The colors and rhythms of jazz add excitement to our singing!

**Today**

**Junior Choir**

**9am, Fairgrieve Room**

**Coffee Hour & New**

**Member Reception**

**10:30am, Fellowship Hall**

**Cherub Choir**

**10:45am, Room 10**

**Open Door Bible Study**

**11:00am, Vestry**

**Mexico Mission Team Meeting**

**4:30pm, Vestry**

**Council meeting**

**5:00pm, parlor**

**Missions Committee Meeting**

**6:30pm, Pastor's office**

**Sr. Youth Group**

**7:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

**Interfaith Choir Rehearsal**

**7:30pm, Fairgrieve Room**

**Monday**

**6:00 PM**

Jubellation

Ringers

**Tuesday**

**7:15 PM**

ABC's

**Wednesday**

**8:30 AM**

Prayer Circle

**12:00 Noon**

Ladies Aid

Luncheon

**7:00 PM**

Brownie

Baking for

LTLC

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM**

Friendship

Circle

**4:45 PM –**

LTLC Meal

Serve

**7:30 PM**

Sr. Choir

**Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM – Andover**

*Association Spring 'Open' Meeting*

**5:00 PM – Fellowship**

*Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and have a great time!*

Volunteer opportunity this week.

*To help serve a meal at the Lowell Transitional Living Center.* A sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall. Plan to meet at TCC at 4:45pm on Thurs. Ingredients for brownies still needed: **2 dozen eggs, 2 16 oz boxes of cocoa powder, 2 5-lb. bags of sugar and three gallons of milk** to drink with the brownies! **Next meal serve is Sunday, 4/13 at 4:45pm.** If you cannot come on a weeknight, can you come on Sunday to help?