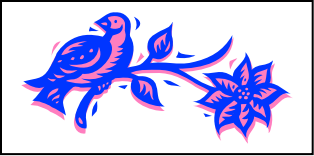


Faith notes!



It's Heifer Sunday!

You may notice special Heifer envelopes in the pew racks, as our annual program concludes today with a collection to raise funds to purchase 15 llamas for \$150/ea (that's \$2250), during the regular offering. For 35 years, TCC has been supporting Heifer International and our Congregation has, undoubtedly, affected thousands of people in need. Considering the fact that animal recipients are required to "pass along" the offspring of their gift animals to other families in need, imagine how many times over our initial animal gifts (starting in the 1970s!) have blessed the poor. **Let the Llama Legacy begin today!** Please use the Heifer envelopes to make your offering to Heifer International, and – if you would like to offer your gift in honor or in memory of someone dear – please complete the tear-out and include it in your envelope. Dedicated gifts will be published in the June/July newsletter. Thanks to all for making this year's program fun, educational, and successful!

Dedicated Heifer Offering

I would like to purchase:

_____ a llama (\$150)

_____ a share of a llama (\$20)

in (please circle) honor / memory of

Signed _____

The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive on

Wednesday,
May 14th, at
the Masonic
Hall, 70
Victor Drive,
Tewksbury
from 2 to
8pm.

Walk-ins are
welcome or
you can call 1-
800-GIVE-
LIFE to
schedule an
appointment.

Have you noticed our newest choir member? His name is **Ed Willette** and he is a friend of Linda Mayer's. Ed is from Southbridge, MA

We are glad that he has found a home in our church choir and we welcome him on board!

Notes on worship (from the pastor)

The power of love is a reality that we know we need, within our depths. Although a culture can lose this reality, the Jewish faith has treasured Ruth's story, fortifying itself with her special brand of loyal love so that it could keep the faith under harsh circumstances. On Pentecost... and Mother's Day... we are reminded that love is renewed through covenant, through promise... and that our best is always built on God's best to us, God's promised love. We are not abandoned by God... and so we can also be faithful and true to the ones who need us the most.

TCC's celebration of **Youth Ministries Sunday** is just a few short weeks away on **Sunday, June 8th**. Teachers and students have been working diligently on their participation in the worship service. As always, there will be an all-church picnic in Fellowship Hall right after the service. Sign-up forms will be included in next Sunday's bulletin. By signing up ahead of time, you can help us in our planning process!

Tewksbury Ecumenical Vacation Bible School, (VBS), will take place **July 28 through August 1 from 9:00am until 12 noon at St. William's Church**. The camp serves children from 4 to 10 years. Volunteers, 11 and 12 years of age, can be Jr. Staff (assisting an adult or older teen); teens, 13 and up can be Teen Staff (crew leaders). The cost is \$25 per child for one week.

This year's theme is "Power Lab – Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power!"

Vacation Bible School registration forms are located outside the church office. For more information, contact Laurie Meuse, Director, TEVBS, at 978-658-5503 or email her at ljmeuse@verizon.net.

Checks should be made payable to **TEVBS** and mailed to St. William's, Attn: TEVBS, 1351 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.



Members of the Ladies Aid are meeting on **Wednesday, May 14th** at noon for their monthly luncheon and program.

A guest speaker from the Tewksbury Public Library will provide information library events and a booklist on 'great reads'.

All women in the church are invited to the Ladies Aid meetings. Members meet in the Vestry on the second Wednesday of the month.

Next month's meeting is the last until September. Plans are to go to Jackson's Restaurant in Methuen for the ladies' annual restaurant outing before summer begins.

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

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

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. Rev. Atwood-Lyon has been in parish ministry for 36 years, most recently as Sr. Pastor of the Hampstead Congregational Church in Hampstead, NH. Her current congregation is the third fastest growing in the NH Conference, pulling members from 20 communities. She lives with her husband, Fred Atwood-Lyon, a retired UCC Pastor in Hampstead, NH.

Today

Junior Choir
9am, Fairgrieve Room
Coffee Hour
10:30am, Fellowship Hall
Cherub Choir
10:45am, Room 10
LTLC Meal Serve
Leave TCC parking lot at 4:45pm.



Coming – Monday, May 26th
Support the Missions Team as they cook up a delicious pancake breakfast at TCC that is open to the public.
Looking for free-will donations as the Mission Team continues their fundraising activities.

Happy 14th Birthday Peterson! Peterson Tanis is celebrating his 14th birthday today in his home country of Haiti. Since 1999, TCC has sponsored Peterson through New Missions, a Christian organization serving families in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. With the help of a French translator, Peterson corresponds with our 6th-grade Sunday School class. Please keep Peterson, his parents, and his five siblings in your prayers as we continue to make a difference in his life by giving him the gift of education.

Please join us for a piece of birthday cake during Coffee Hour today. Our 6th grade class will be serving in Peterson's honor.

Monday
6:00 PM
 Jubellation
 Ringers

Tuesday
7:15 PM
 ABC's

Wednesday
8:30 AM
 Prayer Circle
12:00 Noon
 Ladies Aid
 Luncheon
 and Program

Thursday
7:30 PM
 Sr. Choir
 Rehearsal

We will be serving dinner tonight at the **Lowell Transitional Living Center**. Please meet in the TCC parking lot at 4:45 to carpool. We expect to return between 6:30 and 7. Sign-up on the Helping Hands BB or contact Cathie Seaman.

Walk for Hunger Results

TCC applauds Betsy and David Goodell, Jessica Kenney, Andy Santoro and Cathie Seaman for walking many long wet miles last Sunday to raise funds for Project Bread. Rather than sponsoring our walkers \$25 each for their efforts, the Missions Committee donated a total of \$250 to Project Bread in their honor. Reports are that there were 40,000 walkers and they raised 3.8 million dollars to fight hunger in Massachusetts.