

## Andover Association Prayer List

This week we are praying for the members of the First Congregational Church, Billerica Center, and their interim pastor, the Rev. Sharon Goss.



### Big week for Mission and Outreach Opportunities (sign-up on the Helping Hands Bulletin Board).

**This Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** - We still need ingredients to bake brownies for LTLC. If you are able to provide butter, eggs, or a gallon of milk by this Wednesday at 7:00pm, please add your name to the sign-up sheet.

**This Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** - We're serving dinner at LTLC at 5:30. Please meet at TCC at 4:45 to carpool. If you can't serve on a weeknight, please sign up for next **Sunday** night, **May 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**This Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** - **CWS Depot Volunteers** - Seeking 2-4 people to work a 2-hour shift (**10-12 or 12-2**) receiving Church World Service kits in Fellowship Hall. A church in Rockport, MA will be delivering **500** school bags and we are hoping for visits from many other local churches. **Contact Jean Carr for more information (and earn your red Mission/Outreach T-Shirt!)**

**This Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** - **Tewksbury Food Pantry** - Seeking 6 volunteers for the 2-4 shift for the Postal Carrier Food Drive. You will sort and check expiration dates of all donations coming off the mail trucks. Ask last year's volunteers about it...(Bill and Bev Kling, Pat Baldwin and Beth McFadyen). This is a great parent/child mission opportunity for kids above age 13 (and earn your red Mission/Outreach T-Shirt!).

Have you completed your annual church survey? Forms are available outside the church office and completed forms can be placed in the confidential box located near the survey forms.

## Faith notes!



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

There are no couch potatoes in the kingdom of God. It is both a set of beliefs and also a posture, a way of leaning into the winds of challenge and change and growing spiritually there. Jesus says that the best defense is a good offense. We will only be 'safe' in God's love if we are out in the wild weather of the world, taking the love of God to those who need it most.

Point of application this morning...do you come to church simply to absorb information (be a student), share information (the latest and juiciest gossip), or to strengthen your spiritual muscles? If it is the third, then try to connect your life to the word of God...in practice. What is your point of application today?

On volunteering...

Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love...

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*



**HEIFER NEWS!** TCC welcomes **Tom and Jennifer** from **Big Red Acres Alpaca Farm** in Andover as they partner with us to celebrate our church and community about the value of alpacas and llamas as income producing animals in Third World countries. During worship, the Sunday School classes will visit the alpacas and learn how their fleece can be transformed into sweaters, hats and other products. Tom and Jennifer have a limited amount of alpaca products remaining from their holiday sale and have kindly offered to donate 20% of sales to our Heifer collection.

Also, TCC is welcoming our community to visit the alpacas from 10:30 to 11:30 this morning as was noted in a press release through the *Town Crier*. What a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about Heifer International and to show TCC's commitment to Mission and Outreach.



**Did you know that today is the 40<sup>th</sup> Walk for Hunger? The Walk for Hunger funded 400 emergency food programs in 126 communities across the state. During the same period, these soup kitchens and food pantries provided more than 42 million meals for hungry people in our state.**

**As of press time, we learned that Walking for Hunger from TCC are Cathie Seaman, Sam Stanley, Betsy, David and Brian Goodell and Jess Kenney.**

**Each walker will receive \$25 from the Missions Committee and a red Mission/Outreach t-shirt.**

On Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, members of **Friendship Circle** will meet at TCC prior to carpooling to Lowell to tour the Lowell Cemetery which was chosen to be included in the National Register of Historic Places in May of 1998. The cemetery was dedicated in June 1841 at a time when there were no parks in Lowell and it became a place of refuge for strolling and bird watching amid shrubs and flowers close to the city. The book, "*Mourning Glory*", the story of the Lowell Cemetery was authored by Catherine L. Goodwin and published by the Lowell Historic Society. The author, will lead members of Friendship Circle on a personal tour of the cemetery. If you would like to go, please be at TCC on Thursday at 9:00am. The ladies will travel following a short devotional service.

**Today**

**Junior Choir**  
**9am, Fairgrieve Room**  
**Worship & Sunday School**  
**9:30am**  
**Coffee Hour**  
**10:30am, Fellowship Hall**  
**Open Door Bible Study**  
**11:00am, Vestry**  
**Sr. Youth Fellowship**  
**6:00pm, Fellowship Hall**

*Please note there is no Cherub Choir today.*

**Heifer Collection:** Thank you to all who have supported this year's Heifer collection through the purchase of Mother's Day cards. Your cards are available for pick-up during coffee hour today PLUS we've printed some extras for those who did not have a chance to place a special order. C'mon by and donate to Heifer instead of Hallmark! Please note that the coin banks that were distributed to the Sunday School students will be gathered next Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> during worship. Special Heifer envelopes will be available in the pews next week as our Heifer program concludes with our annual offering. Our goal is to raise \$2,250 to purchase 15 llamas at a cost of \$150 each. To date, through card sales, we have raised enough to purchase 3.5 llamas!

**Wednesday**

**8:30 AM** Prayer Circle  
**6:30 PM** SS Teacher's Meeting @ Masters' home  
**7:00 PM** Brownie Baking  
**7:30 PM** Deacon's Meeting

**Monday**

**6:00 PM**  
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**Thursday**

**9:00 AM** Friendship Circle  
**5:45 PM** – LTLC Meal Serve  
**7:30 PM** Sr. Choir

Photos will be taken today after the worship service for those in our congregation who could not attend the Olan Mills photo opportunity in March. Russ Adams will be taking photos in Fellowship Hall that will be included in the new Church Directory.



Members of the Building Committee have entered into a contract and we would like to think that the windows in the sanctuary will be fully installed by mid summer.