

Sunday School students in the second and third grade are in a combined class and meet in room 9 under the teaching leadership of Craig and Cathie Seaman.

Notes from Your Missions Committee

Church World Service School Bags ~ We will continue our collection of school supplies through the end of September with emphasis on the following items needed to fill 30 school bags: 25-blunt tipped scissors; 30 70-page spiral notebooks; 11 hand-held pencil sharpeners; 1-12" ruler; and 14 large erasers. Please deposit your donations in the collection bin at the side entrance. Contact Marlene Gasdia-Cochrane and daughters (our MCP's for this project) if you have any questions.

Hike for Hope ~ Would you like to participate in a local walkathon benefiting Lazarus House Ministries of Lawrence (and earn your red Mission/Outreach t-shirt)? This great family event starts and ends at Merrimack College where you'll have the option of a 1 mile or 5 mile route. Registration is \$15/person. The Missions Committee will pledge \$25 to each of the first 10 people to register. Contact Beth McFadyen, the Mission Project Coordinator for this event, for more information AND sign-up on the Helping Hands bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Q3 Mission Grant ~ The deadline for the next \$250 Mission Grant is September 30th. Applications can be found (1) in this month's newsletter, (2) in a folder on top of the mailboxes, and (3) downloadable on the TCC/Missions web site under Forms and Documents. www.tewksburycc.org

Dorcas' Kitchen Cooking Day ~ On Tuesday (9/16) and Wednesday (9/17) starting at 9:00am, the Dorcas' Kitchen crew (under the leadership of Jean Metcalf) will be preparing a new batch of meals for this TCC ministry of care and compassion. Meals will be stored in the freezer in the Vestry and will be delivered to members in need of some TLC throughout the coming months. Contact Louise Gearty or Roberta Kane to schedule the delivery of a meal and a smile.

Square Dance Tickets ~ Do-si-do and promenade your way over to a Mexico Mission Trip Team Member during fellowship today to buy your \$5 ticket to the **Saturday, October 4th** event, running from **7:00-9:00pm** in **Fellowship Hall**. Our very own **Dan Sorano** will be our caller, and tasty refreshments will be provided by the Mexico Team. *All skill levels are welcome!*

Faith notes!



Notes on worship (from the pastor)

Anyone who has been a scout knows what a 'tender foot' is. It is a novice... someone new to the trail... a 'dude' (guest) at a ranch in the west. Our second beatitude can remind us that we are dudes/novices ... tenderfoots in the Christian life. The trail, if you will, is the road of accepting God's love, God's forgiveness. And our tenderness under foot is not a liability.

But we often start with a heavy back pack since we think that we should be on the trail marked 'religious expert'. In fact many of us are hoping that our chest will be covered with many badges at the end of our hike! But there is really only one badge for us... the worthiness of Jesus' forgiveness vision ... a trail with special twists and turns and the joy of arriving at the guest house, the kingdom of heaven (on earth) at the end.

I hope that you will be arriving at that guest house tonight ... and tomorrow night ... on this exciting but challenging hike that we are walking together!

The Open Door study is an experience of sharing and growth held every Sunday after worship. We will hold our first class for the fall next Sunday at 11am in the Vestry. Come join us!!

Sr. High Youth Group – With the start of a new school year, it’s time to start another great year for our TCC Sr. High Youth. Who are our Sr. High Youth, you may ask???? We are made up of high school students in grades 9 through 12. Our meetings are held primarily on Sunday evenings during the school year. We provide a combination of service, faith and fellowship events all while having fun. Our first meeting is Sunday, September 21st from 6:30 – 8:00pm in Fellowship Hall. To celebrate our first meeting, we’re planning an ice cream buffet, so bring your appetites. Please feel free to bring your friends to Sr. High Youth Group as these events help build Christian friendships that will help you get through the challenges and temptations of life. So the more the merrier. Any questions? Feel free to contact either Annmarie Baldwin or Stephen Trudeau.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday, September 26th at 7:00pm** at the home of the Trudeau’s, the first meeting this fall of the Men’s group.
- **Sunday, September 21, Tewksbury Food Pantry.** We are encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items that reflect, “Time for School”—ideas such as sandwich spreads, cookies, pretzels, fruit cups, Jell-O-cups and boxed juice, etc.

Today

9:30am
Worship Service and
Sunday School

10:30am
Coffee Hour

10:45am
‘Hands-On Workshop’

6:00pm
Jr. Youth Fellowship
Meeting

CALLING ALL CREATIVE PEOPLE!

Holiday Friends are meeting this month on Thursday, September 18th and 25th. If you enjoy working with your hands, come to a gathering of Holiday Friends. Skillful and those not so skilled, but willing to learn, work on crafts for TCC’s annual December fair. More information can be obtained by calling either Marilyn (978-458-0729) or Jean (978-640-9220).

Jean mentioned she has enough buttons for the school bags she’s making for Church World Service. She appreciates your donations!

THIS WEEK →


Tuesday
9:00am
Dorcas
Kitchen

7:30pm
Church
Council
Meeting

Wednesday
8:30 AM
Prayer Circle

9:00am
Dorcas
Kitchen

Thursday
9:00am
Holiday
Friends




Tonight the Jr. Youth Fellowship will meet at six o’clock. New this year is the invitation to all students in the sixth grade to join the fellowship.

Tonight’s meeting will be a get-acquainted meeting starting with a delicious cook-in.

Youth Leaders, JoJo Scharmer and Crickett Foss are looking forward to welcoming members of the Jr. Youth Fellowship and plans are to discuss programs, have fun socializing and enjoying some great games as well as food.

If you are in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grades, be sure to plan on coming to tonight’s Jr. Youth Fellowship meeting in Fellowship Hall.



Friday, September 19th at 7:00pm
Ladies Night at the home of Gail Bliss. Come and share an evening of relaxation, fun and fellowship. Bring a dish if you wish! Call or email Gail for directions and info at gailbliss@comcast.net



New **Hands-on Workshop** for all Sunday School families today in the Vestry starting at 10:45am. People attending the workshop can enjoy a tasty snack of English muffin pizzas.

Come and join members of the RE Board and DRE, Rita Masters along with our musical family, Serena, Jen, Cathie and Bruce.

Exciting demonstrations will show you ‘hands-on’ how your children can become involved in the many wonderful music programs available to TCC youth.

Offering envelopes are available to Sunday School students. A weekly offering is collected in the Sunday School classroom. Envelopes are available for pickup from either the classroom or church office. Two unique designs are available—‘*SS Noah Two by Two*’ or ‘*My Gift to God*’ that includes a weekly Bible trivia question printed on the offering envelopes.