

Faith notes!



Notes from Your Missions Committee

Church World Service School Bags ~ Next week is the last week that we will be collecting school supplies to create 30 school kits for children in need. (Jean Metcalf finished sewing the bags this week. Thanks Jean!) Still needed are the following: 22 scissors, 45 single subject (70 page) notebooks, 4 handheld pencil sharpeners, and 14 large erasers. The donation bin is located at the side entrance. Contact Marlene Gasdia-Cochrane 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 for more information AND sign-up on the Helping Hands bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Dorcas' Kitchen ~ Thanks to our wonderful chefs (under the leadership of Jean Metcalf), the freezer is now stocked with macaroni and cheese, meatloaf, and chicken pot pie. If you are aware of a TCC member in need of some TLC, please contact Roberta Kane or Louise Gearty to coordinate the delivery of a meal.

Square Dance ~ Have you purchased your tickets to the October 4th dance yet? If not, find a Mexico Mission Trip team member today (Jean Carr will point them out to you) and buy a \$5 ticket. We're all looking forward to the leadership of Dan Sorano as our caller. Come to participate or come to watch and snack on refreshments provided by the Mexico Team.

Q3 Mission Grant ~ The deadline for the next \$250 Mission Grant is September 30th. Applications can be found in a marked folder on top of the mailboxes outside of the church office, or it is downloadable on the TCC/Missions web site under Forms and Documents. www.tewksburycc.org

Outerwear Drive ~ It's getting chilly and it's time to move coats and jackets to the front of the closet again. As you assess your outerwear needs, please note that TCC will collect coats, snowsuits, boots, mittens, hats, and scarves throughout the month of October for The Wish Project. The bin will be available at the side entrance, beginning on October 5th. Contact Suzanne Spezzano for more info.

Notes on worship (from the Pastor)

A helix is a constant, three dimensional curve that rotates around a stable axis. It occurs in nature in the DNA molecule, the source of life. And it occurs in human construction whenever we build a spiral staircase. What makes the helix a natural image for this third 'blessing' is that stable core. We sense the vertical core but we don't actually see it. Instead we see the shape that is created, the dance that is formed, around the absolute center of our being, the presence of God. I like this sense of meekness—not 'mild' but vigorous, not 'weak' but muscular and strong. Horses that are 'meek' to the bridle are strong but open to guidance. And so today I will be exploring the strength of the meek and the power of praise to render every situation pliable to the wonder of God's presence and grace.

Prayer is a kind of calling home every day. And there can come to you a serenity, a feeling of at-homeness in God's universe, a peace that the world can neither give nor disturb, a fresh courage, a new insight, a holy boldness that you'll never, never get any other way.

- Earl G. Hunt, Jr.

Sunday School notes:

- **Offering envelopes** are available for Sunday School students and can be picked up from the student's classroom or the church office.
- A **kindergarten teacher** is needed to assist Sherry Fulton. If you can volunteer, please see Rita Masters.
- A **fire drill** will be scheduled on September 28th for all children attending Sunday School. Drill time will be as close to when the children leave the sanctuary for their classrooms. This is for the Sunday School children only. Parishioners attending worship will not be asked to leave the sanctuary.

Today

9:00am
Jr. Choir Rehearsal
(Fairgrieve Room)

9:30am
Worship Service and
Sunday School

10:30am
Quick TCC meeting to vote
on payment of Attorney's
fees. Need quorum.

10:30am
Coffee Hour
(Fellowship Hall)

10:45am
Cherub Choir Rehearsal
Rm. #7, Ages 3 to 3rd Grade

10:55am
Open Door Bible Study
(Vestry)

6:00pm
Sr. Youth Group – Ice Cream
Sundae Party – (Vestry)

6:00pm
Jr. Youth Group – (Fellowship
Hall)

7:00pm
Stewardship Committee
Meeting (Pastor's study)

OF NOTE...

Tonight is the first meeting of the **Sr. Youth Group**. Steve Trudeau and Annmarie Baldwin are the youth advisors and they have extended an invitation to all Sr. High students to come, and bring your friends, too!

Our own **Kathy Jenkins** is in a musical play "*Hello to Broadway*". She'll perform on Sunday, September 28th at the Dracut High School Auditorium. See Kathy for tickets.

We have been asked to pray for former pastor **Dave Williams** who suffered injuries in a motorcycle accident on Friday, September 12th. He suffered a broken hip and was operated on this week.

Monday

6:00pm
Jubellation
Ringers

Wednesday

8:30am
Prayer Circle

1:00pm
Bible Study

2:30pm
Worship Service
at Blaire
House

7:00pm – Admin
Staff Meet'g

Thursday
9:00am
Holiday Friends

7:00pm
Meeting to advise
the pastor on
"circle worship"
later this fall. All
welcome!!

Today
Open Door Bible Study
Vestry – 10:55am

The "Open Door" Bible study gives us a chance to talk more about the sermon topics for the season. It is an informal class with lots of laughter and discussion. It is designed so that you can 'drop in' on any Sunday and pick up the conversation for that morning.

Our topic this fall...
applying the beatitudes
practically to our lives.

Beyond the text in Matthew, we will be reading parts of Elizabeth O'Connor's Cry Pain, Cry Hope each week to bring the Biblical text to life.

Come try it out today!
Open Door meets in the Vestry.

**The Men's Group will
meet on
Friday, September 26th
At 7:00pm**


Home of the Trudeau's
Call 978-640-9716 for more
information.

A meeting for all men to
enjoy some good food, great
discussions, and relax.

SAVE THE DATE!
**Saturday, October 25th at
6:00pm**
**for the CELEBRATION
DINNER. (Details to follow!)**

DON'T FORGET...
**To check out the bulletin
boards in both the Vestry,
Fellowship Hall and upstairs
next to the office. There are
special posters created by the
confirmands!**

**Sign-up sheets to help make
brownies and serve brownies,
thank you notes from our
Missions partners, and lots
more!**



Don't forget to
purchase your square dance
tickets today from a member of
the **Mexico Mission Team**.
**Dance is October 4th at
7:00pm.** Cost is only \$5.