

Faith notes!



Notes from Your Missions Committee

Outerwear Drive Begins Next Sunday ~ Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting outerwear for **The Wish Project** of Lowell. Please bring your gently used coats, snowsuits, boots, hats, and gloves and deposit them in the bin at the side entrance. Should you have any questions, contact our Mission Project Coordinator, Suzanne Spezzano, at suzspez@comcast.net.

Hike for Hope, also next Sunday ~ Interest is brewing about this family friendly walkathon (1 mile or 5 mile) through the streets of Andover, scheduled for **Sunday, October 5th at 1:00pm**. Online pre-registration is available through www.hikeforhope.org at a cost of \$15 (\$20 on walk day). The **Hike for Hope** benefits **Lazarus House of Lawrence** and raises funds for their **Transitional Housing** program, serving single parents and their children. At the conclusion of the walk, you will be rewarded with tasty treats and lots of entertainment – and the knowledge that you've helped a neighbor in need. Contact Beth McFadyen (bmcfadyen@comcast.net), 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 ~ You have a few more days to apply for a **\$250 Missions Grant** to a non-profit organization that is near and dear to your heart. Help that organization financially AND educate your church family about it by completing the simple application which can be found in hardcopy form atop the mailboxes outside of the church office or can be downloaded from the TCC website under Missions and Outreach/Forms and Documents.

**SAVE THE DATE! CELEBRATION DINNER – 6:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH.**



Notes on worship (from the Pastor)

Blessed are those who hunger...

The greatness of the American nation is that it has an awareness of fairness at the bottom of it all. But how quickly this seems to slip away! When we focus on our own self interest ... our bread box if you will ... we often lose the essence of what we consider most noble in our national heart

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...

The church of Jesus Christ has a hungry sense of justice when it is young and full of the urgency of its Founder. This is why we need the whole church... especially the church as it is being born (or re-born) throughout the world. Those who are poor seek God. Out of that search comes a special heart for all that God wants of us.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they will be satisfied.

Faith

No ray of sunshine is ever lost, but the green which it awakens into existence needs time to sprout, and it is not always granted for the sower to see the harvest. All work that is worth anything is done in faith.

- Albert Schweitzer

Welcome to our new music director!!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Sue Dill as our new music director. Some of you are welcoming Sue back after working with her in the senior choir in the mid 1990's. Sue comes to us with a variety of director experiences in church settings. She teaches at Middlesex Community College and Atlantic Union College, coaching students in both keyboard and voice. She will oversee our entire music program, including our bell program. We look forward to her leadership as coach to our lay youth leaders, her vision for the arts in worship, and her directorship of our Carillon Ringers and our senior choir.

Today

9:30am

Worship & Sunday School
Coffee Hour

10:30am, Fellowship Hall
Cherub Choir

10:45am, Rm. #7

Ages 3 to 3rd Grade

10:55am

Open Door Bible Study,
class room 8 today.

11:00am

Mexico Mission Team
Meeting (Classroom 8)

6:00pm

Jr. Youth Group

The Andover Association will meet jointly with the Essex Association at the Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland, on Saturday, October 4th from 8:00am until 12:30 noontime.

The theme is **Environmental Stewardship** and the Conference Minister, the **Rev. Dr. Jim Antal** will preach about this topic and lead a breakout session about the theology behind our obligation to care for God's creation. There will be a panel discussion about what churches and families can do to conserve energy and save money in the process. The science of global warming will also be addressed. The meeting will end with the celebration of World Communion.

Monday

6:00 PM

Jubellation

Ringers

Wednesday

8:30am

Prayer Circle

7:00pm

Building

Committee

Meeting

Thursday

9:00am

Holiday

Friends

Were you aware...

... that our church is a member of the United Church of Christ,, a national denomination that has a strong representation in Massachusetts? We share ideas with fellow churches, receive help from state staff and work on areas of shared concern, often at the regional level. Our Association meeting this week is one of those occasions. We will vote on shared mission work and hear from our Conference Minister (the president of the Massachusetts Conference) on a set of justice and vision concerns. These meetings are open and any member of our church is free to attend.

Are you considering membership in our church?

Anyone who is curious about how this church does its work ... and how to get more out of attending church is warmly invited to our fall membership class, Saturday the 18th at 1pm.

Call the church office (978-851-9411 or email our secretary secretary.tewksburycc@verizon.net for details.

All are welcome, even if you just want to learn more without taking this step of joining.

The Open Door study continues its conversation about the sermon series on the Beatitudes, using Bible study, reflection and personal anecdotes.

All are welcome... drop in any Sunday that you are free! The discussion is held this week in classroom 8.



**SQUARE
DANCING, Saturday,
10/4 at 7:00pm in
Fellowship Hall.
Tickets only \$5. Call
the church office or see
a member of the
Mexico Mission Team.**