

Notes From Your Missions Committee

LTLC Today ~ Join Cathie and Craig Seaman at 4:45 (in the TCC parking lot) this afternoon as they carpool to the Lowell Transitional Living Center to serve dinner. They have a red Mission/Outreach t-shirt for you to wear, and the only other thing you'll need is a smile. Start your New Year with this life changing volunteer experience. (You'll want to go back!)

Baby Baskets ~ As is tradition, we will be collecting items in January and February to complete Baby Baskets for The Wish Project of Lowell. The month of January will be dedicated to collecting infant diapers, onesies, and bottles, and the month of February will be dedicated to collecting handmade baby blankets (although they will be warmly accepted at any time). A collection bin is located at the side entrance. Please contact Cathie Seamen, our Mission Project Coordinator, at 978-640-0101, for more information.

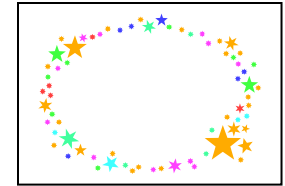
Reaching Out to UMASS Lowell ~ Protestant Campus Ministries Lowell is experiencing severe financial difficulties which have lead to significantly reduced paid hours for their well-loved Campus Minister, Imogene Stulken. They are actively seeking members to serve of their Board or participate in committee work. With strong representation from Trinity Lutheran in Chelmsford, Calvary Baptist in Lowell, and Pawtucket Congregational in Lowell, they would warmly welcome a member from TCC. If your heart calls you to their mission of *Building Bridges, Creating Community* on a local college campus, please contact Beth McFadyen at bmfadyen@comcast.net or 851-4867 and she will connect you with PCML.

Did you know?

TCC contributed \$100 to the United Christian Foundation Campus Ministry program at UMASS Amherst for their Alternative Spring Break program. With our support, their 100+ student team will return (for the third year in a row) to Louisiana to assist with the post-Katrina rebuilding efforts. This is just one of the many local, national, and international examples of your Mission dollars at work. Thanks be to God!

Faith notes!

January 11, 2009



Notes on worship (from the pastor)

No faith story can be told without the power of a storm mixed in. The gospels tell of storms on the sea of Galilee, frightening even to experienced fishermen... and Jesus reminded His followers that they would be subjected to storms as part of their faith journey.

How then do we get to know our God who is more powerful than the most devastating storm...and who seeks to storm into our hearts to bring change and a deeper peace?

This morning we will focus on the anchoring that our faith promises to those who seek it... a greater capacity to withstand life's storms and to come out more stable, happy and in touch with ourselves and the needs of others.

Question for reflection: what recent personal crisis has been a source of personal growth for you? What made the difference in your experience?

Be faithful in the little practices of love which will build in you the life of holiness and make you Christ-like.

- Mother Teresa



Volunteer Opportunities to Help upcoming Jr. Choir Event

Contact Bruce Panilaitis

(bruceandsue.panilaitis@verizon.net) or call 978-858-0528 or the church office at 978-851-9411

The Second Annual Southeastern New England Chapter of the Chorister's Guild Youth Festival will be held at TCC on Saturday, March 21st from 8:00am until 4:00pm.

Bruce, who is our Jr. Choir Director, will be looking for volunteers (around 15-18) for the Festival. He will need people for everything from help with food service, registration and signing up attendees, leading games, assisting with handbell workshop and general chaperones. This is a much anticipated event with an excited group of attendees. Please help if you can!

Upcoming Dates of Interest

Today at 11:00am, members of the Finance Committee will meet with Committee Chairs to review their budgets. This will be held in classroom 8.

Next Sunday, **January 18th** a **2009 Budget Information Session** is planned at **11:00am** in the Vestry. This meeting is open to everyone.

TCC's Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 25th** at **11:00am** in Fellowship Hall. (Quorum required.)

Today

Junior Choir

9am, Fairgrieve Room

Coffee Hour

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Cherub Choir

10:45am, Room 9

Open Door Bible Study

10:55am, Room 10

Finance Committee Budget Meeting w/Committee

Chairs

11:00am, Classroom 8

Confirmation Class

12:00noon – 2:00pm, Parlor

Jr. Youth Fellowship

6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Interfaith Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm, Fairgrieve Room

Monday

6:00 PM

Jubellation

Ringers

7:30 PM

Carillon

Ringers

Tuesday

7:15 PM

ABC's

Wednesday

11:00 AM

Prayer Circle

6:30 PM

Devotions

task force for

Mexico

meets

Thursday

7:00 PM

Mexico

Mission VBS

Planning

Meeting

7:30 PM

Sr. Choir

Rehearsal



Save the Date!
Saturday, January 31
from 5:30 to 7:30.

This is an event especially focused on all who would like to meet and get to know our newer members and friends. So come one and all. There will be a delicious meal and games for young and old.

Sponsored by Membership and Enlistment. Look for sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall today!

Attention, new date!

Thursday, January 22nd

Come and join the Pastor at **Blaire House** for a worship service and hymn sing. You don't have to have a great voice, as you will sing to a musical background provided by CD's. **Time is from 2:30 to 3:00pm.** Meet at the Blaire House.

Church Newsletters

In the church office, we receive church newsletters from the three local Tewksbury churches, St. William's, Tewksbury United Methodist and First Baptist. We love reading them as it shows we are involved in an active Christian community. Deadlines for TCC's newsletters are as follows:

- **Jan. 18th** for our Feb/March issue.
- **March 15** for our April/May issue.
- **May 17th** for our June/July issue.

Our Newsletter deadline is next Sunday! Please include fresh, new information. Our readers want to know 'what's happening now' in this energetic and lively environment here at TCC!

Are you interested in learning more about the—

- ❖ Congregational faith
- ❖ Becoming a TCC member?

A class for new members is schedule this month on **Saturday, January 24th** from **1:00 to 3:00pm.**

Please call the church office at 978-85-9411 if you would like to be a part of this class.