

Notes From Your Missions Committee

Baby Baskets ~ Next week is the last week that we will be collecting supplies to create Baby Baskets for The Wish Project of Lowell. In addition to homemade baby blankets (also collected in February), we are gathering infant diapers, onesies, and bottles. A collection bin is located at the side entrance. Please contact Cathie Seaman, our Mission Project Coordinator, at 978-640-0101, for more information.

Brownie Ingredients ~ On your next trip to Market Basket, perhaps you'd consider picking up an ingredient for our next brownie baking day on February 11th. We need everything... 4 dozen large eggs, 6 lbs. of unsalted butter, 3 cans of cocoa powder, 3 5lb. bags of sugar, 2 5lb. bags of flour, 3 bags of semi-sweet chocolate chips. If you'd like to donate an ingredient, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Helping Hands bulletin board.

Travel-sized Toiletries ~ Did you know that the Missions Committee collects toiletries and makes "kits" containing shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, and dental care products for the Lowell Transitional Living Center and other local human service providers? We're gearing up for our next kit creation date in a few weeks, and we would love to add your donations to the mix. Gather up those small bottles that you've brought home from vacation/business travel and drop them in the collection bins located in the Narthex or at the side entrance. Contact our Mission Project Coordinators, Ben and Laura Holmes, at happyholmes@verizon.net for more information.

Red Cross Blood Drives ~ Give the gift of life this week (and receive a certificate for a free lb. of Dunkin's coffee) at one of two drives held right here in Tewksbury. On Tuesday, go to The Pines of Tewksbury at 2580 Main Street from 2-7pm or, on Thursday, go to the Masonic Hall at 70 Victor Drive from 2-8pm. Call 1-800-448-3543 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also warmly welcomed.

Did you know? Our loving Congregation provided \$636.70 to retired clergy through the Christmas Eve collections? TCC has a long history of supporting the UCC Christmas Fund offering, formerly known as the Veterans of the Cross, which provides emergency assistance to low-income retired pastors and their widowed spouses.

Faith notes!



Notes on worship (from the pastor)

Insomnia is an occasional experience for some, a periodic affliction for others, and a constant companion for a few. How do we 'work' these night shifts, when the house is quiet and we are alone with our thoughts? Do we have a 'God awareness' that illuminates that time with grace and peace? Even if we haven't found the exact way to fall asleep, we can rest wakefully if we have spiritual patterns of meditation or reflection.

Samuel's story will be our focus this morning. We will wonder why he couldn't sleep and look at the place of truth telling as one of the gifts of his sleeplessness. We don't walk alone and even old Eli was a helpful companion to the boy prophet as he matured in living well with uncomfortable truths.

"I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the promised land... So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man."

From his speech in Memphis, TN, April 3, 1968, by Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968).

When snow has fallen or is falling on Sunday, please be sure to check the church's answering machine (978-851-9411), WHDH or WBZ, or check the church's website to see if the church service has been delayed or cancelled. Our directors of music and education will know of this decision by 7am.



Marvelous Volunteer Opportunities!

Would you like to **greet** on a Sunday morning? You only need to come to church about 15 minutes early to welcome our members and friends. For more information, please see or call **Kelly Raso (978-851-9042)**.

Would you like to **donate flowers** to be placed on the altar to celebrate or honor someone special in your life? Please call **Carolyn Fialkowski at 978-256-0897**.

Would you like to help at the **Second Annual NE Chapter of the Chorister's Guild Youth Festival** that will be here on March 21st? Please contact **Bruce Panilaitis at 978-858-0528**.

Today

Worship & Sunday School

9:30am

Coffee Hour

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Cherub Choir

10:45am, Room 9

Open Door Bible Study

11:00am, Room 10

Budget Informational Meeting

11:00am, Vestry

Confirmation Mentor's

Meeting at 3:30pm

Mexico Team Meeting

4:30pm

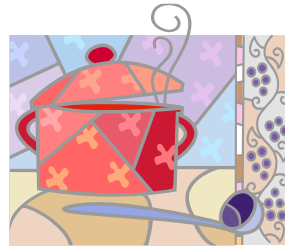
Jr. Youth Fellowship

6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Interfaith Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm, Fairgrieve Room

Newsletter Deadline



Save the date! January 31st from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Come and get to know our newer members and enjoy a delicious meal. There will be games for both the young and mature! Sponsored by *M&E*. Look for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall today!

Monday

Office

Closed in observance of *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

Tuesday

7:30 PM

Church Council

Wednesday

11:00 AM

Bible Study & Prayer Circle

7:00 PM

Deacon's Meeting

Thursday

2:30 PM

Blaire House

7:30 PM

Sr. Choir Rehearsal

Blaire House, Thursday, January 22nd.

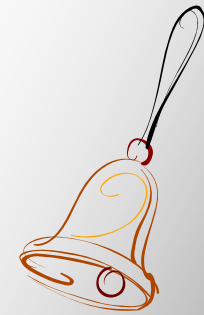
You are welcome to join the Pastor at Blaire House for a worship service and hymn sing. Come at 2:30pm for this special half-hour service with the residents and staff. Meet at Blaire House.

Dorcas Kitchen

Members from **Friendship Circle** (under the sponsorship of the **Missions Committee**) prepare meals that are frozen and placed in TCC's freezer. The meals are delivered to any TCC member who has been hospitalized or is in need of a meal. Contacts for delivery are Louise Gearty (978-851-2590) and Roberta Kane (978-667-4923).

If you are interested in helping prepare a meal, members will be cooking Thursday morning, January 29th at 9:00am in TCC's kitchen.

If you would like to donate homemade desserts, such as brownies or cookies that can be frozen and given along with the prepared meals, please bring to TCC that morning or leave on Wednesday. For more information contact Jean at 978-640-9220.



Hands-On Training Available!

An invitation to come and ring our beautiful handbells.

Anyone interested in worshipping God through our ministry in English handbells, please see TCC's Music Director, Susan Dill after today's worship service.

We hope to launch a second adult handbell choir geared to novice ringers, and all are welcome.

**Saturday, January 24th
1:00 to 3:00pm**

A class for anyone interested in becoming a TCC member is planned. Come and learn more about the Congregational faith. Meet with the Pastor to answer your questions and learn more about becoming a member. Please call the office if you would like to be a part of this class (978-851-9411).