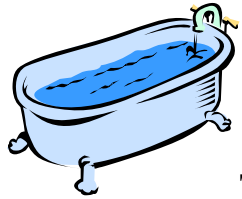


NOTES FROM YOUR MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Prayer Partners: Have you been wondering how to lend your support to the Mexico Mission Team? Why not become a Prayer Partner! We are seeking 24 members to partner with our 24 missionaries. Add your name today to the sign-up sheet on the Helping Hands bulletin board.



TOILETRY COLLECTION – **Laura and Ben Holmes** will be working with the **Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School** class to create toiletry kits next **Sunday, February 22nd**. Kits will be delivered to LTLC during one of the two meals that we will serve in March.

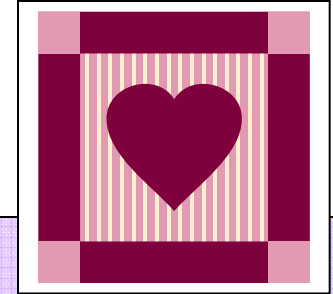
Please contact **Cathie Seaman** if you have items for our **Baby Kits for The Wish Project**. If you have items you haven't donated, please contact Cathie at 978-640-0101 by the end of this week.



Q1 MISSION GRANT – If you would like to donate **\$250** to a non-profit organization this year, apply for a **TCC Mission Grant**. The first quarter application deadline is March 31st, and the grant will be awarded in April. Applications can be found in a folder near the mailboxes outside the church office or download a form from TCC's website.

ZERO WASTE DAY INFORMATION SESSION – There's been a lot of interest in this event scheduled for **May 16th**. Attend an informal session on what **Zero Waste Day** entails by attending a meeting at Beth's home on **Monday, Feb. 23rd from 7:30-8:30pm**. Sign-up sheet is on the *Helping Hands Bulletin Board*.

Faith notes!



Notes on worship (from the pastor)

Why does the legacy of Abraham Lincoln endure? When we give careful thought to this, I think we discover that Lincoln had a mix of rather ordinary qualities that somehow shone with special strength under the pressure of his presidency. I want to focus especially on the ways in which Lincoln showed a rather special combination of balance, proportion and humor while maintaining a focus on the difficult task of landing the ship of state in peaceful waters during his presidency.

The choir's anthem this morning crossed several cultural lines in South Africa. It was written first as an Afrikaans chorus. This meant it was sung in churches that supported apartheid in South Africa. But in 1978 it was translated into Zulu by Thabo Mkize. In doing this it became a song of resistance to apartheid, the brutal policy of segregation in that country. In the 1990's it became known to the European and American churches through the work of a Swedish choir Fjedur that toured in South Africa, learned a whole body of these resistance songs, and recorded them for their church and the wider church.

As human beings, our job in life is to help people realize how rare and valuable each one of us really is, that each of us has something that no one else has—or ever will have—something inside that is unique to all time. It's our job to encourage each other to discover that uniqueness and to provide ways of developing its expression.

- Fred Rogers

From the Director of Religious Education- Rita Masters.

Next week is **School Vacation Week!** Here are some great ideas for families to do:

1. Take a day trip to **Heifer's Learning Center** at Overlook Farm in Rutland, MA. Directions are on their web including information on what programs are featured.
2. Make a meal together.
3. Invite a friend over to play.
4. It's *President's Week*, read a story about one of our presidents.
5. Read a wonderful story, "*Faith the Cow*" by Susan Hoover. There's a copy in the DRE's office. (Book is suitable for pre-school through middle elementary school-age children.

Church Family: Can you save empty Campbell's soup cans, the 15-ounce size and bring them into church for a Sunday School project? Soup cans are needed by the end of March.

Today

Worship Service

9:30am

Coffee Hour

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Open Door Bible Study

10:55am, Room 10

Please note, there is no Cherub Choir rehearsal today.

Monday

Office

Closed

President's Day

Tuesday

7:30 PM

Church Council

Wednesday

11:00 AM

Bible Study and Prayer Circle

Thursday

2:30 PM

Blaire House

Worship

6:30 PM

Novice

Handbell

Ringers

7:30 PM

Sr. Choir

Rehearsal

Progressive Supper

Save the Date!

Members of **Friendship Circle** are planning their annual **Progressive Supper** on Saturday, **March 14th at 6:00pm**. Three TCC families share their homes for each of the three courses—appetizers, hearty soup and salad, and dessert.

Tickets will go on sale March 1st.

Reminder! There is no Sunday School today. Sunday School will resume next Sunday, February 22nd. On the 22nd members of the Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School classes will put together toiletry bags with the Holmes Family—Ben and Laura.

Please keep the following dates in mind to remind you of our upcoming Lenten series.

Four Wednesdays in March and one in April as follows:

**March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.
April 1st.**

Beginning with a meal of soup and hearty bread at 6:30pm in the Vestry followed at 7:00pm by our program on the *Parables of Jesus*.

You are invited to come to both the meal and study or just come to the study.

Christ Church United,

UCC, 180 E. Merrimack

Street, Lowell, MA will

host an ***Interfaith Forum***

on Homelessness featuring

Mass. Lieutenant Gov.

Timothy Murray and the

Rev. Liz Walker on **Sun.,**

March 1 from 2:00 –

4:00pm. This event is free

and is open to anyone

seeking to learn more about

how to become a part of the

solution to end

homelessness in Greater

Lowell.

Tickets for *Godspell*

Our own Celia Couture is the co-founder of the Woburn Repertory Community Theater which is doing *Godspell* over the next two weekends. Both *Friendship Circle* and the *Junior Youth Fellowship* are going next Sunday the 22nd at 2:00pm. Alyssa Palange, who worships with us, is cast in the show.

This is an exciting venture as young people collaborate on the show with their mentors.

Tickets are \$10 (group discount), and can be reserved from Celia by email: celia@ccounselingllc.com

COME JOIN US !!!

**ASH WEDNESDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE**

FEBRUARY 25TH

7:00 pm

A solemn service to mark the beginning of Lent.

Prayer, scripture, meditation, and hymns will introduce us to the disciplines of preparation for God's presence.