



### Notes From Your Missions Committee

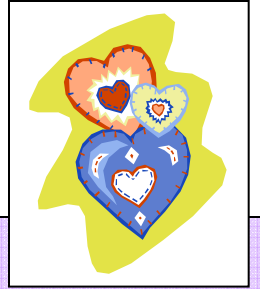
**Zero Waste Day Info Session (tomorrow)** ~ TCC is hosting a town-wide “giving” event on May 16<sup>th</sup>, inviting local charities to come to the Tewksbury High School Parking Lot to accept *used but usable* donations from Tewksbury residents. It’s our version of **One Stop Reverse Shopping**, and it is sure to be GREAT! If you’d like to help in either the planning and promotion *or* with event day activities, come to the info session at Beth McFadyen’s house tomorrow night (Monday, 2/23) from 7:30-8:30 at 41 Captain Circle (978-851-4867). Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Helping Hands B-board, even if you can’t attend the meeting, and we’ll be sure to keep you in the loop.

**Prayer Partners** ~ Have you been wondering how to lend your support to the Mexico Mission Team? Why not become a **Prayer Partner!** We’re seeking **24** members to partner with our **24 Missionaries**. *Add your name to the growing list of Prayer Partners on the Helping Hands bulletin board.*

**Toiletry Kit Project** ~ Warm thanks to **Laura and Ben Holmes**, our **Toiletry Kit Mission Project Coordinators**, who are working with the **Sr/Jr High** youth this morning to create kits (shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion) for our friends at **LTLC** and the **Veterans NE Outreach Center in Haverhill**. And check out the Coffee Hour table where we’ll show you a sample of what we’ve created today. Your donations... offering care and comfort to our neighbors in need.

**Blankets+** ~ Special offering envelopes for the **Blankets+** collection will be removed from the pews after worship today as we conclude this annual program. Thank you to all who have contributed to the purchase of **\$5 Church World Service blankets** this year and in past years. We will report and celebrate the final results in the April/May newsletter.

## Faith notes!



### *Notes on worship (from the pastor)*

*Words ... are powerful tools for creating the very precious thing that we call Christian community. The unexpected power of our words depends on the extra meaning that we bring to our words. Their timing, their tone, their target add to their constructive impact... or rob them of their intended ‘good’.*

*Today we will consider the practical power of the apostle Paul’s advice on our words. Are there ways that your words can be graced with further power to build the life of someone else?*

*Our center hymn focuses on the spirit of love in community. Hal Hopson has taken the poetry of St. Paul’s hymn to love and added beautiful lines that inspire us with the simplicity and passion that makes our loving intentions real to others.*

***Reminder: the all church meeting called for Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.***

*We—or at least I—shall not be able to adore God on the highest occasions if we have learned no habit of doing so on the lowest. At best, our faith and reason will tell us that He is adorable, but we shall not have found Him so, not have “tasted and seen”. Any patch of sunlight in a wood will show you something about the sun which you could never get from reading books on astronomy. These pure and spontaneous pleasures are “patches of Godlight” in the woods of experience.*

- C. S. Lewis – Letters to Malcolm:  
Chiefly on Prayer

**Celebrating our 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Remembering our Church History**

Jean Leighton remembers a remarkable Sunday School teacher named Uncle Willie. His given name was Willard Simmons and Jean remembers his wonderful sense of humor and how well he got along with his Sunday School class. She also remembers the Rev. Thurston Powell. When she and Dick moved to Tewksbury and attended TCC with their children, Jean was asked what she liked to do. “Sing”, she said! One evening the Rev. Powell visited Jean and said, “I hear you like to sing.” Then he said, “I am here to take you to join the choir!” Jean said that was in 1961—48 years ago. It was also the same year that the Interfaith Choir was founded and both Dick and Jean have been members for all these years.

If you can recall a special time at TCC, or a special person, call the church office and your information will be printed in *Faith Notes* as we look back and remember the many years that TCC has been a part of this community and celebrates 275 years of ministry.

**The Parables of Jesus** is the subject of our five-week Lenten series.

Scheduled on the following **Wednesday** evenings:

- March 4
- March 11
- March 18
- March 25
- April 1

You are invited to come and eat a delicious meal of soup and hearty bread at 6:30pm. The meal is coordinated by the Deacons. The study begins at 7:00pm with Pastor Jonathan. If you cannot come to the meal, please plan on joining the study. *There is no charge for this.*

Pastor Jonathan and the Deacons will provide all study materials and will guide us as we come to understand the *Parables of Jesus*.



**ASH WEDNESDAY  
WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
in the Sanctuary

Join the Pastor for a service of prayer, scripture readings, meditation and hymns as we begin the solemn service marking the beginning of Lent.

If your Board or your Committee *is not on this list*, then you need to submit your Annual Report to Christopher Jenkins as soon as you possibly can! Email to [Jenkins@gwu.edu](mailto:Jenkins@gwu.edu). *Thank you!*

- Religious Education
- Membership & Enlistment
- Ladies Aid
- Memorial Gifts
- Missions Committee
- Jr. Youth Fellowship

*Reports were due last Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**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

**Jubellation Ringers**

11:00am, Fairgrieve

**Jr. Youth Group** – To see *Godspell*. Leave TCC parking lot at 12:30 p.m.

**Interfaith Choir Rehearsal**

7:30pm – Fairgrieve Room

**Monday**  
**7:30 PM**  
Carillon  
Ringers

**Wednesday**  
**11:00 AM**  
Prayer Circle

**7:30 PM**  
Ash  
Wednesday  
Worship  
Service  
Sanctuary

**Thursday**  
**6:30 PM**  
Novice  
Handbell  
Ringers  
Rehearsal

**7:30 PM**  
Sr. Choir  
Rehearsal

**Friday**  
**7:00 PM**  
Men’s  
Group  
Meeting

**Save the date!**  
**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Come and enjoy a delicious **Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** in Fellowship Hall following worship. A free-will offering will be used to support TCC’s scholarship fund.



**Tickets go on sale today for the following events:**

- **Progressive Supper, 3/14**, sponsored by members of *Friendship Circle*. Tickets are \$10 each.

- **Dinner Dance and Spaghetti Supper** along with music by the *Silvertones, 3/28*. Sponsored by the *Mexico Mission Team*. Tickets are \$10 each.