

## Notes From Your Missions Committee

**Easter Sunday at LTLC** ~ Might you consider joining Cathie and Craig Seaman on Easter Sunday at 5:30 as they serve dinner at the Lowell Transitional Living Center. What an extra special experience this is sure to be. We will meet in the TCC Parking Lot at 4:45 to carpool together and we expect to return between 6:45 and 7:00pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Helping Hands bulletin board.



**Zero Waste Day Volunteers** ~ The official “sign-up” sheet awaits your signature as TCC rallies to work together on the biggest community-wide project we have ever coordinated. Be counted among the red t-shirt brigade as a member of one of the following teams: traffic control, car unloaders, charity helpers, sign holders, snack bar attendants, set-up, and floaters. **ZWD** will be held on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm** in the High School Parking Lot. We hope you will consider being a part of the ZWD Team. Contact Beth McFadyen at [bmcfadyen@comcast.net](mailto:bmcfadyen@comcast.net) for more info.

**Two weeks until Heifer begins...** Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> will mark the start of our 5 week Heifer program, raising funds to purchase “gift” animals through Heifer International. This year’s animal has been chosen. Do you know what it is? We’ll give you a hint: Twelve or more of these animals together are known as a “flink.” Do you know now? Learn more about Heifer at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

This year, the **Easter sunrise worship service** will be held at TCC in the **Friendship Garden** followed by breakfast in the Vestry. There are many ways that you can help – by offering to set up Saturday night; cooks for Sunday morning (minimal cooking as most will be done ahead of time), help serve and clean-up. We also need donations of food or monies to cover food purchases. If you would like Sue Henderson, the Deacon in charge, to shop for the breakfast items, please donate by making out a check to TCC and in the corner under the memo section, add for *Easter Sunrise Breakfast*. Sue will shop for 10 pounds of bacon, sausages, French bread, butter, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. Donations of muffins from our home cooks would be a great asset to the meal. Contact Sue at 978-851-3024 or email [shenderson@athenahealth.com](mailto:shenderson@athenahealth.com).

## Faith notes!



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

“Does your talk match your walk?”... isn’t that what mattered to Jesus as he taught and offered his life as an example? He invited his followers, those men and women who were eager to learn from him, an opportunity to see “how” to make this marvelous, but perplexing “life of faith” really work, really matter.

So today’s parable, so well known, yet so challenging, was offered to a skeptic, someone curious about what Jesus was really all about. Jesus reminded him that there was no distant place from which to understand ministry. “We are in covenant with a God of relationship, One who serves us, Who is deeply engaged in our struggles,” was his answer. And by the time that the story was over, the legalist had been presented with the challenge to roll up his sleeves and get into the work of ministry alongside Jesus!

Does Jesus want to challenge you and me in the same way? I know that we will understand when we get involved in his mission. “Does your talk match your walk?” Could God be prompting you to do something risky with that pesky (but life giving) question today?

### *The Simple Path*

*The fruit of silence is prayer.*

*The fruit of prayer is faith.*

*The fruit of faith is love.*

*The fruit of love is service.*

*The fruit of service is peace.*

*- Mother Teresa*

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

Members of the Ladies Aid met last week for a delicious luncheon followed by a social auction. They earned over \$100 for their treasury and donated \$50 to the scholarship fund. Best sellers were the home-baked goods. While enjoying lunch, some of the ladies shared their thoughts about TCC's involvement in the community. At the bicentennial, the entire congregation walked to Rev Spaulding's grave in the Tewksbury cemetery and a service was held there. Mary Gaffney, resides at the former Parsonage on 60 East Street, and in a recent conversation said that she has some of the Spaulding family furniture. She also has some math papers signed by Rev. Spaulding. In 1964, Eleanor mentioned that her husband was on the committee to move the organ from the front of the church to the balcony. She said there were circular pews at the time. Doris McPhail, in looking through some of her mother's papers, found a deed to one of TCC's pews dated 1872. Priscilla Edgecomb mentioned the red carpet in the sanctuary was installed in 1952 and she was the first bride to walk down the aisle on the carpet in 1953. Barbara Buckley mentioned that her father played the violin and may have played it when the Friendly Guild put on plays at the Tewksbury Town Hall. Most remembered the church fair began with a sit-down meal the night before.

**Today**

**CYE, Rehearsal**

8:30am

**Junior Choir**

9am, Fairgrieve Room

**Coffee Hour**

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

**Cherub Choir**

10:45am, Room 9

**Open Door Bible Study**

*(Will not be held today.)*

**All Church Meeting**

10:45am, Vestry

**Jubellation Ringers Rehearsal**

11:00am.

**Mexico VBS Gathering**

11:15am (approximate)  
in classroom 8

**Jr. Youth Fellowship Meeting**

6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

**Interfaith Choir Rehearsal**

7:30pm, Fairgreive Room

Did you know that today, Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> the children in Sunday School class, Grade 3, will begin to design their stoles for Palm Sunday? This has been a tradition for the third-grade Sunday School class for many years. Some of our older youth probably still have their stoles.

On Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, third-grade students will be wearing their stoles and will give palms to worshippers as they enter the building.

Don't forget to order your Easter flowers to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter. Order forms are in the pew racks.

**Monday**

**7:30 PM**

Carillon  
Ringers

**Wednesday**

**11:00 AM**

Prayer Circle

**Thursday**

**7:30 PM**

Sr. Choir  
Rehearsal

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Lenten Meal at 6:30pm**

**Lenten Study at 7:00pm**

This is the fourth Sunday in Lent as we continue to study the *Parables of Preparation* during our Wednesday evening Lenten program.

Prior to our study, we enjoy a light meal of home-made soup and hearty bread. This is followed by an informative study coordinated by Pastor Jonathan with the help of our Deacons. It is a time of reflection, meditation and prayer.

We meet in the Vestry.

**HELP is NEEDED** to volunteer your time on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The events on **April 24-26<sup>th</sup>** will showcase our church to the entire community and we want the Vestry, stairways and Fellowship Hall to look good. Please sign up at Coffee Hour with **Mary Lou Adams** and **Gail Bliss** to volunteer for **Clean-up Day** on April 4<sup>th</sup> or help set-up for the April events on April 23<sup>rd</sup> or to help with events April 24-26 by baking, serving, or 'as needed'.

Bring your coffee into the Vestry during Coffee Hour today, and join an informational meeting resulting from discussions between PPRC, Deacons and the Pastor to resolve various issues of concern that were brought before the congregation in early February.

This meeting will start at 10:45.  
Child care is available.

There is still time to donate to **TCC's Scholarship Fund**. Checks made payable to TCC with a note in the memo section, *Scholarship Fund*, are very much appreciated as we continue to support our students.



**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** come and enjoy a delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner while listening to great music by the *Silvertones*. The cost is only \$10 for a three-course meal and entertainment. All proceeds will benefit the 2009 Mexico mission trip.  
**5:30 to 9:00pm**  
Fellowship Hall