

Notes From Your Missions Committee

Zero Waste Day Website is Up ~ The Missions Committee thanks our webmaster, Jess Kenney, for the fabulous job she has done on our Zero Waste Day web page. Check it out at: www.tewksburycc.org/zerowasteday! We hope to get lots of “hits” on our TCC page, as a result of posting the ZWD info. There is an “*Email This Page To A Friend*” button on the page, so please take a few minutes this week to share it with all of your Tewksbury friends, family, and neighbors. We’re counting on lots of word-of-mouth promotion by our church family. For more info on ZWD, please contact Beth at bmcfadyn@comcast.net.

Heifer begins next Sunday....We’re excited for this year’s Heifer program, raising funds (and awareness) to purchase gift animals for people in need all over the world. We’ll announce this year’s animal choice next Sunday, but perhaps you can guess what it is... What animal has a “*Bill of Rights*” in India? You’ll find out next week!

Helping Hands Bulletin Board ~ There are LOADS of opportunities to offer your service in the coming weeks. Check out the Helping Hands bulletin board during coffee hour today to learn more about: volunteering for Zero Waste Day, serving dinner on Easter Sunday at LTLC, purchasing ingredients for Brownie Baking, staffing the Church World Service Depot, and more... Thank you for lending a helping hand!



Faith notes!

March 29, 2009



Notes on worship (from the pastor)

The parable of the ten maidens is full of the drama of a middle eastern wedding. The arrival of the groom depended on the negotiation of the groom with the bride’s family for the dowry price. And so the bride’s wedding party could wait a long time.

The bridal party, in turn, had a gift to offer to the wedding itself... the oil, the flame, the light reflecting on their joyful faces. And so having enough oil was their ‘job’ for that day. The ones who showed up with just enough for a brief wait had not considered the true nature of their work, the joy that they could bring to the wedding itself.

We ‘live forward’ today, seeking to anticipate the joy of the final feast of God, the banquet of God’s peace. We put aside the regrets that keep our oil supply low. We pick up the heartbeat of grace in prayer. And we remember that we bring the resource of God’s light to others each day.

AN INVITATION
from our Sister Church in Billerica

You are cordially invited to attend the **Installation Service of Katherine Adams**
First Congregational Church
March 29th at 3:00pm

Please look at the large poster in Fellowship Hall today titled, “**Our TCC Members**”. Check the dates and if you feel the date of your membership is not correct, please notify the church office.

On friendship....



“Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes the deepest thanks to those who have rekindled their light.”

- Albert Schweitzer

Celebrating our 275th – Remembering our Church History

There were six cookbooks published over the years starting with *The Home Makers Cook Book*, copyright, 1924, by *The Women’s Missionary Society of the Congregational Church*, Tewksbury. This was followed by the *Friendly Guild Cook Book* (no date of publication), and *Tewksbury Tidbits, Favorite Recipes of Members and Friends of the “Friendly Guild”*—Mary Garland was on the committee for this book and Mabel E. Prescott was the chairman. In 1983, *Favorite Recipes from Our Best Cooks* was published. *The Good Cook’s Cook Book of Our Favorite Recipes* was published (no publication date listed) with the help of Sue Bradley and Sue Henderson. Our final cookbook was published in-house in 2003, *Home-Grown Recipes and Gardening Tips*. For each cookbook sold, a \$1 was donated to the Tewksbury Food Pantry. Sheila Prescott had written a number of articles for the monthly newsletter on gardening and included some of her favorite recipes, these were included in the 2003 cookbook—hence the name! Food has played an important part in our church’s history as we look forward to the annual chicken pie supper the first week in February, our Wednesday evening Lenten meals, the annual Pie Social and the bake and candy tables at the December church fair. Brunch at the fair has included Linda Wieselquist’s famous recipe for her frosted cinnamon rolls. *Tewksbury Tweets* is probably the most famous cookie recipe submitted by Ruth S. Mores.



The Resplandor De Vida Orphanage in Juarez, Mexico, is the site for our current mission trip. We have a team of 25 participants in this trip from our church. They will continue the building program at that location... which is getting ready to receive its first children when the second building is completed. The TCC Mission Team will be leaving the week of school vacation, April 18th through the 25th to once again work on various construction projects. We spend time today and this week praying with them and sending them to meet God in Mexico.

This is final week in our **Lenten meal** series and on **Wednesday evening, April 1**, we will study the *Parables of Decision* from Matthew 13:36-43. You are invited to come and enjoy a meal of homemade soup and hearty bread at 6:30pm--or come for the Lenten Study at 7:00pm. We meet in the Vestry.

Today

CYE, Rehearsal

8:30am

Junior Choir

9am, Fairgrieve Room

Worship & Sunday School

9:30am

Coffee Hour

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Cherub Choir Rehearsal

10:45am, Room 9

Open Door Bible Study

10:55am, Parlor

Jubellation Ringers Rehearsal

11:00am, Fairgrieve Room

Jr. Youth Group Meeting

6:00pm, Fellowship Hall

Sr. High Youth Fellowship

5:45pm, Meet at TCC.

Deacons’ Meeting

7:30pm

Interfaith Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm, Fairgrieve Room



Easter Flowers to beautify our Sanctuary

This is the *last* Sunday to order Easter flowers. Order forms are in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate. Checks should be made out to *Carol Sturtevant* as she is liaison between TCC and the florist. Bev Kling will be downstairs during coffee hour if you would like to see her about ordering Easter flowers.

Monday

7:30 PM

Carillon

Ringers

Wednesday

11:00 AM

Prayer Circle

6:30 PM

Lenten Meal

7:00 PM

Lenten Study

Thursday

6:30 PM

Mission Team

Prayer Partners

Pot Luck

Supper

6:30 PM

Novice

Handbell

Ringers

Rehearsal

7:30 PM

Sr. Choir

Rehearsal

Saturday

Jr. Youth Group Lock-in

Clean-up of the church property for our 275th **Anniversary Celebration.** Volunteers wanted and needed. Come at 9:00AM.

Many helping hands make light work of many tasks!



There is still time to donate to **TCC’s Scholarship Fund.** A church family is willing to match 50-cents for every dollar raised! Checks made payable to TCC with a note in the memo section, *Scholarship Fund*, will be appreciated as we continue to support our graduating seniors and college students.