

Notes from Your Missions Committee

Zero Waste Day – Thanks to the Superintendent’s office and a donation of photocopying from Staples, 2700 copies of our **ZWD flyer** were sent home in the Pre-K through 6th grade backpacks. If you haven’t had a chance to do so, please add your name to our volunteer sign-up sheet today. We most urgently need car un-loaders and traffic controllers for this 9:00am to 1:00pm event. For your convenience, almost all jobs are broken down into 2-2.5 hour shifts. Contact Beth at bmcfadyen@comcast.net for more info.

Mother’s Day Cards – As has been tradition, we have created Mother’s Day cards which will be available next Sunday, April 26th and the following Sunday, May 3rd. Your free-will offering for the cards supports our annual Heifer Program. Don’t go to *Hallmark*...stop by our table at Coffee Hour next week instead!

Walk for Hunger – Just two more weeks until our TCC team walks 20 miles to fight hunger in Massachusetts. Please consider pledging your financial support through the Project Bread website at: www.projectbread.org. Our team is TCC. Their team goal is \$500 and they are already at \$380. Warm thanks to **Jess Kenney**, our Mission Project Coordinator for leading this event.

Saturday, May 9th – Volunteer in Fellowship Hall at our **Church World Service Depot kit checkpoint** (10-12 and 12-2) or at the **Community Pantry** (assisting with incoming donations from the Postal Carrier Food Drive) from 2-4 or 4-6. The Pantry also needs ‘rural route’ helpers to walk some of the routes handled by walking mail carriers. Sign-up on the Helping Hands bulletin board.

A message from the Prayer Partners to the Mexico Team... We hold you in our hearts and in our prayers during this wonderful week of service and ministry. You know that we are with you in spirit, and we are sure that you can feel our love and support from across the miles. May this week be all that you dreamed it would be. We look forward to welcoming you home next Sunday!

Faith notes!



Notes on worship (from the Rev. Lelley Smith)

Doubting Thomas was a symbolic character, symbolic of all of us, who did not really understand what the Risen Christ was saying and doing. In the Upper Room on the first day of the week, Jesus enacted a new creation, breathing on the disciples and conferring the Holy Spirit.

This carried out the promise given at the last discourse before Jesus died.

Having received the Holy Spirit, the disciples have power to forgive sins and to be sent out with the strong message: “Peace be with you.”

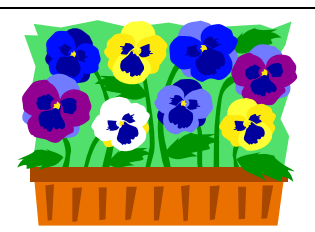


The poet Rainer Maria Rilke wrote:

“Be patient towards all that is unsolved in your heart, and learn to love the questions themselves.”

Celebrating our 275th Anniversary – Remembering our Church History

Judy Hanlon stopped by the church office recently and talked about the many friendships she's had as a member of TCC. Judy coordinates the paper lambs that are on the cradle roll bulletin board that is located on the wall as you enter Fellowship Hall from the parking lot. Judy said she worked on a lot of church suppers with Gordon Bryant. When she helped John Ober with the annual chicken pie supper, he would schedule the biscuit person to come in at a certain time and make the biscuits; he would then schedule the gravy person to make the gravy, and he did this with everyone who volunteered to help make the meal. Judy said she took over the responsibilities of making gravy after Ruthie Mores could no longer do it. Judy mentioned she was lucky to have been friends with both Mary Garland and Ruthie. Mary had a wonderfully wicked sense of humor whereas Ruthie was quiet and reserved. Judy remembers that every month there was a Calendar Supper and prior to the church fair, a Harvest Supper. Back then, volunteers could bring a turkey home to bake it, bring it back to church for the supper and then it would be carved and served. Judy said, "One time, one of my cats decided to take a bite out of one of the turkey legs, so I brought in a one-legged turkey, as I had to remove the leg the cat decided to eat". Luckily we now have a beautiful new kitchen where meals can be prepared and served!



Today
Worship Service
 9:30am
Coffee Hour
 10:30am, Fellowship Hall

Check with Sue in the church office. I have some items in the 'Lost & Found' box.

This week begins the 275th Anniversary Celebrations at TCC

Friday, April 24th
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Historical Exhibit

Presented by the Tewksbury Historical Society and TCC.
Open to the Public
Refreshments served.

Saturday, April 25th
Noon to 3:00 PM
Continuation of the historical exhibit and open to the public.

Sunday, April 26th
275th Historical Exhibit continues at TCC.
Paid luncheon served from 12 noon until 1:30PM

Tewksbury History Hunt (Family Scavenger Hunt) for the history buff
1:30 PM
Reservations required.



I would like to personally thank all who made the Easter Sunday breakfast such a wonderful success. We had many bakers (both men and women!) and so many others who helped with shopping, preparation, cooking, serving, and of course, clean up. While our numbers may have been small, the fellowship was large and warm and a wonderful way to begin the Easter day.

Thanks,
Sue Henderson, Deacon



Heifer Update

Did you know...that a cow gives nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime? That means that for every dollar that you contribute toward the purchase of a \$500 Heifer, you will be providing 400 glasses of milk. What a bargain!

Monday
Church office closed.

Tuesday
7:30 PM
 Church Council

Wednesday
11:00 AM
 Prayer Circle

7:00P PM
 Building Committee

Thursday
6:30 PM
 Novice Handbell Ringers Rehearsal
7:30 PM
 Sr. Choir Rehearsal

The **275th History Hunt** will launch from TCC at 1:30pm. Teams will take a zone of Tewksbury to see if they can find examples from the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st Centuries of Tewksbury history.

There are various ways to make reservations. At the Tewksbury Library on Tuesday afternoon go to the Historical Society Room between 3:30 and 5:30, or go to the Historical Exhibit and the Historical Society website. You can also call Mary Lou Adams at 978-851-5207.