

**Zero Waste Day Update** – The posters are done announcing ZWD and Beth needs help putting 100 of them around town. If you frequent a town office, restaurant, or store with a public announcement bulletin board, please offer assistance in delivering a ZWD poster. Volunteer opportunities abound for our event on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet to assist with baked goods, traffic control, car unloading, and more!



**Special Easter Day Missions Project!** We are always searching for new volunteers to serve dinner at LTLC, but serving on **Easter Day** is sure to be an extra special experience. Won't you consider joining Cathie, Craig and Pam on Easter Day to carpool to LTLC and serve dinner at 5:30? They expect to return between 6:45 and 7:00pm. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade class has created Easter candy treat bags to distribute with dinner. If you are interested, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Helping Hands Bulletin Board

**Brownie Ingredients Needed for Wednesday** – We're baking brownies on Wednesday and still need quite a few perishable ingredients (and gallons of whole milk to serve with the brownies). If you can help, please see our grocery list on the HH B-Board.

**Easter Sunday Sunrise Breakfast** – Following the Easter Sunrise Worship Service, please remember to join us in the Vestry for a wonderful breakfast of French toast, sausage, bacon, muffins and fruit. What a great way to start Easter day!

We have our muffin makers lined up but currently are still in need of many food items and paper goods. Please consider making a monetary donation to this wonderful event—remember breakfast is supported by a free-will offering, no tickets are sold. You may drop off your donation at the church office or give it to Sue Henderson directly. You may also place it in the offering plate, but please make sure to mark it accordingly. We thank you in advance for your generosity. One more thing...we need kitchen and serving help as well as clean-up assistance following the breakfast. Please contact Sue at 978-851-3024 if you are able to help. Thank you!

## *Faith notes!*



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

**The death of the wheat kernel in the earth, and its rebirth, is a story that has been told over and over from the dawn of time. But it is clearly not a parable. A parable is an open story that changes your life by the choices you make. A parable requires you to make unanticipated decisions. A parable requires you to change for God's sake and for your own benefit.**

**This parable, the dying of the lonely seed, is a story that Jesus took deep into his life. He went down into the desert and learned to die to his own self glory. He slowed down in his teaching ministry to include the socially downcast. He took time to correct his disciples when they missed the mark of leadership again and again. He enacted the words of the prophets to bring God's word dramatically to Jerusalem itself.**

**Jesus knew this story by heart! He had meditated on its meaning. He believed it thoroughly. And as he began the week of his passion, he knew that somehow it would be more than devastating to him. God was part of this story, God's justice and salvation would triumph. Jesus knew that his Abba Father would rescue him and uplift him in his dying. He knew that this final story was not just for him, but is also open to any who would follow after him, in life and in death and into new life.**

*Death abides not  
on a hill called Golgotha,  
but in every heart that makes room.*

*Life abides not  
outside a garden tomb in Jerusalem,  
but in every heart that makes room.*

- Anne Weems

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

Twenty years ago in 1989, eight youth along with adult supervision provided 66 volunteer hours of work at Heifer Project/Overlook Farm in Rutland, MA. Of the eight youth who volunteered that day, some continue to be actively involved at TCC—Debbie (Takach) Adams, and Stefanie (Kushnieruk) DeLuca. Sarah (Masters) DeOreo, who with her husband, Dan, and their two children, Michael and Matthew attend a Congregational Church in their home-town of Manchester-By-The-Sea. Sarah is actively involved in Sunday School. One of the adult supervisors on that trip, was Rita Masters. Rita has always felt there's a wonderful spirit at Heifer. Recently she and Beth McFadyen and her sons took a trip to Heifer in Rutland, MA. The children made friends with many of the animals especially an overly friendly camel. In 1989, Rita, along with Whitey and Joanne Myers, presented Heifer with a donation of \$750.00. This month begins the first of many events around the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. On **April 24-26<sup>th</sup>** events will begin here at TCC starting with a social, followed by lunch and a history hunt. Mary Lou Adams and Gail Bliss would enjoy talking to you if you can help with the events planned.



**Heifer Program Begins Today** – TCC's long tradition of supporting **Heifer International** begins today as the Sunday School classes create "cow" coin banks to collect spare change in order to purchase **4 Heifers** in the "*pass on the gift*" program. In addition to the coin banks (which will be collected during the worship collection on May 10<sup>th</sup>), we will raise funds through the sale of **Mother's Day** cards on April 26<sup>th</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information to follow!

**Welcome – We are Glad You Are Here on Palm Sunday!**

If you are joining us today for the first time, we hope you will find worshipping with us a meaningful experience.

*Child Care is offered for infants through age 3 in our nursery located in a room off Fellowship Hall.*

Sunday School is offered during worship for children in preschool through high school. Visiting children are welcome to attend Sunday School. Children leave the worship service after the Moment for Children. Sunday School will not be in session Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> or the following Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, school vacation week.

*Fellowship Time is downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for refreshments and an opportunity to talk and to get to know each other better.*



**Maundy Thursday Worship April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm – Sanctuary**

Please join us for a re-enactment of the final days as Jesus met with His disciples over their last meal and were given these instructions—*'For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes'...* 1 Cor 11:26.

We'll listen to sacred music sung by our choir with special guests and an orchestral accompaniment.

At the end of worship, following communion, the altar will be stripped and we will finish the evening in quiet in a darkened sanctuary.

**Today**

**CYE, Rehearsal**

8:30am

**Junior Choir**

9am, Fairgrieve Room

**Communion Sunday Worship & Sunday School**

9:30am

**Coffee Hour**

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

**Cherub Choir**

10:45am, Room 9

**Open Door Bible Study**

10:55am, Parlor

**Jubellation Ringers**

11:00am, Fairgrieve Room

**Interfaith Choir Rehearsal**

7:30pm, Fairgrieve Room

**Monday**

**7:30 PM**

Carillon  
Ringers

**Wednesday**

**11:00 AM**

Prayer Circle

**12:00 Noon**

Ladies Aid

**7:00 PM**

Brownie

Baking

**7:30PM**

Sr. Choir

Rehearsal

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM**

Friendship  
Circle

**4:45 PM**

LTLC Meal

**6:30 PM**

Novice

Handbell

Ringers

**Easter Sunday Worship**

**6:30am – Ecumenical Worship Service** in the Friendship Garden –

Two Worship Services in the Sanctuary; **9:00am** and **11:00am**. *There is no Sunday School but nursery care is available for infants and toddlers to age 3.*

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Please note: The Junior & Cherub Choirs will rehearse at 8:15am Easter Sunday morning.

**Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> –**

The sanctuary will be open from noon until 3:00pm for meditation and prayer.

**Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 5:30pm** in the church parlor join the Pastor during our monthly **Sabbath Devotions**.

Come for prayer, meditation and reflection prior to Easter Sunday.