

# Faith notes!

May 17, 2009

## Notes From Your Missions Committee

**Hike for Humanity** ~ The Senior High Youth Fellowship will be climbing Mt. Monadnock on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> to support Habitat for Humanity. If you would like to join them on this 3 mile hike, please see Team Captain Steve Trudeau. And, if you wish to pledge your support to our TCC team, please visit [www.takeahikeforhumanity.org](http://www.takeahikeforhumanity.org) and select team "TewksburyCC."

**The Gift of Life** ~ Have you ever considered donating a pint of blood? The Red Cross will be in town this Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 2-8pm at the Masonic Hall on Victor Drive. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins are also welcome.

**Missions Committee Membership** ~ We're excited to begin planning our mission and outreach activities for the 2009-2010 year. Would you like to help us? Please contact Beth McFadyen at [bmfadyen@comcast.net](mailto:bmfadyen@comcast.net) or 978-851-4867 if you are interested.

**Heifer Results** ~ Warm thanks are extended to all who offered their financial gifts to this year's Heifer campaign. At this time, we are just shy of the \$2000 needed to purchase four heifers, but we are confident that funds will trickle in over the coming weeks so that we can reach our goal. Stay tuned for results in the June/July newsletter.

**Red T-Shirt Day ~ Pentecost Sunday is on May 31<sup>st</sup>** and it is tradition that we wear red to church on that day. The Missions Committee warmly welcomes all who have participated in TCC Outreach events (thereby earning a shirt) to wear their red Mission/Outreach t-shirt to church on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup>. Mexico Mission Team members will be wearing their orange t-shirts, so the flame colors will surely be well represented.

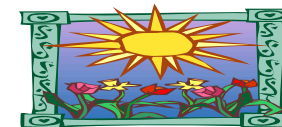
## **Notes on worship** (from the Pastor)

*"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends."*

*How do we bring our loving faith to the neighbor that we do not know? I have referred to Mother Theresa in our first two sermons from 1 Corinthians 13. Today I will look at the convictions of another hero of the faith... Rev. William Sloane Coffin. Rev. Coffin believed that one of our most loving actions was working for justice and social equality. His convictions have shaped our own United Church of Christ to be a church that seeks God's face by pursuing justice in the world. Like a lost flavor, the pursuit of justice adds strength to our desire to grow into being a more loving people of faith.*

## **Jazz in worship!**

*We welcome our Contemporary Youth Ensemble this morning in worship. Our seventh to twelfth grade meets in the Fellowship Hall for their own worship experience most Sundays. We are so glad to have their gifts in worship this morning!*



*Cheerfulness is the outward manifestation of the kindly spirit within. Do not hide your light of kindness under the bushel of too much reserve.*

*(From Mary Garland's notes dated 1924)*

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

Doris McPhail attended Ladies Aid this past week and she brought with her an article that was displayed at TCC's open house in late April about a fund-raiser the ladies coordinated in April, 1950. Twenty-two rare and beautiful wedding gowns were modeled by members of the Ladies Aid in the *Pageant of the Brides*. The gowns spanned the years from 1880 to 1949 and some were worn by the descendents of the original owners.

What is of interest is that this was a fund-raising event and fund-raising has been a popular way to earn money for events such as the Mission Trip, Scholarship Fund, Heifer, etc., for many, many years.

Members of the 2009 confirmation class will hold a fund-raiser after worship on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. They are asking members to purchase cookies from their 'Cookie Walk' where a large selection of home-baked cookies will be on display for purchase. Monies earned will help pay for their confirmation retreat expenses at Grotonwood in September. We hope you will enjoy the Cookie Walk, purchase some cookies and help support the confirmands-- Jackie, Caitlin, Taylor, Monika, Jess, Marissa, Rob and Megan.



The **2009 Tewksbury Ecumenical Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be held at St. William's - **August 3 to August 7<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00am** until **12noon**.

It is for pre-school children ages 4 and 5 and elementary children ages 6-10. The cost is \$25 for the first child and \$15 for each additional child in the same family.

**Crocodile Dock Bible** stories will focus on the following:

- God is with us.
- God is powerful
- God does what He says He'll do
- God gives new life
- God cares for us

*The church office has the registration forms.*

A new Bible Study begins Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Combined is both prayer and Bible Study.

We will be continuing our character studies, this time delving into Old Testament women and men.

This study is open to both men and women and is facilitated by the Pastor.

**Would you like to be a part of an exciting Memorial Day Parade in Tewksbury? Donna Haines is selling a different kazoo...sturdier and a bit louder than some! Members and friends will be proudly marching in red t shirts in our Memorial Day Parade representing TCC. We'll have fun and enjoy being out in the community as we celebrate our 275<sup>th</sup> !!**

*Gathered in love...*

**275<sup>th</sup>**

*Called to serve!!*

**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**

10:55am, Parlor

**Jubellation Ringers Rehearsal**

11:00am, Fairgrieve Room

**Sr. Youth Group Field Trip**

2:00pm, TCC parking lot

**Jr. Youth Group**

6:00pm, Friendship Garden

**Interfaith Spring Concert @**

**St. William's Church**

7:00pm

*Church Newsletter deadline*

**Monday**

**7:30 PM**

Carillon

Ringers

**Tuesday**

7:30pm –

Church

Council

**Wednesday**

**11:00 AM –**

Bible Study

and Prayer

Circle

**Thursday**

**7:30 PM**

Sr. Choir

Rehearsal

Would you like to know more about becoming a member of TCC? An informational class will be held Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until noon. Please call the church office at 978-851-9411 if you would like to attend.

The **Director of Religious Education** job description is posted on the TCC website or you can request a copy by sending Jim Kenney an email at [jameskenney@comcast.net](mailto:jameskenney@comcast.net). The job description can also be picked up in the church office and resumes left in the Religious Education's (RE) mailbox (outside the church office). The RE Board is accepting resumes until June 15<sup>th</sup>.