

### Notes from Your Missions Committee

- **Next Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day** – If you are in the market for cards for the many special mothers in your life, be sure to stop by the Heifer table today during coffee hour. For a free-will offering of your choice, you can select among five card designs which explain to the recipient that a gift has been made in her honor to Heifer International in celebration of Mother's Day. Your goal will help us to reach our goal of purchasing four heifers through Heifer International.



- **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> is the Postal Carrier Food Drive** – In addition to donating non-perishable items through our mailboxes, TCC members will be in (red t-shirt) force at the **Community Pantry** from 2-4 and 4-6 sorting incoming cans and boxes. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the *Helping Hands* bulletin board if you would like to join us for this outreach event. You can pick up your red t-shirt today from either Sherry or Beth.

**The Kits are Coming** – Next Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> is **Church World Service Depot Day** at TCC as we act as a temporary storage house for hundreds of kits (school, hygiene, baby, cleaning, etc.) created by local churches and civic organizations. Last year we collected 803 kits from 13 different organizations. **Jean Carr needs assistance from 10-12 and 12-2 checking in the deliveries.** Sign up today on the *Helping Hands* B-board.

- **Zero Waste Day** – Thank you to the many people who have already volunteered to serve at **ZWD**, and thanks in advance to the ones who will kindly sign up today to work **Saturday 5/16**, second shift (10:45-1:15) on traffic control, car unloading, or to assist a charity team. For this event, there is **no** such thing as **too** much help, as we want TCC to shine as a provider of service to our community. Add your name to the volunteer roster or see Marlene (traffic) Peggy (car un-loaders), Sheila (charity volunteers) or Beth (floaters).

## Faith notes!

May 3, 2009

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

*“If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.”*

*This rather mysterious list of accomplishments...strange tongues, powerful prophecies, unusual acts of generosity... reveal the kind of world that the Corinthian church lived in. They believed in the miraculous and it caused them to be envious of each other. Paul reminds them that the spirit in which one does great things is what is remembered at the end of the day.*

*Paul, then, is asking us all to question again just how much we are moved by love, the center of God's heart. To focus on love is to be humbled, if we are proud... and to be elevated if we have a low self image. Love is the simplest and most important motivation of all.. and it is available to anyone who asks for it.*

*Little deeds of kindness,  
Little words of love,  
Make our earth an Eden,  
Like the heaven above.*

*- Julia A. F. Carney*

The **Religious Education Board (RE)** will be seeking a new Director for next year. **Rita Masters** is retiring after more than 35 years of service to RE as a teacher, Jr. & Sr. Youth Fellowship leader, superintendent, and director. She is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren.

RE is having a quick meeting and requests families, teachers, and all concerned members attend the meeting immediately following Sunday school in the Vestry. We need your help deciding which programming is most important to this congregation as we write a job description for a new DRE. If you cannot attend the meeting and wish to have input, please fill out our questionnaire (located upstairs near the church office) or give one of our Board members a call.

*Thank you,  
Peggy Mello, co-chair, James Kenney, co-chair, Sue Panilaitis, Sheila Nelson, Stefanie DeLuca, and Carol Sturtevant.*

**Today**

**CYE, Rehearsal**

8:30am

**Junior Choir**

9am, Fairgrieve Room

**Worship & Sunday School**

9:30am

**Coffee Hour**

10:30am, Fellowship Hall

**Cherub Choir**

10:45am, Room 9

**Open Door Bible Study**

10:55am, Parlor

**Jr. Youth Group**

4:00pm for Backwards

Progressive Supper Event

*Please note, there is no rehearsal today for the Jubellation Ringers.*



**Jr. Youth Group Retreat on Cape Cod, May 8-9-10**

Members of the Jr. Youth Group and their advisors will be leaving late Friday afternoon, stopping for supper, heading to the very generously donated, San Clemente home on the Cape. The group will be in retreat some of the time, exploring the Bible as well as recreation and free time! Saturday morning they will be making Mother's Day gifts and in the evening there will be a campfire. Sunday morning, after a worship service on the beach, they will enjoy a quick lunch and head for home so the youth group can spend time with their moms.

**Monday**

**7:30 PM**

Carillon

Ringers

**Wednesday**

**11:00 AM**

Prayer Circle

**Thursday**

**6:30 PM**

Novice

Handbell

Ringers

Rehearsal

**7:30 PM**

Sr. Choir

Rehearsal

*The cow banks created by our Sunday School children will be collected next Sunday during worship.*

**Save the Dates**



Photo submitted by Russ Adams

On **Monday, May 25th, Memorial Day**, members of the Mexico Mission Team will hold a breakfast to benefit their ministry in Mexico. The office will be closed that day but you can come into Fellowship Hall and enjoy a delicious breakfast. A free-will offering will be taken.

On **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** there will be an evening with the 2009 Mexico Mission team. Dessert will be provided and there will be a showing of slides taken from their trip. Come at 6:00pm for an enjoyable evening of fun and fellowship with the members who recently returned from their trip of teaching, VBS, women's outreach, and construction.



**Gail Bliss and Mary Lou Adams** would like to thank everyone who helped set up, bake, serve, clean-up or purchase food for the events held at TCC last weekend. Friday evening was a great success with many people attending the Historical Society's exhibit in the vestry, followed by an open house on Saturday and on Sunday, a delicious luncheon provided by TCC and a history hunt coordinated by the Historical Society.

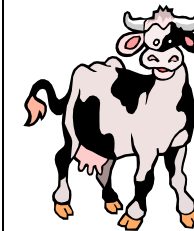


**Open Door Bible Study**

You are welcome to join the **Open Door Bible Study** that is held Sunday following worship in the church parlor. We will begin a five-week series using a book by Henri Nouwen, "**The Inner Voice of Love**" to guide us in some very practical reflections on how to share our love with others.

The contents of Nouwen's book and discussion will compliment the Pastor's preaching series on 1 Corinthians 13 which is widely known as the New Testament's chapter on love.

Open Door sessions are on a drop-in basis, come whenever you can.



Did you know that a cow drinks about 30 gallons of water a day and can produce enough milk to make 5 gallons of ice cream?