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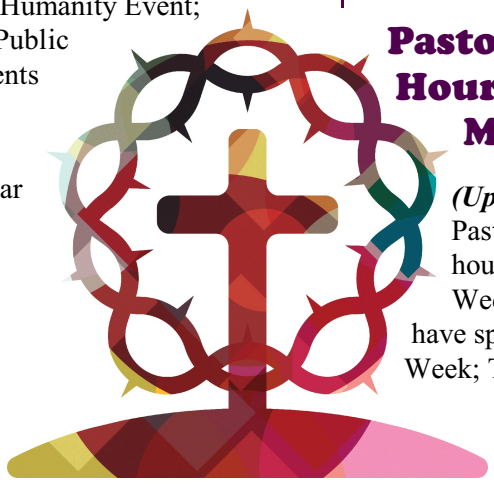
Daylight Savings begins on March 11.

Remember to check the members-only portion of the TCC website for updated reports.

A Busy Month – With Lots of Options!

There is so much going on, in and around our church, during the month of March, and there are so many choices to make! Please be sure to read all the submissions contained in these pages and carefully consider where you are being called to contribute your valuable time, talents and treasure.



Pastor Mark's Office Hours starting in March

(Updated from printed edition.) Pastor Mark has resumed his office hours, but will only hold them on Wednesdays, 1-6:30 pm. He will have special office hours during Holy Week; Thursday and Friday 3-7 pm.

According to Mark

The Lenten season is upon us, and each year we try to figure out what that means for us individually. Let's remember that Lent is the preparation for Easter through prayer, doing penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. Some of us do all of these, or some of these. And our current national political leaders do none of these. What is a good example to follow? What are we to do?

Let's remember to not do anything crazy or dangerous. So if you want to fast, that's fine, but not if you're on medication or you've decided this is a way to jump-start a long awaited diet plan. If we want to pray, OK, but think about this as something that is regular and outside yourself---not asking for more this or that's. The point is, in our age of consumerism and facebook posting all our little achievements in hoping that we'll get a tiny thumbs-up by dozens of others, that we should look to be finding ways to reflect on how our lives are not our own.

So let's remember that purpose of Lent is to be mindful of Christ's sacrifices for US…not to figure out a feel-good way that will diminish that intent. That our lives are God's and not ours. That we come to faith humbly and in a way that honors all that we have…and acknowledge that we have enough. And while that includes all that stuff that we see around us, let's also know that it includes those to whom we can reach out and befriend, if we only made the effort. We are not alone in our journey, though it seems that way. We are connected and together, just as the disciples were a group, so we are a group finding our way through the wilderness of temptations and knowing, finally, that our needs have always been tended by our Good Shepherd. And then we see the flyer in the paper for the President's Day sale, the St Patrick's Day special, or actually go shopping on Easter Sunday for new clothes, new furniture, new cars to get the deal of a lifetime.

We are full of contradictions, we creatures of God. We are too easily distracted, and value our money too much. We spread it far and wide on bangles and beads, and forget the poor, the underprivileged, and the Church's work in the world that should be as important to our souls as our health club memberships, or soccer league fees, or any number of other charities we support.

This month's newsletter reflects TCC's work in the world, but it only goes as far as we are willing to give alms. To take some of the abundance of our lives and direct it into God's work as we strive to become a community church that reaches out to everyone. So as we think about how we can serve God for Lent, let's think about how we can support God's purposes through what we do at TCC. Do the Trything thing. Try just a little bit with time, talent, and treasure. Give to the Birthday Fund. Clean out the attic for the auction. Come and teach Sunday School during March. Attend a bible study. Or come see me during office hours and let's catch up, and I'll pray with and for each of you who does so. TCC is our faith home. And it demands sacrifice from each of us. Let's start treating it that way, as our Lenten devotion. And for THAT solace and presence in our lives, thanks be to God.

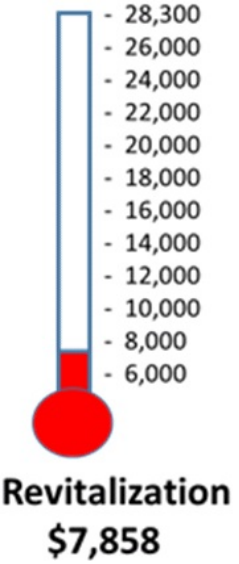
Pastor Mark

A Lenten Prayer

I imagine Lent for you and for me as a great departure from the greedy, anxious anti-neighborliness of our economy, a great departure from our exclusionary politics that fears the other, a great departure from self-indulgent consumerism that devours creation. And then an arrival in a new neighborhood, because it is a gift to be simple, it is a gift to be free; it is a gift to come down where we ought to be.

~ Walter Brueggemann

Revitalization Update



by Jennifer Davidson

As you all know, we started a TCC Revitalization project a few years ago, committing to growing and expanding our programs for the congregation and the community. We need a total of $28,300 for 2018 (as approved in the 2018 budget). We started the year with $6,864 in our Revitalization account. Please help us collect the $1,900 per month, February - December, that we need to meet our goal. Note that year to date through February 14, 2018 we have collected $994 toward revitalization.

Please write "Revitalization" on your check, or contribute through our website and choose the fund "Revitalization." Please note this is in addition to your normal pledge, and is fully tax deductible if you itemize your taxes. Revitalization is so important to our church; I can't emphasize it enough. Help keep our exciting and vibrant church programs alive!!

Thank you!

Looking for a new way to help TCC? Consider taking charge of our April supper! There are many people who would be willing to guide you through the steps.

Please leave a message with John Mims in the church office if you would like to speak with someone about this.

Pick-Up Choir March 4

The choir invites you to join them in singing the anthem on March 4. There will be a short rehearsal at 10 am that morning.

2018 TCC Auction

Mark your calendars for Saturday night, May 5 at 6 pm for the TCC Annual Auction! The Auction is a fun social occasion, with refreshments (food & beverages) served. Everyone has a great time!

We will also continue to have a challenge matching program to raise even more dollars for our Revitalization and ongoing support of TCC and its programs! This year, the challenge will be $2,500 - if we can raise $2,500 in cash donations, we have found donors to match that dollar for dollar, for a total of $5,000 towards our programs! All checks should be made payable to Townsend Congregational Church and have "Auction" in the memo.

We are accepting donations of goods & services now! We have storage for your items you wish to donate before the

auction date. Please text pictures of possible auction items to Jen Davidson at 978-732-9057. Make sure you include your name so she knows who is making the donation.

No electronics, appliances, dishes, cloth furniture or "yard sale" items, please.

Donations of services are strongly encouraged. Our congregation has historically been very creative with their service donations!

Donations that raise a reasonable amount include:

- Wood furniture in good condition, especially antiques
- Safes/file cabinets
- Vacation rentals
- Homemade meal coupons
- Sports tickets
- Power tools
- Paintings
- Hand-made blankets, quilts, wall hangings and tote bags
- Gift baskets
- Restaurant gift certificates
- Popular business gift certificates
- Vintage & collectible items like ornaments, tools or toys
- Service donations such as:
- Lobster dinner
- Homemade soups made to order
- Homemade cake
- Babysitting coupons
- Fresh herb basket
- Gift baskets
- Be creative!

Wooden furniture in good shape is always welcome! As are services, gift cards to popular local businesses and many other items. **When in doubt, ask!** The auction could not be successful without donations from you!

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A Blessing

"Go out into the world in peace.
Have courage.
Hold onto what is good.
Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the faint-hearted.
Support the weak.
Help the suffering.
Honor all persons.
Honor all creation.
Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And may the love of God,
the Light of Christ,
and the power and communion of that Spirit
be with us all.
Go in peace. Amen."

Community Meal

In March, there will be three free community dinners:

The second Wednesday (14th) is hosted by the New Beginnings Methodist Church;

The third Wednesday (21st) is hosted by TCC and will be a turkey dinner;

The fourth Wednesday (28th) is hosted by the West Townsend Baptist Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

In Sunday school we have been working on the Bridge initiative curriculum and in March we will complete this course with 4 more classes including:

1. Accept
2. Embrace
3. Share
4. Review

Over the past 6 weeks that we have been working on this, I have noticed that we are doing amazing things with our children! I am proud to be a part of the Townsend Congregational family because, when I see and hear the things that these kids are coming up with, I realize that the parents of these children are doing an amazing job and our church family is doing a great job, too! These kids truly understand what it means to be the bridge and to **LET NO ONE STAND ALONE**. They are the future of our church, the future of our community, the future of our world, and they are **AMAZING!!**

At the end of the month we will be preparing for Easter and on Easter Sunday the children will celebrate with an Easter egg hunt. If you would like to donate nut free candy or stickers for our Easter egg hunt please leave them in the Christian Education office!!

With gratitude,

Sarah Goyette
Superintendent of Sunday School

The Birthday Fund

This is a fun way to contribute above and beyond your regular giving to the church to something above and beyond our normal operating budget. Simply make a donation on (or around) your birthday in the amount of your age (Memo: Birthday Fund)! If everyone participates, this will add up to a significant amount. Please participate and watch our gifts grow!

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Messages from Lamontville

June Cloutier, Correspondent

We have a message directly from our Lamontville liaison, Flo Madlala:

Greetings in the previous name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I feel very bad and guilty about the long unintentional break in communication. The most important thing is that I am well, and appreciate all the correspondence with pictures of Townsend Congregational Church and calls you made to the center.

Firstly, it is unfortunate that my house land line is still not functioning, I am trying my best to get it to work and I have complied with all that needs to be done to upgrade it.

Yes, the parcel with lovely messages from children and beautiful beadwork finally arrived. Sunday school re-opened a week ago, after the summer break. I am now waiting for the response from the children's ministry teachers.

Rev. Nkosi Khanyile, our minister, is still young and energetic and keeping us all on our toes, physically and spiritually. In the beginning of the year, we already have had a week of prayer and fasting, and a bible study. Lamontville Church is part of the wider church with 4 outstations; for big services we come together Palm Sunday and Easter services, and in that case a school ground has been booked at one of the colleges where a tent will be pitched. The idea is to ensure that all 4 outstations are accommodated.

My 83rd birthday was on the 31st of January, such a blessing with numerous messages from my family; brother and sisters, children and grand children. I also don't know how many there are.

The centre (Thembalethu) is running well.

Greetings to all the Congregants of Townsend.

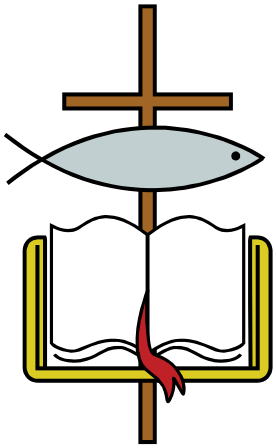
Love you all,

Flo

Editorial note: Flo did succeed in restoring phone service at her home.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6-Jack Enright; 12- Sasha Gay; 13-John D'Angelillo; 14-Carrie Davidson; 15-Haeley Rochette; 18-Kathy Duckett; 20-Sherrie Cloutier, Donald Miller and Austin Swift; 23-Lee Duckett; 26-Christine Clish; 27-Jody Burnham, Donald Klein and Paul Nixon; 28-Lloyd Clark and Lilly Goyette; 29-Ken Bruns; 31-Susan Mills.



March is Membership Month

What are member dues? This is the church's fee per member to MACUCC that provides us with many forms of support throughout the year.

With the budget so tight, the church is asking each member who can, to pay this $20 membership fee. If you are able to contribute, a check should be made out to TCC with "member dues" written on the memo line.

Please be assured that inability to participate in this small fund-raiser in *no way* affects your membership status with TCC.

Jody Burnham

Holy Week

This year we will be observing **Maundy Thursday** - March 29 - at the New Beginnings Methodist Church

Good Friday - March 30 - will be observed here at Townsend Congregational Church, and

Easter Sunday - April 1 - will be celebrated at our regular worship time of 10:15 am.

TCC's Center for Hope and Healing

You might know that TCC's Center for Hope and Healing was awarded a $15,000 grant in April, 2017 by the **Nashoba Valley Community Health Fund** to help find ways to steer community youth away from drugs and heighten awareness of the danger of opioids and opioid addiction. As part of that grant, over $4,500 was awarded to **NM Cares** to help spread the message that addiction is a disease that needs compassion, treatment, and loving arms of everyone involved if we are to steer our kids into lives of hope and healing. Here are some of the events and milestones of NM Cares' efforts and use of the grant money:

High and Seek was a September interactive presentation for adults only, using a Staged Teenage Bedroom with indicators and warning signs of teenage risky behaviors, such as drug use and underage drinking. Participants tour the bedroom, receive training on current drug and alcohol trends, what to look for, and techniques for communicating with teens. This event was well attended with over 100 parents, Townsend PD, and school administrators. We offered 3 raffle prizes to encourage attendance. The mock bedroom, set up with several clues of drug use, many set out in plain sight, provided an effective visual for parents. The audience was shown what to look for and how the kids are using it. The question and answer interaction was very busy, parents had many questions and concerns. The following day, there was a great deal of positive feedback on social media, including a parent who found evidence of drug use in her child's room upon returning home from the event.

Sticker Shock was an event in which 3,000 stickers were printed and placed on pizza boxes during the super bowl weekend in February. The purpose of this activity was to spread the word that substance use disorder is a brain disease and that we need to end the stigma against addiction, since it is the number one barrier to seeking treatment. NM Cares mission and contact information as well as COIN (Community Outreach Initiative Network) mission and contact information

were highlighted. NM Cares distributed 1,000 stickers in our immediate area, and COIN distributed 2,000 stickers to 6 surrounding towns in their network.

An **Anti-Stigma Awareness** campaign included purchasing an 8ft banner along with matching t-shirts. The banner and shirts were printed with a bright clear message against the stigma of addiction. "When Stigma Ends, Recovery Can Begin". Included on the banner is NM Cares' name and website, so that people can reach out to us and find more information on our organization. They marched in 3 local parades: Townsend Memorial Day Parade in May; Ashby 250th Anniversary Parade in June; and Pepperell July 4th Parade in July. NM Cares carried the banner in one, and in the other 2 we attached the banner to a float. All parades were very well attended, with an estimated 5,000 or more people who saw our message. Many people called out to us, thanking us for the work we are doing in the community, and made positive comments about our anti-stigma message.

In fact, prior to marching in the Pepperell 4th parade, our group made a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to submit to the WCVB Channel 5 Boston "Eye Opener" news program, banner and t-shirts in full sight. On July 5th, they aired our PSA, including an introduction by the news team. We had several people tell us that they saw us on TV. This was a very exciting and proud moment for NM Cares. The t-shirts are also handed out at various events that we attend, and when someone approaches our table and engages in conversation, we offer them a shirt. We hope when they wear the shirt, it will then spark a conversation about what they learned at our table.

NM Cares also used funds to start a website, **www.nmcommunitycares.org** They had business cards printed, following the same NM Cares brand colors and logo, so that NM Cares can increasingly be recognized. These are handed out at events, meetings and used on their resource table. The website has complete information on our events, information on what stigma is and does, resource information, etc.

On August 20th, NM Cares held our 2017 run/walk **road race**. We had 85 registered participants and another 30 spectators. This event does a great job on spreading awareness on the stigma of addiction. Prior to race start, our president spoke on how stigma prevents people from reaching out for help, followed by a local young lady singing the National Anthem. The race course has many ups and downs, which we correlate to the road to recovery. Each participant was given a t-shirt, which includes the end stigma message.

On October 8, NM Cares held their **annual memorial vigil** in TCC's Fellowship Hall. Pastor Mark and Chief of Police Rick Bailey spoke of their organizations' support for the drug anti-stigma awareness campaign, and the event was attended by over 60 persons, many who were personally affected by someone who had taken their own life or been impacted by drug addiction. The stories were heart-wrenching but needed to be told, and it was a night filled with remembrance, candlelight, and hugs and tears all around.

We at TCC are grateful to be partners of NM Cares and their community mission, to end the stigma of drug addiction, and to begin treating it as a community health issue rather than a law enforcement one. I am thankful for their co-authorship of this article and our congregation's support of our grant funding to make a difference! We are being the bridge with this effort! Stay tuned for further updates of how we are reaching out to our young people in Townsend and beyond, through our new focus on Community Outreach and the Bridge Initiative.

Pastor Mark

OUR BLESSINGS:

We offer congratulations to Sami's track team on their award in January. We join with Louise Coalter in giving thanks for being part of such a welcoming church. We give thanks for the fun Yankee swap event organized by Heather Mulrenan. We give thanks for the dual blessing of Pastor Skip and Pastor Brad, who both did an amazing job while filling in for Pastor Mark since last November. We celebrate the diversity and the unity of the Olympic Games. We give thanks that Pastor Mark has recovered enough to come back to work. Lee McTighe gives thanks for her oldest grandson who recently celebrated his 10th birthday. Heather Mulrenan gives thanks for the blessing of church community. We give thanks for the blessing of the Boy Scouts organization and for their participation in our worship on 2/11. Sarah Goyette gives thanks for all those who help with Sunday school. We give thanks that Cathy Parsons has found an apartment that will work for her, except that they do not allow pets; we also pray that she is successful in her appeal of this rule.

OUR CONCERNS:

We offer prayers of comfort for Bill's sister-in-law, Jeanette Coulter, whose husband died in June and now is grieving the recent death of her sister. Meghan Bruns has a friend moving

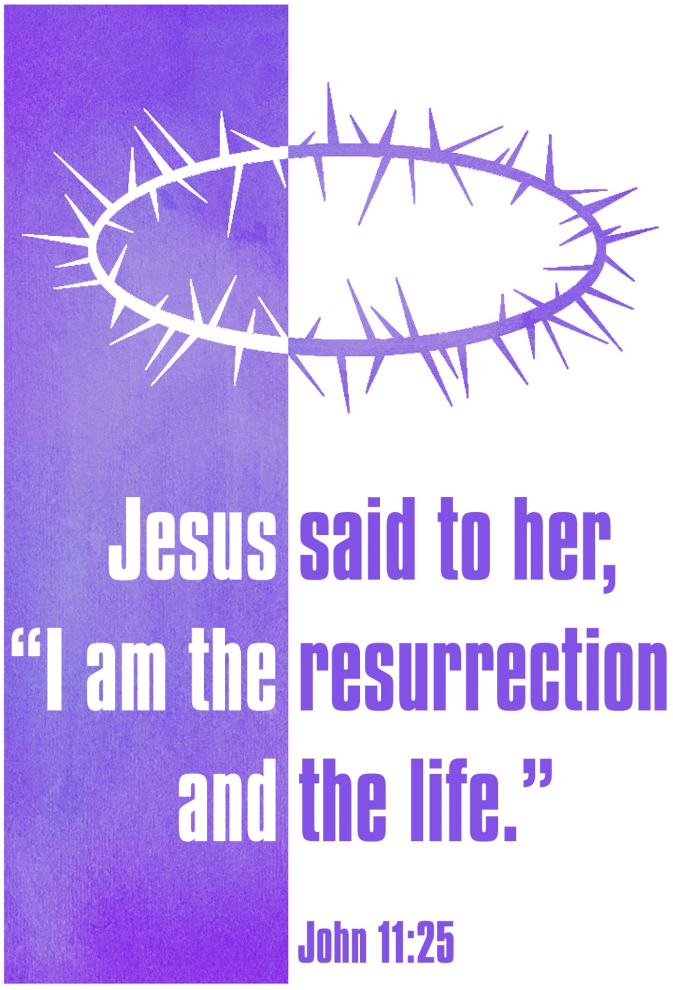
to Georgia; we offer prayers of comfort for Meghan and wish her friend good fortune in her new home. We offer prayers of consolation for Kelly McNabb, and her extended family, as they grieve the passing of her father. We offer prayers for strength for Jennifer Urato's mother who has to move and is feeling overwhelmed by her circumstances. We keep Kathy Duckett's friend, Toni, in our prayers as she continues to deal with family conflict. We keep Heather Nixon and her step-daughter in our prayers as they continue to work together to overcome differences. We offer prayers of strength for the Borko extended family as a loved one in Cheryl's family has been diagnosed with cancer. We pray for all those who are dealing with the symptoms of the flu, and for all those who have lost loved ones to this illness. We offer prayers of comfort for two friends of Lee McTighe: Sharon, who has recently lost both her father and her uncle; and Jen, who lost her 17 year-old autistic cousin in a fire. We keep Lorena Andexler and her extended family in our prayers as they mourn the passing of her mother. We pray for all those who are unemployed and underemployed. Two of our visitors on Scout Sunday asked for prayers: for a sister who has terminal cancer, strength for her and her loved ones; for a father who is struggling with bone marrow cancer, and his wife who is the primary caregiver and is grieving for the loss of a close family member. We offer prayers of consolation for the family and friends of Phil Morand (husband of Lindsay Morand) who passed away on 2/17. We pray for all those who lost loved ones in the recent Florida shootings; we pray for an end to this heartbreaking violence. We offer prayers of comfort for Tracy Winslow and her extended family as they mourn the passing of her cousin Lorraine. We keep friends of the D'Angelillo's in our prayers: Ann and Ron Lizzotte and Nancy Rogers who are all dealing with serious health issues, and the Lachance family as they mourn the passing of their family matriarch. We keep the Duckett family in our prayers as they seek sustainable employment; also that Lee's current certification training pays off with new job offers. We pray for loving patience for both Pastor Mark and our congregation as we all work together to help him perform his duties without the use of his right arm.

OUR HEALING PRAYERS:

We offer healing prayers for June Cloutier's cousin's wife who is enduring multiple surgeries in the hopes of removing a brain tumor; for Amanda (friend of Bailey's) who has a broken foot; for Barbara Hardy who is recovering from surgery after a bad fall; for Pastor Mark - while we rejoice that his leg injury is completely healed, his arm will probably need further surgery; for Tad Rochette who is recovering from partial knee replacement surgery; for Karen Baer's brother, Joe, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery; and for Rebecca Hersey as she recovers from a very painful injury.

OUR CANCER FIGHTERS:

We offer prayers of healing and hope for all those in our immediate and extended families who are in the midst of battling cancer, and for all those who care for and support them. Dorothy DuBreuil, breast cancer; Bill, who is the husband of Heather's birth mother; Susan Riggins; Karen Baer's friend, Cathy; Lorraine M, cutaneous T cell lymphoma; Cathy Hill's sister, Morag, who has lymphoma; Lyn Bennett's mother, colon cancer; Mary Lou, a close friend of Pastor Mark; Louise Coalter's friend, Sherrie, lung cancer; Ashley Peroni (Karen Lee Peroni's sister-in-law), brain cancer; Carol Clark; Meg Genoter's friend, Heather; Kathy Duckett's friend, Caroline, jaw cancer; Paul Martineau's mother; Joe, a young friend of Carole Gustafson, skin cancer; Charlie Hersey's Dad, Fred; Steve Ciccolini (Carol's husband), liver cancer; Sarah (friend of Steve Cloutier), brain cancer; Cindy Miller's mother-in-law, breast cancer; Brian Cormier's dad, who has been diagnosed with stage 1 prostate cancer; Lyn Bennett's friend, Cookie Klahre, leukemia.



COMMUNITY NEWS

MSPP INTERFACE

MSPP INTERFACE is a mental health referral service that is available for all residents in Townsend, Pepperell, and Ashby. Just call 888-244-6843 x1411 during normal business hours (M-F, 9-5) and you will be able to speak with a licensed mental health professional, or an advanced level graduate student, who will discuss the situation with you, and then call you back with a referral which meets your therapeutic needs, insurance, schedule availability and immediate openings.

This service was made possible by Teenage Anxiety and Depression Solutions (TADS) through a grant from the Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund. Check out TADS web site at www.tadsma.org and check out the web site for MSPP INTERFACE at msppinterface.org

Submitted by Pam Snaith

Dueling Pianos: Join us for a fabulous evening!

Friday, April 6, 2018

Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA

Put two sharp-witted, incredibly talented musicians with two grand pianos on stage, then add a roomful of people. The result is an evening of fast, funny and unforgettable entertainment. The musical repertoire ranges from Classic Rock to Country; Hard Rock to R&B; Show Tunes to Top 40.

Total audience participation makes for one-of-a-kind evening – shout out requests, sing-along to favorites, banter with performers, and have the time of your life.

Dinner at 6 pm

Show from 7:30-10 pm

Includes Silent Auction and Cash Bar

Go to http://ncmhabitat.org/ (in the "About us" pull-down menu) to register.

All proceeds benefit Habitat NCM

Take a look at a couple of events happening in March at the Townsend Public Library . . .

Mini Golf

Saturday, March 3, 4-9 pm and Sunday, March 4, 9 am - 3 pm.

Set up throughout the library and senior center!

Flying Irish Dancers Performance

March 17: 11:30 am - 12 pm

A festive Irish Step Dance performance for the whole family to enjoy!

The Flying Irish Dancers, based in Ashby, blend modern and traditional Irish dances in an entertaining and educational performance with historical notes to deepen audience understanding of, and appreciation for, Irish Dance.

Please register at www.townsendlibrary.org

LECTIONARY, MARCH 2018

March 4, 2018 - *Third Sunday in Lent*
First reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm: Psalm 19
Second reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Gospel: John 2:13-22

March 11, 2018 - *Fourth Sunday in Lent*
First reading: Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Second reading: Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

March 18, 2018 - *Fifth Sunday in Lent*
First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm: Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Second reading: Hebrews 5:5-10
Gospel: John 12:20-33

March 25, 2018 - *Sixth Sunday in Lent*
First reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm: Psalm 31:9-16
Second reading: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARCH 2018				1	2	3 8am Saturday work team
4 Worship/SS ***COMMUNION***	5	6	7 5:30pm Genesis Handbells 6:30pm Agapé Handbells 7:30pm Snr Choir	8	9	10
11 Worship/SS	12 6:30pm Council	13	14 5:30pm Genesis Handbells 6:30pm Agapé Handbells 7:30pm Snr Choir	15	16	17
18 Worship/SS	19	20	21 **5-6:30 pm Community Dinner** 5:30pm Genesis Handbells 6:30pm Agapé Handbells 7:30pm Snr Choir	22	23	24 **ROAST PORK SUPPER 5-6:30 PM**
25 Worship/SS PALM Sunday	26 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – NOON –**	27	28 5:30pm Genesis Handbells 6:30pm Agapé Handbells 7:30pm Snr Choir	29 Maundy Thursday SERVICE **7pm - NBMC**	30 GOOD FRIDAY **7pm - TCC**	31

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Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

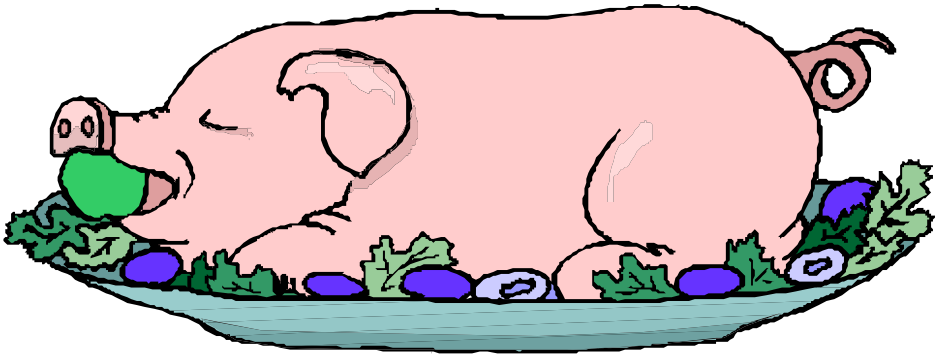
Please go to the online calendar at www.tccucc.org for up-to-date entries.

LET'S CELEBRATE SPRING

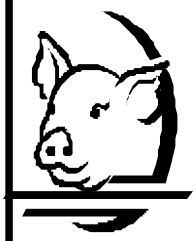
with a

ROAST PORK DINNER

With all the Fixin's



Mashed Potatoes ✤ Sauerkraut ✤ Carrots ✤ Applesauce ✤ Gravy ✤ Rolls ✤ Homemade Desserts



March 24, 2018

5 to 6:30 pm

Townsend Congregational Church
3 Brookline St. - Fellowship Hall

$10 per meal, $5.00 for youth 3-8 years, free under 3 yrs
Most major credit cards accepted.

Townsend Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
3 Brookline St., PO Box 487
Townsend MA 01469-0487

Sunday School at 9 am & Worship at 10:15 am

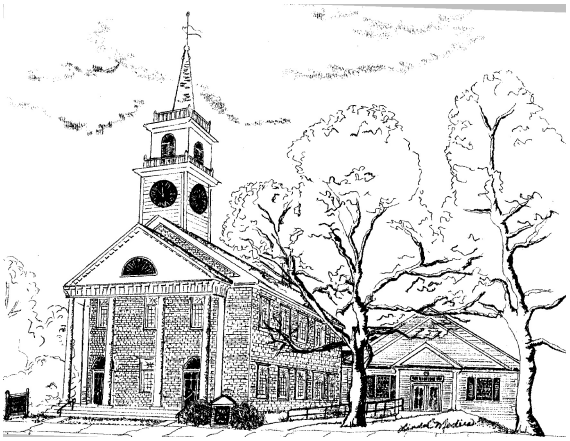
SHARING OUR SPACE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS

Weddings, Child Dedications, Holiday Parties, Baby and Wedding Showers, Family Reunions, Organization Meetings

We are blessed with a beautiful sanctuary and great space within our building for use that we are able to share with others. If you or someone you know is looking for a location for an event, contact our church secretary at 978-597-8925. This use of our building helps support the maintenance of our facility.

OUR COMMON PURPOSE STATEMENT

Being in an intimate relationship with God in the present, we are an ever-learning, action-oriented, justice-seeking, community-caring church. Our purpose is to use our gifts to make God's love real and alive for everyone.

We are committed to ministering through the use of our gifts, learning to live the Christian way of life, and being together in Christ by seeking to fulfill these three commandments of Christ:

- *To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12:30)*
- *To love our neighbor as ourselves (Mark 12:31)*
- *To love one another as Christ has loved us (John 13:34)*