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Everyone Is Invited to Rally Day Breakfast – Sept. 11

It is that time again, so let's get the party started!

Rally Sunday - September 11 from 9:30 to 10 am. Please join us for an all-church breakfast in Fellowship Hall. Come for food, friends and fellowship. Preview our curriculum for 2016-2017. If you have school-aged children, register them for Sunday school while you're there!!

All TCC members and friends are welcome, so please stop on by before church!

Please bring something to share (fruit, muffins, Danish, breakfast casserole, etc.).

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
JOHN 13:35, ESV

According to Mark

Autumn is upon us and as we contemplate an end to Summer, we start to dig into new possibilities. School has started, the temperatures are falling, and hopefully the rains are as well, as we endured a very hot and dry summer.

We are embarking on the last year of my contract as Designated Term Pastor, and that means our revitalization is maturing into all of us becoming stewards of a vital church. Vital churches are faith-filled, joyous, welcoming, and support one another in both times of joy and trouble. We like to think of that as being ever-learning, action-focused, justice seeking, and community-oriented People of God. Do those words sound familiar? They are ones we committed to before I arrived here, but which still articulate our hopes and passions for not just our community, but ourselves as individuals. Vitality becomes collective when we decide to take our feet to the street and commit to following that new path of living differently—more informed of God's grace, more willing to engage, and more enjoined with each other.

What new possibilities will our changed lives bring?

Our Ministry Team is excited about our new curriculum for Church School, our new Bible Studies on Luke and Matthew, and the new missions we have for our Youth and Children's faith formation. We are reclaiming our motto of "the Church that Does Stuff" and we embody all of this into a new initiative we're calling "One New Thing", inviting ourselves and each other to see, first-hand, the changes taking place. But it requires your participation. It means showing up and witnessing our vitality. Coming out and helping with a project or a neighbor. Listening for God's voice to show our hearts new possibilities.

Because when we change our hearts, we change other's lives.

And that's where I'd like to leave us in closing. We are deeply affecting one another each week, each month, and each year we are together. And as we grow let's share not just our schedules but our stories and souls as we build a community dependent on mutual trust, mutual caring, and God's grace. We are in a place in the liturgical calendar called "Ordinary Time", which is that time between Pentecost (late May) and Advent (December). And yet, we are called to do one more thing when we're seemingly out of time and energy, we are called to discover and study and reflect on our lives when we think we've got it figured out. There is nothing simple about the Bible's messages, for they change as our lives change and we have the power to change others in profound ways. So this fall, what new possibilities will our changed lives bring?

Faith. Hope. Love. These three abide, but the greatest of these is Love.

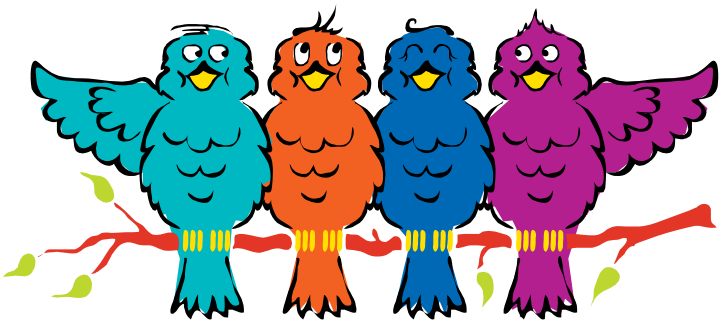
Come share our exciting journey through this not-quite-so-ordinary time.

Pastor Mark

Stewardship of Our Time: One New Thing

We all want to give our hearts for things that matter in our lives, and your presence as a member or friend of TCC makes you part of our community life and helping others. While some of us do things in and with the church, whether it's singing in the choir, helping with the youth/kids, or helping with a special event such as the band concerts, the Ministry Team would like to challenge each of us and all of us to volunteer for One New Thing, for one time. That means we might already be choir members, but maybe we can do one thing, one time, which we have not done in a while or ever before. And with all of us pitching in just 1-2 more hours of our time somewhere between September and June, we will see a new energy emerge in our church that feels VITAL.

So if you are handy with tools, come and be part of the Saturday at Eight (a.m.) group. If you enjoy meeting new people, become part of hospitality. If you like to grill, come be part of the Men's Grill Team at their next event. If you have a child in Christian Education or confirmation, come help out Sarah's team and help us with just one Sunday a year being a teacher or shepherd in the Church School. Like spending time just talking with others? Join our Stephen Ministry team and get more involved with Congregational or Community Care. Not sure what you can volunteer for? See Heather Mulrenan, Sarah Goyette, Linda Ireland or Pastor Mark for more details.



INVITE A FRIEND

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

New Curriculum and upcoming events . . .

SHINE
Living in God's Light

Welcome back to Sunday school here at TCC!!! We are very excited to announce that we will be using a new curriculum this year called SHINE!! Come to our Rally Sunday Breakfast before church on Sunday September 11 from 9:30 to 10 am to learn more and to register your children for Sunday School classes, which will begin on September 18 at 9 am.

Upcoming Events

9/11 Rally Sunday all church breakfast 9:30 - 10 am

9/18 Sunday school classes begin (children will meet in the Choir room at 9 am)

10/26 Harvest Festival at 12:30 pm in fellowship hall

Our Sunday School program is looking for donations of the following supplies needed for our classrooms this fall. Items can be left in the Christian Education office. Thank you in advance!

(Examples: Scrabble tiles, bed sheets and cloth tablecloths, shoeboxes in all different sizes, stickers, fashion scarves, postcards, empty toilet paper rolls/paper towel rolls, old newspapers, small party favors / prizes, juice boxes/snacks.)

Sermon Series September 25 - October 30: Hospitality

One of the most ancient duties of a People of God is to welcome all who come to our doors. As we transition to live into our calling as a community church, we will examine what Scripture has to say about hospitality and how we can start putting Biblical lessons into practice. If you'd like to read ahead, here's what we're doing:

September 25 Genesis 18:1-8 *Extravagant Welcome*

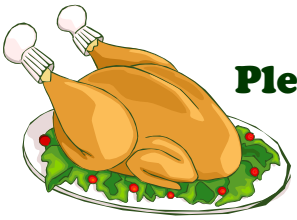
October 2 Matthew 25:31-46
ALL God's Children are Being Welcomed

October 9 Romans 12:9-13; 1 Peter 4:7-9
Being Welcomed is Being Loved

October 16 Luke 18:15-17; Matt 18: 1-5
Being Loved is Being Accepted

October 23 Hebrews 13:1-3
Being Accepted as a Way to Know God

October 30 Luke 19:1-10 *One Man's Journey on Changing, Welcoming, Loving, and Embracing*

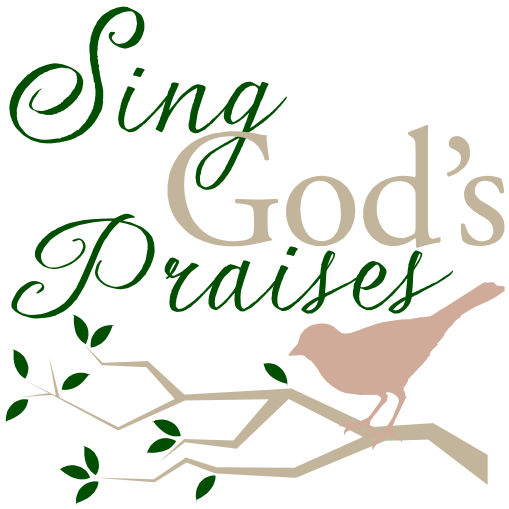


Please plan on joining us for the first supper of the church year!

We will be serving our famous turkey dinner on October 1 (yes, a week later than usual) from 5 to 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. The sign-up sheets for donations of food and workers for that evening will be available soon! We will need 20 lb de-boned turkeys, 20 baked potatoes each, units of 4 doz. dinner rolls, cooked winter squash, peas and units of two homemade desserts. If you know where you want to sign up, what you would like to donate or have any questions, please call Wanda Wilson 597-6803 or email her at Wswilson7652@yahoo.com. Working at the supper is a wonderful way to meet new friends, catch up on news, and provide a night out for those who enjoy our meal!

Sign up soon: you'll be glad you did!

Agapé Handbell Choir Begins Practice on October 12, 2016

The Agapé Handbell Choir, those musicians who are in the ninth grade to age 101, rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Sanctuary. We play during the fall and holiday season, take January and some of February off, then start again at the end of February for the Spring. We end in May. Everyone is invited to participate in this choir. For information, please contact the director, Wanda Wilson, at 978-597-6803.

Join the Singing!

If you would like to serve your church in a new way, and you love to sing, consider joining the choir! We meet once a week (Wednesday at 7:30 pm in room 3) to rehearse, and we gather on Sunday morning at 9:45 to warm-up for our worship service where we lead the congregation in song and sing a choral anthem. You do not need to read music in order to join. If you like, you can try it out for a short period of time (most of our anthems can be learned in three to four weeks) before making a commitment. Come and be a part of a fabulous, friendly and fun group of individuals who together "make a joyful noise to the Lord". Questions? Call Renée Fossey at 978-597-8321 or 978-302-6052.

P.S. Our first rehearsal of the new program year is September 7.

The Saturday at 8 crew has changed some light switches to save energy: In the vestry there are now two motion detection switches by the door going outside – these will turn off shortly after you leave; and the outside lights by the office and fellowship hall go on at sundown and turn off at 11 pm. Please notify Paul Emerson (Minister for Property) or Michelle Enright if you notice they're off schedule - this can happen after a power failure. These lights were sometimes left on for days, so these upgrades will help keep our church a little more "green".

ALL-CHURCH INFORMATIONAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29 AT 7:30 PM

Pastor Mark is two years into his three year contract with TCC and the Governing Council recently completed an evaluation of his performance with us so far. An informational meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, September 29, starting at 7:30 pm, and copies of the evaluation will be distributed at this time. The purpose of this meeting is to begin the discernment process concerning Pastor Mark's continuation with TCC after his three-year contract is complete. All TCC members are encouraged to attend.

We are preparing for our Holiday Fair which will be held on Saturday, November 19 this year. We have a festive, popular fair that has become a widespread community event. Please plan on helping in any department you can; it makes the day so much more fun to have many friends working together. We will soon have a sign-up poster, but start thinking about an area where you might work, even for an hour or two. It helps others take a lunch break and go shopping themselves.

We thank those who have stepped forward early to take charge of a church table, but there are still leader-less tables, such as for baked goods and pies. Please look at the following departments to see how you can help:

✯ Bistro (kitchen help or maybe waiters to service vendors & workers) ✯ Holiday Greens ✯ Books table ✯ Bake and Pie table ✯ TCC Crafts table ✯ Kids' Crafts area ✯ Heifer table ✯ Cash Raffle ✯ our famous Gift Baskets raffle ✯ Photos with Santa ✯ Regifting table.

We'd like to continue our successful Re-Gifting table so please save any useful items when cleaning out in late summer or fall. They can be unused presents or purchases and gently used items that are not too large. This was a popular area downstairs. See June Cloutier if you want to give items soon and we will store them.

If you have any extra produce from your gardens (tomatoes, zucchini, etc.) we'd like to do some canning/baking for the Bake Table. If you make jams or like to preserve, please think of donating a jar to our table so there is a more interesting variety.

We will have a TCC Craft table again. Last year, many of our own crafters provided us with something homemade for this table and it was a lovely mix of knit, handsewn, or quilted items, jewelry, notecards, framed prints, etc. Please let us know if you'd like to donate an item to the church craft table. If it does not sell, you may take it back.

Thank you so much. See you in church and at the fair!

June Cloutier and Cathy Hill

THE GREENS TABLE IS SEEKING BASKETS AND DECORATIONS!
If you have any, bring them to the church or contact Wanda Wilson.

Don't forget to plan your raffle basket!

Beth Klein is overseeing this very popular table again this year and is looking for contributors. This something that ***everyone*** can have fun with.

For Beth's handy list of ideas, go to the end of this newsletter.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Messages from Lamontville

June Cloutier, Correspondent

July: Flo was happy to talk after we missed a couple weeks while she had phone problems. She ended up with a new phone, so was glad about that. She was busy with church programs and work at the center; running programs for children. It was cool & rainy there when we spoke while we've had our summer heat and little rain. Flo is on the search committee at the Lamontville church for a new minister and it requires a lot of responsibility. She asked for our prayers as they start this process and pray for the right person for their church community. On August 28, when we have our hymn sing with other Townsend churches, Flo's church will have a long prayer meeting to help them through this and other problems.

August: Flo talked about the HIV/Aids problem in SA which is the highest in the world. Government workers have started to go door to door to inform and test people to stop the spread of Aids. For many years the SA government did not recognize the severity of this issue, and many feel the country is very belated with its help and programs.

Flo's family is well and she was elated that a granddaughter went to a church camp and really felt the spirit of the Lord. Flo has three grown sons who do not live in Lamontville now and she has several grandchildren. Flo loves children, and her work at the Thembalethu Care Center helps area children in after school programs. She would like them to be able to have more technology resources to be successful in the future but funds are always low. I told Flo about our summer services and that the kids were out of school until almost September and that seemed like a long vacation to her. She liked hearing about our Children's Sunday back in May and the great skits that they did, especially "How to Talk to God". She would like to tell their Sunday school students about that!

She sends her blessings to us all in Townsend and I send our blessings to them in Lamontville.

OUR BLESSINGS:

Pastor Mark gives thanks that his dog, Grace, had a perfect opportunity to run away early this summer and did not; she has bonded with Mark and Kate. We give thanks that Ray is out of his back brace and is doing well. We celebrate with Louis and Dorothy DuBreuil on their 63rd wedding anniversary. We celebrate with Emily Bruns on Grant graduating from preschool; and for TCC being able to offer such a wonderful children's program. During this dry summer, we are thankful for the gift of rain. Ginny King's cousin, Bill, is finalizing his divorce and we give thanks that he is moving forward with his life. We celebrate new beginnings as Rob Burnham and Kyle Fossey both closed on their respective homes on July 11. Carole Gustafson gives thanks for the quality time she was able to spend with friends in Martha's Vineyard; she is also thankful to have made it home safely after a couple of incidents that occurred in traffic while she was traveling. We give thanks that Corey Martineau, and all the other passengers, are okay after the train they were traveling on hit a tree that was on the tracks. We celebrate with Bob Lorenzen on the birth of his granddaughter, Caroline Elaine, named after his wife, Elaine. We give thanks that Cathy Parson's new landlord appears to be maintaining the existing rental agreements. The Duckett family gives thanks that neighbors responded quickly to put out a large dumpster fire on their property. We give thanks for the opportunity that several of St. John's youth had in participating in World Youth Day in Poland; there were about 1.2 million kids from around the world at this event. We celebrate with Karen Baer on the first birthday of her grandson, Eliot. We celebrate with Emily Bruns that her parents were able to sell their house quickly. We also join with the Ducketts as they celebrate 28 years of marriage on August 6. Pastor Mark gives thanks that his kitty is well again. We celebrate with Nick Zielenkievicz on his recent retirement. We also celebrate with Dan Ford as his son got married on August 6. We give thanks for having Brenda Salvi with us on August 7 as she filled in for Renee. We give thanks for job opportunities as Cathy Hill's son David is about to be promoted in his job. We give thanks that the Rio Olympics have proceeded without conflict and pray that this continues for the duration. Sherrie gives thanks that her 90-year-old mother is doing well. We celebrate with Brad Bauer on the recent engagement of his son. We give thanks for having Beth Klein play the piano for us while Renee was on vacation. The administrative error that was holding up Max Duckett's teaching license has been resolved and Max finally has his teaching license - Alleluia! We pray that he is able to find a permanent job in one of our area schools. Ken and Emily Bruns give thanks for their children being able to spend a whole week with their grandparents. We give thanks that June Cloutier was able to visit with Floyd Truitt; she reports that he appears well and is thoroughly enjoying the Rio Olympics.

The blessing of new beginnings: Linda Modica shared this picture with us - this is the marriage of her son, Steven, to Kayla Kirk on August 13.

OUR CONCERNS:

We offer prayers of condolence for the Santoro family as they mourn the death of Arthur in a motorcycle accident. We pray for all the "strangers" in the world who are just seeking a home. We pray for wisdom for the leaders in EU and UK. As we go through the 100 year anniversary of WWI (1914-1918), we pray for peace and for the safety of all those in our military forces. We pray for all those dealing with the flooding in West Virginia. We join with Pastor Mark in mourning the passing of his friend, Elie Wiesel, on July 2; Elie was a Nobel Peace Prize-winning author and Holocaust survivor who taught at Boston University for nearly 40 years. We continue to pray for the Ducketts' friends, Alex and Toni, as Alex has been laid off from his job. We keep Pastor Mark's nephew, Karl, in our prayers as he does mission work in Slovakia; may this be a life-changing event for him. For the victims in recent events across the U.S. and the world, we pray for hope to overcome the fear. We pray for Pastor Mark's in-laws, Jim and Mary, as they deal with the recent diagnosis of cancer for their beloved dog, Dinah. We pray for Lee McTighe's father who has had Alzheimer's disease for a while and is now suffering from complications after a head trauma. We continue to pray for Sarah Riggins who was in a car accident in June and is still out of work due to a lingering concussion. We pray for peace and stability for the people of Turkey whose country is once again in a state of upheaval. We pray for all those who are suffering after the terrible events in Nice; for those injured and for those grieving the deaths. We offer prayers for all those who suffer with mental illness and pray that one day there may be successful treatments available. We keep Bob Foote in our prayers as he attempts to build a new life without Marcia, and struggles with transportation issues. We pray for peace for

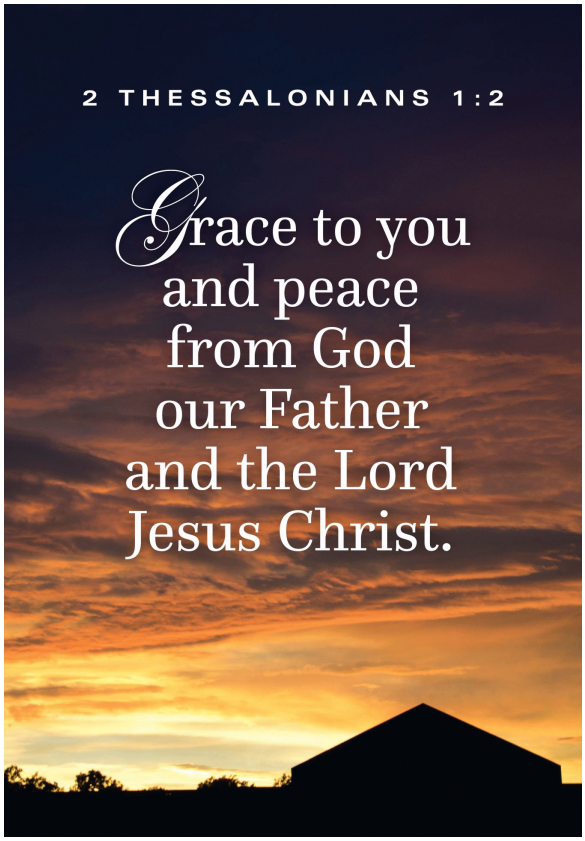
Kathy Duckett whose place of work went through an emergency shut down due to a potentially dangerous situation. We pray for Cathy Hill who is dealing with tumultuous family situations. In light of the continued shootings around the world, we pray that concerned people will turn to faith, hope and love for healing and strength. We pray for both of Lyn Bennett's brothers who are dealing with multiple issues in their lives, including unemployment. We pray for Emily Bruns' extended family as her parents go through a divorce. We pray for Melanie Ouellette who recently had to euthanize a beloved pet. We pray for all those who lost loved ones in the hot-air balloon accident in Texas. We pray for increased civility as this election season progresses. We pray for all those who suffer because the acts of violence around the world. We pray for Lee McTighe and her extended family as they mourn the recent passing of Vern. We pray for June Hill (Cathy's mother-in-law) and her extended family as they mourn the sudden passing of Tony Hill who was her husband of 66 years and a WWII veteran. We pray for Steve Cloutier's extended family as they mourn the passing of his cousin, Robert Halpert, who had to overcome some very challenging disabilities throughout his life and was the source of inspiration for many who knew him. We pray for all those who are unemployed, including Joseph Cloutier. We pray for the Duckett family: Kathy's sister, Mary, is experiencing a difficult situation at her job in Michigan and is looking for a new job, and Charlie passed his driver's permit exam and is now learning how to drive; we pray for patience and fortitude for his teachers. We pray for grace and forgiveness for people who interact with the mentally challenged in their communities. We continue to pray for Ken's father, George, who is recovering well from his cancer surgery, but the cancer has spread to the small intestines and the prognosis is not clear. With the new school year fast approaching, we pray for the safety and well-being of all the children and their teachers. With regards to the flooding in Louisiana, we rejoice in the actions of the locals to reach out and aid their neighbors, but pray for a speedy cleanup and strength for all the victims.

OUR HEALING PRAYERS:

We offer healing prayers for Kathy Duckett who has an ulcer on her cornea, and for Lee Duckett who is recovering after surgery on his foot; for those officers and civilians wounded in the attack in Dallas on July 7; for Chris Clish as she recovers from Lyme Disease; for Cheryl Simoneau as she recovers from broken bones in her foot; for Mary West who fell and injured her shoulder; for Jason Goyette who has injured his knee and can't work; for Judy Russell's mother, who is 95 and is being treated in a life care center after a fall; for Karen Baer's grandson, Eliot, who is recovering from an allergic reaction to medication; for Barbara Goodwin who is recovering after hip replacement surgery; and for Wanda Wilson as she recovers from her surgery on 8/17.

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. Louise Coalter's cousin, Dorothy; Bill, who is the husband of Heather's birth mother; Susan Riggins; Karen Baer's friend, Cathy; Lorraine M who has cutaneous T cell lymphoma; a friend of Emily Austin-Bruns, Karen, who has breast cancer; Tammy Blackburn's aunt who has been battling metastasized breast cancer for 10 years; Paul Martineau's sister-in-law who has been diagnosed with breast cancer, and his work-friend, Diane; Cathy Hill's sister, Morag, who has lymphoma; Pastor Sally Calhoun, leukemia; Kim Emerson's friend who has lymphoma; Lyn Bennett's mother who has colon cancer; Pastor Mark's cousin, Diane, who has terminal cancer; Lee McTighe's cousin, Tony, who has lung cancer; George Bruns (Ken's father) who has colon cancer; Lee Duckett who is being treated for multiple incidents of basal cell carcinoma; Louise Coalter's friend, Sherrie, who has lung cancer; Ashley Peroni (Karen Lee Peroni's sister-in-law), who has a rare brain cancer; Tracy Winslow, who has cancer in her kidneys.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday Community Coffee Hour at St. John's

St. John the Evangelist Church is inviting the Townsend community to join them at their monthly community coffee time. September 18 and October 16. Morning coffee, tea, juice and homemade sweet and savory selections in Father Mealy Hall following 7:30 am and 10:30 am Masses (8:15 - 9:30; 11:15 - Noon). No charge.

October 8 – 12th Annual Greg's Run Community Road Race

Once again we will gather on the Saturday before Columbus Day to raise money for scholarships in loving memory of Greg Reeves. Last year we gave away over $3,500 and had over 300 people participate in the organizing, marshaling, administration of, and of course the running of the race!

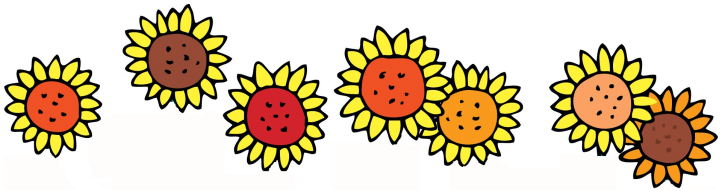
If you're looking to serve for your "One New Thing" calling, consider coming out to help host, because TCC is both the starting and ending point of the race! We need folks who will help guide others to where things are that day in terms of meals, restrooms, race organizers, kiddie activities, and prizes. Volunteers will get a free t-shirt! Contact Pastor Mark for how to get involved.

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



LECTIONARY, SEPTEMBER 2016

September 4, 2016 - *16th Sunday after Pentecost*
- First reading and Psalm: Jeremiah 18:1-11 / Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- Alternate First reading and Psalm: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 / Psalm 1
- Second reading: Philemon 1:1-1:21
- Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

September 11, 2016 - *17th Sunday after Pentecost*
- First reading and Psalm: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 / Psalm 14
- Alternate First reading and Psalm: Exodus 32:7-14 / Psalm 51:1-10
- Second reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

September 18, 2016 - *18th Sunday after Pentecost*
- First reading and Psalm: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 / Psalm 79:1-9
- Alternate First reading and Psalm: Amos 8:4-7 / Psalm 113
- Second reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

September 25, 2016 - *19th Sunday after Pentecost*
- First reading and Psalm: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 / Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
- Alternate First reading and Psalm: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 / Psalm 146
- Second reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

2-Christopher Guba; 3-Phil Andexler; 4-Antonella Basso and Sarah Riggins; 8-Melissa Genoter 9-Emily Bruns; 10-Cynthia Curley; 12-Christopher Bennett; 14 Jonathan Vincent; 15-Eric Gruber; 16-Skip Bataitis; 18-Donna Capone and Katie Goguen-Young; 20-Gini King; 23-Vera Bennett and Julia Gruber; 25-Pamela Kelsea and Meghan Woodward; 28-Sharlene Rourke and Julie Zielenkievicz; 29-Rebecca Hersey and Michele Merenda.

THE PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS TEAM

(PPRT) seeks to foster open and healthy communication between the Pastor and the congregation to enhance the effectiveness of the church's mission. The PPRT is available to anyone in the congregation, regardless of membership status. Please feel free to contact any member of this team: Dave Bennett (chair), Ken Bruns, Kim Emerson, and Dave Wilson.

September 2016

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TO CONTACT THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR, CATHY HILL: email: chill01469@gmail.com or call 978-337-0638				1	2	3 8am Saturday work team
4 Worship ***COMMUNION***		6	7 7:30pm Snr Choir	8	9	10
11 Worship **Rally Sunday Breakfast 9:30 am**	12	13	14 7:30pm Snr Choir	15 6:30pm Council room 4	16	17
18 Worship/SS	19 ***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – NOON –***	20	21 7:30pm Snr Choir	22	23	24
25 Worship/SS	26	27	28 7:30pm Snr Choir	29	30	**OCTOBER 1 - TURKEY SUPPER 5-6:30**

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

RAFFLE BASKETS FOR THE TCC-UCC HOLIDAY CRAFT & GREENS FAIR

By Beth Klein

Once again, the fair will be having the popular raffle baskets. This has been a very successful part of the fair, thanks to all the wonderful baskets donated by the congregation. I am asking you to participate by picking a theme and filling a basket with items related to that theme. These baskets will be raffled off in a traditional "Chinese Auction" way. Tickets will be purchased and placed in a container that goes with the basket you want to win and a winner will be picked at random.

If you would like to participate, look for the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall after church and add your name or you may email me at donald.klein2@verizon.net.

To help you get started, here is a list of suggested themes.

SUGGESTED THEMES FOR THE RAFFLE BASKETS

Feel free to come up with your own creative theme!!!

BABY
BIRTHDAY
BEACH
BEANIE BABIES
BREAD
BASKET OF BASKETS
BIRDS
BLUEBERRY DELIGHT

CAMPING
CRAFTING
CHILDREN'S
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
CHOCOLATE
CANDLE
CAR WASHING
CHRISTMAS
COOKING
COFFEE
CHINESE FOOD
COOKIE
COOKIE JAR
COMFORT AFGHAN

DAY OF BEAUTY

EUROPEAN VACATION (Plane Ticket Not Included)

EMBROIDERY
EVERYTHING BUT ICE CREAM

FOOD
FINGERNAILS
FEED THE BIRDS
FABRIC
FLOWERS
FAMILY FUN NIGHT

GINGERBREAD
GIFT WRAPPING
GAMES
GARDENING

HANDYMAN
HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD

ITALIAN

JEWELRY

KNITTING
KITCHEN
KIDS
KIDS COOKING

LAVENDER SCENTS
LOTTERY
LOBSTER
LEGOS

MOVIE
MASSAGE
MUSIC
M & Ms
MARY KAY

NUTCRACKER

OVER THE HILL

PICNIC
PARTY
PAMPERING
POKER

PET
POPCORN
PIE
PHOTO
PHONE
PUZZLES

QUILTING

ROMANTIC EVENING

SPORTS
SCRAPBOOKING
STATIONERY
SEWING
STAMPING
SOCKS
SNOWMAN
STUFFED ANIMALS
SILK FLOWERS

TEA
TRAVEL
THANKSGIVING
TOOLS
TASTE OF ITALY

UGLY
VERA – BABY

WREATHS

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Sunday School at 9:00 am & Worship at 10:15 am

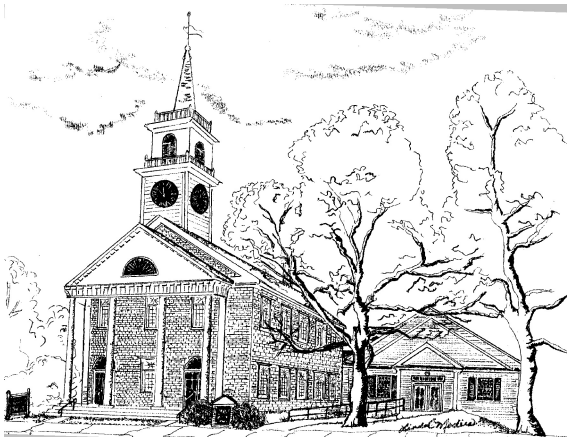
SHARING OUR SPACE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS

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)*