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ITEMS FOR AUCTION RECEIVED MAY 1-5

Items for the Auction can be left in Fellowship Hall Tuesday May 1 to Friday May 4 between 4 and 7 pm. On Saturday, May 5, they can be delivered between 1 and 4 pm.

Please remember to review your donations with Jennifer Davidson prior to bringing them to the Church.

The all-church Spring Planning meeting is scheduled for May 20 after worship. Please save the date and plan to attend.

Get Your Hanging Flower Baskets for Mom on May 13

Our Scout Pack 11 is currently running a spring fund-raiser - selling hanging flower baskets for Mother's Day, and they are planning on setting up their final sales booth in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, May 13. The money earned from this fund-raiser will help defer the cost of their summer activities and next year's program.

According to Mark

May brings the promise of the resurrection realized, as new life springs in many areas of our lives: gardens and flowers planting and blooming, sunshine beaming on our faces and in our hearts as we awaken from the long winter and face forward into what is to be (particularly after this long, cold April!). Let us rejoice with Creation as we begin our own renewal as the people of God.

What does that mean? On April 29 after services, we held a meeting which helped us re-focus what our mission might be now that our church is turning the corner from RE-vitalization to becoming a vital church. We talked about what that means from a church governance standpoint: more openness, more participation for members and non-members alike, and more spontaneous initiatives coming from each of us so that we ALL might thrive. Churches have this funny dynamic: when one person has a good idea and talks to others about it, suddenly an idea becomes an action and a service from one person's heart to help the many. We did this with the community suppers: once an idea in two people's hearts, we talked to other churches about how wonderful it might be to have one of these free, community meals one night a week during the church year. And it happened! Each Wednesday of the month, a free meal can be found at the Catholic, Methodist, Congregational, or Baptist church. What a wonderful service to those in need of food, fun, and fellowship!

But what's our next big idea? What have you heard that Townsend could use? There are many things we as a church undertake but we need your input and help. Talk to neighbors, friends, and community leaders and come back with what might improve Townsend. No idea is too big or too small as long as we have a demonstrated need in the community beyond our church walls. If we need help from other churches or community members at large, that's fine. If we need funding, that's OK too, money exists in the form of grants that can get something started. But first the idea starter - YOU!

So help a small idea to grow this summer and let's figure out the one big thing we can start to do next church year come Rally Sunday. Don't know where to start? That's ok. There are some very talented folks in the church to help organize a plan. And there are lots of willing hands who want to work on something cool and useful.

Church is changing in amazing ways, and one of those is how folks view what they do with their faith and faith communities. Most younger folks and families (I'm talking the under 35 crowd here!) are really interested in doing good in the world, but not necessarily trustful of institutions (government, banks, social service agencies, churches). Our transition to a community-based orientation, inviting people into our church as a de-facto community center for good purposes, appeals to both our current members and those who want to have a place to come and see what good means in a small town.

It's why **We Are the Bridge**. It's why we love one another inclusively; members and new friends alike. It's why membership is valued, but not the only measure by which we succeed. Because Jesus told us to go make disciples of all peoples: disciples of loving our neighbor in an increasingly fractious world. Let's do something different. Let's be invitational. Let's start talking about our TryThing. Let's Be the Bridge. Let's be the new growth and spark the community can see!

Happy Spring,

Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark will be out on disability from May 1-May 16, 2018 recovering from nerve transfer surgery on his arm. Please keep him in your prayers and if you need immediate assistance or require pastoral care, please reach out to Dr. Bradley Bauer, TCC's Minister for Congregational Care, or Rev. Gail Miller, Senior Minister of Union Congregational in Groton.

AUCTION TIME!

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! The food this year will be from Lilac Blossom (yum!).

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. So far, we have raised $350 toward our goal of $2,500 (as of 4/17/18).

All donations of items to be auctioned can be dropped off at TCC the week before the auction, from 4-7pm.

Note that we have some amazing items up for auction, including:

- ★ Beachfront, 2nd floor, 2-room, 2 bathroom suite on the beach at Sandcastle Resort in Provincetown for the week of June 3-9, 2018
- ★ 3 nights at Long Lakes Camp in Princeton, Maine
- ★ Beautiful, wooden cradle
- ★ Sam Thorpe print
- ★ White wicker chairs
- ★ Handmade quilts
- ★ Antique, wooden table with fold-down sides
- ★ Gift certificates to many local businesses
- ★ Craft beer basket
- ★ Craft wine basket
- ★ Gift certificates for various services
- ★ One cord of green wood, delivered (locally)
- ★ Women's leather coat
- ★ Up to $500 of free tax preparation services

... and much, much more! Please plan on attending on May 5!

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Special Services in May

Pentecost Celebration for Confirmands - Sunday, May 20

Join us in worship as we celebrate the 16-week journey of our newest confirmands Allie Urato, Kyra Genoter, and Rosie Snaith from Sunday School children to full members of our Church faith community. Each of these kids has learned much during their time together, but mostly how to start to synthesize their growing awareness of the world with their growing faith and questions about God.

We wish them many years of getting to know God and the joys of God's promises!

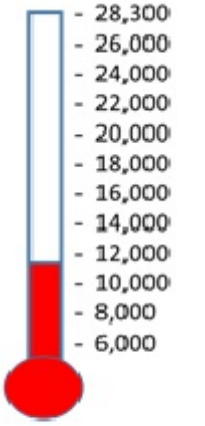
Join the Veterans as TCC Hosts Memorial Day: Sunday, May 27

As you know, each Memorial Day there is a remembrance of our war dead and those who have served to protect the freedoms we enjoy, including our freedom to worship here in Townsend as the community of faith we call TCC.

Please join us for a special honor guard service and salute to our Veterans who have served and remembrance for those who have fallen. We will start promptly at 10:15 am and hold a shortened liturgy so that our VFW friends can be done by 11:15 to attend to some other priorities that day.

May BIRTHDAYS

2-William Hunt; 9-Barbara Goodwin; 11-Jessie Marshall and Shane Miller; 14-Jim Misner; 15-Andrew Reeves; 16-Ben Mulrenan; 18-Kathleen Avison; 22-Virginia Hunt and Art Vartanian; 23-Bill Coalter, Brydon Emerson, Barbara Hardy and Sheila Miller; 25-David Bennett; 28-Sandi Shepherd-Gay.



Revitalization Update

by Jennifer Davidson

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Revitalization Fund so far! Year-to-date through April 14, 2018 we have collected $4,564 toward Revitalization.

We have committed 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 meet our goal. 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!

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

The Hospitality Committee Invites You To

"GET MUGGED"

at TCC, UCC

Beginning in May, we invite you to bring in your own unique coffee mug to fellowship hour after church.

Fill up your mug with coffee or tea and strike up a conversation with someone about the story around their mug. For example: *Where did you buy the mug?* ; *What special meaning does it have for you?*

This is a fun way to get to know your fellow congregants better.

Everyone is welcome!

FREE!

May 9 – New Beginnings Methodist Church, 4:30 - 6 pm

May 16 – Townsend Congregational Church, 5 - 6:30 pm

May 23 – First Baptist Church Spaghetti Dinner, 5 - 7 pm

Also, join your friends at St. John the Evangelist Church for morning coffee, tea and homemade sweet and savory selections in Father Mealy Hall – May 20, 8:30 am to Noon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

What is going on in Sunday School???

We completed THE BRIDGE CURRICULUM with a fun game for all ages! It was set up like the "dating game" where we had timed sessions and the kids kept switching chairs. Each chair had a letter on it and the kids took turns finding words to describe their partner using the letter on their chair. For example… I was paired up with one of our students who will remain anonymous, and we had letter "T"… she said that I am "talented" and that was very sweet! I told her that she is "tall" and "terrific" … this was a very fun interactive game that really built fellowship and self-esteem! Thank you, Heather Mulrenan, for putting this together!

TCC Kid's Karaoke was a SUCCESS!!!

We had over 30 people in attendance, including Sunday school kids and their parents. The kids took a little while to warm up to singing, but once they got started they did not want the night to end!!! There was singing, dancing, laughter and so much fun. This is an event that we will certainly do again!!!

Yours in Christ,
Sarah Goyette
Superintendent of Sunday School

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Messages from Lamontville

June Cloutier, Correspondent

April 2018

I was so happy that Flo answered her phone and that all was well. (After it was repaired I still had several attempts and thought it might be broken again.) She was delighted to hear from me and catch up on news. They had a busy Holy Week with a church-wide march for peace on Palm Sunday, followed by services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and Easter. Their Lamontville church and the other three outstations (churches) led by their minister all worshiped together in a big tent. Flo said it was wonderful and moving to all be together; there were close to one thousand people. Their young minister is full of energy and ideas and keeps them going. Flo is still working at the care center but feels as if she is slowing down a bit. She is looking for someone to mentor to take over her responsibilities, which are many. She knows it takes a special, dedicated person to do this and the salary is low, but rewards many. She knows that God will guide her. I told her about our new members today and our lovely Easter celebrations. She will keep Pastor Mark on their prayer list for his upcoming surgery and was very worried about him. She has a smile in her voice so often when she talks to me and I could hear it so clearly. She says "God Bless to all at TCC."

$1,012

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. We appreciate those who have participated so far. Simply make a donation on (or around) your birthday in the amount of your age (Memo: Birthday Fund)! Participate and watch our gifts grow!

OUR BLESSINGS:

We give thanks for having so many of our friends with us to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. We celebrate with Joan Bullard on the birth of her latest great granddaughter. We give thanks for being able to celebrate our faith openly. We give thanks for the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends over the Easter weekend. We give thanks for Sarah Goyette's karaoke event; those who participated agree it was a fun time. We give thanks for the opportunity of Melissa Genoter and Sami Miller who joined many others in a showcase performance at Mechanics Hall in Worcester on 4/8. We give thanks for the opportunity the HBMS 8th graders have in traveling to Washington DC. We celebrate with the Duckett family as Lee has started in his new job and loves it. We celebrate with Jody Burnham on her mother's (Mitzi Hebb) 94th birthday on 4/15. We pray for good outcomes for Heather Nixon; her house has been on the market for 7 months and she just got an offer. We give thanks for the presence of God in our lives. We celebrate our new members who joined the TCC family of faith on April 22: Tina Bauer and Kathy Perkins. We give thanks that Kathy Perkins has found a home in West Townsend. We join with Meg Genoter in giving thanks that her family is safely back in Townsend after their various travels. We celebrate the youth of our church (and beyond) who traveled to New York, New Orleans, or Worcester to work on community projects during the April school break. Kyra Genoter gives thanks for the opportunity she and her friends have of attending a special festival. Sarah Goyette gives thanks for family as she and her sisters were able to throw a surprise 70th birthday party for their mother. We join with

Megan Bruns in giving thanks that her grandfather is moving to a new home in Maine.

CONGRATULATIONS!

May 20, 2018 is David and Lyn Bennett's 29th wedding anniversary

OUR CONCERNS:

We pray for all those people in our world who are not permitted to openly practice their faith. We keep Bailey Mulrenan in our prayers and hope that she will be able to join us in worship again soon. We pray for Cathy Hill's mother-in-law, June, who continues to deal with age-related infirmities. We pray for the people of Syria; we pray for God's peace and hope. We pray for a friend of Pat Boutwell's who is going through extensive testing procedures. We join with Carole Gustafson in praying for harmony for her brother's family: her brother is struggling with his cancer treatments, he had to admit his wife into a dementia unit, and he is having trouble with his children. We pray for Carol Ciccolini who is dealing with the aftermath of a fire in her home; she is okay, but there was a lot of damage to her home. We pray for Max Duckett who is still looking for a full-time teaching job. We pray for all those who are unemployed and underemployed. We pray for the Myers family (friends of Kim Emerson's family) who are having trouble dealing with the loss of a beloved canine friend of 13 years. We grieve with Sherrie Cloutier whose friend, Micah Schatz, is in his last days. We keep Pastor Mark and Kate in our prayers as they prepare for Mark's upcoming surgery. We offer prayers of comfort for all the family and friends of Carol Clark who passed away on March 30 after her long battle with cancer. We keep Lloyd Clark and Barbara Goodwin in our prayers, especially, as they both struggle with the changes in their lives without Carol. We join with Kyra Genoter in praying for her grandmother. We continue to pray for Lyn Bennett's friend, Cookie Klahre, who recently had a bone marrow transplant; we pray for positive results. We pray for those who lost loved ones in the shooting incident in Tennessee. We pray for Kim Emerson's mother who will be undergoing surgery to remove a painful cyst in her wrist.

HEALING PRAYER

OUR HEALING PRAYERS:

While we give thanks that no serious injuries occurred, we offer healing prayers for Jody Burnham and extended family members as they recover from a series of events that occurred over the Easter weekend. We offer healing prayers for Kate Silva, Pastor Mark's wife, who incurred a foot injury during her recent vacation.

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; Ashley Peroni (Karen Lee Peroni's sister-in-law), brain cancer; 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; Lyn Bennett's friend, Cookie Klahre, leukemia; Barbara Goodwin's son, Tyler, non-Hodgkin lymphoma.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spring Breakfast

Habitat for Humanity North Central Massachusetts

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 from 7:30 to 8:30 am at the First Parish of Bolton, 673 Main St (Rte 117), Bolton, MA 01740

Join us as we celebrate 30 years of building homes, communities and hope!

Help us to celebrate our many partner families, volunteers, sponsors, and you! We'll also learn more about the history of the homes we are starting to renovate in Acton and our plans for the next 30 years.

Register Now!

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Carolyn Read, carolyn@ncmhabitat.org, 978-348-2749

Memorial DAY Townsend will Observe Memorial Day on Sunday, May 27

Members of VFW Post #6538 and American Legion Post #199, and their Auxiliaries, will begin the observance by attending the morning church service as a body at the Townsend Congregational Church.

The West Townsend parade, with three brief memorial services, will commence at 1:30 pm. The next parade, followed by four memorial services in Townsend Center, will begin at about 2:30 pm. Festivities will culminate with the Townsend Military Band Concert on the Common between 4 and 5 pm.

All Veterans, active military personnel and members of their families are invited and strongly encouraged to join the VFW and American Legion members at the church service and in the afternoon parades and memorial services.

It is hoped that many area residents will come out to watch as Townsend observes Memorial Day, much as it has for many years.

Anyone wishing more information about Townsend's Memorial Day observances should contact Betty Mae Tenney at 978-597-6495.

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, MAY 2018

May 6, 2018 - *Sixth Sunday of Easter*
First reading: Acts 10:44-48
Psalm: Psalm 98
Second reading: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 15:9-17

May 13, 2018 - *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
First reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm: Psalm 1
Second reading: 1 John 5:9-13
Gospel: John 17:6-19

May 20, 2018 - *Day of Pentecost*
First reading: Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second reading: Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 27, 2016 - *First Sunday after Pentecost*
First reading: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm: Psalm 29
Second reading: Romans 8:12-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17

May 2018

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 7:30pm Snr Choir	3	4	5 8am Saturday work team **AUCTION** 6pm preview
6 Worship/SS ***COMMUNION***	7	8	9 4:30 - Free supper at Methodist church 7:30pm Snr Choir	10	11	12
13 Worship/SS	14 6:30pm Council meeting in Pastor's office	15	16 5 pm - Free supper at TCC 7:30pm Snr Choir	17	18	19
20 Worship/SS **Confirmation Sunday** **PENTECOST SUNDAY** **Spring Planning Meeting after worship**	21 ***NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – NOON –***	22	23 5 pm - Free supper at Baptist church 7:30pm Snr Choir	24	25	26
27 Worship **Special Memorial Day Service with Veterans**	28	29	30 7:30pm Snr Choir	31	**TO CONTACT THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR, CATHY HILL: email: chill01469@gmail.com or call 978-337-0638**	

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

Many Voices, One Mission is a regular series highlighting the ministries of the CT, MA, and RI Conference of the United Church of Christ, and weekly postings can be found on the MACUCC web site.

A few weeks ago, as I accelerated to merge into traffic on Interstate 84, I saw a billboard that said: "For surely I know the plans I have for you"—God. This comforting portion of Jeremiah 29:11 appears frequently on many inspirational items these days, including coffee cups, plaques, and now even billboards. But, as with most things in scripture, God's comfort comes with a challenge.

Jeremiah is writing from Jerusalem to leaders of the city who are being held hostage by their enemies. They feel abandoned by God and miss their familiar homes and place of worship. They desperately want to go home and get back to the life they once knew, a life they idealize because it was taken from them. Jeremiah's first word to these nostalgic exiles is, "You know that thing that you want, the thing that you think will make everything right again. You're not going to get that. You're not going back to the place that once was home for you. You need to make yourself at home in the place where you are, to work and pray for its well-being. You need to form new families for yourselves, to get to know and love the place and people where you are. Your future will not be a re-creation of the past you have idealized."

Many churches today long desperately for something they once had: the full sanctuary, the 1000+ members, the church school bursting at the seams, the fair that caused a traffic jam on the green, the staff that occupied every conceivable office space, the budget that was balanced without even an ask or with a few discreet phone calls to key donors, the endowment that could be saved "for a rainy day." Through the words of Jeremiah, God speaks to a church that is too focused on what it has lost. "You know that thing that you think would fix the church if only you had it back. Yeah, that thing. You're not getting it back. You need to live in the present. To be the church in this time and place for your neighbors who are created in my image. To be healers of a creation that I created good but you have nearly ruined. To care for one another with unconditional love and prophetic challenge. To be my body broken and reset for the world." Not all churches are focused on what they have lost. Many are discovering, slowly and sometimes painfully, what it means to pray and work for the well-being of our neighbors here and now. We can challenge each other and encourage each other as Jeremiah encouraged his contemporaries long ago. Together, we can discover the future God has in mind for us.

Rev. Michael Ciba is the Senior Regional Minister for the CT Conference, 4/4/2018

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HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.

What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.

ANGELS ACROSS THE USA TOUR TO VISIT OUR STATE

THE ANGELS ACROSS THE USA TOUR IS ALL ABOUT HOPE, FEATURING THE MESSAGE AND MUSIC OF ALAN PEDERSON. THE ANGELS TOUR WILL TRAVEL TO MORE THAN 100 CITIES IN 2018 AND WE ARE FORTUNATE TO BE ONE OF THOSE STOPS ALONG THE WAY!

ALAN PEDERSON IS AN AWARD-WINNING SPEAKER, SONGWRITER AND RECORDING ARTIST. HIS INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE AND MUSIC ABOUT FINDING HOPE AFTER LOSS RESONATE DEEPLY WITH THOSE FACING GRIEF AND ADVERSITY IN THEIR LIVES.

WHEN: MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018. DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

WHERE: REDEMPTION ROCK CHURCH, 3 HAGER PARK RD, WESTMINSTER, MA.

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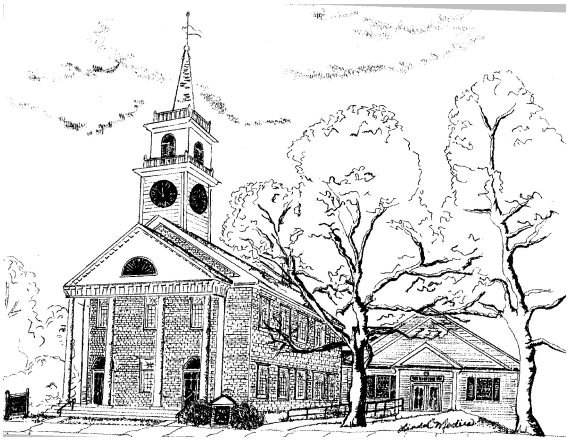
SHARING OUR SPACE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS

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)*