

# TOWER NOTES

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*We Welcome Everyone: An "Open and Affirming" Church*

**October 12, 2011**

## **I THANK GOD EVERY TIME I THINK OF YOU!**

These are words that the Apostle Paul wrote to the followers of Jesus Christ in the early church as they struggled to sustain their fledgling communities of faith. More importantly, the apostle praised them for supporting the work and efforts of other faith communities who were also trying to witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They also raised funds to support Paul in his travels and work.

I think about this every day in my own work on behalf of the Gospel and on behalf of you, the community of Centre Church. I think about it when I am visiting parishioners who are dying, and their families who sit with them in the twilight of their journeys of faith. They often give thanks to me for the blessings of the people and ministry of Centre Church which they have felt blessed to be part of.

I think about our church with gratitude when I visit with the Scouts who are using our building for training, crafts, activities, and meetings. Oh it is such a blessing to have a safe, clean, and convenient place for the children, parents and leaders to meet! It is so much fun for me to meet these groups and know that we play a very important role in their work.

I think about all of you who support this ministry when I am visiting people who are ill, recovering from illness and/or surgery, or not as able to attend our services and activities as they once did. They often reflect with me about the joy they have had being part of such a vibrant congregation.

I think about you when you help a parishioner who wants to attend worship find a ride to and from church. I think about you when we are worshipping on Sunday mornings listening to the fine

music, choir, and people who are speaking to one another in fellowship.

I thought of you when I was planning and leading the work for the remembrance activities for the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. I could not have done that without your support and the ministry of Centre Church. I thought of it while I listened to and watched the community choir sing on September 11th, led by Douglas Hodgkins and the members of our Centre Church Choir. Many of our own members attended the meetings and did the work of planning and making possible the remembrance events, along with many from our Lynnfield Community.

I think of you every day as we are proud to be the home of the outstanding Tower Day School.

## **In the Sanctuary**

**October 16, 2011**

**10:00 A.M.**

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey  
Children may worship with their families before  
going to Rotation Workshops.

The Nursery will be open in Room 11.

**October 23, 2011**

**10:00 A.M.**

Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey  
Children may worship with their families before  
going to Rotation Workshops.

The Nursery will be open in Room 11.

The staff of this school is so great, so caring of the students and their parents. Graduates of Tower Day are given a solid foundation upon which to build their future educational endeavors. They often return to give thanks to their teachers.

I think of you, as you make it possible with your every gift to make this ministry possible now and into the future. I think of you, and I am grateful for you.

I ask you to continue your support through these exciting, upcoming events. They will help you enjoy and support the ministry of Centre Congregational Church:

- ▲ This Saturday, October 15, 10 am to 2 pm, Pumpkin Patch
- ▲ Saturday, October 22, 9 am to 2 pm, Recycling Day
- ▲ Raffle for 4 tickets to see the Stanley Cup Champion Boston Bruins vs. NY Islanders, on Monday, November 7, 7 pm.
- ▲ Order Pumpkin Pies and Carrot Cakes to be picked up on Sunday, November 6.

I ask you to show your support of Centre Church's ministries through participating in these activities. You will have fun, enjoy, and take pride in being part of all that we do. These events help to support the ministries of Centre Church, including our Mission Trip Ministry.

Thanks!  
Yours in Christ, Dennis

### **Rotation Sensation**

Join us October 16 for Rotation Sensation where students will be learning the Parable of the Lost Coin through Art and Storytelling. The Nursery will be open in Room 11.

### **Youth Group News**

Sunday, Oct. 16 - The Middle School Youth Group will meet in Todd Hall from 5-6:30 pm. The High School Youth Group will meet from 6:30-8 pm in Richards Hall. We will be making Care Packages to send to our college freshmen.

Sunday, Oct. 23 - Both Youth Groups will be heading to Connor's Farm in Danvers to explore the giant Corn Maze. We will meet in the church parking lot at 3:30 pm to carpool to Danvers. Be sure to return your permission slip and \$10.00 by Sunday, Oct. 16.



### **Pumpkin Patch**

**Saturday, Oct. 15 – 10am – 2pm**

We will be selling pumpkins of all sizes. There will be hundreds to choose from. Activities for the kids will include a Pumpkin Moon Bounce, Face Painting, Children's Story Time and more. Fresh apple cider, coffee and donuts will be available for purchase. Rain Date will be Sunday, Oct. 16 from 12-4.

### **Confirmation Class**

On Sunday, Oct 16, the confirmation class will meet in the Pastor's outer office at 10am. If you have not done so already, be sure to bring in your completed forms for the UCC Heritage Tour, the Good Grief Retreat and the deposit for the March Confirmation Retreat.

### **Quarters for Heifer**

It's truly amazing how in one month, our church, with the help of its members, can raise \$120.00 by depositing quarters in the Heifer Tube in the narthex before and after church. This money is going towards families in need. I ask you to dig deep into your pockets to help make this world a better place.

*- Allie Parker, Heifer Coordinator*

### **Yankee Candle Fundraiser**

Centre Church is holding a Yankee Candle Fundraiser from Oct. 16-30. This is a perfect opportunity to start your holiday shopping or purchase something special for yourself.

Catalogues and order forms will be available in the Narthex beginning Oct. 16. Feel free to take a catalogue to share with your friends, family, and co-workers. Orders must be returned by Oct. 30. Your orders will be ready in early December. The catalogue contains some Thanksgiving items, but we will NOT have your orders until December.

Centre Church receives 40% of sales so, with everyone's support, we can make this a very successful fundraiser for our church. Proceeds will be split between the Mission Trip scheduled for next summer (25%) and the church operating budget (75%).

Contact Debbie Cotting 781-593-3120 or Kathi Martin 781-245-2409 with questions.



**Appliances & Electronics Recycling Day**  
**Sat., Oct. 22**

Start gathering your old TVs, DVD Players, AC Units and larger appliances and get rid of them here in the church parking lot on Sat., Oct 22 from 9am to 2pm.

The following prices are lower than the town waste program and proceeds from this recycling drive will benefit the church. Some pickup will be available if necessary. Please call Linda Ladd or email [ladd@neb.com](mailto:ladd@neb.com) for more information. Microwave Ovens, Garbage Disposals, Trash Compactors, Printers, DVD Players, Hard Drives – all are welcome here!

- Computer Monitor, CPU, Laptop: \$15.00
- Television: \$20.00 to \$35.00
- Air Conditioner: \$15.00
- Stove/Washer/Dryer/Refrigerator: \$20.00
- Cell Phones & Small Items \$5.00
- Other Miscellaneous Items: \$10.00 each

**Community Service Opportunity**

High School youth are needed to help at the Church Recycling Drive on Sat. Oct. 22 from 9-2 pm. Please contact Mrs. Langill to sign up for an hour or two to help unload recyclables from cars and to help with neighborhood pick up for seniors.

**Are You Ready For Some Hockey?**

If so, you can take advantage of this chance to win 4 tickets to watch the Stanley Cup Champion Boston Bruins take on the NY Islanders at the TD Garden on Mon., Nov. 7, 2011. The game is at 7:00 p.m. and the seats are great! You just need to enter the Centre Church Hockey Raffle. Tickets are \$10 each. The Grand Drawing is on Sunday, October 30.

**News From Around the Parish**

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Doris Landry who died on October 11. Her funeral will be held at Centre Church on Friday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m.



**Deacons Boo Breakfast**  
**on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for pancakes on Halloween Eve morning at 8:30am! We will be serving all types of pancakes including pumpkin, of course. Proceeds will benefit the Organ Fund! Suggested donation is \$10/person or \$25/family. There will be a spooky but fun theme, making this breakfast a great way to start off an exciting Halloween with your church family. We hope to see you and all your little goblins there! We will be “goblin” up pancakes, eggs, bacon, fruit and other fine fixins!

*- Your Faithful Diaconate*

**Thanks to Our Volunteers**

**Sunday, October 16:**

Ushers: Jeff Law, Bill Seelig, Gage Whittier, Margaret Waugh.

Greeter: Dominic Donadio.

Lay Reader: Sue Gustavsen.

Provide Altar Flowers: Ruth McMahon.

Deliver Altar Flowers: Barb Ericson and Margaret Waugh.

Coffee Hour: Meg Gulezian and Cheryl Wersackas.

Lights Out beginning October 14: Roger Batchelder.

**Sunday, October 23:**

Head Usher: Linda Ladd.

Lay Reader: Susan Lambe.

Provide Altar Flowers: Marge Cole.

Deliver Altar Flowers: Marjorie Potter and Laurel Caputo.

Coffee Hour: Diana, Lisa, Lauren Gerbick and Dominic Donadio.

Lights Out beginning October 21: Charlie Wills.

# *Pies! Pies! Pies! Revisited*



**Sunday November 6, 2011**

## **APPLE PIE SALE – FUNDRAISER – CARROT CAKE SALE**

A team of Centre Church bakers led by Meg Gulezian will be baking Apple Pies  
on Saturday November 5 **for sale on Sunday Nov. 6.**

Rev. Dr. Dennis Bailey will also be making Carrot Cakes!

Please send your orders and your checks to Susan Spear at the church office! [781-334-3050]

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### ***Pie Sale Order Form***

Fresh Baked [\$12 each]: Apple: \_\_\_\_\_ Apple Crumb: \_\_\_\_\_ Apple Cranberry \_\_\_\_\_

Unbaked [\$12 each]: Apple: \_\_\_\_\_ Apple Crumb: \_\_\_\_\_ Apple Cranberry \_\_\_\_\_

Carrot Cakes: Large [\$10 each] \_\_\_\_\_ Small [\$5 each] \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

## *Our Opportunities*

Sunday - October 16	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 5-6:30 pm 6:30-8 pm	Morning Worship – Sanctuary Rotations/Nursery Confirmation Class – Pastor’s Ofc. Middle School Youth Group High School Youth Group
Monday - October 17	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Wednesday - October 19	7:00 pm	Women’s 12 Step Mtg. – FR
Thursday - October 20	7:30 pm	Senior Choir – Choir Room
Friday - October 21	10:30 am 6:30 pm	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office Cub Pack Halloween Party - RH
Saturday - October 22	9am-2pm	Electronic/Appliance Recycling in the Parking Lot
Sunday - October 23	10:00 am 10:00 am 3:30 pm	Morning Worship– Sanctuary Rotations/Nursery Youth Groups to Corn Maze
Monday - October 24	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Wednesday - October 26	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Council – Pastor’s Office Women’s 12 Step Mtg. – FR
Thursday - October 27	7:30 pm	Senior Choir – Choir Room
Friday - October 28	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Office
Saturday - October 29	2-4 pm	Youth Groups Pumpkin Carving

Our prayers are with Caroline Walsh at Mass General Hospital; Jean Card at Rosewood, 22 Johnson St., Peabody 01960.; Elouise Bjorkman in hospice care at home; Esther McGrath, Myrna Shorey, Al Farnsworth at home; Helen Butcher, Marion Edkins, Denis Edkins, Harold Kress and Priscilla Kress at Renaissance Gardens, Peabody; Louise Allen, Marion Barnes, Carolyn Furey, and Olive Wood. We also remember in our prayers Bob Trayers and David Tuttle in Afghanistan.

The Church Office is open Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

The next *Tower Notes* will be the week of October 24.

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