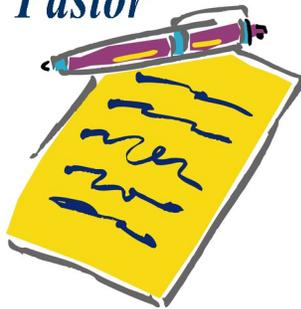


Baptist Notes

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From the Pastor



“I’m doing well in the things that count.” This is the response that Helen Lemmel often gave when asked, “How are you doing?” Helen was a hymn writer who lived between 1863 and 1960, and whose adult years were split between England and America. She composed over 500 hymns, and was a frequent worship leader, soloist, retreat leader, as well as performing Gospel concerts throughout America and Europe. My favorite of her hymns is entitled *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*, and it was inspired by her meeting a missionary to North Africa. She composed the hymn after reading a Gospel tract entitled “Focused,” which read in part, “So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimness.”

Helen did not have an easy time during her middle-aged years. After marrying and moving to Germany, she became ill and consequently lost her sight. Soon after losing her sight her husband left her, and this led to further years of distress, struggle, and perseverance. Through her ups and downs in life, she maintained her spirit, continued to bless through song, and served as a testimony to God’s abiding in her life.

I appreciate the importance of not taking for granted how God moves in people’s life. To never take for granted how the inspiration of the Holy Spirit moves us to dance, sing, and create out of our sincere response to our Creator. As I sing hymns during our times of worship together, I have started taking time to learn the stories behind their inception. What I have learned is that our sacred music is a result of people’s sacred life and love of God. Inspired by tragedy, sorrow, beauty, joy, mystery, and liturgy to name a few, inspirations are all around us, and as we allow our spirits to tune in to the movement of God, we too will be creators of ministry and blessing that will inspire people for years to come.

During these weeks leading up to Easter, I pray on behalf of us all that the inspiration of God’s movement in the world will attract us to respond. How we respond will vary from person to person, however the source of our blessing in life is shared, and as we tune our hearts to the beauty of worship and creation, our spirits will be moved, and the result will be a symphony of song and praise as we continue to worship and serve together.

Jason



9th Annual ***Walk to End Homelessness*** Walkathon

SATURDAY, April 7, 2018

at the Natick Community Senior Center (117 E. Central Street)

Registration opens at 8:00 AM

Join WROR 105.7 FM radio personality LBF and hundreds of walkers of all ages for fun, music, food, face painting, prizes and more!

Special Guest: Laura Vecchione

TOGETHER WE WILL WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS!

All proceeds from the walk will help Family Promise Metrowest end the cycle of homelessness by providing families with shelter, meals and professional services.

Walkers raising over \$100 will be entered into a raffle to win one of these amazing prizes: Amazon Echo, Red Sox tickets, American Girl doll, Xbox gift card, Xbox party, Marathon Sports gift card, Karaoke machine

The first 400 registered walkers receive the official FPM 9th Annual Walk to End Homelessness long sleeve t-shirt.

Raise \$500 and become a member of the 500 Club so you can proudly wear this year's prize... a quality polar fleece vest embroidered with the FPM logo.

To qualify for the VIP raffle and the 500 Club all donations must be in to Family Promise by Friday, April 6 at 5:00 PM.

To register visit

<http://walkawayhomelessness.familypromisemetrowest.org>

or call 508-318-4820.

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	2	3
4 Third Sunday in Lent <i>9:45 a.m. Christian Education</i> <i>10:45 a.m. Worship</i> <i>Potluck Lunch</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	9 <i>Serving at Pearl St. Cafe</i>	10
11 Fourth Sunday in Lent <i>9:45 a.m. Christian Education</i> <i>10:45 a.m. Worship</i> <i>12:15 p.m. Missions</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	16	17
18 Fifth Sunday in Lent <i>9:45 a.m. Christian Education</i> <i>10:45 a.m. Worship</i>	19	20 <i>7:15 pm A&F Meeting</i>	21 <i>7:00 pm Executive Council</i>	22 <i>7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</i>	23	24
25 Palm Sunday <i>9:45 a.m. Christian Education</i> <i>10:45 a.m. Worship</i> <i>11:30 a.m. Light Lunch followed by the Talent Show</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service</i>	30 <i>Noon Good Friday Service</i>	31

Notes: AA meets : Monday evenings at 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the Children's Room
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Noon in Reilly Hall

All calendar entries are subject to change



March Birthdays

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| 3 Joseph Paiva | 19 Betty Temple |
| 4 Carolyn Reilly | 25 Marilyn Medler |
| 7 Ethel Luton-Campbell | 28 Laura Reilly |
| 8 Neil Halbert | 31 Diamond Campbell |
| 12 Naja Arianna Allen | |



Library 4 Update

In February as Mrs. Wakeman read "When Abraham Talked to the Trees", Mrs. Ross told one of the Aesop's Fables (like Abraham did) and then the children played jump rope - also like Abraham did!

Linda McKenzie concluded teaching the "10 Commandments for Kids" with a word search she made for them.

For March we'll read an Iditarod Alaskan sled dog race story and play the Stars and Strikes game. Later we'll read "Humphrey's First Palm Sunday" (a camel story) and then one about a Talent Show. They will take time to send Easter cards to our home bound shut-ins.

Mrs. Wakeman/Mrs Ross



Levin/Chute Scholarship

Anyone who is applying to college, or is continuing for another year, or taking any educational course may obtain a copy of the application from Diane Halbert, Marilyn Wakeman or Ray Zeman, the Scholarship Committee. Please return before Sunday, May 27.

From Friends of Regional Ministries

The staff of TABCOM and Grotonwood/Ocenwood want us to know how grateful they are for our support of their work through the Friends of Regional Ministries. They have also invited us to attend a regional event or visit the camps to see first hand how our support is being used. For more information, call 617-721-5738 or visit our website at www.TABCOM.org.

We also received this personal handwritten note from Ed Gerard

“What a generous gift! Framingham continues to be a leader in mission support. Thanks, Ed.”

Pearl Street Café

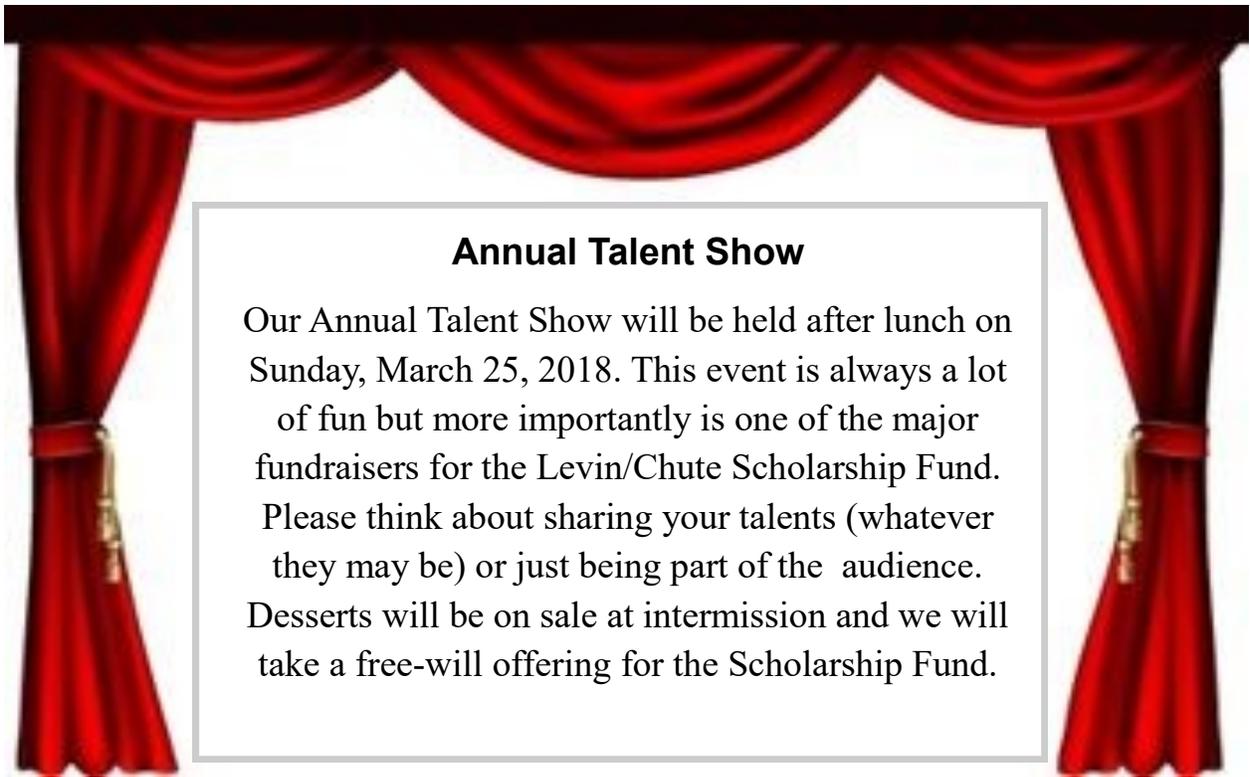
The Salvation Army has moved to 59 Howard Street which will enable them to broaden their services to better serve families and provide more youth programs. They have joined with The United Way to serve meals at the Pearl Street Cafe. Meals will be provided 5 nights a week at 54 Park Street with a better kitchen and a professional cook. Although meal preparation will no longer be needed volunteers are still needed to help with the serving of the meals.

Volunteers work in various capacities.

- As servers - taking orders, delivering food and then cleaning up the tables
- Plating food in a separate room
- Some may also work in dishwashing or the food pantry

Volunteers arrive at 5:00 pm for training. Service starts at 5:30 pm and closes down at 7:00 pm. There are 10 tables for diners and each has a server assigned. 3 –5 people work in plating the food. Volunteers can expect to be on their feet for the entire 2 hour period.

We will continue to help on the second Friday of March, June, September, and December. I hope you will think about helping serve when our time comes. **We will be serving on Friday, March 9. Please see Jay Reilly to volunteer - we have committed to providing 6 volunteers.**



Annual Talent Show

Our Annual Talent Show will be held after lunch on Sunday, March 25, 2018. This event is always a lot of fun but more importantly is one of the major fundraisers for the Levin/Chute Scholarship Fund. Please think about sharing your talents (whatever they may be) or just being part of the audience. Desserts will be on sale at intermission and we will take a free-will offering for the Scholarship Fund.



Enter the Sanctuary in a Spirit of Worship

Let us be mindful that when we enter the sanctuary we are there to worship. Executive Council asks us to please observe the following:

- Church starts at 10:45 a.m. with Sarah's Prelude. Please be respectful to Sarah and be in place and listening as she starts to play.
- The only food/drink allowed in the sanctuary are Communion elements and bottled water.



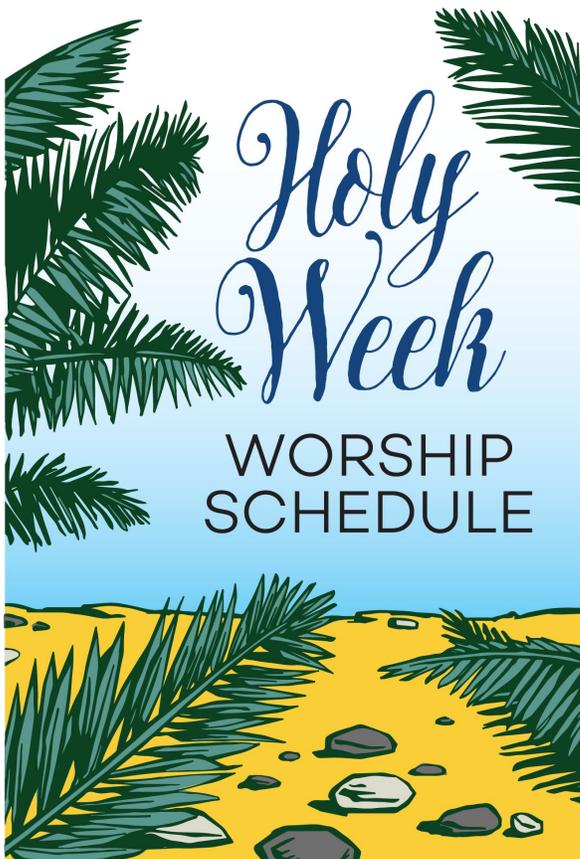
EASTER OFFERING

Executive Council has voted that the Easter Offering be designated to refinish the floor in Reilly Hall.

Please give generously.

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Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday

10:45 a.m. Worship

Maundy Thursday, March 29

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service in Reilly Hall

Good Friday, March 30

Noon One Hour Service here at First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 1 - Easter

7:00 a.m. Sun Rise Service on Church Green
followed by breakfast

Adult Sunday School and
Sunday School for children at regular times

10:45 a.m. Easter Worship Service

Children singing, dedication of
Gabriel Joshua Osae Badoo, Holy Communion

Following worship Easter Egg Hunt

No Potluck Lunch