

TOWER NOTES

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We Welcome Everyone: An "Open and Affirming" Church

March 6, 2013

Remembering and Dedicating

Remembering Caroline Hoen Walsh Sunday, March 17, 2013

Lent can be a time when we rededicate ourselves to the work that Jesus has given us to do. We reflect upon our personal and corporate calls to discipleship. Furthermore, we wish for our lives to mean something today, and, after we leave this life.

Caroline Hoen Walsh was such a person, who lived her life trying to make a positive difference, while she lived and after she died. She wanted to be a blessing to her family, to her community of Lynnfield, and to her church, Centre Congregational Church.

As I said in her memorial service, when I think of our late friend, Caroline, I think of something most often attributed to Alexander Hamilton (and occasionally to Peter Marshall): *"Those who stand for nothing fall for anything."*

It is safe to say that Caroline H. Walsh felt it important for all of us to stand for something, to become something, to grow and leave something of value for the benefit of others.

To this end, she decided to leave to Centre Congregational Church enough money for us to rebuild the Todd Hall Stage for the benefit of the Church, the Scouts, and the Community.

We shall celebrate this gift, the completion of the project, and dedicate the Todd Hall Stage in Memory of *John and Caroline Walsh*, on **Sunday, March 17th, 2013.**

We will celebrate the Dedication of the Stage with lunch and the presentation of the "Life School Musical," directed by Douglas Hodgkins.

Schedule for the Day

10:00 Worship, Sanctuary
11:30 am: Lunch in Todd Hall, served by The Diaconate
12 noon: Dedication Ceremony
followed by "Life School Musical," directed by Douglas Hodgkins performed by our own Centre Church Youth Choir and others

In the Sanctuary

March 10, 2013

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Sacrament of Baptism
Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Bailey

Nursery at 9:00 & 3-5 Year Olds at 10:00
Children Gr. 1-8 may worship briefly with their families before going to Rotation Workshops.

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March 24, 2013 – Palm Sunday

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA

By the Senior Choir
And Guest Musicians
Under the Direction of Douglas Hodgkins

Life School Musical Synopsis:

The musical takes place in a classroom at Life School where the teacher is Miss Knowsalot. Life School is an imaginary school where kids get way beyond the "Three R's" and, with the help of Miss Knowsalot, learn the real keys to life: faith, hope, and love found only in Jesus.

When Miss Knowsalot's class at Life School begins on this particular day, the students have no idea what a special day it is destined to be! Ben, the new kid, and all the other students get the surprise of their life when *a large mysterious crate* is delivered to the classroom as Miss Knowsalot is called to the office. Soon, colorful characters from the Bible materialize on the scene to truly bring their lessons to life.

By the end of this delightful romp they have come face to face with the life-changing power of the Gospel, and they've been handed the "keys to life" by some very special characters. Erupting with some of the coolest music ever in a kids musical, Life School Musical will captivate your imagination from the opening "drum-line" intro to the joyous curtain call. Not only will the music grab your attention, but the Biblical truths in the story can change lives!

Life School Musical was created by Pam Andrews, Rob Howard and David Guthrie for the new kids music company, **Little Big Stuff Music**.

Please call ahead, or sign up on Sunday, to let us know you are planning to attend. 781-334-3050

Don't miss this exciting show, as we remember John and Caroline Walsh, and give thanks for their generosity.
Yours in Christ, Dennis

Confirmation Updates

Confirmation

Sunday, March 10 Baptism and Confirmation Class

Please plan to attend the first part of worship for a special Baptism. When the church school children leave, you will also leave to head up to class with Mrs. Martin.

Sunday, March 17 Confirmation Class at 10 am with Mrs. Martin. Plan to stay for the Stage Dedication and luncheon and Life School Drama presentation.

Sunday, March 24 Confirmation Luncheon with Rev. Bailey and mentors at 11:30 am.

Sunday Morning With the Children

Our Nursery, located in Room 11, is open each week for infants through age 3. Experienced staff and volunteers are on hand to welcome children for story time and play. The nursery is now open at 9 am.

3-5 year old class

Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to join us each Sunday at 10am in Room 14 for a class just for this age group. There is time for free play, a Bible Story and a craft and/or activity to help reinforce the story.

Rotation Sensation

We are now in the Season on Lent, the time to prepare for Easter. The workshops will focus on Holy Week and each student will be making a Holy Week booklet, adding pages each week.

Heifer Muffins

Each Sunday during Lent, we will be selling muffins after worship to help raise funds for Heifer International.

On Sunday, March 10, youth in grades 1-8th will be doing the baking. Please plan to go directly to the kitchen at 10 am. On Sunday, March 17, the High School Youth Group will be baking. Please plan to report to the kitchen at 10 am to begin baking.

Youth Groups

Sunday, March 10, the middle school youth group will meet from 6-7:30 pm. The High School Youth Group will not meet.

Sunday, March 17, no youth groups. Please plan to attend the Stage Dedication luncheon at 11:30 am and the musical production of Life School.

Can and Bottle Fundraiser for Joni and Friends

The High School and Middle School youth will be sponsoring a can and bottle drive beginning on Sunday, March 3 and ending April 21. Please drop off your redeemable cans and bottles in the bins provided. All proceeds will go to Joni and Friends, a nonprofit Christian organization focused on helping persons with disabilities. .

Laser Quest

On Sunday March 24, youth groups will be heading to Laser Quest in Danvers for an evening of nonstop laser tag. Drop off is at Laser Quest at 5 pm. Pick up is at 8pm Pizza will be provided. Deadline for RSVP is Fri. March 8. Friends are welcome to attend. Please let Mrs. Langill know if you plan to come.

Musical Hysterics, Centre Church
Sunday, March 10, 2013, 3 pm

Musical Hysterics is a comedic voice recital performed by Noel Smith's voice students to raise money for a local community organization. This year the students selected *Gathering Change* because they support soup kitchens in our area of the North Shore.

This is a comedic concert for people of all types, coming together, and enjoying time with one another.

Tickets are \$10 per person - you can buy them from students in advance or at the door. Children under the age of 10 will be free. Bring your spare change to throw in fish bowls for gathering change! *Gathering Change* supports local food pantries in our area

You can read more about Gathering Change at their website: <http://www.gatheringchangeinc.org/>

Those of us who have seen Noel Smith's Musical Hysterics in the past know how very talented her students are when they perform and how much fun it is to see their show. We are also proud of them for selecting such a valuable charity to which to contribute all of the proceeds of their concert. It is our pleasure to again, welcome them to Centre Congregational Church!

Looking Ahead

March 23, 2013 – Pictures with the
Easter Bunny - 9am-Noon
March 24, 2013 – Palm Sunday - 10 a.m.
March 28, Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm
Easter
March 31, Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.
Newhall Park
March 31, Easter Worship – 10 a.m.

News From Around the Parish

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of Charlotte Kilgore who died on March 2. Her funeral will be on March 6 at Centre Church.

Dear Friends, This is another round of thanks to my thoughtful and caring friends at Centre Church. Your cards, flowers, and phone calls were so very much appreciated during my lengthy illness. Dennis has been my “guardian angel” and finally was able to arrange for my return to church last week. Such a joy!!
Fondly, Ginny Daniels

Thanks for our Volunteers

March 10: Ushers: Margaret Waugh, Al Johnson, Paul Harrington and Linda Ladd. Provide Altar Flowers: Grayce Kushmerek. Deliver Altar Flowers: Barbara Becker and Chuck Cotting. Coffee Hour: Hayley Timmons and Diana Gerbick. Lights Out beginning March 8: Al Johnson.

March 17: Ushers: Jeff Law, Linda Ladd, Gage Whittier, Bill Seelig. Provide Altar Flowers: Dottie Holden. Deliver Altar Flowers: Judith Doe and Randy Russell. Lunch provided by the Deacons. Lights out beginning March 15: Bill Seelig.

March 24: Ushers: Deacons. Coffee Hour: Kelly Look and Judie Potter. Lights Out beginning March 22: Charlie Wills.

Prince Pizza
Take N Bake Fundraiser

Now through the month of March

Sign up on Sundays for a box of three frozen large-sized cheese pizzas from Prince for \$20
(regular price \$22!)

Additional toppings available - for purchase at Prince

Pay on Sunday and we'll have the Prince voucher ready for you next week.

You are helping Centre Church meet our fundraising goal and getting great tasting pizza!!

Price Pizza Take N Bake Fundraiser
\$20 for three cheese pizzas!

Name _____

How Many? _____



EASTER PLANT ORDER



I would like to order for \$7.50 each:

___ lilies ___ red tulips ___ yellow tulips ___ kalanchoe

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ made payable to Centre Congregational Church.

These flowers have been given by _____

in memory of _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

___ I will take my plant(s) home after the 10 a.m. Easter Service on March 31

___ I wish to donate my plant(s) to the hospitalized, bereaved or shut-in.

*Plants will be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter.
A list of donors will be printed in the bulletin on that day.*

Friday, March 22 is the deadline for placing orders.

Our Opportunities

Sun. Mar 10	9:00 am 10:00 am 10 :00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Nursery – Room 11 Morning Worship – Sanctuary Rotations / 3-5 Year Old Class Confirmation – Pastor’s Office Youth Choir – Choir Room Musical Hysterics Concert-Sanct. Middle School Youth - Basement
Mon. Mar 11	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #48 – Todd Hall Alanon/Alateen – Fireside & Libr.
Tues. Mar 12	7:30 pm	Deacons – Pastor’s Office
Wed Mar 13	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lenten Book Group - Richards Women’s 12 Step Mtg. – FR
Thurs. Mar 14	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Stewardship Comm – Library Senior Choir – Choir Room
Fri. Mar 15	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 nd Floor Office
Sun. Mar 17	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Nursery – Rm 11 Morning Worship - Sanctuary Rotations/ 3-5 Year Old Class Todd Hall Stage Dedication and Luncheon
Mon. Mar 18	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #48 - Todd Alanon/Alateen – FR & Libr.
Wed., Mar 20	7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Lenten Book Group - Richards Women’s 12 Step Meeting - FR
Thurs. Mar 21	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bethlehem Group - Library Senior Choir – Choir Room
Fri. Mar 22	10:30 am	Bible Study – 2 nd Floor Office
Sat. Mar 23	9am-12pm	Pictures with the Easter Bunny

The next *Tower Notes* will be the week of March 18.

Our prayers are with Elaine Pyburn at Aviv Centers for Living, 240 Lynnfield St., Peabody MA 01960; Arthur Pyburn at Hunt Center, 90 Lindall S., Danvers 01924; Marion Barnes at Hawthorn Hill, 15 Kirkbride Dr., Danvers 01923; ; Ray and Arlene Thorn, Helen Butcher, Marion Edkins and Priscilla Kress at Continuing Care at Brooksby; In addition we pray for Judy Embleton (Carrie Pericola’s mother), and Tom Vancor. We remember in our prayers Michael Bruce in the Far East and Dan Neary in Afghanistan.
