

FINISH LINE

Ending **EXODUS** 2016

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name." Psalm 103:1*

Sunday June 5th will be our final worship service at 51 Walden as **EXODUS**2016 comes to a close. We will be celebrating the close of our "theatrical run" with Sabbatical Interim Senior Minister **Rev. Judy Brain** crafting a service around the power and significance of blessing. What's



Marcia & Jason Macres at our first 51 Walden worship on January 31st

more, **Jason Macres** and his world-class Jazz ensemble, featuring vocalist **Marcia Macres** will be returning once again to bless our final worship with favorite hymns and stunning solos.

Our "exodus" from the comfort and familiarity of our sanctuary to the theatrical space at 51 Walden has been a journey of generosity and faithfulness. TriCon member and 51 Walden's Executive Director, **Carole Wayland**, was so hospitable and

welcoming as she accommodated our unique wants and needs into her active theatre schedule. The success of **EXODUS**2016 can only be attributed to the many, many people who faithfully contributed time, expertise, planning, leadership and creativity to

transform the theatre into sacred space. There were six teams with specific responsibilities. Each team headed up by a strong, reliable leader that recruited, scheduled and guided the work. The board of deacons also took up the challenge and consistently practiced patience and flexibility as music



TriCon worships at 51 Walden during **EXODUS** 2016

director Vickie Wagner, Rev. Judy Brain and I adapted the worship to best work in the space. Together, we have proven to ourselves that church vitality is fueled and driven by all of us taking ownership in the outcome.

Watching 51 Walden be transformed into sacred space was like watching magic unfold. Early each Sunday morning Richard Pasley and Eric Waldron assembled a 12-foot projection screen, wired up a projector to a computer that displayed specific visuals enhancing the worship. Bill Stumpf and Bob Lawson designed an entire customized sound system that each week was connected, tested, and expertly mixed for clear sound and podcast recordings of the sermons that were uploaded each week to the TriCon website. The “chancel” was staged and elegantly decorated with specific symbols and props each week, 100’s of chairs were put in place, lights adjusted, pianos moved and amplified, the full choir assembled and rehearsed. A team of “super greeters” welcomed visitors and explained the exodus to curious visitors.

Meanwhile, across the street in the parish Hall Carrie O’Brien and 2

additional volunteers held special “Children’s Chapel” for our young children, complete with live music, responsive readings, prayers and mini-sermons. And then... it all had to be disassembled and put back in place as if we were never there...by noon! Until the next week!



Carrie O'Brien leads Children's Chapel with Lucas Hickman leading hymns.

After June 5th we will worship all summer in the air-conditioned parish hall before returning to our deeply missed sanctuary in September. Stop by in August to get a peek at the elegantly crafted organ.

As **EXODUS**2016 comes to an end I am struck with profound gratitude. This was a church wide, major undertaking that succeeded only because we all showed up to do our part, making the whole much bigger than the sum of its parts. This is the church united, all of us doing what we can, showing up, even when it's hard, even when it requires more of us than we signed up for. I hope everyone who participated received equal or greater blessings from being part of something greater. I pray that your quiet, anonymous, behind-the-scenes efforts can be looked back upon as a spiritual practice that increased your faith and nurtured the best in you.

The Apostle Paul calls the church “the Body of Christ”. These past six months have turned that metaphor into actual reality. I am so grateful to God for TriCon Church. We **are** the Body of Christ. We exist to follow in the way of Jesus together, catching the wind of the Spirit wherever it may blow us and walking in the light of God no matter where we gather.

In faith, hope and gratitude,

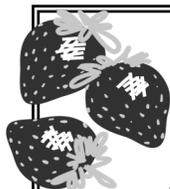
Bob Brown, Associate Minister

JUNE WORSHIP

EXODUS 2016

During JUNE we will have one service - on Sunday, June 5 - at 51 Walden Street.
Services on Sundays, June 12, 19 and 26 will be in the Parish Hall.

June 5 COMMUNION	Service at 10:00 at 51 Walden Street Church School Field Day	Rev. Judith Brain preaching
	First Sunday Service at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall	
June 12	Service at 10:00 in the Parish Hall	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
June 19 BAPTISM	Service at 10:00 in the Parish Hall Judy Brain's last Sunday with us.	Rev. Judith Brain preaching
June 26	Service at 10:00 in the Parish Hall	Rev. Robert Brown preaching



**On Sunday, June 5th,
the Fellowship Committee will host a
Strawberry Festival!
Enjoy hot dogs, chips, munchies and
strawberry shortcake!
Plan to stay after worship & enjoy!**



TRICON
WORSHIP

FIRST|Sunday

Sunday June 5 at **5:30 PM**
a distinctive service of Communion



community table

Informal • Interactive • Curiously Spiritual



PLEASE NOTE
On summer Sundays
our service of worship is at 10:00 a.m.

The two exceptions to this will be **Sundays, July 24 and 31**
when we will be worshipping at West Concord Union Church.
Their service is at 9:45 a.m.

**SUMMER SERVICES
IN THE PARISH HALL**

Did you know that we have a number of comfortable chairs with arms for those who may find the folding chairs a little challenging?

Come and worship with us this summer
-we're saving a seat for YOU!



EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



**Were you born in 1936
or earlier?**

**If so, you're invited to a party
on Thursday, June 2nd!**

Every year, the Caring Connection holds an annual Birthday Luncheon for all those in our congregation who are at least 80 years young. It will take place this year on Thursday, June 2nd.

If you qualify but didn't get an invitation last year or are just turning 80 in this calendar year, please call the church office so we can be sure that you are included in this fun event.

ATTENTION MEN OF THE CHURCH Join the Anchor Group

The Anchor Group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 a.m. in the church parlor. The Anchor Group is a group for men of all ages who discuss and share issues of religion and spirituality in light of contemporary culture. Any questions, email Greg Howes at howes2012@gmail.com.

The deadline for the
July Newsletter
is June 15.

CAREGIVERS GROUP

The TriCon Caregivers Group is an opportunity for parishioners and friends in caregiving roles to come together to share accomplishments and failures, joys and sorrows, laughter and hope, as well as information about caring for others and ourselves.

If the role of caregiver is part of your life, please consider joining the TriCon Caregivers Group. **We will meet on Wednesdays, June 8 and 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.** Call the church office (978 369-4837) for more information.



WELCOME TO TRICON!

Whether you are just visiting, looking to find a church home or still feeling your way after several visits, we encourage you to pick up brochures and other information in the parish hall, and to stay for refreshments in the parish hall following the service.

You are welcome to participate in any of our church programs and activities and to sign your children up for Church School or youth programs. For more information, contact Christian Education Director, Carrie O'Brien or Youth Leader, Nick Bruning. Call the church office if you have any questions.

**Sunday, June 12
New Members Join
During the Worship Service**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during the worship service on Fathers' Day, Sunday, June 19. If you are interested in having your child baptized or you would like to be baptized yourself, please contact the church office by June 10.

SERMONS ON LINE

You can HEAR SERMONS
on line by going to
www.triconchurch.org

OR

Facebook.com and search
Trinitarian Congregational Church



46TH ANNUAL ANTIQUÉ SHOW & SALE

**Friday, November 4
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 5
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

See the September and October Newsletters for opportunities to volunteer during this All-Church event.

OPEN TABLE FOR JUNE

Canned Meats and Seafood

School's out or soon it will be -
that means lots of lunches to fix!
Please bring cans of meat, seafood and poultry.

Our Stewardship theme is
"Come to the Table -Share in the Bounty".
Our friends at Open Table are at the table -
let's share our bounty!

ANNOUNCING THE 2016

Al Filipov Peace & Justice Forum

Sunday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m.

"The color of our blood is red, the suffering that each of us experienced is enormous, all of our tears are equally bitter. If we can talk to each other everyone can."

These are the words of members of the *Parents Circle - Families Forum (PCFF)*, based jointly in Israel and Palestine and this year's award recipient and speakers for the *Al Filipov Peace & Justice Forum*. The Forum honors the memory of TriCon member, Al Filipov, who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The *PCFF* is a unique organization made up of more than 600 Israeli and Palestinian bereaved families. Since its establishment in 1995, the members - all of whom have lost a family member to the conflict between these two countries - have undertaken a joint effort in the midst of ongoing violence to transform their incredible loss and pain into a catalyst for reconciliation and peace. Members have chosen to convert anger, vengeance, helplessness, and despair into actions of hope through education, public awareness, and advocacy projects that foster humanization and empathy towards both Israelis and Palestinians. They believe that a mutual recognition of the personal and national narrative of each side is critical to achieving a lasting peace.

Moreover, the *PCFF* has concluded that the process of reconciliation between nations is a prerequisite to achieving a sustainable peace. Although the *PCFF* has no stated position on the political solution of the conflict, most of its members agree that the solution must be based on free negotiations between the leadership of both sides to ensure basic human rights, the establishment of two states for two peoples, and the signing of a peace treaty. The historic reconciliation between the two nations is a necessary condition for obtaining a sustainable peace treaty.

Mark your calendars now and join us on September 25 for an inspirational and special time. For more information about PCFF, go to: <http://www.theparentscircle.com>.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

TRICON PLANNING PROCESS

Over the past few months, in developing a budget and setting priorities, several of our church committees have concluded that it would be productive to take some time to reflect on who we are as a church and how we want to allocate our resources of time, talent and treasure to do God's work.



We are a healthy and thriving congregation so this reflection, coming at a time of strength, allows us the opportunity and the space to thoughtfully and prayerfully guide a conversation on our shared vision for TriCon now and into the future.

The first step in this process is a survey that will be distributed by mail, email and on the website in the next few weeks. Please watch for it and take the time to respond and share your thoughts, hopes and suggestions.

The next step will be a series of small group meetings in the fall to discuss the survey results and to continue the dialogue. YOU are an important part of this important process – Your input is needed and welcomed!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**Beginning Monday, June 27,
the Church Office will be
open 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**





With summer vacations at hand, please notify the church office at 978 369-4837 of any pastoral care situations or hospitalizations (be sure to give us your room number if you do call). Anyone entering a hospital who desires pastoral care and has not notified the church office must indicate a "congregational affiliation" as part of their hospital admission intake interview if they would like a pastoral visit.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Linda and John Longden recently moved to Concord Center after 10 years on Pope Road. Both are now retired, John after 35 years as president of Longden Company and Linda from a career in marketing communications and development. Linda is a volunteer at the Museum of Fine Arts and they are both involved in fund raising for Cape Cod Village, a housing development for autistic adults in Orleans, MA. Linda and John, who have four children and two dogs, enjoy gardening, travelling, skiing, golf, tennis, and reading.

TRICON EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

A few years ago we made optional emergency information forms available to TriCon parishioners. A request has been made for us to publish the form again and a copy can be found in this newsletter. You may fill it out and return it to the church office if you would like us to have personal contacts for you in the event of an emergency.

VISIT THE CHURCH LIBRARY

The Church Library is open during all church business hours and on Sunday mornings. New books are on display. Please feel free to browse and/or borrow a book. Suggestions of books to purchase are always welcome.

THANK YOU

The many organizations our congregation supports through our Mission donations often send us thank you letters. Below is one from *Gaining Ground*:

*Dear Mission Committee Members,
Thank you so much for your support of Gaining Ground and our mission of growing food for hunger relief with community volunteers. We deeply appreciate the longtime support of the Committee.
Sincerely,
Kristin Moore*

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES



We would like to recognize our newest class of high school graduates with an insert in the bulletin and the July newsletter with brief bios detailing their interests and future plans. Parents of high school seniors will receive an email or a letter asking for the information for this insert. If you have a youth graduating this year and you have not heard from us, please call the church office so that we may include your son or daughter. Bios should be submitted ASAP to abruning@triconchurch.org.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Cherry colored OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2016 are now available in the parish hall. Please take as many or as few as you need. If you use cash, kindly put your name on the envelope.

ON-LINE GIVING AVAILABLE AT TRICON

We are able to accept on-line donations and payments via our website – Triconchurch.org. On the homepage, you will see “Click here to make donations and pledge payments”. You will have the option of transferring funds from your bank account or using a credit card. You can make a one-time payment or set up recurring ones. If you have any questions, please call or email Judy or Amy at the church office: (jwalpole@triconchurch.org or abruning@triconchurch.org).

TRICON'S QR CODE



This QR code automatically opens a special webpage on mobile devices (phones, iPads, etc.) that's designed for smaller screens. You can scan the code with your phone to make the process of giving to the church that much simpler.

LIFE CHANGES



Sincere sympathy to Lovella Slusser and her daughters, Amanda and Vanessa Rao. Lovella's former husband, Murlidhar Rao, died on May 4. Visiting hours were held on May 9.

Our condolences to Mick and Kristin Bain and their family. Mick's mother, Constance Bain, died on May 5 in CT. A memorial service was held at TriCon on May 28.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen Spring and her family. Helen's husband, our long time member, John Spring, died on May 12. A memorial service was held at Trinity Episcopal Church on May 26.

Emily Mitchell Memorial Service:

There will be a memorial service for Emily Mitchell, who died on March 19, on Sunday, June 12 at 4:00 p.m. at First Parish in Concord with a reception following.

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

from Jeff Campbell

Come to the Table; Share in the Bounty

This is the title of our 2016 Stewardship campaign. I came across the letter sent to all of us as I prepared for my first Stewardship Committee meeting this week, which is a new assignment. It opens as follows and these words capture very well my experience in our church:



“At church our lives are lived out together around many different tables, the communion table, the fellowship table, the church school table, the sign-up and the committee table. At these tables we receive gifts of inspiration, joy, hope, love, laughter, comfort and support. We bring to the table our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, offered in gratitude for the God-given gifts bestowed upon us.”

When I want to reflect on what our church means to my family and me, I just open my calendar...and notice the tables I am invited to sit at, tables I feel welcome at. So that's what I did. This was a busy week with a lot being served up here at TriCon, but it really wasn't that unusual! There was:

- A Sunday church service in our beautiful Parish Hall last week, that included a baptism and new members joining with promises made by all of us to two families, which reminded me of similar promises our family received years ago;
- There was: a Stewardship & Finance committee – dry you might think, BUT not when you're sitting with a group of very bright and dedicated people who care a lot about this church and are keeping a watchful eye of our operations and financial security;
- There was: an Anchor Group gathering Tuesday morning – this vital ministry for men of all ages in our church, with new members arriving to this circle of fellowship all the time;
- There was for me: a brief hour with Caregivers Support group – who offer a wealth of information, tips, and support for those caring for a friend or family member in need;
- There was for my daughter, Wednesday night Discussion Group or DG as it's called a place she skips out the door to with lightness in her step. She always returns looking refreshed;
- Finally, there was a wonderful Friday night church POTLUCK dinner, hosted by the welcoming members of the Fellowship Committee;
- But even then there was more! A Friday night forum on our CLIMATE CRISIS at West Concord Union Church, co-sponsored by our church that featured a panel of community leaders.

So, indeed, at church our lives ARE lived out together at many different tables and I'm grateful to those of you who arrange for or set up these tables, grateful for your hospitality.

Find a moment each week to open your calendar to notice what place this church occupies in your life, notice what tables you are invited to sit at. And as was asked of you before, remember to bring your gifts to these tables, be generous with your gifts, and bring them with gratitude.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Church School Newsletter Now On-Line

All registered families receive our monthly Church School on-line newsletter. Included in this newsletter is detailed information about calendar programming as well news, photos and announcements. *If you are not receiving our on-line newsletter, please check your spam or other folders before contacting Carrie O'Brien.*

If you are new and would like information about our Church School program, please contact Church School Director Carrie O'Brien at cobrien@triconchurch.org. Please also visit our church website at www.triconchurch.org.

CHURCH SCHOOL JUNE CALENDAR

Church School takes place during the 10:00AM Sunday service.

If the service is at 51 Walden Street, parents drop off Pre-K through 8th Graders in the TriCon Parish Hall between 9:50 and 10:00AM before heading across the street. Nursery age children go directly to the nursery at the beginning of the morning.

Sunday, May 1

10:00AM

Worship at 51 Walden Street

Chapel in the Parish Hall followed by Church School

11:30AM

Hosanna Singers Rehearsal

Sunday, May 8

10:00AM

Worship at 51 Walden Street

Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall followed by Church School

11:30AM

Hosanna Singers Rehearsal

Sunday, May 15

9:00AM

PENTECOST - Wear Red!

8th Grade Breakfast in the lower level

9:30AM

Hosanna Singers Rehearsal

10:00AM

Worship Service in the Parish Hall

8th Grade Bibles

Church School

Look in your inbox this month for information on how you can sign up to help support 2016 - 2017 Church School programming!

Sunday, May 22

10:00AM

Worship Service in the Parish Hall

Church School

Sunday, May 29

10:00AM

Family Worship Service in the Parish Hall

To sign up to receive the Church School newsletter, please contact Carrie O'Brien at cobrien@triconchurch.org or call the church office.

Church School Summer Calendar

Sunday, June 5th

10:00AM Worship Service: 51 Walden Street

10:00AM Children's Chapel: Parish Hall

Field Day following Children's Chapel

Sundays, June 12th - September 4th

10:00AM Family Worship

Childcare provided for children up to age five

Sunday, September 11th

10:00AM Church School resumes

To sign up to receive the Church School on-line newsletter, please contact Carrie O'Brien at cobrien@triconchurch.org.



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Discussion Group meets in the Youth Room on the lower level every Wednesday. If you're new, come tell us what's on your mind. If you've been to Discussion Group before, come bring your opinions, and let yourself be heard. You are not alone.

Our Song Shall Rise to Thee!

In June the Noack Organ Co. will have finished our organ, and "Opus 159" (i.e., 159th instrument built by that firm) will be disassembled and moved into the balcony of our sanctuary. Once the installation is complete, another few weeks will be devoted to "voicing" the organ, so that every wooden and metal pipe blends beautifully with its neighbors.

In this time-consuming process the voicer will make tiny adjustments to every one of the nearly 2000 pipes. All of the pipes received their preliminary voicing in Georgetown, but the meticulous final voicing must be done in the particular acoustics of our sanctuary.

As the construction reaches the final stages, one of the most frequently asked questions is "What is going to happen to the old choir loft? The simple answer is "nothing". The façade of mostly non-functional pipes will remain, as designed by architect, Harry Little in 1925.

That space will be available for musical presentations that are not accompanied by the organ or for overflow seating. Perhaps, other uses for the space will evolve over time but regardless, the view of the front of the church will remain the same. We think that you will also be pleasantly surprised by how much the balcony retains the look and feel of the original despite an approximately 3' "bump-out".

Another wonderful change awaiting our renewed occupancy in September is the installation of plantation shutters on the large windows replacing the dingy and tattered drapes. The shutters bring so much more light into the space while serving the needed function of keeping the glare out and they really highlight the beautiful fan section at the top of each window. Several years ago, we set aside the funds to deal with window treatment in the sanctuary - we think you will agree that the shutters were well worth the wait!

We still have a distance to go to cover all the costs and the organ and construction. Please consider donating if you have not yet done so or making an additional contribution. Generous donors have offered to match all funds received up to \$50,000.



Opus 159



Two Manual Console

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**All donors will be listed in the dedication booklet.**

Yes, I/we want to help **Meet The Match!**

I/we will give a  new or  additional contribution of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 to the Organ Campaign to be paid over  1 or  2 years.

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (please print) Thank You!

### Tri-Con Emergency Information Form

In our mobile society, many of us have no immediate family in the area and in the event of an illness or emergency, friends and neighbors may not have adequate, up-to-date information to contact family members. To assist, we invite you to fill out this form that will be kept at the church in a confidential file, available only if needed, to the clergy and administrator.

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

List below those to be notified in an emergency (Please note any priority or limitations in the list of those to be contacted.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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