



## NOVEMBER 2015

### The Pastoral Perspective

The current political season with its new cycle of Presidential politics eventuating in a new leader of our country a year from now clearly reveals a citizenry out of sorts with itself, unhappy if not upset with those chosen to represent their interests and legislate for the common good, and, if one believes the polls, deeply concerned about the current direction of the country. In the midst of such angst and concern, I am prompted by Pope Francis' recent address to the U.S. Congress in which he lifted up "four great Americans whose anniversaries are being celebrated," to reflect with thanksgiving upon God's raising up "prophets" in our time and midst to show us the way to the collective and common good of all. Those individuals singled out by Pope Francis were Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, and Thomas Merton. Of these individuals, Pope Francis made these summary observations:

"The complexities of history and the reality of human weakness notwithstanding, these men and women, for all their many differences and limitations, were able by hard work and self-sacrifice – some at the cost of their lives – to build a better future. They shaped fundamental values which will endure forever in the spirit of the American people. A people with this spirit can live through many crises, tensions and conflicts, while always finding the resources to move forward, and to do so with dignity. These men and women offer us a way of seeing and interpreting reality. In honoring their memory, we are inspired, even amid conflicts, and, in the here and now of each day, to draw upon our deepest cultural reserves."

In highlighting the "three sons and a daughter of this land, four individuals and four dreams: Lincoln, liberty; Martin Luther King, Jr., liberty in plurality and non-exclusion; Dorothy Day, social justice and the rights of persons; and Thomas Merton, the capacity for dialogue and openness to God," Pope Francis challenged us, in embracing the legacies of these remarkable individuals, to our ongoing responsibilities as a people by invoking the Golden Rule. Said Pope Francis: "Let us remember the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' (Matthew 7:12). This Rule points us in a clear direction. Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us."

In this season of national Thanksgiving, might we pause, as a community of faith and followers of Jesus Christ, to consider the blessings we share as a people and to do so in a couple of ways? First, to ponder anew the blessings of those who call us to a great appreciation of divinely infused themes

which shape our days, calling us ever onward to the "new creation" God intends. And, secondly, along with the ethic of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-16) and the injunction of the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-39), might we embrace the truth of the Golden Rule as the test of our worthiness to be children of God. And, in the end, might we give thanks and make that gratitude the hallmark of a renewed commitment to bettering our nation, indeed, bettering the world for all God's people?

Peace,

## NOVEMBER WORSHIP

**November 1**  
Communion

**Service at 10:00** Rev. Robert Brown preaching

**First Sunday Service at 5:30 p.m.**

**November 8**

**Service at 10:00** Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching

**November 15**  
Mission Sunday

**Service at 10:00** Rose Gould preaching on Syrian Refugee Issues  
Rose Gould has volunteered with the American Red Cross since 2007 working as a Shelter Manager, Case Work Supervisor and on Logistics. She also teaches a course on International Humanitarian Law for the Red Cross. Ms. Gould is retired from the military and has worked with NGO's both stateside and abroad in conflicts and humanitarian crises. She has a Masters degree in Humanitarian Assistance from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and Friedman School of Nutritional Science -- a Tufts Joint Program -- and a Masters in Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma.

**November 22**  
New Members Join

**Service at 10:00** Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching

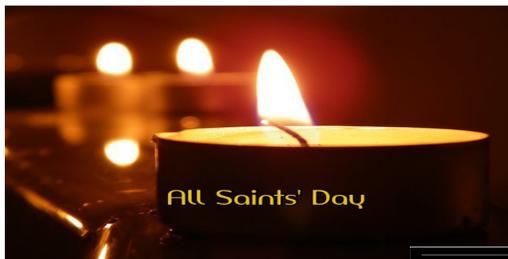
**November 29**

**Service at 10:00** Rev. Robert Brown preaching

**TRICON**  
WORSHIP

**FIRST** | Sunday

Sunday November 1 at 5:30 PM  
Featuring the music of **Bryan Graves**  
Worship led by Bob Brown



Join us for a solemn celebration recalling the communion of saints, a community made up of all past, present and future Christians. It is called a "great cloud of witnesses", a thin place where heaven and earth draw close.

Come to remember those gone before us  
Come to stretch your soul forward  
Come to share a special eucharist

Informal • Interactive • Curiously Spiritual

## **EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**



### **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 or the church entry, and to come 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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Exploring Membership Brunch**  
Sunday, November 1 --- 11:30 a.m.

An informal gathering with clergy and the Membership Committee  
For those interested in learning more about TriCon and about membership

**Sunday, November 22**  
"Joining Sunday"  
Receiving new members during Sunday worship

### **Daylight-Saving Time Ends**



**Sunday, November 1**  
at 2:00 a.m.

**Set Clocks Back One Hour**

## MEET THE AUTHOR

### Sunday, November 1

We are pleased to announce that TriCon member, Leslie Ackles, has recently published an exciting new book *Seven Steps to Choosing Joy!* The book presents a roadmap for making changes in our lives that will tap into our inner calm and courage. Leslie will discuss her book following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 1, in the church parlor. Please join us for what promises to be a joyful occasion.

The Library Committee

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## 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](mailto:howes2012@gmail.com).

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## 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, November 4 and 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.** Call the church office, 978 369-4837, for more information.

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## RETIRED MEN'S GROUP



The Retired Men's Group will meet for lunch on Thursday, November 12 at noon. The speakers will be Alan Cathcart and Melissa Simoncini from the Concord Water Department who will talk about Concord's aquifer and water system.

Come and bring a friend for good food, good fellowship and an interesting program. If you have not attended these luncheons before and would like to attend on November 12, please call Robert Nelson (978 369-3105) or Charles Davis (978 369-6250) by November 8. The cost of the lunch is \$10.00.

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## Knitwits

### JOIN US IN THE PARLOR

### Wednesday, November 18 AT NOON!

The Knitting Group meets in the church parlor once a month. Everyone from beginner to expert is welcome. Bring your own project or work on one of ours'. You need not come every month but can join in when it is convenient for you. You may also choose to work on projects at home. Prayer shawls may be left at the church any time.

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The deadline for the  
December Newsletter  
is November 15.

# 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE

Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

As always, 100% of this year's annual Antique Show proceeds go to support philanthropies identified by our Mission Committee.

The Antique Show requires many, many hands to ensure its success. There are lots of ways that you can help us - volunteering to make baked goods, donating money for the items we need to make the food for the café, helping at the front door or in the café, moving furniture, portering - are all ways that you can contribute to the success of the Show.

To help out go to our website [triconchurch.org](http://triconchurch.org). Under Current Events, click on the Antique Show and it will take you right to a link to the Sign-up Genius site where you can see the open slots and add your name to the cast of "thousands" that make this all-church event a huge success! You may also call or come to the church office.

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## THANKSGIVING FOOD OFFERING

As in years past, our Thanksgiving Food Offering will go to the Pilgrim Church in Dorchester where the minister, Rev. John Odums, and a small group of parishioners run a neighborhood food pantry for the area's most needy families, serving 100-150 people a month. While the pantry is able to stock its shelves with staples and free USDA surplus food from the Boston Food Bank such as peanut butter, rice, pasta, canned vegetables and beef stew, it relies on a small grant from the city of Boston (\$1,000 per year) and donations from our church, as well as only seven other Congregational churches in eastern MA, to keep the pantry shelves stocked. There is always a need for what many families have to think of as "extras": tuna and other canned fish and meats, crackers, cookies, juice, jelly, canned fruit, kid's cereals, tea, coffee, cocoa, condiments, spices, salt, pepper, mayonnaise, salad dressings, refried beans, baby food and formula, detergent, soap, paper towels, diapers, personal care products, toilet paper, and toothpaste. Also needed are disposable items such as 9" plates, 8 oz. cups, 12 oz. soup bowls, napkins, forks, knives, spoons, plastic wrap, aluminum foil, paper towels, food storage bags, etc.

Please consider bringing a grocery bag of "extras" by Sunday, November 22 and put it in the marked area in the parish hall. Food will be delivered to Pilgrim Church that afternoon.

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## CITY MISSION SOCIETY CHRISTMAS SHOP

Completed hand-sewn items  
for the City Mission Society  
should be brought to the church  
by December 1.

Gifts for City Mission Society may be  
dropped off until December 6.

## DEDICATION OF GIFTS December 6

At the worship service on  
December 6, we will  
dedicate the gifts our church  
has collected for City Mission  
Society, as well as the gifts  
that have been provided for  
the prisoners in Concord. See your Season of  
Giving catalog, coming in the mail in mid-  
November, for more information about these  
causes.



## SERMONS ON LINE

You can HEAR SERMONS  
on line by going to

[www.triconchurch.org](http://www.triconchurch.org)

OR

Facebook.com and search  
*Trinitarian Congregational Church*

## LIFE CHANGES

### NEW BABY

Congratulations to Dave and Claire Johnson  
and big brother, Boden, on the October 21st  
birth of Winifred Claire. Beaming grandparents  
are Rick and Weezie Johnson.

### JUST MARRIED

Best wishes to James Sanna and Aaron  
Kraemer who were married in Lincoln on  
October 10th with Rev. Bob Brown officiating.  
James is the son of Mary Hennings and Russell  
Sanna.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Heartfelt sympathy to Michele Forinash and her  
daughters, Adele, Kylene and Mariele Aziz.  
Their mother and grandmother, Ruth Forinash,  
died on September 27th. A service will be held  
at TriCon on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Sincere condolences to Dale, Don, Peter and  
Lindsay Ryder. Dale's father, Alfred (Dick)  
Richardson died on October 1st. A service was  
held on October 17<sup>th</sup> in NY.

We were saddened to learn of the September  
30<sup>th</sup> death of our former, longtime member,  
Ray Biggar. Our thoughts and prayers are with  
Ray's wife, Rev. Cynthia Bland Biggar and their  
family. Services were held in Standish, ME.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Janet and  
Churchill Franklin and their family. Janet's  
mother, Virginia Carpenter Halstead, died on  
October 11th in CT. Services will be private.

Our prayers are with the family of our members  
Marjorie Matthews and Kerstin Mead. Their  
father-in-law and grandfather, George Sablone,  
husband of our late member, Helen Sablone,  
died on October 19th. A service was held at  
TriCon on October 26th.

# OPEN TABLE NOVEMBER

## Hearty Soups and Chili

As the days get shorter and the nights get chilly, let's bring cans of chunky soups and chili for our neighbors who depend on the Open Table Pantry to provide nourishing and comforting foods for the cold days ahead. Your contribution makes a difference!

Leave items in the food bin in the narthex or in the parish hall.

## Advent 2015

*3 weekly small group conversations*

*Finding Blessing*  
**In The Blizzard**  
A contemplative connection

Last Halloween night I ran into the local pharmacy chain to pick up a bag of candy for the kids. To my surprise, most of the bag candy, plastic jack-o-lanterns, costumes, masks, skeletons and mummies had vanished from the shelves. Two red vested employees were mechanically restocking row after row with fake holly, spruce candles, golden garland and Santa Claus statues of all sizes and price points. October 31<sup>st</sup>! It's "go-time" for another retail blizzard, and like Tom Brady in the red zone, it will not be stopped, resisted, or denied...

...or will it?

**Beginning the first week in December**, TriCon small groups will gather in cozy living rooms for 3 consecutive weekly conversations. We will realign, reimagine, and reclaim the sacred season of Advent.

*Finding Blessing*  
**In The Blizzard**  
A contemplative connection

We will explore three styles of contemplative prayer; the quiet practice of experiencing the presence of God in silence, quiet worship, and conversation. We will gather with one another in the hope of regaining our balance and equilibrium even in the whirlwind of consumer bedlam, checkout lines, shopping lists, and full parking

lots. We will sit together and breathe in God's grace as we look expectantly toward the silent and holy night of Christ's birth. Sign up on our website or in person each Sunday after worship in the parish hall.

- Week 1 *Breath Prayer*
- Week 2 *Centering Prayer*
- Week 3 *Silent Prayer*

# *Mitten* **Tree**



Again this year, we will have a mitten tree in the parish hall during Advent where you may select a mitten providing information about a toy or an article of clothing that you purchase for one of the children at the Transitions Shelter for homeless woman and their children located in Devens, MA.



A special invitation for all the women  
in the church to enjoy fellowship  
and tasty treats at an

## *Advent Tea*

*Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.*

If you would like, please bring a small gift for one of the moms  
at the Transitions Shelter.

These women, who have so little, would be delighted to receive  
lotion, cologne, shampoo, conditioner, gloves, costume jewelry.

Sign up in the parish hall or call the church office.



## ITEMS OF INTEREST



### **NEW SECTION OF WEBSITE FOR PARISHIONERS!**

There is a new section called "Parishioners" on our website that has been developed specifically for you. You can find it at [www.triconchurch.org](http://www.triconchurch.org) in the upper right hand corner. It has quick links to important church information including Church School Parent's Resource Pages, Confirmation/SEEKERS/Sr. High Youth Group schedules and forms, link to Donations page, Instructions for Ushers and Candlelighters, Church Bylaws, etc. It is password protected because it may contain some confidential information. ***Please email [login@triconchurch.org](mailto:login@triconchurch.org) to get the login name and password and start using this great resource of information.***

### **Volunteers Needed For HOLIDAY GIFT BAG PROJECT**

Concord Prison Outreach

Volunteers are needed to help sort gift bag items and prepare the gift bags at Trinity Episcopal Church weekday mornings from **Tuesday, December 1 through Friday, December 11 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**In addition there will be two evening sessions: Wednesday, December 2 and Tuesday, December 8 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Volunteers are asked to sign up in advance for the evening sessions by contacting Carol Miller (978 369-3755 or [carolhmiller@comcast.net](mailto:carolhmiller@comcast.net)).

Sessions will be cancelled on days when the Concord schools are closed for snow.

The list of gift bag items is available in the TriCon parish hall.

## THE SEASON OF GIVING CATALOG

Once again this holiday season, we will be publishing our Season of Giving catalog. The catalog contains information for a number of worthwhile causes any of which you may want to include on your Christmas list.

Whether you are interested in purchasing Cambodian bags, giving gifts to City Mission Society, Concord prisoners, or food for the hungry, you will find these and other worthwhile causes in our Season of Giving catalog. Watch for it in your mail.

## ADVENT RESOURCES

The Advent/Christmas season is not always a joyous time for everyone. Those who are feeling depressed or stressed may find it hard to get into the spirit and it can be particularly difficult for those who have recently lost a loved one.

In the parish hall, we have a collection of Care Notes - small booklets that provide helpful advice on getting through the holidays when you are finding it difficult to feel the joy of the season. Feel free to take them for yourself or to give to a friend or relative.

## CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you were unable to schedule an appointment for our new church photo directory, and you would like to submit a photo, we will be able to accept photos until Monday, November 30 (the Monday after Thanksgiving).

Please call the church office for detailed information.

## HOUSE SITTING IN JAMAICA PLAIN

There is a house sitting opportunity for a responsible young adult who might want to spend January and February in the city - must be willing to care for pets (cats) and shovel the driveway. Contact the church office if interested.

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## OUR MISSION EFFORTS

**Below is the first in a series about one of the agencies TriCon supports in its mission efforts.**

### REACH Beyond Domestic Violence

REACH is committed to advancing the safety, healing and empowerment of those experiencing domestic or relationship violence. It provides direct services and education while promoting social justice for individuals and families of all backgrounds.

REACH has an emergency shelter, child and adolescent therapy and prevention programs. It serves 27 communities and works with adults and children in need of domestic and dating violence advocacy and services, serving approximately 6,000 people annually.

TriCon has supported REACH for 31 years. Our donation this year will be put towards their Community Program that provides support for those who choose not to enter the shelter. Through the Community Program, individuals are paired with an Advocate who provides a constant presence in their lives; standing with them in court, helping them with safety plans, connecting them to support groups and providing other services for them.

REACH has volunteer opportunities in a number of areas including childcare, administrative tasks, education and legal assistance. A commitment of 2-4 hours per week is needed. More information can be found on their website [reachma.org](http://reachma.org).

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## THANKS FOR GIVING

*We are very grateful for the Trinitarian Congregational Church's donation of backpacks filled with school supplies and nursery items. ....Thank you for your generous response to the urgent needs of the 300,000 children who live in low-income or homeless situations in Massachusetts - and your commitment to assuring that Cradles to Crayons continues to be a resource these families can rely on. With gratitude, Sharon Reilly*

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## 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](mailto:jwalpole@triconchurch.org) or [abruning@triconchurch.org](mailto: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.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Caroling Night at Northeastern Correctional Center**



**Friday, December 4, 2015  
6:45 – 9:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the joy of the holiday season where inmates, adult community members and prison staff gather together

**RSVP by Friday, November 27th**

Email your full legal name, driver's license/state issued ID #, date of birth and phone number to:  
[events@concordprisonoutreach.org](mailto:events@concordprisonoutreach.org)  
or call 617-286-6728.

Sponsored by Concord Prison Outreach  
and the prison chaplains

### **VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED**

Hundreds of men at MCI-Concord (many of whom have been on waiting lists for years) are in need of tutors to help them pass the HiSet exam, which is the new equivalent of the GED, or basic high school equivalency test that is being used throughout the Commonwealth. To meet this basic demand, Concord Prison Outreach is now gearing up to staff tutoring programs to help teach reading comprehension and expository writing, as well as math (particularly algebra).

If you or anyone you know may be interested in being involved, please contact Holly Lapp, Administrative Assistant and Interim Outreach Coordinator at:

[holly@concordprisonoutreach.org](mailto:holly@concordprisonoutreach.org). There is also a need for HiSet tutors at Northeastern Correctional Center, though the initial focus is on MCI-Concord.

### **THE LEADING AGE**

The Leading Age Annual Meeting and Expo comes to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center from November 1-4. Representing two areas, Continuing Care and Retirement Communities and as part of TriCon's outreach, John Lombard will be a delegate to the four day conference. In addition to an extraordinary variety of education sessions and more than 500 exhibitors dealing with supplying the needs of the aging, there are general sessions of special interest.

Monday (11/2), Dr. Atul Gawande, local surgeon and acclaimed author of the recent best-seller, *Being Mortal*, will speak on socially fulfilling models for assisting the elderly to live rich and dignified lives even, and especially, in the last season of life. Gawande's book is available in TriCon's library and is highly recommended to families with a desire to enhance elder family members' lives as they journey through life's reverent final passage.

Tuesday (11/3), best-selling author, Daniel Pink, speaks on "The art of Motivation" and what personal qualities and skills are necessary to motivate others.

For more information on the options and opportunities available through this remarkable conference, visit [leadingage.org/annualmeeting](http://leadingage.org/annualmeeting). Use the website, as well, to register to attend. While registration fees are required of delegates, et al, there is no charge for residents of Continuing Care Retirement Communities and for elders.



## ***Come to the Table - Share in the Bounty***

Our annual stewardship campaign has begun. The theme is *Come to the Table, Share in the Bounty* - it is an invitation and a promise. You are invited to the table and promised that you will find bountiful opportunities there. This is the time of year when we ask for your commitment so that the table might be set and the bounty is available for all to share.

Our gifts and pledges provide over 80% of our operating budget. With that budget, through God's grace, we create bountiful opportunities to participate in the life of the church, through worship, music, fellowship, service, adult education, programs for children and youth, we maintain our lovely sanctuary, parsonage, and grounds, and we fund our mission outreach.

Through stewardship we both give and receive. We become partners in faith, in work, and in spiritual growth, nurturing hope, sharing joys and concerns, enjoying one another's companionship, and receiving support and care when we are in need.

It is very much like the Stone Soup story - if we each add a little to the soup pot, to the extent that we are able, with God's help and blessing, our combined contributions provide a bounty in which we can all partake richly and which we can share with our fellow travelers on this earth.

So, please, come to the table. Your place is set, accept the invitation and cheerfully and joyfully bring your commitment.



**CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS****Church School Newsletter Now On-Line**

Our monthly Church School newsletter is now available on-line! Church School families, and any other interested TriCon members, will receive our newsletter via MailChimp, our new on-line email provider. In addition to important detailed program and event information, this version of our newsletter will also include Carrie's Comments, photos and links to click that will directly connect you to family resources, Class Liaisons and other program volunteer staff, and our TriCon website. Only our Church School calendar and special announcements will be included in the monthly TriCon newsletter.

All registered 2015 - 2016 families are already on our on-line email distribution list.

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](mailto:cobrien@triconchurch.org). Please also visit our church website at [www.triconchurch.org](http://www.triconchurch.org).

**CHURCH SCHOOL NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

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

*Nursery, Pre-K and K age children go directly to their classrooms at the beginning of the morning.*

*1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders begin the morning in worship and are then released to their classrooms.*

**Sunday, November 1**

10:00AM Church School

**Sunday, November 8**

10:00AM Church School

10:00AM Kindergarten Bibles

**Sunday, November 15**

10:00AM Church School

**Monday, November 16**

7:00PM SEEKERS Baking for Open Table

**Tuesday, November 17**

7:00PM Liaison Meeting

**Sunday, November 22**

8:30AM Teacher Training

10:00AM Church School

**Sunday, November 29**

10:00AM Family Worship

Childcare available up to age five

*To sign up to receive the Church School newsletter, please contact Carrie O'Brien at [cobrien@triconchurch.org](mailto:cobrien@triconchurch.org) or call the church office.*

## Mission Trip Fund-Raising

We have a fantastic, enthusiastic group of 47 teens and 8 adult leaders who will travel to Webster Springs, West Virginia during the February school vacation to provide direct services to the people of this impoverished area. The youth and their families pay a fee for the trip and the Mission Committee provides a grant from our Mission budget but each year the congregation generously supports fund-raising efforts to cover additional expenses, including the airfare and program fees for the chaperones.

Once again, we will be raffling off some great prizes – please look for the Mission Trip table at coffee hours later in the month. Your purchase of a raffle ticket (or tickets) will support the team and you might even win something for yourself!



### YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, November 1, 8, 15 and 22 7:00 p.m.  
NO Youth Group Sunday, November 29

### MISSION TRIP 2016 February 13 – 20 --- Webster Springs, WV

**Sunday, November 1** Balance of Mission Trip payment due  
**Sunday, November 15, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** Mission Trip Meeting  
**Sunday, November 15, 1:30 – 2:00 p.m.** Mission Trip Parent Meeting

For more information, contact Nick Bruning at [nbruning@triconchurch.org](mailto:nbruning@triconchurch.org)

### DISCUSSION GROUP

**Wednesdays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. No Discussion Group on Wednesdays, November 11 and 25**

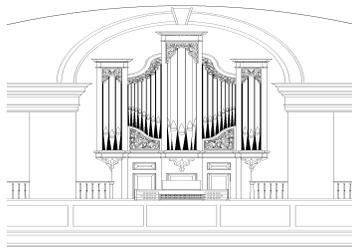
Discussion Group meets in the Youth Room on the lower level every Wednesday. If you're new, come tell us what's on your mind. If you've been to Discussion Group before, come bring your opinions, and let yourself be heard. You are not alone.



### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, November 8, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Jesus Part I** Confirmands & Mentors  
Read: *Words for the Journey*  
Chapter 2, Jesus

Sunday, November 22, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Jesus Part II** Confirmands  
Review: Chapter 2, Jesus



## ***Our Song Shall Rise to Thee***

### ***Noack, Opus 159***

Our Organ Campaign continues towards the goal of \$1.5 million to cover the cost of the organ and the construction needed to accommodate it and the choir in the back balcony. To date, we have pledges and gifts of just over \$1,240,000. If you have not yet contributed or if you can make another contribution, please consider doing so. Every gift is valued and appreciated.

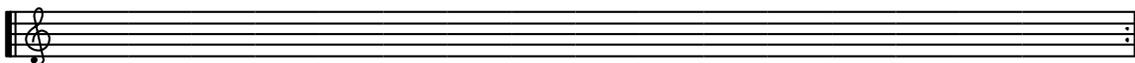
Proposals have been received from contractors and a contract will be signed soon. Construction is anticipated to start very soon after the first of the year with the completion date for both the construction and the organ installation slated for June.

To reduce the cost and length of the project and to address safety concerns, we will not use the sanctuary during the construction period but we are very fortunate to have 51 Walden available for our worship services on most Sundays. We would still have church school in the usual spaces, coffee hour in the parish hall and the parlor, gathering room and lower level for meetings and forums. There will be more information available on the schedule and needed accommodations once the contractor is in place.

Meanwhile, the Noack Organ staff have finished making the Great and Pedal chests (upon which pipes will sit), the shell of the console (which will house the pedalboard, keyboards and stop controls), and most of the wooden pipes. In process are the Swell chest, parts of the outer case, the console chassis (with the mechanical parts) and a temporary floor (mimicking our balcony's floor). They will soon begin to construct roller boards, which accommodate the rollers that transfer the direction of motion from side to side or vertically and horizontally.

If you have not yet make a pledge or contribution, please consider doing so now. All donors, large and small, will be listed in the commemorative program when the organ is dedicated.

Full participation is critical and every contribution is important!



I/we wish to pledge/give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Organ Campaign to be paid over:  
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Donations may also be made online thru our website: [triconchurch.org](http://triconchurch.org)



# Pot Luck Dinner

**The TriCon Fellowship Committee Invites YOU**  
*Friday, November 13th, 5:30-8:30pm*  
*(dinner served at 6:30)*

You can sign up *online* through our website [www.triconchurch.org](http://www.triconchurch.org) by following a link to the Pot Luck sign up page. You can sign up *in person* at our table in the parish hall following worship. Or, feel free to *call* the church office at 978-369-4837.

*Everyone is welcome!*

Families with children of all ages are encouraged to attend (we will have age appropriate movies and pizza for the kids, toddlers to teens, set up in the parlor for the youngest, and down in the youth room for the older).

Before our focus turns to the holidays and the busyness of the season, let's take a night to relax and enjoy the company of friends we know, and friends perhaps we've not yet met. See you there!

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