

CHURCH SCHOOL

If you are new to our church and would like to find out more information about our program, Nursery through 8th grade, please contact Carrie O'Brien, Church School Director, at 978-369-4837 or cobrien@triconchurch.org. Church School registration forms for new families can be found on the TriCon website, www.triconchurch.org.

TODAY

All of our child care providers are on the Youth Group Mission Trip to TX. Child care will not be available today. However, parents are welcome to use the nursery if you need it.

Coming Up

Sunday, February 25th

Winter Break

Monday, February 26th

SEEKERS Portland Payment due

Sunday, March 4th

Children's Chapel followed by Church School

Pre-Portland SEEKERS Meeting

Sunday, March 11th

Mission Trip Worship Service

Parents are responsible for supervising their children prior to and following worship.

Open Table - February 2018

Jams & Jellies



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Events and Comments February 18, 2018

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www.triconchurch.org and find us on Facebook

WELCOME

Welcome to our worship service. Hearing aid units and large print bulletins are available from the ushers. We also have a hearing loop for those with compatible hearing aids.

Head ushers are: Craig and Leslie Lilly. **Ushers/greeters are:** Tom and Ruth Piper.
Coffee servers are: John and Kathy Flynn.

IF YOU ARE NEW AT TRICON TODAY -- We invite you to sign our guest book located on the podium in the sanctuary entrance. Please pick up information about the church in the entry or at the welcome table in the parish hall.

DO YOU NEED A NAMETAG? Please put a note in the offering plate or notify the church office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

ANCHOR GROUP (Men's Group) the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m. - church parlor.

MEDITATION GROUP meets Mondays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Note time change.)

CAREGIVERS GROUP will meet on Wednesday, February 21.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING after church during coffee hour

ANNUAL REPORTS FOR 2017 are now available in the parish hall or the narthex.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PROGRESS

As we move forward with our transition process to select a senior minister, the Search Committee is hard at work. We can all show our support for them by signing the calendar in the parish hall for a day, or two, to pray for these committed individuals. Look for the yellow poster, it has more details and information. And thank you!!

OFFERING ENVELOPES Canary yellow offering envelopes for the year 2018 are available on the literature table in the parish hall. Feel free to take as many as you need. Please put your name and your giving code (if you know it) on the outside of the envelope.

ALTAR FLOWERS If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday service in 2018, you may sign up on the flower chart in the parish hall or on our website.

TRICON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for World Day of Prayer

The 2018 World Day of Prayer service will take place on Friday, March 2 at 11:00 A.M. at West Concord Union Church. A light luncheon and fellowship will follow. TriCon participants, both in the planning and in the Service are needed. For further information and to volunteer, please contact Patience Jackson at (978)897-4956 or patiencekj@aol.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 19

PRESIDENTS' DAY
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 a.m. – Anchor Group

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 a.m. – Caregivers Group

Thursday, February 22

7:45 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 17 – Mission Trip Returns

Sunday, February 25

10:00 a.m. – Service of Worship

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Current status

- In late January, the Church Council approved a final TriCon Church Profile, which was submitted to both the Mass Conference of the UCC and Rev. Bob Brown
- After review of the TriCon Church Profile, Rev. Brown indicated his desire to be considered for the position of settled senior minister at TriCon
- The Mass Conference of the UCC released Rev. Brown's Ministerial Profile to the Search Committee

Next steps

Evaluation Process Foundations (February 2018): The Search Committee committed to developing a deliberate and mindful process for evaluating any Senior Minister candidates. Although Rev. Brown will be the first candidate, the Search Committee recognizes their responsibility to develop a complete and prayerful evaluation process. As Prescott Stewart noted, "each member of the Search Committee comes to this process with personal opinions and bias; but we have committed to 'checking these biases at the door.'" Prescott added that the Search Committee has committed to a group mantra—Trust the Process.

Candidate Evaluation and Selection (March 2018+): In March, the Search Committee will conduct a "mock interview" with a newly-settled minister. After completion of that interview, the Committee will interview Rev. Brown. The Committee anticipates multiple interviews with Rev. Brown.

Throughout this process, the Search Committee is committed to a transparent process with the TriCon congregation, within the bounds of respecting the confidentiality of the interview and evaluation process. The Search Committee welcomes questions from our church family throughout this process. For more information, see the March Newsletter.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FISH (Friends in Service Helping) has been providing FREE rides to medical appointments for Concord residents and others in the greater Boston area for over 40 years. Volunteers are needed at this time to pick up phone messages one day a month or to drive one day a month. For more information or to volunteer, contact Louise Haldeman at 978 369-8562 or Joan Neisser at 978 369-5925.

