

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.

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

Coming up

Sunday, April 22nd – School vacation – children worship with their families

Sunday, April 29th – Intergenerational Family Service

OPEN TABLE DONATIONS

Please leave your donations in BAGS in the white bin in the Parish Hall. (It is difficult for those transporting the food if it is not in bags.) If you have extra brown grocery bags at home, Open Table can always use those, too.

Open Table - APRIL 2018

Dried Beans & Legumes
particularly Black Beans

These nutritious staples are very much appreciated by our neighbors at the Open Table Pantry.

Helping Our Neighbors Locally and Globally Serving Over 300 Guests Weekly

TRICON OUTREACH Concord & Maynard

Events and Comments

April 15, 2018

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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: Tom and Charity Tremblay. **Ushers/greeters are:** Susan Kluge, Jill Robitaille, Susie Baldwin.

Coffee servers are: Russell Sanna and Mary Hennings.

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.

We are delighted to have pianist Noriko Yasuda with us again this morning. An active vocal coach and accompanist in the Boston area, she has worked with Boston Lyric Opera, Boston Baroque, Handel and Haydn Society, Chorus Pro Musica, New England String Ensemble, and La Donna Musicale. She is the principal coach at Longy Opera Workshop and Opera North, and staff accompanist/coach at the BU Opera Program. She regularly teaches and gives master classes in her native Japan.

We are always happy when Matt DiBattista is home with us. Matt returned from March performances with West Palm Beach Opera in time for Maundy Thursday, and he'll spend the summer at Santa Fe Opera, where he has been cast in both *Ariadne auf Naxos* by Strauss and Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*.

STAFF NEWS Youth Leader, Nick Bruning, has accepted a job at *Community Servings*, a non-profit that provides nutritious meals for individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses. We are pleased for Nick that he will be using his skills and gifts of managing, organizing and engaging staff and volunteers at this wonderful organization that we support thru our mission.

This does, however, mean that Nick will be leaving his position as our Youth Leader at the end of this school year. The Personnel Committee and church staff are putting plans in place to fill the position and ensure the continuation of leadership for our important youth ministry.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

UPDATE FROM THE MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

To the Congregation: We are pleased to provide a general update on the search process for a new Senior Minister. As most of you know, our committee was formed early in November 2017 to have the appropriate time to team-build, immerse ourselves in the final stages of the transition process, and to prepare ourselves for the upcoming search. There was a very thoughtful and thorough process recommended to us from the UCC, in which we have put our faith and have followed appropriately. As prescribed in our own internal TriCon process, the first step in receiving candidates was to consider the profile of Rev. Bob Brown. We received his profile in mid-late February 2018, and we began our discernment of Rev. Brown's candidacy in early March 2018, approximately one month ago.

Our last month has been extremely productive, engaging in a very thoughtful process with Rev. Brown. Every member of this committee has dedicated themselves wholeheartedly to this process and has put a great deal of thought, energy, prayer, deliberation, and contemplation into our work. While we do not want to put a definitive timeline on our process with Rev. Brown, we certainly are in the later stages of that process, and we envision a recommendation on Bob's candidacy this spring. Please know how grateful we are for the Congregation's ongoing support, patience and prayers. You all have entrusted us with an incredibly important task that we are taking very seriously. Our goal is to represent your collective voice in this process to bring forward the best candidate possible to fulfill God's vision for TriCon, something we are very committed to doing. Thank you.
The Search Committee

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.

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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 16 - PATRIOTS' DAY
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 17
7:00 a.m. - Anchor Group

Wednesday, April 18
10:00 a.m. - Caregivers
7:30 p.m. - Youth Discussion

Thursday, April 19
7:45 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 22
10:00 a.m. - Service of Worship