

## CHURCH SCHOOL

If you are new to our church and would like to find out more information about our program, Nursery through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, please contact Carrie O'Brien, Church School Director, at 978-369-4837 or [cobrien@triconchurch.org](mailto:cobrien@triconchurch.org).

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

### Coming up

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – 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 22, 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:** Nick and Ann Noyes. **Ushers/greeters are:** Marty Oberrender, Skip and Joanne Saideh, Stuart and Barbara Freeland.

**Coffee servers are:** Richard Hollingsworth and Kara Chappie.

**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.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT INFO!** Betsy Swaim and Demi Ayres will be available in the Parish Hall following this morning's service to answer any questions about the Women's Retreat.

### CLIMATE JUSTICE SUNDAY – next Sunday, April 29

Environmental justice advocacy is an important part of our faith tradition in the UCC.

*We believe that God calls us to be servants in the service of others  
and to be good stewards of the earth's resources.*

*"To believe is to care; to care is to do."*

Please join us for this family Sunday with Rev. Bob Brown preaching and special music with the children directed by Bob Lawson.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 23

10:30 a.m. – Meditation Group

### Wednesday, April 25

12:00 p.m. - Knitwits

7:30 p.m. – Youth Discussion

### Thursday, April 26

7:45 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 29 – Climate Justice Sunday

10:00 a.m. – Service of Worship

7:00 p.m. – Youth Group