



The Pastoral Perspective

Since our congregation's unanimous vote at its Annual Meeting in February to purchase a new Noack pipe organ, the launch of the subsequent \$1.5 million capital campaign kick-off on Easter Sunday to secure funds for the organ and its installation, and the "first report" to the congregation at a wonderful May celebration worship service a month later with initial commitments of \$958,000 toward our goal, I have simply marveled at the hard work, depth, and breadth of our congregation's dedicated efforts to make the dream of a new and much-needed organ a reality. A year from this month, all things being on schedule, we should be putting in place an exquisite musical instrument which will serve our congregation, the larger community, and, indeed, the metropolitan Boston area for generations to come. How exciting it is and what a privilege to be an integral part of making real this remarkable project unique in our church's history! Hopefully, everyone reading this article will take the opportunity, if they have not already done so, to join friends, neighbors, and fellow members in generously, if not sacrificially, making a pledge and supporting this once-in-a-lifetime challenge, the results of which will make TriCon a center of musical excellence and enjoyment in the greater Boston area for ages to come. Beyond which, the worth of the current effort of what we are about extends far beyond the promise of great music. It speaks powerfully to our sense of community, both the privileges and responsibilities of belonging here, as well as how we connect and come together out of common concern for a common purpose and all to the benefit of the common and greater good.

One of the earliest stories with which I regaled a previous congregation comes from the days when humans were physically engaged working a pump to enable organs to produce music in churches. One such instance involved a small boy behind a screen who was hard at work pumping an organ while a famous organist played to an approving audience. During the intermission, the small boy said proudly to the famous organist, "Aren't we wonderful?" "Who's we?" retorted the organist rather abruptly. A few minutes later the organist returned to the console and went through all the motions of playing, but no music came forth. Again and again, he began, but no music was heard. Finally, a voice came from behind the screen, "Now, who's we?"

You and I and untold others are incredibly blessed with the prospect of a wonderful new organ which will serve beautifully the musical needs of our congregation in Concord and beyond in all the seasons of life. We are fortunate to have access to the resources to make this happen, thanks to the historic kindness, caring, and generosity of members and friends of TriCon. Thus, our current effort is far broader and all-encompassing than simply a musical matter, securing a new organ. It is about who we are as a community of God's people in this unique time and place and about how all of us, regardless of the roles we play in the life of our community of faith, interact with one another and how each



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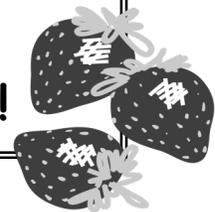
On summer Sundays our service of worship is at 10:00 a.m.

The two exceptions to this will be **Sundays, July 19 and 26** when we will be worshipping at West Concord Union Church. Their service is at 9:45 a.m.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



On Sunday, June 7th,
the Fellowship Committee will host a
Strawberry Festival!
Enjoy hot dogs, chips, munchies and
strawberry shortcake!
Plan to stay after worship & enjoy!



Sunday June 7 at 5:30 PM
The practice of *sacred silence*
Prayer and Meditation led by Rev. Bob Brown

Be still
&
know
that I AM
God



Psalm 46:10

FIRST|Sunday Worship
Informal
Interactive
&
Curiously Spiritual



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 coffee and 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. There are registration forms for Church School for nursery through middle school in the parish hall. For more information, contact Christian Education Director, Carrie O'Brien. For more information on the youth programs, contact Youth Leader, Nick Bruning or Associate Minister, Rev. Bob Brown. Call the church office if you have any questions.

Exploring Membership

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

Offered at two different times – select the one that best fits your schedule:

Sunday, May 31
11:30 a.m. - brunch

or

Monday, June 1
11:00 a.m. -- light lunch

Please call the church office, 978 369-4837, if you would like to participate in either of these gatherings.

New Members will join the church on Sunday, June 14.



Were you born in 1935 or before?

If so, we hope you will come to our annual birthday party for those in our congregation who have celebrated (or will this year) their 80th birthday.

It is scheduled for **Thursday, June 4 at noon** and will include luncheon, some light entertainment and of course a birthday cake! Please let the church office know if you are eligible and have not been invited.

CAREGIVERS GROUP

The TriCon Caregivers Group is an opportunity for our parishioners and friends in caregiving roles to come together. This confidential group, shares 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 join the TriCon Caregivers Group. **We will meet on Wednesdays, June 10 and 24 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.**

Come as your schedule allows. Call the church office, 978 369-4837, for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE COMMUNITY

TriCon volunteers are needed to work at the Open Table in Maynard the third Monday of each month. You can serve dinner from 5:45 – 7:15 or help in the pantry at 4:30. Email Polly Vanasse (vanassefamily@comcast.net) if you can help. **The next date is Monday, June 15.** Your help will be greatly appreciated! Sign up in the parish hall.



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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during the service on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. If you would like to have your child baptized or you would like to be baptized yourself, please call the church office 978 369-4837 by June 8.



45TH ANNUAL ANTIQUÉ SHOW & SALE

Friday, November 6
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 7
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

OPEN TABLE - JUNE

Cereal of All Kinds

*From Cocoa Puffs to Healthy Stuff
Rice Crispies, Special K,
Organic Flax
Lucky Charms and Apple Jacks
Total, Cheerios, Raisin Bran,
Every variety will have a fan!*

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

YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays, 7:30 – 8:30

Discussion Group will meet in the Youth Room on the lower level on Wednesdays thru June 24. 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!

Did you attend the Mission Trip Dinner and liked what you ate??

Do you need some inspiration for dinner tonight??

Check out our **TriCon Facebook** page for a copy of the recipe for the

*Jamaican Browned
Chicken Stew
over Caribbean
Rice and Beans*



Thank you all who attended our dinner and thanks to all for donations that helped our youth Mission Trip to Jamaica this past April have such a meaningful and successful week of work.



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LIFE CHANGES

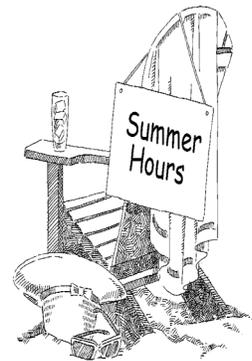
WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy to Ellen and David Mushlitz and their family. Ellen's father, Edward B. Hughes, died on May 10. A service will be held in CT in June.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Monday,
June 29,
the Church Office will
be open
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Green OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2015 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.

SERMONS ON FACEBOOK

You can HEAR SERMONS
on line by going to

www.triconchurch.org

OR

Facebook.com and search
Trinitarian Congregational Church



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.

SAY CHEESE!

It's been almost five years since we did a church photo directory. It's time to do another! We have lots of new people we need to include and those of us who were in the last directory have all gotten younger and thinner, so ... Next October, we will be scheduling photo sessions. There is no cost and everyone photographed gets a free photo. Watch for more information in future newsletters.



ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday service in 2015, you may sign up on the flower chart in the parish hall.

"THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF ME AND PAUL REVERE"

The midnight ride of Paul Revere is a story known to all Bostonians but do you know the inside story? TriCon's own, Bob Lawson, and his colleagues, Miles Marcus, the Minuteman puppet, and Peter Cancilla, Master Puppeteer, have produced an original 8-minute movie telling the story from the point of view of Brown Beauty, Revere's horse, and featuring puppets interacting with Colonial re-enactors. We had a showing of the movie at coffee hour on May 17 and now everyone can enjoy it at Youtube.com/VaudevillePictures. Don't miss this fun-for-all-ages movie!

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.

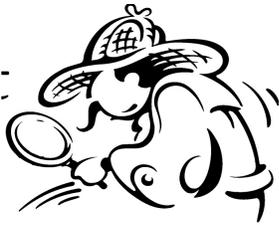
If you have any questions, please call or email Judy or Amy at the church office: (jwalpole@triconchurch.org or abruning@triconchurch.org).

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.

Lost & Found



LOST NOT FOUND!!! A black, down jacket, size large, was mistakenly taken from the coat closet on Easter. Please check your closets to see if you have the wrong jacket. Now that winter is over, you may not be using it before Autumn.

DO WE HAVE YOUR KEYS? We have found two keys on a ring. Both keys have plastic grips. They can be picked up in the church office.

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.

The deadline for the
July Newsletter
is June 15.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DISCOVERY DAY FOR SENIORS AT THE PLAYSCAPE AT RIPLEY

The **Playscape at Ripley** is a multigenerational, universally-accessible nature-based park and play space for all ages and abilities in Concord. Discover the Playscape at a Discovery Day for Seniors on Monday, June 8, from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. This event is free and will have fun activities, including art activities; local experts speaking on the Playscape plantings, flora and fauna of the East Quarter, and local birds; a planting activity; and refreshments. The Playscape is located at the Ripley School Administration building, 120 Meriam Road. For information, contact Playscape committee member Jennifer Saxe at (978) 369-6790.



CHANGING LIVES
AT ALL AGES AND STAGES



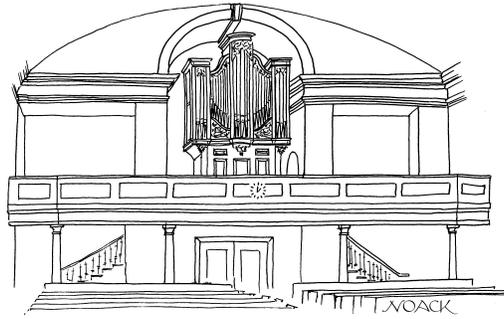
Never is our Church theme demonstrated more fully than at the annual Mission Trip Service. This year's service led by our team of 53 young people and 8 adult leaders who traveled to Catadupa, Jamaica during April vacation was no exception.

Rev. Bob Brown led off the service with a rousing **"Blessings on Your Day, Much Respect, Mun"** – the greeting that met our group day in and day out as they encountered the friendly, welcoming people of Jamaica.

The testimony given at the service by seven of the teens and two of the leaders included the following:

- "We get much more from the people we serve than we receive and that is why we go."
- "Every person's outlook changes."
- "It's a week of reality checks and eye opening experiences."
- "Seven days, 400 hours, 400 lives changed, 400 new relationships, – it made me realize how much good I can do in a short time."
- "It is my favorite week of the year."
- "Because of TriCon I have had this amazing opportunity to meet someone I would never have met otherwise."
- "The trip is profoundly impactful on both the youth and the adults."
- "The Divine is felt and seen – God's presence is there in ways, large and small."
- "TriCon is the most special and most important community I have ever been a part of and I am so grateful for these experiences."
- "It was crazy hard work and the most fun I have ever had."
- "In the blazing Jamaican sun, under strenuous conditions, our young people worked consistently without complaint."
- "It was an experience I will never forget."
- "I have seen a side of myself that I never would have seen without these trips."

An audio recording of the service is available thru our website – triconchurch.org and it well worth the listening!



Our Song Shall Rise to Thee

- February – Following months of work and, literally, years of study, we voted to commission a new pipe organ and locate it and the choir in the rear balcony. A contract was signed with the Noack Organ Company of Georgetown, MA.
- March – Work began on the organ with the final selection of pipes and the beginning of drawings.
- April – A Campaign was launched to raise the \$1.5 million needed for the organ and the related construction modifications.
- May – A celebration of our Music Ministry was held on 5/10 and Moderator, Bill Ackles announced that pledges and donations totaled \$958,000.
- **Since then additional donations have been received bringing the current total of gifts and pledges as of May 19th to \$1,008,250.**
- June – Pipes and other materials for the organ will be secured. Architectural drawings for the construction will begin to take shape.

**Much has happened.....
Much will continue to happen.....**

But something important is missing.....

Could it be YOU?

Thank you to all who have responded. If you have not yet done so,
please consider a pledge or gift to the Organ Campaign.

Full participation is critical and every contribution is important!

I/we wish to support the Organ Campaign with a pledge/gift of

\$ _____ be paid over 1 2 3 years

Name/s: _____ **Phone:** _____

This slip may be returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

TriCon's
EASTER OFFERING

Our TriCon
Community
DONATED \$9,675
towards the annual
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THANKS TRICON*

Mariann Bucina Roca, Executive Director of Friends of Boston's Homeless, mailed a lovely thank you letter upon receiving our Easter donation of \$9,675. She writes, "Thank you so much for your very generous support of our community's vulnerable people. Your [donation] will indeed bring much comfort and hope to many... [homelessness is] a serious human crisis in our community and one made much more difficult by an especially brutal winter."

She goes on to say, "Your donation will help meet critical needs for hundreds of people: new socks and underwear, toiletry items, duffel bags and back packs ... and, nutrition shakes and protein bars for the elderly and those living with HIV/AIDS." And, "Just as important, your gift will help continue to end homelessness for those living in shelters and on the streets ... by removing the final barriers to housing for people and connecting them with the support they need to rebuild their lives."