



The Pastoral Perspective

A wise soul got me thinking the other day about all that I am missing in life. “How could that be,” I wondered, “especially being surrounded as I am with a beautiful world, blessed with all sorts of significant relationships – family, friends, colleagues, church, community, et al, and living a life bathed in opportunities galore to make meaningful and purposeful my days?” But this is how the matter was framed by this sage man.

“The more often we see the things around us – even the beautiful and wonderful things – the more they become invisible to us. That is why we often take for granted the beauty of this world: the flowers, the trees, the birds, the clouds – even those we love. Because we see things so often, we see them less and less.” What an intriguing thought!

I have decided to take these summer days so generously provided by a good and gracious Creator to see “more and more,” to “make visible” to my heart and soul as well as to my eyes all that is precious and, yet, ironically, sometimes overlooked because of being exquisitely ordinary or common and perhaps unseen by being intimately present. To see if by slowing the pace of my life, stepping back and considering the grand and glorious ways God is revealed to me in every moment of life, being far more intentional, if not critically, acutely, and curiously focused on the precious “givens” of my world, I may finally “see” or discern what has been there – “invisible” -- all along. And, with an appreciative heart, thank God for all these gifts of grace.

I invite you to join me!

Summer blessings,



PLEASE NOTE

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.

JULY WORSHIP

July 5	Service at 10:00	Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching
July 12	Service at 10:00	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
July 19	Service at 9:45 at West Concord Union Church	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
July 26	Service at 9:45 at West Concord Union Church	Rev. Hannah Brown preaching

AUGUST WORSHIP

We will have joint services with West Concord Union Church at TriCon in our air conditioned parish hall at 10:00 a.m. on:

August 2	Service at 10:00	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
August 9	Service at 10:00	Rev. Hannah Brown preaching

Our regular summer services will continue on:

August 16	Service at 10:00	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
August 23	Service at 10:00	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
August 30	Service at 10:00	Nancy Haynes preaching

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 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.

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.

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, July 8 and 29 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.**

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



**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE AT TRICON Friday, July 31 - 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

On Friday, July 31, TriCon will host a Red Cross Blood Drive. If you would like to volunteer to help at the Blood Drive, please call the church office by July 15. Teenagers who help out can earn community service time.

Information on signing up to be a blood donor will be available in mid-July.

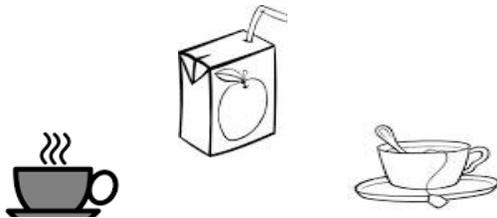
The deadline for the
August Newsletter
is July 15.



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 JULY & AUGUST

Coffee, Tea and 100% Juice

Our friends at Open Table would welcome donations of:

coffee (instant or perk);

tea (caffeinated or decaf);

100 % juice (bottles or single serve cartons).

Thank you!

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

CONGRATULATIONS



Nick Ackley is the son of Brian and Marcia Ackley and brother of Meredith. Nick was an active participant in Youth Group all four years

and able to attend three Mission Trips. Nick graduated from Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School, where he participated in cross-country and track all four years. He missed his Jr. year Mission Trip because of a conflict with the State Championship Indoor Track meet. He will be attending the University of Hartford in the Fall where he will study biomedical engineering and run track for the school.

Molly Chestnut Callahan is the daughter of Michael and Joanie Callahan, sister of Emily, Tara, and Conor, and proud aunt of adorable nephew, Cormac. Molly valued her time with TriCon, exploring her spirituality and sharing in the community, especially its love of music! She will be attending Muhlenberg College and hopes to continue pursuing her many varied interests with vigor but wishes she could take her dog, Rascal, with her! Molly's family is so proud of the person she is, a wonderful combination of energetic passions and "old soul" sensitivity and insight. Many adventures lay ahead and we know she will jump in with both feet!

Anna DeLong is the daughter of Dave DeLong and Sue Gladstone, and the sister of Sara DeLong. Anna was active in Discussion Group and went on two Mission Trips during her high school years. She attended the Cambridge School of Weston where she enjoyed being the captain of the Girls Varsity Soccer team and the Co-Manager of the school's A Capella Group. She was involved in theater as well as the dance program, participating in three dance concerts. Anna will again work at the Middlesex School Summer Arts Camp and is headed to Denison University in Granville, OH in late August.

Caroline Harmon is the daughter of Scott and Kate Harmon and big sister to Lauren and Allison. She loved going on four TriCon Mission Trips, the last two with her dad. She enjoyed playing volleyball and taking classes at Middlesex Community College this year. She loves going to CrossFit and staying active with her friends there. She is looking forward to moving back to NJ, but will dearly miss all of her friends in MA. She's extremely excited about attending Rutgers University's School of Environmental and Biological Sciences to study nutritional science.

Reilly Harring is the daughter of Vaughn and Heidi Harring, and big sister to Alden and Piper. Reilly loves to attend the "organized chaos" of Sunday night's Youth Group. She went on three Mission Trips, missing one due to a commitment to an honor's choir. Reilly was fortunate enough to sing with State, Regional and National choirs. She was very active in the CCHS theater and choral departments and was Student Director of the CCHS Select Choir. She was thrilled to play Mary Sunshine in the most recent production of *Chicago* and will be sad to leave her friends when she graduates. Outside of school and TriCon, Reilly is a ski coach for the Wildcat Ski Team and occasionally at Nashoba Valley. She will attend Denison University where she plans to major in Theater and Psychology with a minor in Music.

James Henderson, son of Jack and Susan, brother of Sarabeth and JB, was an active participant of all things TriCon, including four Mission Trips, and weekly Youth and Discussion Groups. He played football, lacrosse and skied for CCHS. This Fall he will be attending Lally School of Management at RPI where he will also be a member of the football team. When not vacuuming, organizing his room, and doing the dishes, James continues to champion the underdog. He is a true friend. As a family, the Hendersons wish to express their gratitude to the staff of this church for their support, generosity, and dedication given to the children placed in their care.

Adam Jolly graduated from Kent School and will be attending Colorado College in the Fall. Adam was a three season varsity athlete in cross country, swimming, and crew, in addition to being a triathlete who finished first in his age group in a half ironman triathlon last summer. Adam will be working for his third summer at the Bedford Bikeway Source, unless he manages to find an internship in the science field. Adam warmly remembers his Confirmation class and all that his wonderful mentor did for him and looks forward to renewing his ties to the TriCon community when he returns home.

Laura Kolstad is the daughter of David and Diana Kolstad and sister to Anna and Josie. She loved participating in four Mission Trips with her TriCon friends and working in the church nursery. During her time at CCHS, Laura enjoyed playing field hockey, ice hockey, and softball, and playing trombone in the Concert Band. Laura is looking forward to studying engineering at Bucknell University this Fall. Her family will miss her very much.



Emily Mushlitz, daughter of Dave and Ellen Mushlitz and brother of Peter, graduated from CCHS. At CCHS, Emily played four years of lacrosse and was captain of the cross country and indoor track teams. Emily was a freshman advisor, a teacher's assistant in the science department, and President of weather services. Emily was baptized and confirmed at TriCon. She was extremely passionate about Youth Group, attending four Mission Trips, and especially enjoyed Wednesday evening Discussion Group. Her time spent with TriCon has been some of the most rewarding of her high school years. The friendships and memories made will stay with her forever. In her free time, Emily enjoys tending her vegetable garden and walking her dog, Chase. She is excited to attend the College of William & Mary in the Fall. Emily will be dearly missed by her family!

Gardner Nash is the son of Peter and Sandy Nash and brother to Whitney. Gardner appreciated the opportunity to go on three Mission Trips with TriCon. Gardner enjoyed playing percussion, especially the timpani, with CCHS. He is looking forward to studying business at the University of Richmond this Fall.

Kendall Ryan is the daughter of Bill and Marty Ryan, and the sister of brothers Chris and the late Tyler Ryan. As the third child, she began her ties with TriCon in the Nursery when she was a month old. Kendall grew up in the church, attended the Middle School Youth Group, the Senior Youth Group, and was a member of each Mission Trip during her high school years. Kendall attributes much of who she is today to those four Mission Trips and the many friendships she made with her TriCon friends and leaders. Kendall enjoyed her years at CCHS where she was captain of the swim team and manager of the boys Varsity Lacrosse team. Kendall will take her energy and upbeat personality to Bucknell University this Fall.

Lindsay Ryder, daughter of Don and Dale Ryder and sister to Peter, graduated from St. Mark's School. During her four years there she pursued a Classics Diploma completing three years of Latin and two years of Ancient Greek. She was introduced to squash and rowing as a freshman and grew to love the competitive and team aspects of both sports. Lindsay enjoyed staying connected to her Concord-Carlisle community with her active membership in the National Charity League and her work in TriCon's nursery and church school. She plans to study the Classics and play squash at Bates College.

Abby Wester loved being part of the TriCon community, participating in the Youth and Discussion Groups, going through Confirmation, and especially attending two Mission Trips. At CCHS, Abby was involved in the Rep, Pep, and Concert Bands all four years, and also active in Chorus and dance crew. Outside of school, Abby has been both a camper and counselor the last five summers at Camp Encore Coda in ME, and loves spending time with her family and cousins at their summer place in Wolfeboro, NH. Abby will attend Gettysburg College.

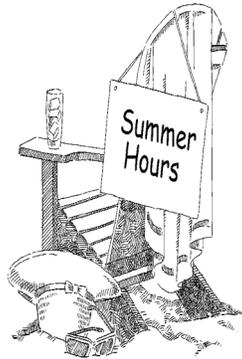
Nicholas Wilbur is the son of Bonny Wilbur and big brother to Lucas. Nicholas and his family moved to Concord the summer before his freshman year at CCHS. He joined Youth Group and Discussion Group, and was lucky enough to go on three Mission Trips. Nicholas had his own radio show all four years on WIQH, the high school's radio station. He loves baseball and has an encyclopedic knowledge of baseball statistics. He works during the summer at Wedgwood Pines Country Club. He is looking forward to beginning his next adventure studying business at Wheaton College. He will be missed at home!

TriCon wishes all 2015
graduates well in their future
endeavors, with blessings and
prayers for success!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will
be open
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
during the summer



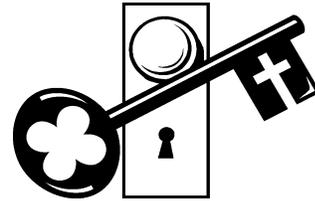
SUMMER PASTORAL CARE

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.



CHURCH KEYS

Attention - those who need keys to the church: We are re-keying all the locks at the church during the month of July. If you have an on-going need for a church key, please contact Judy Walpole at jwalpole@triconchurch.org or 978-369-4837 after July 6th to arrange to sign out a new key.

Due to reduced summer hours and staff vacations, please do not assume you can just drop-in at the last minute and get a key - you must make arrangements ahead of time.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Green OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2015 are 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.

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.

THANKS FOR GIVING

The TriCon Mission Committee often receives thank you letters for donations it has allocated. Below are excerpts from two:

Thank you for supporting Minute Man Arc with a generous grant to our Day Habilitation Program. Your contribution of \$6,000. will benefit adults with developmental disabilities improve their fitness levels through additional exercise equipment that is adapted to fit their specific medical needs.... Your gift of joy, community and friendship enables Minute Man Arc to transform the lives of more than 500 children and adults on a daily basis. Together we will help those we serve to accomplish their goals and reach their full potential.

*Jean Goldsberry Stephanie Parish
Executive Director Director of Development*

On behalf of all of us at REACH Beyond Domestic Violence, thank you for your generous donation of \$3,500. Your gift makes a powerful statement that you have joined us to help build healthy communities by ending dating and domestic violence.... We at REACH seek to empower individuals through intervention, prevention, education and advocacy programs..... We are grateful for your generosity to our organization and your commitment to helping individuals and families in need. We hope you will continue to support our efforts by sharing what you know with others and speaking out against abuse.

*Laura VanZandt
Executive Director*

SERMONS ON FACEBOOK

You can HEAR SERMONS
on line by going to

www.triconchurch.org

OR

Facebook.com and search
Trinitarian Congregational Church

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.

CHANGING LIVES
AT ALL AGES AND STAGES



Stewardship is Not Just About Money

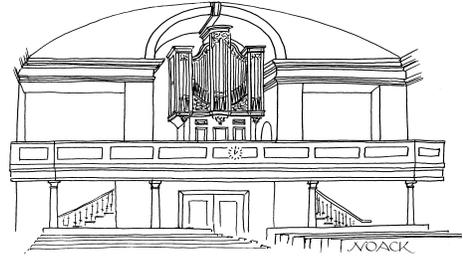
Did you know that we have scores of “stewards” who work in quiet ways for our church family?

- ✓ A dedicated crew comes each Friday to assemble and fold the weekly bulletin
- ✓ Wonderful volunteers deliver flowers from the Sunday service to shut-ins and those in the hospital or recuperating at home
- ✓ The newsletter is readied for mailing by a faithful team of volunteers
- ✓ One family tidies the sanctuary after the Sunday service and takes the communion linen home to launder each month
- ✓ “Little elves” tend to our outside flowers and gardens and decorate the sanctuary for holidays
- ✓ Rides to church and to doctor’s appointments are lovingly given
- ✓ Delicious meals are delivered to those in need
- ✓ Caring notes are written to bereaved families
- ✓ Whatever is broken is quietly fixed by a dedicated volunteer
- ✓ Calls offering practical help and support are made to those dealing with illness, loss or other crises

Not to mention the stewards who teach church school, sing in the choir, host memorial receptions, usher and greet at the Sunday services, host coffee hours, bake for church events, clean the kitchen, serve on committees, etc. etc, etc.

It takes a village of stewards to have a caring church!
Thank you to all!

Our Song Shall Rise to Thee



The organ builder is completing the design drawings, and parts and lumber have been ordered and received. We'll start publishing work-in-progress drawings as they become available.

The Organ Committee continues to meet with our architect, Dan Barton. Dan had an initial meeting with the Town Building Department to share our plans and discuss code requirements and no major issues were raised.

In order to accommodate the tracker mechanism that connects the console, keyboard and pedal board with the instrument, we will need to raise a portion of the balcony floor approximately 14". This will create a large level area that will facilitate handicap access and offer flexibility for the choir and instrumentalists.

Two steps will need to be added to the stairs to accommodate the raised floor. The Committee was pleased to learn that there was an option to remove one staircase (on the driveway side) and decided to take advantage of this opportunity to free up more usable floor space on both floors.

The balcony will be extended about 3' to accommodate the console, without affecting the large windows on each side. The balcony rail will need to be re-configured to address the raised floor and current code requirements.

There will be a small fully-enclosed elevator that will occupy the space presently used for the coatroom on the driveway side of the building and extending slightly into the narthex. The existing windows facing the driveway on both floors will be retained.

The goal is to have final design plans in early fall. Contact any member of the committee if you have questions.

The Organ Committee:

Bill Ackles, Chair

Carol Antos

Holly Darzen

Jim Davidian

Mary Lou Esposito

Michele Forinash

Amanda Hickman

Sue Kingston

John Lombard

Russell Sanna

Vickie Wagner

Judy Walpole

Thank you to all who have responded to the Organ Campaign.

If you have not yet done so, please consider a pledge or gift.

Full participation is critical and every contribution is important and valued!

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.

You may also contribute online by going to our website: www.triconchurch.org.

TRICON WORSHIP

Summer Sermon Series

The Parables of Jesus
master storytelling to pique the imagination

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Once Upon a Time

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As If!

at West Concord Union Church

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Building Bigger Barns

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