



## The Pastoral Perspective

Day one on the ground in Turkey. Cengiz Utandi, our Turkish guide, takes the microphone in the front of the bus, welcoming us to Kayseri. More than a pro forma greeting, however, he proceeds to thank us from his heart for coming to Turkey. Whether terrorist bomb-blasts in Istanbul or Bursa or conflicts on the Syrian border along with U.S. State Department travel advisories, to many it would seem unsafe, if not foolhardy, to travel to Turkey now. And perhaps it is. Who knows? Yet, Cengiz, and others for whom he speaks, are authentically moved that we have made the effort and come the distance, physically and emotionally, on a pilgrimage to his country despite an overriding climate of apprehension engulfing much of the world community and making so many places seem dangerous. Tourism has fallen dramatically by 50% or more in Turkey, severely impacting thousands upon thousands who derive their living from foreign visitors. In the face of fear, uncertainty, and anxiety, however, hospitality is extended and friendship is proffered. Suddenly, we are one community as the power of relationship begins to melt away whatever differences, barriers, and anxieties, both spoken and unspoken, we have brought with us. Our very presence in this incredibly beautiful and culturally rich land serve to demonstrate to others the faith we bring to this place and time as an antidote to the fears which, while prevalent, real, and palpable, will not have the last word.

Even as there is an understandable overlay of fear and anxiety in our lives, given the climate of terrorism, crime, and conflict which, at times, seems omnipresent if not overwhelming, I return time and time again to the two major hinge points of our faith if not the two greatest, most confounding, deeply mysterious, and incomprehensible moments in human history: the Incarnation and the Resurrection. Whether it happened to be the poor shepherds tending their flocks in the fields on that holy night, receiving the news of Jesus' birth, or those early morning visitors to the tomb on Easter morning, caught off guard and totally surprised by what they found (or didn't find!), the very first words delivered by God's messengers are, "do not be afraid!" And these are words for our time, if not all time. They are words which embody the very presence of the Holy One in life and reassure a waiting, anxious, and sometimes scared world that God not only knows us intimately in the totality of our humanness, but is fully in charge and infuses our spirits with confidence and a basic trust in the essential and transcendent goodness at the core of the universe. Yes, this is Good News. It is also life-affirming and death-denying news. It is our faith!

Peace,

John



**PLEASE NOTE**  
 On summer Sundays  
 our service of worship is at 10:00 a.m.  
 Services will be held in our air-conditioned  
 Parish Hall.

The two exceptions to this will be **Sundays, July 24 and 31**  
 when we will be worshipping at West Concord Union Church.  
 Their service is at 9:45 a.m.

## JULY WORSHIP

July 3	Service at 10:00	Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching
July 10	Service at 10:00	Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching
July 17	Service at 10:00	Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching
July 24	Service at 9:45 at West Concord Union Church	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
July 31	Service at 9:45 at West Concord Union Church	Rev. Cindy Maybeck 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 7	Service at 10:00	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
August 14	Service at 10:00	Rev. Cindy Maybeck preaching

Our regular summer services will continue on:

August 21	Service at 10:00	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
August 28	Service at 10:00	Rev. Robert Brown preaching

# TRICON WORSHIP

*Summer  
Sermon  
Series*

*The MIRACLES of Jesus*

## JULY

24

HEALED

at West Concord Union Church

## AUGUST

7

FED

21

RAISED

28

FREED

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## **EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

### **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.

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### **CAREGIVERS GROUP**

The TriCon Caregivers Group is an opportunity for parishioners and friends in caregiving roles to come together to share 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 consider joining the TriCon Caregivers Group. **We will meet on Wednesdays, July 6 and 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.** Call the church office (978 369-4837) for more information.

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### **SERMONS ON LINE**

You can HEAR SERMONS  
on line by going to  
[www.triconchurch.org](http://www.triconchurch.org)  
OR

Facebook.com and search  
*Trinitarian Congregational Church*

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The deadline for the  
August Newsletter  
is July 15.



### **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, and to stay for 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. For more information, contact Christian Education Director, Carrie O'Brien or Youth Leader, Nick Bruning. Call the church office if you have any questions.

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### **46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ANTIQUÉ SHOW & SALE**

**Friday, November 4  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 5  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

See the September and October Newsletters for opportunities to volunteer during this All-Church event.

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**ANNOUNCING THE 2016  
*Al Filipov Peace & Justice Forum***

**Sunday, September 25 at 4:00 p.m.**

*"The color of our blood is red, the suffering that each of us experienced is enormous, all of our tears are equally bitter. If we can talk to each other everyone can."*

These are the words of members of the *Parents Circle - Families Forum (PCFF)*, based jointly in Israel and Palestine and this year's award recipient and speakers for the *Al Filipov Peace & Justice Forum*. The Forum honors the memory of TriCon member, Al Filipov, who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The *PCFF* is a unique organization made up of more than 600 Israeli and Palestinian bereaved families. Since its establishment in 1995, the members - all of whom have lost a family member to the conflict between these two countries - have undertaken a joint effort in the midst of ongoing violence to transform their incredible loss and pain into a catalyst for reconciliation and peace. Members have chosen to convert anger, vengeance, helplessness, and despair into actions of hope through education, public awareness, and advocacy projects that foster humanization and empathy towards both Israelis and Palestinians. They believe that a mutual recognition of the personal and national narrative of each side is critical to achieving a lasting peace.

Moreover, the *PCFF* has concluded that the process of reconciliation between nations is a prerequisite to achieving a sustainable peace. Although the *PCFF* has no stated position on the political solution of the conflict, most of its members agree that the solution must be based on free negotiations between the leadership of both sides to ensure basic human rights, the establishment of two states for two peoples, and the signing of a peace treaty. The historic reconciliation between the two nations is a necessary condition for obtaining a sustainable peace treaty.

Mark your calendars now and join us on September 25 for an inspirational and special time. For more information about *PCFF*, go to: <http://www.theparentscircle.com>.

**HOPE** **Love**  
**JOY**  
**FAITH**  
*Peace*

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### TRICON PLANNING PROCESS

Over the past few months, several of our church committees concluded that it would be productive to take some time to reflect on who we are as a church and how we want to allocate our resources of time, talent and treasure to do God's work. Therefore a survey was developed and circulated by mail and email.



As a healthy and thriving congregation this reflection, coming at a time of strength, allows us the opportunity and the space to thoughtfully and prayerfully guide a conversation on our shared vision for TriCon now and into the future.

We are pleased to have over 160 completed surveys but we hope to get even more - paper copies are available from the office or you can complete it on our website by going to the parishioner section - call the church office for the login.

YOU are an important part of this process - your input is needed and welcomed!

Russell Sanna has agreed to chair a committee that will review the results of the survey and develop questions for further discussion at small group meetings in the fall. Other committee members are Carol Antos, Breht Feigh, Amanda Hickman, Jon Rennert, Shane Siefer and Betsy Veidenheimer.

### We Welcome Our New Members

**Amantha Butler** moved to Concord in 2010 from Holliston, MA. She is a lawyer focusing on estate planning. She and her husband, Jason, have two children, Sadie (10), and Lucy (8).

**Robert Dunn and Linda Hauessler**, who are both in the field of education, moved to Concord last August with their daughter, Julia, a Junior at Concord Carlisle High School. As a family they enjoy travel, camping, going to the beach and spending time with friends and family.



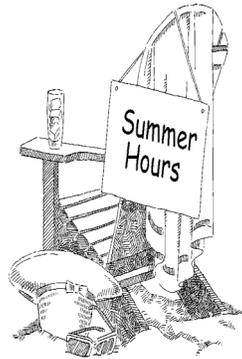
SENIOR HIGH  
YOUTH GROUP  
RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

SENIOR HIGH  
YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP  
Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Discussion Group meets in the Youth Room on the lower level every Wednesday. 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.

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning Monday,  
June 27,  
the Church Office will  
be open  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



The Church Office  
will be closed on  
Monday, July 4, Independence Day.



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.

## CONGRATULATIONS, KELLY DONAHUE

We're happy to report that TriCon's former intern, Kelly Donahue, was recently called to become the pastor of East Corinth Congregational Church in East Corinth, VT. Congratulations, Kelly, from all your friends at TriCon.

*Thanks,  
Everyone!*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful surprise tribute on Sunday June 12th to mark my retirement from the church staff and from my position as Membership Coordinator. I was completely surprised, and very touched, by the special words, the singing, and the thoughtful gifts from the congregation.

In truth, I have enjoyed so much of what I have done as part of the church staff that it has never seemed like a "job", but rather a privilege to spend time every week with people I love, in the church that means so much to me.

Meeting new people and encouraging them on their own paths to TriCon Church, helping and being helped myself by the membership committees and many others in the church, has been a joy for me and an ever-present expression of the Holy Spirit "moving among us".

With much appreciation for your friendship, and in love,

Mary Lou Esposito

Dear TriCon Friends,  
We are so grateful for all the greetings, cards, flowers and meals provided by the Caring Connection and members of the church since Sally's stroke in January. Thank you and God bless you.  
All the best,  
Sally and Bob Nelson

*Your Generous  
Mission Dollars at Work*  
**MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT**



City Mission Society is the oldest multi-service social justice agency in New England, serving tens of thousands every year through direct service to families on the brink of homelessness and by offering outreach engagement programs.



Learn more at:  
[triconchurch.org/missions-outreach](http://triconchurch.org/missions-outreach)

## THANK YOU

The many organizations our congregation supports through our Mission donations often send us thank you letters. Below is one from *City Mission Society*:

*Dear TriCon Congregation,  
On behalf of the board and staff of City Mission Society of Boston, I want to thank you for your generous donation...Your continued support and partnership help our efforts to address critical needs among under-resourced families and individuals in Boston. Thanks to your support, CMS can work to eliminate poverty and inequality in our communities...  
Sincerely, Rev. June R. Cooper, Executive Director*

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## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

This is a paid position, approximately four hours per week – flexible schedule, summers and school vacation off. Responsibilities include welcoming new worshippers, providing administrative support to the Membership Committee; preparing Newsletter and weekly bulletin announcements on membership events; organizing Exploring Membership meetings; keeping membership records and statistics.

If interested, please contact Judy Walpole in the church office.  
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## 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](mailto:jwalpole@triconchurch.org) or [abruning@triconchurch.org](mailto: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.  
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## ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday service in 2016, you may sign up on the flower chart in the parish hall.  
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## **LIFE CHANGES**

### **NEW BABY**

We welcome Arsema June Ehrlich, adopted in May from Ethiopia by Isabella and Tim Ehrlich and big brothers, August and Julian.

It is a joy to announce the birth of Isaac Burton Bates, born on May 13 to Marie and Burton Bates, brother Charlie and sister, Zola. Proud grandparents are Susan and Tom Bates.

### **WITH SYMPATHY**

Heartfelt condolences to Rob and Demi Ayres and their family. Rob's sister, Susan, died on March 9. A service was held on Long Island on May 21.

Sincere sympathy to Jill and Bob Robitaille and their family. Jill's father, William Schaeffer, died on May 23. A service will be held on July 31 in Annapolis, MD.

## **OPEN TABLE JULY AND AUGUST**

### **Cereal - All Kinds**

Have you noticed how expensive cereal has become? Do you know how much cereal growing kids can consume? Have you had days when dinner is a bowl of cereal? Have you heard that a good breakfast is an essential start to the day?

Let's bring cereal this summer for our neighbors at Open Table!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **FRESH AIR FUND KIDS**

Do you have room in your house/heart for an extra child for 1 or 2 weeks this summer? Fresh Air Fund kids from New York City are looking for welcoming families in this area.

Children are 7-12 years of age. They are fully insured and are brought to this area by bus. Anyone interested in this program can call Nancy Hendrie at 978 505-1302 or Susan Baldoumas 508 726-4854.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**



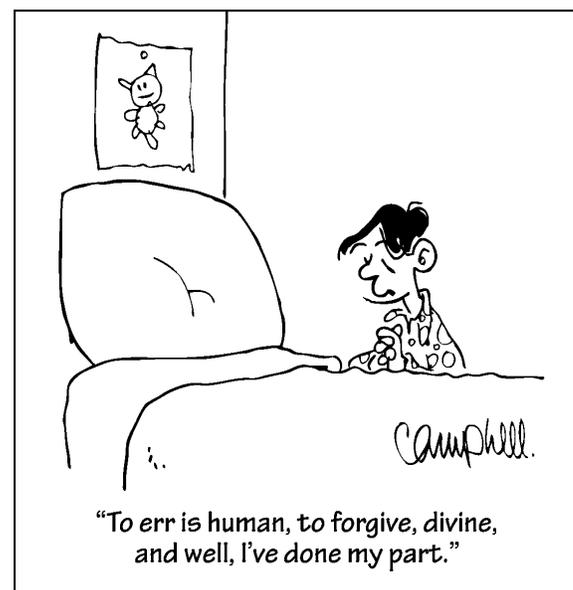
American  
Red Cross

at TriCon

Tuesday, July 12

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Appointments call 1-800-733-2767  
or go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



"To err is human, to forgive, divine,  
and well, I've done my part."

**NO CONFIRMATION CLASS NEXT YEAR**



Beginning in the fall of 2017, Confirmation Class will be offered to **SOPHOMORES** in High School instead of freshman.

We have listened to parents and students who struggle adjusting to the increased demands of freshman year. Their schedules get crowded, homework intensifies, extracurricular commitments abound and many students are soon overwhelmed with activities and responsibilities. We are hoping that by sophomore year students will have adjusted and be better equipped to consistently engage in Confirmation Class.

For further inquiries or discussion please contact Rev. Bob Brown, Suzanne Giles, or David Hart.

## A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

### *Come to the Table; Share in the Bounty*



Our church welcomes all at every age and stage of life and we all experience the bounty in different ways. At the annual mission trip service, we hear from our youth about the trip, what it has meant to them and their gratitude for the love and support of our congregation.

We know that they come to Sunday Youth Group to play games, make friendships and relax from their busy lives. In a recent Call to Stewardship, Carly Mahoney, CCHS Class of 2016, shared her reflection on a very special ritual that ends the Youth Group meeting each week - the teens lay on the floor, stars are projected on the ceiling and they share responses to a question posed by Nick Bruning or Bob Brown.

“Last Sunday night I gazed up at the projection of the night sky on the church ceiling. As I lay there, I realized this is the same projection I’ve stared at for four years in a row, and the same sense of relaxation and community came over me that I’ve been feeling for four years. As we went around saying what we’re thankful for in our busy high school lives, one of my friends said he was thankful for this community. This sunk in as I recognized how important this community is to me. As I lay on the wood floor, I think of all the different people I’ve met here, all the people who lie next to me and will always lie next to me. I am thankful for the life long friends I’ve met at TriCon, and I am thankful for your contributions that provide the opportunity for me to meet these people. Your offering is community and friendship.”

## ***Our Song Shall Rise to Thee!***

This month, Noack Organ Co. is reassembling and voicing our new organ. It is an impressive 17' high, almost 11' wide and 13' deep. There are 1,792 pipes, some wood and some pewter, ranging from pencil-size to 6 feet long. The console has 25 stops, two manual keyboards and a pedal board. The movement of the keys is transmitted to the valves feeding air into the pipes by means of trackers – long horizontal links.



Called Opus 159 because it is the 159<sup>th</sup> organ built by Noack in its 56 year history, it has taken eight master craftsmen over 11,000 hours to complete. Its grand debut will take place on **September 11 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service and a dedication concert will take place on September 18 at 4:00 p.m. with a reception following.**

We still have a distance to go to cover all the costs of the organ and construction. Please consider donating if you have not yet done so or making an additional contribution.

**All donors will be listed in the dedication booklet.**

Yes, I/we want to help **Meet The Match!**

I/we will give a  new or  additional contribution of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to the Organ Campaign to be paid over  1 or  2 years.

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print) Thank You!

# CONCORD ORGAN CELEBRATION

September 11-18

## Events to Dedicate Two New Organs and Focus on Organ Music

### Sunday, September 11

10:00 a.m. **Worship Service and Blessing of Noack Opus 159 at TriCon**

Take part in this historic moment, as we dedicate our organ to the glory of God. Be inspired by its glorious sounds through congregational hymn singing, choral music, and organ solos.

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. **Pipe Organ Open Houses at TriCon, First Parish, Trinity Episcopal**  
Bach's "Toccatina in D Minor" will be played on all 3 organs simultaneously (noon).

### The organ lofts will be open to the public:

Hear the variety of tonal colors

Play music with hands and feet

Ask questions

Attend a lecture at Trinity on organs at 1:00 p.m.

### Friday, September 16

8:00 p.m. **Organ Dedication Concert at First Parish**

Russell & Co, Opus 54; David Briggs, Concert Organist

## Organ Dedication Recital at TriCon

Peter Sykes, Organist

**Sunday, September 18**

**4:00 p.m.**

Reception following

Free and open to the public.



Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in our sanctuary  
a special showing of the Silent Film  
("Phantom of the Opera")  
with live organ accompaniment by Peter Krasinski.

## A WORD OF THANKS

As I reenter my daily work life and the privilege of ordained ministry in this time and place, I am grateful to our church for the time free of normal duties and demands to step into a different place and rhythm to refresh my outlook and understanding of ministry, including my original call four decades ago, to renew my energy to carry out effectively the work I so enjoy and which challenges me almost daily, to deepen my own faith and wrestle with the theological and ecclesiastical conundrums of our time, and to stimulate my mind, thinking, and critical capacities in ever new and creative ways. Although sabbatical leave is provided for in the terms of my original call to the church, it truly takes a strong, talented, and committed staff (including interim staffing) and an able, active and devoted laity, both of which we are wonderfully blessed with, to ensure effective work and witness. All the more so in the midst of a construction project with all of its contingencies, challenges, and dislocations. Thank you to all for your faithfulness, hard work, and tireless effort.

The details of my sabbatical will emerge going forward in various ways. Suffice it to say that it was an incredibly stimulating and engaging experience on many levels:

1) generous time to read many of the works of C.S. Lewis (something I have wanted to do for years but for which there seemed to be little time) and the remarkable opportunity to visit the "Second Holy Land" (Turkey and Greece) and to walk in the footsteps of St. Paul, the founder of the Christian Church, placing in vivid context and perspective the places and sources of ministry which inspired him and gave abiding witness to his Spirit-filled faith in powerful, empowering, and challenging ways. Truly, a faith-enriching experience even after all these years as a Christian!

2) time to be fully present to my wife, family, and friends in the most wonderfully "real," intimate, transparent, and engaging ways. As Janet and I look forward to the next season in life, we have been able to recapture in this precious time some of what our respective professions sometimes too easily crowd out. What fun to worship together, to have a "free weekend," to think deeply and deliberately about things that really matter, and to truly experience the Spirit at work in our often chaotic, confusing, challenging, and increasingly complex if not complicated lives. To breathe deeply and delight in the present even as we treasure the past and anticipate the future. The haunting although powerfully real underside of all this is that there have been sobering concerns as well around health matters, the health complications and deaths of people near and dear to us over the past 40 years, and the inevitable reordering of priorities which come with new seasons for Janet and me. 1976 was a banner year for Janet and me. But so is 2016! My 40th ordination anniversary (August 15th) -- if you are in Portsmouth, NH, Sunday, August 14th, join us for 11:00 worship to celebrate (trust me, it will be very modest much like the size of Little Harbor Chapel!). Our 40th wedding anniversary. My 50th high school reunion. Janet's retirement after 40+ years of extraordinary teaching. And, perhaps most exciting for us and God willing, the birth of a grand-daughter, our second grandchild, this month. Those are just a few of the highlights and matters of current interest and concern which redefine the world as we know it and which sabbatical leave enables a wholistic integration into our life stories.

3) the precious and all-too-fleeting gift of time to wonder, ponder, appreciate, celebrate, laugh, cry, imagine, pray, and otherwise get in touch with the essential core of life in its rawness, beauty, brokenness, and spellbinding power and to contemplate the extreme privilege granted me by a benevolent God to serve in such a high calling as ordained ministry however undeserving as I might be for such an honor and opportunity. But grace abounds, and, for that, I am eternally appreciative!

Enough said. At least for now. More forthcoming in the days ahead. Please know my sincerest gratitude for both this time apart so necessary for the replenishment of the soul/spirit and renewal of the body as well as for the privilege of serving TriCon for these past 23 years.

Faithfully yours,  
John Lombard

## WITH MANY THANKS

Dear Friends,

Ready for a long list of thank yous? I have so much to be grateful for after having spent the last six months at TriCon. The time flew by which is surely an indication of how enjoyable it was. I'm sad to leave but so appreciative of my time with you.

Judy Walpole reminded me that during the "Exodus," the congregation was challenged to be patient, flexible, and cheerful. Thank you for coming through. You not only bore the inconvenience of dislocation, you rose to make it fun!

Thanks to your leadership: Bob and Vickie, what a joy to craft worship services with talented people like those two. I so valued their creativity and commitment to excellence. Judy, Karen, Amy, Marcia, Mary Lou, Carrie, Jamie, the amazing Council and Deacons, the Exodus team, the choir — everybody was so tolerant, diligent, and faithful — and they made the place just hum along. And to John who graciously paved the way and set the tone for TriCon to truly embody the priesthood of all believers. With people like this guiding the church, you are in good hands.

Thanks for your kindness to me and your forbearance. I wish I could have remembered the names of all the wonderful people who shook my hand or hugged me or offered an incisive remark. They called what I did at TriCon "work," but it sure didn't feel like it. I couldn't wait to get there on a Sunday morning.

Thanks for your parting gifts. I look forward to reading the history of TriCon and hanging Hank's drawing of the church on my office wall. The Concord-themed items will remind me of you as they find their way to our table - olive oil, tea, Carlisle honey, Betsy's jam, the Concord mug. Thanks to the Deacons for the restaurant gift certificate and to each one of you who took time to write an encouraging personal note. I cherish each one.

I will end my goodbye with the greeting I extended to the congregation on my last Sunday. It captures my impressions of this wonderful community.

If you are new to TriCon, let me tell you, this is one fabulous church.

- If you are coming because you feel privileged and want to give back, you've come to the right place. TriCon is committed to service.
- If you have children or teens and want to find a place where your values will be reinforced, you've come to the right place. TriCon loves their kids.
- If you want to grow deeper in your faith, you've come to the right place; John, Bob, and Vickie make meaningful worship and opportunities for learning, singing, and Bible study.
- If you don't have much faith at all, you've come to the right place because that's just OK here.
- If you feel like an outsider, you've come to the right place, because there is no such thing at TriCon.
- If you are just completely worn out by life circumstances or illness or emotional pain, you've come to the right place because the folks at TriCon are kind and caring. You can lean on them as long as you need to.
- If, like me, you are here for only a short time, that's fine. You will be embraced like an old friend.

Thank you, TriCon for being what I believe the church should be - a sample of what the kingdom of heaven is like. I'm so grateful for my time with you.

Judy Brain

