

## *September 2017*

Every autumn, without fail I remember fondly my time growing up in a small farming town in Maine. Fall was harvest time. The hay needed to be cut, baled and stored in barns. Vast cornfields matured into seven-foot stalks, yielding its bounty, ready to be reaped. Orchards of apples hung heavily from the trees waiting to be picked, sorted and sold. The farmers needed everyone who was able and available to work the harvest before the first frost blew in to steal the reward of a long year of toil. As a 10-year-old boy I loved getting paid to pick apples! There were scores of us out there, kids in trees, kids hauling bushel baskets, kids driving tractors pulling flatbeds of ripe fruit to the barn. We were all valued as critical and necessary contributors, no matter what our age or ability. This was a celebration of community.

As we begin our program year at TriCon Church, I feel we are also ready to reap the harvest of a years work. It is a harvest of hope, hope in our emergence into a focused church, led by the Spirit of God, united in our love for one another and all humanity. We have been looking deeply into our identity,



### **HARVEST OF HOPE**

remembering the past and dreaming about a future that is filled with purpose, direction and spiritual growth. This fall we will focus on identifying our individual spiritual gifts so that we might continue to exercise our strengths in harmony together and clearly discern who God is calling us to be. We will find our distinctive place in the “harvest field”. Each one of you is a valued and necessary contributor to this community. TriCon Church relies completely on congregational participation like the farmer relies on workers. From budgets to mission work, worship services to community building, youth programs to small groups, it all gets done because you show up to the harvest field and offer what you can to the project.

## EXPLORING OUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS



## QUESTIONNAIRE

I hope you will take time to prayerfully fill out the [Spiritual Gifts Questionnaire](#). It is thoughtfully designed to help each of us discover our God-given gifts and abilities so that we might find greater fulfillment and richer meaning in our common desire to make God's love and justice real, both in our own lives and also out to the world.

Beloved of God, join the harvest. Let us reap the abundant fruit God has put before us and savor the goodness of celebrating community together.

*In faith and hope,*

*Bob*

Pick up a hard copy of the questionnaire at TriCon Church or find it on line  
[TriConChurch.org](http://TriConChurch.org) - click the "Parishioners" tab



## **MARKERS ALONG THE JOURNEY**

### *Transition Team Updates & Comments*

#### The Statement of Faith for Trinitarian Congregational Church

*This church acknowledges as its head Jesus Christ. It acknowledges as sisters and brothers in Christ all who share this confession. It looks to the Word of God as revealed in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. It claims as its own the faith of the historic church expressed in ancient Christian creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers. It affirms the responsibility of the church in each generation to make this faith its own. This church identifies with the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ.*



#### **Reflections from Jean**

#### **Exploring Our Spiritual Gifts**

The Holy Spirit gives each one in the church special traits that build up the Body of Christ to carry out God's work. The source of all good gifts is God, so the differences between the concept of spiritual gifts and, say, Gallup's "Strengths Finder" are that: 1) the majority of gifts within our questionnaire are named in the Bible, and 2) how conscientiously and to what end one puts them to use. So your occupation in the world might reflect a gift for finance, and you can certainly employ that through the church as God calls, but you might also have a latent spiritual gift for teaching that could be developed and put to use through the church or in the community as a volunteer, giving you great satisfaction.

#### **From The Transition Team**

Happy Fall!

The summer flew by as we continued our Transition Team work.

We hosted two Dessert Socials, encouraging those who attended to share thoughts on Spiritual Practices and Gifts. We had productive discussions, grew to know one another better and enjoyed delicious summer desserts. Thanks to all of you who participated.

As the summer ends, we conclude the second of our four Evolve processes, *ReClaim and ReFlect*, having given ourselves opportunities to experience the Spirit through various practices, examined the history of our church and shared ideas on the strengths of our congregation.

As Fall begins we start the third segment of our process, *ReDiscover!* To that end, we have prepared a questionnaire to discern our Spiritual Gifts. We hope that each of us will take time to thoughtfully answer the questions within. We believe you will find your time well spent, as you may learn things about yourself and your answers will surely ultimately benefit our congregation. We are the sum of our parts. So PLEASE make sure to fill out this questionnaire online, you can find it on our website, or pick up a copy at the church office.

When the spiritual gifts of individuals are combined together with others, the result helps to fill out the picture of the “congregation” in our “congregational” style of church. Even if TriCon were not in a transition of pastoral leadership, I would recommend identifying and nurturing your spiritual gifts as a priority for ministry together. Doing so gives so much more joy and fulfillment to our labors! But in a transition process, spiritual gifts are part of “Who We Are,” which in turn contributes to discerning God’s call to TriCon for the future.

The questionnaire is not your ordinary quick survey. It’s designed for you to contemplate, talk over with others, and then fill out and submit either online or in hard copy. Ultimately, you determine which of the twenty-two gifts match you.

It is also up to you to give your name or not. If you don’t give your name, you can still submit your gifts, which will then contribute to the totals and to the overall picture of the church. This is the priority as far as the Transition Team is concerned. No one has decided to create a master list or data base as yet, nor to use this as a tool of recruitment, but if you *do* give your name, in the future, the church could let you know of opportunities either for growing in your gifts or offering service that correspond to those gifts.

Warmly, Jean

### Heard Around TriCon:

“At first, I approached the questionnaire as a quiz as if I was supposed to find the right answer, but then I took more time and re-read it over my morning coffee. It made me think much more deeply than I normally do about who I am and where God may be leading me.”

During our Sunday, September 24 service we will be celebrating *Who We Are*, with a sharing of all the information our team has gathered to date (that’s why we ask you to complete your questionnaire by September 18<sup>th</sup>).

Thank you so much for your involvement!

Yours faithfully,  
The Transition Team  
Jane Turner Michael, Chair  
Nick Bruning  
Cindy Schweppe  
Andrew Thut  
Charity Tremblay

## LOOKING AHEAD

Fall 2017 Season 3  
September

RE:discover  
Who we are



**Monday, September 18 –**  
**First Deadline – Submit your spiritual gifts online or by hard copy**

**Sunday, September 24 –**  
**Worship Celebration on the theme of Who TriCon Is**

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

<b>September 3</b>	<b>Service at 10:00 a.m.</b>	Rev. Dr. Jean Vandergrift preaching
<b>September 10</b>	<b>Service at 10:00 a.m.</b>	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
<b>September 17</b>	<b>Service at 10:00 a.m.</b>	Rev. Robert Brown preaching
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Service at 10:00 a.m.</b>	Rev. Robert Brown preaching

### **Sunday, October 1 Rev. Dr. Jim Antal preaching**

We are pleased to announce that Jim Antal, UCC Mass Conference President will be our guest preacher on Sunday, October. Jim is a well-respected voice for climate change and a dynamic speaker on peace and justice issues. Be sure to plan to be at church that day.

Jim Antal returned to Massachusetts in 2006 to serve as Minister and President of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ – the 367 UCC churches and 750 authorized UCC ministers who serve throughout the Commonwealth. Jim has led churches of all sizes in Massachusetts and Ohio as well as leading two national peace organizations, teaching and serving as a Chaplain. Shaped by his mentors – Henri Nouwen and William Sloan Coffin, Jr. – Jim’s lifelong work on peace and justice now focuses on climate change. An avid cyclist, you may see him on the road with his “God is Still Speaking” jersey. Jim and his wife, Cindy, have two sons.



## **Sunday, September 10th**

The Fellowship Committee  
invites everyone to a delicious brunch  
following the 10:00 a.m. worship service  
and beginning of the Church School year.



# Opportunities to Make Your Spirit Sing...



## **Sunday-only Choir on September 10 & 17**

- Come at 9:00 a.m. to learn music for that morning's service.
- No long-term commitment.

## **Senior Choir (teens & adults) begins Thursday, September 21 (7:45-9:15 p.m.).**

*Newcomers are welcome for a season, a year, or a lifetime!  
Regular participation is expected, but perfect attendance is not.*

- Sing music in a wide variety of styles.
- Strengthen musical and vocal skills
- Meet new people, deepen friendships, laugh together.

## **Hosanna Singers (grades K-6): Intro Session - September 24 & October 1**

- No sign up required for the introductory session rehearsals, which are after church (11:15-11:45) in a classroom below the Parish Hall. Parents are asked to escort their children to the rehearsal room and to meet them after.
- Several regular sessions will be announced throughout the year, along with sign up information.  
Each session is 4-6 weeks long and culminates in singing for worship.
- Singers develop musical skills, learn hymns and sacred songs, foster friendships.
- Older children may opt for extra opportunities to learn more challenging music.

## **Instrumental and Vocal Solos**

There are other ways for TriCon folks of various ages to share their musical gifts in worship. If you sing or play an instrument, we'd love to hear from you!

If you have questions or would like to participate in our program, please contact Music Director, Vickie Wagner, at [vwagner@triconchurch.org](mailto:vwagner@triconchurch.org) or 978-369-4837 x227.

## **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 refreshments in the parish hall following the service.

You are welcome to participate in any of our church programs and activities and to sign up your children 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.

ATTENTION MEN OF THE  
CHURCH  
**Join the Anchor Group**

The Anchor Group meets on the **first and third** Tuesdays of each month (note change of days) 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, September 13 and 27 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  
October Newsletter  
is September 15.

*Interested in Learning  
More About TriCon  
in an Informal Setting?*

On Thursday, September 21st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., the Welcoming Committee will be hosting a gathering in a member's home with cocktails, conversation and hors d'oeuvres and a chance to talk informally with members of the Committee and others new to TriCon. Please contact Dale Ryder at [dale.r.ryder@gmail.com](mailto:dale.r.ryder@gmail.com) or call the church office if you would like to attend.

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Friday  
September 22

**JOIN US IN THE PARLOR**

**Wednesday,  
September 27  
AT NOON!**



**Knitwits**

The Knitting Group meets in the church parlor once a month. Everyone from beginner to expert is welcome. Bring your own project or work on one of ours'. You need not come every month but can join in when it is convenient for you. You may also choose to work on projects at home. Prayer shawls may be left at the church any time.

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**SILENCE IN THE STORM:  
A WEEKLY MEDITATION GROUP**

When: Mondays, 10 A.M.-11:30 A.M.  
in the Church Parlor

### Resuming on September 28

Looking for a quiet space for meditation and prayer? We meet weekly in the church parlor. We explore both guided and unguided meditation and prayer with music and occasional speakers. We mainly seek to find and honor the present. It is an exercise in being, rather than doing.

For more information, please contact Liz Crowell at [Lbencoma@gmail.com](mailto:Lbencoma@gmail.com) or 781-608-4765.

### KRIPALU RETREAT

Friday, October 6 – Sunday, October 8

**Everyone is welcome, couples, singles, families, young and young at heart!**

Join Sue Stumpf and other members of our church for a weekend retreat at Kripalu – October 6-8 – Friday afternoon through Sunday lunch. Everyone is welcome, couples, singles, families, young and young at heart!

For more than 40 years, Kripalu has been teaching skills for optimal living through education for the whole person: body, mind, heart, and spirit. For more information about Kripalu, go to [Kripalu.org](http://Kripalu.org) or contact Susan Stumpf at [sjstumpf@comcast.net](mailto:sjstumpf@comcast.net) or 508 397-1805.

A 20% discount on lodging will apply if you sign up with the group at least 7 days in advance.

### GAINING GROUND WORKDAY

Gaining Ground, a non-profit, located on Virginia Road in Concord grows organic produce for hunger relief with help from volunteers. All of the fresh produce is given, free of charge, to soup kitchens and food pantries.

**On Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-3pm,** we will have the opportunity to work in the gardens – all ages and abilities are welcome. Sign up in the parish hall or on our website.

### Save the Date! The Concord CROP Walk for the Hungry Sunday October 22

Join neighbors and friends on a fun walk around Concord to raise money for fighting the root causes of hunger and for disaster relief here and around the world. Go to [concordcrop.org](http://concordcrop.org) for more information about the event and a link to Church World Service, the global relief arm of Congregational Churches across the country. Registration on the day of the walk and music begin at about 1:30 and the walk steps off at 2PM.



### 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ANTIQUÉ SHOW & SALE

**Friday, November 3  
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

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

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

## Two silent films for Hallowe'en with organist, Peter Krasinski

**Saturday, October 28, 7:00 - 9:30 pm**

**"THE HAUNTED HOUSE" (1921) starring  
Buster Keaton**

**"DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE" (1920)  
starring John Barrymore**

Did you miss Peter's "Phantom of the Opera" last year? Don't miss this chance to hear him magically improvise a full score "on the spot" with our new organ.

The evening opens with a short film, "Haunted House" (21 min) and its lighthearted hilarity promises fun for all ages. A bank teller gets into a mess when overturned glue makes everything stick to everything. When the bank is robbed, he can't "stick 'em up" because his hands are stuck in his pockets. The thieves' hideout is a haunted house to scare off police.

After intermission, prepare to get *really* scared as the legendary John Barrymore becomes Robert Louis Stevenson's "Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde" (69 min.) of Jekyll and Hyde. Roger Fristoe writes that the horrific effects of Barrymore's transformation between the characters was especially startling to audiences of the day, who idealized the famous actor as a handsome, romantic figure. *The New York Times* called Barrymore's performance as "one of pure motion-picture pantomime on as high a level as has ever been attained by anyone."

**Adults: \$25 at the door, \$20 "early bird"**  
(purchase by October 22)

**\$40 prime reserved seating**  
(advance purchase)

**Youth: (advance or at the door)**  
Teen \$10, Children \$5

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CONCORD AFTER 60

**Sunday, September 24, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Harvey Wheeler Center, West Concord**  
Sharing social and practical support among its members - for short time help and long term friendships.  
RSVP: Pam Hanson 978 369-4309  
[phansson@dovenote.com](mailto:phansson@dovenote.com) or Ann Shummers 508 574-6587  
[ajschummers@comcast.net](mailto:ajschummers@comcast.net).

### BE THOREAU

**Saturday, September 9 - 3 - 5 p.m.**

You are invited to a discussion over refreshments at historic Wright Tavern on as part of the Concord Museum's BE THOREAU bicentennial initiative. Through a major exhibition and corresponding public program series, we are exploring what Thoreau's own investigations and insights can offer us today.

### MUSIC MAKES ME HAPPY

**Adult Special Needs Chorus  
looking for a volunteer singer:**

The MUSIC MAKES ME HAPPY Chorus is looking for someone who likes to sing to come be part of our special chorus. We meet every Tuesday (thru the school year) at the Cotting School right off of Route 2 on Concord Road in Lexington. If you are interested, please check out our website at: [www.mmmh-singers.org](http://www.mmmh-singers.org) and then call the director Marsha Martin at 978: 897-6142.

\* Also, if you know of any special needs adults who would be interested in our chorus, please tell them about us.

**PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF DATE!!!**



**ANNOUNCING THE 2017  
*Al Filipov Peace & Justice Forum*  
Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

The next Filipov Forum speaker and recipient of the *Al Filipov Peace and Justice Award* is **Michael Murphy, co-founder of MASS Design Group**, a non-profit architectural and research firm. MASS Design Group's mission is to "research, build, and advocate for architecture that promotes justice and human dignity". With innovative and ground breaking strategies, MASS Design is creating new solutions for housing, health care and education in countries throughout the Americas and Africa.

MASS Design projects include a birthing center in Malawi with rooms clustered around open green courtyards and a Cholera Center in Haiti with natural ventilation and its own wastewater treatment plant and a state-of-the-art hospital in Rwanda built with help from local workers.

MASS Design has also worked locally with Dr. Jim O'Connell of Boston Health Care for the Homeless, a past recipient of the *Al Filipov Peace & Justice Award*.

The Forum will be held on **Wednesday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m.** We hope you will plan to attend and will look at both Michael Murphy's TED TALK "Architecture that's Built to Heal" and the MASS Design Group website [massdesigngroup.org](http://massdesigngroup.org) to learn more about Mr. Murphy.

The Forum honors the memory of Al Filipov, a beloved member of our church who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Al believed in the power of the individual to make a difference in the world. The Filipov Award is given each year to an individual who embodies Al's spirit and commitment to justice and peace.



**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP  
RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 11 AT 7:00 P.M.**

A packet of information about Youth Group and the Mission Trip will be sent to all TriCon Senior High students. If you do not receive your packet please contact the church office.

**SENIOR HIGH  
YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP  
RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 14.**



## CHURCH SCHOOL

September 2017

Welcome to a new year of TriCon Children's Ministry!!!



### Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00am Family Worship in the Parish Hall  
Childcare provided for children up to age five

### Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00am First Day of Church School  
11:15am Welcome Back All Church Brunch

### Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30am Fall Teacher Meeting  
9:30am 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Candle Light Training  
10:00am Church School  
11:15am SEEKERS/Parent Meeting

### Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Church School  
11:15am Voyager/Parent Meeting  
TBD SEEKER Hike

### Where Can You Share Your Faith?

#### **In Church School!**

Our invitation to participate in Children's Ministry is extended to our entire TriCon family, not just those with children in our program. For all, it is the connections with children that help broaden and nurture our church community.

Many opportunities to support programming exist for people with a variety of gifts, in and out of the classroom. Church School Director, Carrie O'Brien, is looking forward to sharing them with you.

With us all working together we will continue to pave the way for TriCon's children's journey of faith. They are the church of today and tomorrow!

Check out our September on-line Church School newsletter for detailed information about calendar programming as well as news, photos and announcements. If you are a Church School family and are not receiving our on-line newsletter, please check your spam or other folders before contacting Carrie O'Brien. If you are not a Church School family and you would like to receive our newsletter to learn about all of the fabulous happenings in our program please contact Carrie O'Brien and she will gladly add you to our distribution list.

If you are a new family and would like information about our Church School program, please contact our Church School Director Carrie O'Brien at [cobrien@triconchurch.org](mailto:cobrien@triconchurch.org). Please also visit our church website at [www.triconchurch.org](http://www.triconchurch.org) and click the Christian Education tab.

**Church School Morning Routine ...** Before the 10:00AM service, nursery age children, up to age three, are dropped off in the nursery on the first floor of the Church School wing. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children are dropped off in the Blended classroom on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Church School wing. 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders join worship with their families for the first part of the service before leaving for Church School classes.

If you would like to contact the Church School Director, Carrie O'Brien, please reach out to her at [cobrien@triconchurch.org](mailto:cobrien@triconchurch.org).

# Open Table - SEPTEMBER 2017

## *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  
**Open Table**

### **ATTENTION PARENTS** **A Service Opportunity for Families**



Parents often tell us that they wish they could get their kids involved in service projects but there tend to be age restrictions that make this problematic. We have a great project that can involve even the youngest children in a meaningful way.

Every week, the food we collect for Open Table needs to be delivered to the Food Pantry on Everett Street just around the corner from the church. As of August 8th, the delivery day/time will be Tuesdays, between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m.

The project can be as simple or as expanded as you wish - from simply transporting the donations, to keeping track of the number and reporting back to the congregation in the newsletter, to helping select our "item of the month", to making posters of the items needed, to talking to the other children and/or the congregation about donating food. **We have one family that has volunteered to take this on but we need a second (or even third) family to share the weeks.**

Since the items are non-perishable, if you have to skip a week, that's okay or even better, if several families want to take this on, we can set up a rotating schedule. Please call Judy Walpole at the church office -978-369-4837 or email [jwalpole@triconchurch.org](mailto:jwalpole@triconchurch.org) for more information or to volunteer.

## Seeking Search Committee Members

As TriCon evolves toward the future with a new ministerial team, the Diaconate is looking for individuals to serve on the Search Committee to nominate our next settled Senior Minister. According to our by-laws, members are nominated by the Diaconate and voted on at a Congregational Meeting (which will be held this October).

This committee will work closely with the Transition Team in the fall while the Church Profile is compiled. They will move forward into the winter while the Profile is reviewed by the congregation.

As we voted on last December 11, Rev. Brown will have the first opportunity to submit his Ministerial Profile for consideration by this committee, should he choose to answer TriCon's call. Pending a "positive recommendation from the Search Committee, the congregation will vote on calling Rev. Brown to be our settled Senior Minister."

If you are interested in serving your faith, are able to commit time to frequent meetings, can make a commitment to confidentiality, openness, and building consensus, please consider the Search Committee.

Please contact Leslie Mahoney [leslie@mahoneyarhcitects.com](mailto:leslie@mahoneyarhcitects.com) if you are interested or have questions.

### LIFE CHANGES

#### **Memorial Service**

There will be a memorial service for our member Bob Baldrige, who died on July 17, on Saturday, September 30 at 11:00 a.m. with a reception following.

Sincere sympathy to Karen Lord and her family. Karen's father, William T. Smith, died on August 18. A service will be held on Cape Cod on September 3.

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### DEDICATION OF WATSON BENCH



On Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> a group of parishioners and friends gathered for the dedication and blessing of the bench donated by Pat Watson's family in her memory. This lovely new bench sits among the trees to the right of the Hubbard Street entrance to the church. If you'd like a pleasant respite, try it out!

***You are Invited*****OPEN TABLE OF MAYNARD****The Grand Opening of our New Site**

33 Main Street, Maynard  
 Sunday, September 10  
 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**Open Table Meal Help**

We have agreed to staffing the Open Table community supper in Maynard on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Sign up in the parish hall or on our website to join the team for one or more Tuesdays.

**CELL PHONES NEEDED**

If you have a cell phone you're not using, our sister church in Zimbabwe would like to have it. Phones may be left at TriCon until September 3. If you're phone has a locking code, please include that with it.

**Caring Connection....Did you know??**

The church freezer is full of casseroles to take to church members who have just come home from the hospital or who are having a difficult time. Just call Cynthia LaMothe 978-369-9676, Polly Vanasse 978-369-5268 or the church office 978-369-4837.

***Your Generous  
 Mission Dollars at Work***

**MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT**

**Alternatives to  
 Violence Project**  
 MASSACHUSETTS, USA

*AVP MA teaches participants in communities and prisons to deal with potentially violent situations in new and creative ways.*

**An AVP Workshop Can Help to:**

- \* *understand why conflict happens*
- \* *manage strong feelings such as anger and fear*
- \* *deal more effectively with risk and danger*
- \* *build good relationships with other people*
- \* *communicate well in difficult situations*
- \* *be true to yourself while respecting other people*
- \* *recognize the skills you already have and learn new ones*

For more information, visit <https://avpma.org>



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

**You Tube**  
 Subscribe  
 TriConChurch Concord

**TriCon has a YouTube channel.  
 Search "TriConChurch Concord"  
 and SUBSCRIBE!**

## Sign Up Today for the Lawnmower "Swap Plus"!!!!

September 23rd from 9am to 1pm at  
Concord Public Works, 133 Keyes Road

In order to help our community move to a much healthier and quieter way to care for our yards, Concord's Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee (CSEC), is pleased to announce a **Lawnmower "Swap Plus"**. The event, held in collaboration with Concord Public Works and Quiet Communities

([www.quietcommunities.org](http://www.quietcommunities.org)), is open to all Concord residents, and will feature demonstrations of cordless (battery-powered) electric lawn care equipment. Up to 100 residents will have the opportunity to trade in their gasoline-powered mowers and receive a significant discount on a new, highly-rated EGO electric mower. We expect strong interest in the lawnmower swap part of this event and Town rebate monies are limited. Pre-registration at [coolerconcord.org/sustainable-yards/](http://coolerconcord.org/sustainable-yards/) is highly recommended to reserve a mower and a \$100 rebate from the Town. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Appel [jill.appel@comcast.net](mailto:jill.appel@comcast.net).

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

Lavender colored OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2017 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.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for a Sunday service in 2017, you may sign up on the flower chart in the parish hall or online.



## REMINDER: FIND IT ON OUR WEBSITE TRICONCHURCH.ORG

If you have recycled your paper copy of this Newsletter and then remember an article you wanted to save or are looking for a date you forgot to put on your calendar, you can always find it on our website. Past and current newsletters are available there as well as a complete calendar of church events and lots of other important information about the church - check it out!

## 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.



## ***Celebrating Community***

### **What is Church?**

The word church comes from the Greek word ekklesia which means assembly or 'gathering'. The apostle Paul refers to church as "a body of believers".

Our By-Laws state:

The purpose of this church shall be:

to worship God; to preach, teach and live the gospel of Jesus Christ  
to experience Christian fellowship and unity within the church and the church universal;  
to celebrate the sacraments; to render loving service toward all of God's creation; to  
work for righteousness, justice and peace.

### **What does the Church Mean to You?**

We regularly hear from fellow parishioners about what the church means to them - "community, support, inspiration, opportunities to serve others, Christian education for our children, Adult spiritual offerings, hope, love and unconditional acceptance" are common themes. This fall as we expand on our theme of ***Celebrating Community***, we will hear more accounts of what our church community means to each one of us and to all of us, collectively.

### **What do You Mean to the Church?**

Not enough do we think or talk about what each of us means to the church. Whether you serve on a committee, sing in the choir, teach church school, chaperone a youth activity, open your home for a small group series, pray for those in need or just quietly attend services, you are important to the church!

In October, as we begin our Stewardship Campaign for 2018 we will ask you to consider your pledge to the church because yes, the church needs your monetary support - the church is dependent on the pledges and gifts of its parishioners. Your financial commitment is vitally important but so too is your participation.

**You are the church!**

Here is an excerpt from a moving message given by Leslie Feigh gave several years ago when her then five-year old asked her - **Who Owns the Church?**

"The Mission Trip Service is always an emotional Sunday to bear witness. Not just because the teens are able to put together such a beautiful service, or because of the wonder of what they accomplished on their mission trip. It is so emotional for many because it is the obvious proof that those teens *own* this church. It is the proof that since they were baptized they *have* been loved, supported and cared for as they have grown and lived with Christ within this TriCon community.

By coming to TriCon, anyone is able to be a part of this family that lives and grows together. That is how we all own the church."



## **Electronic and Appliance Recycling Day**

**Saturday, September 2 ---- 9am -2pm**

**TriCon Church Parking Lot  
Open to the Public**

It's time to recycle all those old electronics! Clean out your basement or garage and bring your items to an open-to-all-towns electronic recycling event! The following is a list of recyclable items, including, but not limited to:

TVs, monitors, computer towers, laptops, scanners, VCR, copiers, DVD, stereo equipment, lighting, vacuums, microwaves, dehumidifiers, radios, any appliance such as stoves, washers, dryers, etc. Exercise equipment, lawn mowers, snow blowers, small engine items, flat panel monitors,

TVs up to 18" \$15 each; TVs 19" to 24" \$20 each; TVs 25" to 31" \$25 each; TVs 32" to 35" \$30 each; TVs 36" and larger, wood console, and projection TVs \$35" each.

CRT monitors \$15 each; AC units, \$15; Microwaves and dehumidifiers \$10 each; Small dorm refrigerators, \$1; Washers, dryers, stoves, \$20 each; Large refrigerators, \$25; Lawn mowers, ride on included, snow blowers, \$10 each; Grills \$10 each; Any kind of exercise equipment, \$10 each.

Keyboards, car batteries, cell phones, circuit boards,  
no fee.

**Bicycle Recycle** Please bring any and all unwanted or under used bikes to the parking lot. We will be accepting any model of bike: mountain, road, BMX, etc., in any condition. Our aim is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused. Any kind of bike in any condition is a good one! If you need a home pick please email [J.wood36@yahoo.com](mailto:J.wood36@yahoo.com) or call 508-277-6728.



**Spiritual Practices through Art (SPA)**  
**A New TriCon Small Group Program**  
**Mondays, beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 - 8:30pm**

Art and painting offers a wonderful opportunity to experience and practice spirituality in action. God has blessed us with gifts, and sharing these gifts in a small group also helps us to create a sanctuary/harbor among like-minded people. If you like to paint (oil, acrylic, pastels, gouache or watercolor) and are interested in building community and casually exploring your faith I hope you will join us. This is an informal unstructured program that will flow from week to week depending on attendees and their inclinations.

Participants can choose to work on individual projects or a still life can be arranged. There will be opportunity for discussion at the conclusion of each session about what we painted, how we felt, and why. It is important to note that art instruction is not included and no one should feel their work will be judged.

1. Participants bring all of their own supplies, including easels, paints and protective drop cloths.
2. Chairs and tables and access to water will be provided by the church.

To RSVP (and please do if you are interested in participating) or if you have questions, please contact Leslie Mahoney or Carrie O'Brien at [leslie@mahoneyarchitects.com](mailto:leslie@mahoneyarchitects.com) or [carrie\\_obrien@comcast.net](mailto:carrie_obrien@comcast.net).

# September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:00am Worship/Communion in Parish Hall	4 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed	5 5:00am Anchor Group 7:00pm CE Committee	6 7:30pm Youth Discussion	7 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	1 1	2 9:00am - 2:00pm Recycling Day
10 9:00am Sunday-Only Choir Rehearsal 10:00am Worship Church School 11:00am All Church Brunch 7:00pm Youth Group	11 6:30pm Spiritual Practices Through Arts	12 7:30pm Diaconate	13 10:00am Caregivers 7:00pm Filipino Forum 7:30pm Youth Discussion	14 7:30am Mission Committee	15 15	16 16
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24 10:00am Worship 11:00am Transition Q&A 11:15am Voyagers Parents 12:00pm SEEKERS 5:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Youth Group	25 6:30pm Spiritual Practices Through Arts	26 7:30pm Church Council	27 10:00am Caregivers 12:00pm Knitwits 7:30pm Youth Discussion	28 7:30am Mission Committee 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	29 29	30 11:00am Bob Baldridge Memorial Service

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