



February 2017

Organizing Religion

As I see it, religion is at its best when it leads us forward, when it guides us in our spiritual growth as individuals and in our cultural evolution as a species.

—Brian McLaren

Known A Blessing

First we will need grace.
Then
we will need courage.

Also
we will need
some strength.

We will need
to die a little
to what we have
always thought,
what we have allowed
ourselves to see
of ourselves,
what we have built
our beliefs upon.

We will need this
and more.

Then
we will need
to let it all go
to leave room enough
for the astonishment
that will come
should we be given
a glimpse
of what the Holy One sees
in seeing us,
knows
in knowing us,
intricate
and unhidden

no part of us
foreign
no piece of us
fashioned from other
than love

desired
discerned
beheld entirely
all our days.

- Jan Richardson

How do you view religion? Is all religion spiritual? Is spirituality dependent on religious organization? Perhaps you find that organized religion hinders spiritual growth. I like how Brian McLaren put it the quote above. It's from his book, *The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian*. There's a growing number of Christians who are noticing that the way we practice our religion is shifting. We are relying less on dogmatic creeds and correct orthodoxies to define our particular sect. Progressive Christians are focusing more on how love acts in communities of spiritual practice. He writes, "We are identifying less with organized religion and more with organizing religion." He is writing about putting faith into action, stepping outside the church community to engage in a social activism that promotes peace, works to end poverty, expose injustice and reimagine the social contract based on interpreting our scriptures through the lens of a loving God that is far more concerned about how we love each other than the style of our worship or strict compliance with legalistic doctrine.

Reorganizing our religion is now the work of many Christians across denominational boundaries. Many of these people have been

liberated from prisons of narrow theologies that preach exclusivity and exclusion. This new awakening to the vastness of God's love is particularly exciting for the United Church of Christ because this has been the mission of the UCC since its founding in 1957 when we adopted the motto, "that they all may be one"!

At TriCon Church we are well practiced in acting on our faith. Mission and outreach are core values. Inclusivity and acceptance of all people into our worship and programs is firmly established among us. This is because we organize our distinctively Christian religious practice around spiritual discovery that can only truly be realized as we live it outside 54 Walden Street.

The way we organize together is seen in our 2016 annual report. I hope you'll take a look. Notice all the names, committees, programs and goals. This kind of vitality can only happen when we all get involved, as we are able. Also, we'll be organizing our church on February 12th following our 10am worship when we hold our 126th annual meeting since our incorporation in 1891. (It has been 191 years since our founding in 1826.) This is a time to celebrate and reaffirm our work together as we move forward advancing the ongoing evolution into a church that nurtures the discovery of individual spiritual growth while making God's love and justice real in our wider society. Please make plans to join us and let your voice be heard.

In faith and hope,

Bob

Rev. Robert W. Brown
Acting Senior Minister

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the
DATE

TRICON
EVOLVE 2017

Annual Meeting

Sunday February 12, 2017

directly following 10am worship

FEBRUARY WORSHIP

**February 5
Communion**

Service at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Robert Brown preaching

February 12

Service at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Robert Brown preaching

February 19

Service at 10:00 a.m.

Nancy Haynes preaching

February 26

Service at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Robert Brown preaching

from dust we came
and dust we will return



A S H W E D N E S D A Y

MARCH ONE

6:30pm

Church Supper

8:00pm

Special Worship Service



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 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.

WELCOMING COFFEE - Sunday, February 5

In the church parlor
following the worship service

SILENCE IN THE STORM: A WEEKLY MEDITATION GROUP

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

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 Lbenema@gmail.com or 781-608-4765.

The deadline for the
March Newsletter
is February 15.

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, February 1 and 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor.** Call the church office (978 369-4837) for more information.

ATTENTION MEN OF THE CHURCH Join the Anchor Group

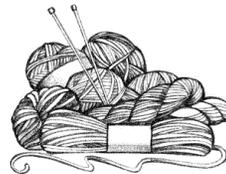
The Anchor Group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 a.m. in

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.

RETIRED MEN'S GROUP

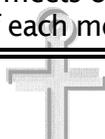
The Retired Men's Group will meet for lunch on Thursday, February 9 at noon. The speaker will be a representative of Concord Outfitters who will talk about the history of this long-time Concord institution, the trips they sponsor and the equipment they sell.

Come and bring a friend for good food, good fellowship and an interesting program. If you have not attended these luncheons before and would like to attend on February 9, please call Charles Davis (978 369-6250) or Robert Nelson (978 369-3105) by February 3. The cost of the lunch is \$10.00.

**Knitwits**

**JOIN US IN THE
PARLOR
Wednesday,
February 22
AT NOON!**

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Friday, March 3, 2017
11:00 a.m.

First Parish of Concord

AN INTERFAITH SERVICE
 followed by a light luncheon

LIFE CHANGES

NEW BABIES

We welcome William Korey Bonoma (Will) born on 10/28/16 to Matt Bonoma, Maggie Korey, big brother, Oliver, and big sister, May, and Thomas Brooks Bonoma (Brooks) born 12/27/16 to Jon and Jen Bonoma and big sister, Ryan. Delighted grandmother is Elaine Bonoma.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of our long-time member, Bonnie Soleau, who died on Christmas Day. A memorial service was held

at TriCon on January 14. Bonnie and her late husband, John, were active volunteers in the life of TriCon Church for many years. She will be remembered for her warmth and kindness.

Heartfelt condolences to Bob Watson and his family. Bob's wife, Pat, died on January 3. A memorial service was held at TriCon on January 21. Pat was a member of TriCon for over 50 years; a willing volunteer, a gentle presence and a gracious lady at all times.

Sincere sympathy to Bobbi and Chip Benson. Bobbi's father, Robert Lane, Jr., died on January 5. A service was held on January 9 at the Memorial Congregational Church in Sudbury.

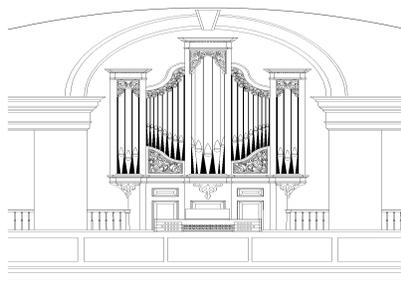
Sincere condolences to our Sexton, Jamie Aromaa, and his family. Jamie's mother, Irene Aromaa, died on January 12. There will be a private service.

We pray for Sandy and Rob Freund and their family. Sandy's father, Gerald Richard Rice died on January 16. A memorial service was held in Michigan on January 23.

Heartfelt sympathy to Diane Frost and her family. Diane's husband, Ev, died on January 16. There will be a memorial service for Ev on Saturday, February 4 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception following. Ev was a gentleman in all ways. He will be missed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Bill Warren, who died on December 8, on Saturday, February 11 at 1:30 p.m. followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.



TriCon's Noack Organ Inaugural Season Event Sunday, February 12 – 4:00 p.m.

"Visions of War, Peace, and Paradise"

The Seraphim Singers, a Boston-based chamber choir

Jennifer Lester, conductor and Heinrich Christensen, organist

This program highlights settings of poetry by Thomas Merton, Edmund Spenser, and George Herbert that juxtapose images of earthly destruction with the "new heaven and new earth" promised in Revelations. Music director Jennifer Lester states: "Our first two concerts this season have encompassed my thoughts on musical expressions of and responses to political violence and upheaval. With this concert, we move outward to war, the culmination of conflict and its greatest devastation, but also to the way in which even during war here on earth, the vision and reality of peace and Paradise are also always present." Texts by Thomas Merton, Edmund Spenser, and George Herbert are set by composers Hilary Tann, Calvin Hampton, Carlyle Sharpe, McNeil Robinson, and others, leading us from visions of destruction toward the "new heaven and new earth" promised in Revelations.

In its mission to perform the finest works of sacred music in inspired sacred spaces, **The Seraphim Singers** has honed elegant interpretations of sacred works drawn from the early Renaissance to the twenty-first century. Innovative programming which integrates the old with the new in highly creative ways is a hallmark of The Seraphim Singers. The timeless transcendence inherent in great sacred choral music is brought to light, truly opening 'a window on the divine.' Video and audio, singer roster, and more information can be found at www.seraphimsingers.org. Two of the group's singers are well known to our congregation: Robert Barney (organist at Trinity Church, Concord) and Daryl Bichel (our guest organist throughout Advent 2016).

Tickets are available at www.seraphimsingers.org and at the door:

\$20: general admission

\$15: students and seniors

25% discount for the TriCon congregation.

Identify yourselves as a congregant at the door, or use this code for online orders:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/visions-of-war-peace-and-paradise-tickets-27629855642>

ITEMS OF INTEREST



We are updating our TriCon Directory. If you have a *cell phone number* that you would like added to your name entry, especially if you use your cell phone instead of your land line, please email abruning@triconchurch.org with your number and preference for listing. If you have email address(es) as well to add or change, please let Amy at the church office know.

Open Table - FEBRUARY 2017

Peanut Butter / Jams / Jellies



Helping Our Neighbors Locally and Globally

Serving Over 300 Guests Weekly



Please leave donations in the marked bin in the Parish Hall

*Jams and Jellies in every flavor and shape
Strawberry, Apricot, Blackberry, Grape
Add Marshmallow fluff and Peanut Butter
For a Valentine's Day Fluffernutter!*

Our neighbors at Open Table will appreciate your donations!

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

The TriCon congregation is extraordinarily generous. Below are

thanks from individuals and organizations who have been recipients of this generosity.

Aid for the Syrian Refugees

Thanks to your generous contributions to our Christmas offering, we raised over \$15,800 for SAMS – the Syrian American Medical Society. Our Mission Committee voted to create a match for up to \$10,000 of these donations from our Mission budget. Our \$25,800 contribution will be even more needed and appreciated as bitter cold and harsh winter storms make conditions extremely difficult for the refugees. SAMS has clinics in Syria, Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan offering primary health care to alleviate suffering and save lives.

Dear Friends:

... On behalf of our team at the Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS), New England Chapter, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and your congregation for your generosity to SAMS this holiday season... we are so thankful and grateful to you all for spreading the holiday spirit and for extending a helping hand to your brothers and sisters overseas, who will benefit greatly from your donation.

We, on behalf of SAMS-NE, are tremendously thankful, and hope you know that you've just made a great impact on these individuals lives.

All the best to you all this new year! Wishing you peace & joy, always...

Ala'a El-Shaar
on behalf of the SAMS Family

Your Generous Mission Dollars at Work MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT



CONCORD PRISON HOLIDAY GIFT BAGS

The Holiday Gift Bag Project provides all 1,700 inmates at MCI Concord with gift bags during the holiday season. These simple gifts and handmade cards let the men know that they have not been forgotten. For many recipients, these gift bags are the only presents they receive. As one inmate wrote, "I want to thank you for the gift bag you gave me and the card you wrote me. It really means a lot; it shows me that even though I ended up in prison, people still care."



Learn more at:
triconchurch.org/missions-outreach

Another thank you letter:

"Thank you so very much for the gifts you have blessed us with. During the holidays in prison, there are always hard feelings, and lots of guilt. But the Holiday Gift Bag Project brings us so much happiness. Your kindness helps us remember that the good Lord has forgiven us. With all the war and madness going on in the world, sometimes everything seems hopeless. I think I can speak for every inmate here in Concord, when I say, you have lifted our spirits. We are so grateful."

FROM CONCORD PRISON OUTREACH

On behalf of Concord Prison Outreach, I am writing to thank you for your very generous donation of \$4,800...Your financial support enables us to develop new programs, recruit and train volunteers and provide books and other teaching materials needed in the classes we offer ...we are grateful for your steadfast support that makes a lasting difference ...
Rev. Dr. Kaia Stern, Executive Director

SNOW POLICY

When the Concord Public Schools or the Concord-Carlisle Adult Education classes are canceled, so are our events, classes, meetings. If there is a question, call the chairman or convener. While we hope never to have to cancel a worship service, in the event of severe weather call the church answering machine, check the TriCon website or watch Channel 4, 5 or 7 for the latest information.



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.



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!

SERMONS ON FACEBOOK

You can HEAR SERMONS on line by going to www.triconchurch.org
OR
Facebook.com and search Trinitarian Congregational Church

ELECTRONIC GIVING UPDATE REMINDER

If you have set up automatic pledge payments thru our website, now is the time to go in and change the pledge year to 2017 and make any needed adjustments to the amount being transferred from your bank account or credit card.

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.

ALL ABOUT MISSION AT TRICON...

Where do the dollars earmarked for mission that are generously given during the annual stewardship campaign go? How does the church undertake the process of vetting and deciding on which well deserving organizations receive our mission dollars? These and other questions come up from time to time so we thought we would try to address some of the most commonly asked questions.

Which church committee allocates stewardship mission dollars?

The Mission Committee, comprised of nine church members, is responsible for allocating mission dollars. As of February 2017, Dale Ryder (Chair), Rick Johnson (former Chair), Beth Knauss, Jim Hall, Shane Siefer, Heidi Harring, Ellen Quackenbush, Peter Nash and Prescott Stewart serve on the committee. The committee meets monthly (except for July and August) with members serving three year terms.

What were the Mission Committee's budget and their total allocations in 2016?

Last year, 18% of pledges were earmarked for Mission for a total of **\$137,970**. The Mission budget also included income from the Mission Endowment Fund (\$15,700), the Antiques Show (\$16,000) and the Easter and Christmas offerings (\$22,242) for a combined total of **\$191,912 to 29 organizations**.

What organizations does TriCon support with its mission dollars?

TriCon supports a number of domestic and international organizations with its mission dollars. The Mission Committee tries each year to reach a balance of diversified organizations here in the United States and abroad that can benefit from our support. The largest donation each year is to Our Church's Wider Mission, providing basic support to the UCC's state and national programs. The Committee is also pleased to support many local organizations - Gaining Ground, Open Table, Household Goods Recycling, Operation Homefront, Reach Beyond Domestic Violence, PFLAG, Minuteman Arc, Concord Prison Ministry, Concord Area Pre-School Association, the Mission Trip and the Knitwits- as well as organizations abroad such as the Sharing Foundation in Cambodia, the Kasiisi Project in Uganda, Lamontville Them bathelu Care Center in South Africa and Metta Partners of Myanmar. You can see photos of some of the organizations supported by TriCon in the hallway leading to the Church School wing.

The Mission Committee attempts to balance the overwhelming need for dollars across a wide spectrum - veterans, domestic violence, homelessness, global catastrophes, alternatives to violence, prison ministry, pre-school funding, restorative justice, and food for the disadvantaged. TriCon has long standing relationships with many of the organizations funded such as City Mission in Boston. Organizations receive close scrutiny each year as committee members review applications and budget statements to ensure that the dollars allocated are used responsibly and go to the most needy. Our focus is on direct service organizations rather than advocacy groups to ensure that the donations have a direct impact. Each year, the Annual Report includes a table that shows the grants made to the organizations TriCon supports through its mission dollars.

TriCon has a long and proud tradition of outreach and support for those in need. It is at the very core of who we are as a church and what we do. Whether it is your generous giving during the Stewardship campaign or donations at Christmas and Easter or volunteering at the Antiques Show, your efforts make a difference in the church's ability to give generously year after year.

If you have any questions about the Mission Committee, the organizations TriCon supports or how the stewardship dollars are allocated, please call one of the members of the Mission Committee.

Baptism: *Marked As God's Beloved*

One of the most profound moments in ministry for me is baptizing Christians into God's family. We gather around a bowl, ask God to bless the water that we pour in and then dab a small bit of that holy water on the forehead of the one being baptized, making the sign of the cross while saying the sacred words, "*We baptize you In the name of the one whom Jesus called Abba, Father, in the name of Christ our Savior and in the name of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit be upon you, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.*" And there you have it; new life is welcomed into the Christian Church. It's a moment in time that resonates for eternity and can never be rescinded. From that moment on, the baptized believer is marked as God's beloved.

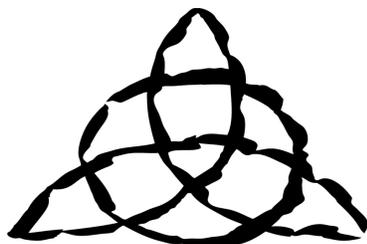
In our denomination, The United Church of Christ, Baptism is thought to be so important that it is one of only two recognized sacraments, the other being Holy Communion. We do not however teach that baptism is necessary for salvation. In the UCC we don't baptize babies or adults because we believe they need to be baptized. Baptism for us is more like an immersion into the gentle flow of a crystal clear, deep wide river, The River Of Life. A river flowing with what Jesus calls "Living Water". (Jn 7:38) And everyone who has encountered Jesus knows that this is a river of forgiveness, a river of grace, a river that sweeps us all up into what we call church. In the Living Water of baptism, we are immersed into the continuous current of God's complete and total acceptance. So no matter what path is carved out for you in life, this river will always flow through it, and in the end, Living Water MUST empty out into the very center of the Divine Presence.

Many of us were baptized as infants or small children, but this sacred ritual can take place at any age. For adults and older children it may in fact have deeper impact. However, I imagine that some may feel uneasy about getting baptized publicly in front of an entire congregation. If this is you or your children, let's talk about it to explore alternative possibilities. Please call the church office or email me directly, revbobbrown@triconchurch.org.

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In the waters of baptism we proclaim our allegiance to God, following in the Way of Jesus Christ and join in kinship to all who have come before. If you have not been baptized, please consider the possibility of accepting one of the most sacred of all rituals offered in the Christian tradition, marked as God's beloved with Living Water.

Rev. Bob Brown



BAPTISM



CHURCH SCHOOL

Check out our February on-line Church School newsletter for detailed information about calendar programming as well as news, photos and announcements. Church School newsletters can also be found on our TriCon website.

If you are new and would like information about our Church School program, please contact Church School Director Carrie O'Brien at cobrien@triconchurch.org. You may also visit our church website at www.triconchurch.org.

Our Spring Church School session begins on Sunday, March 12th and runs for nine teaching Sundays until June 4th. The Pre-K/K, 1st and 3rd Grade classes are in need of teachers. Consider participating in our fabulous Children's Ministry program and contact Church School Director, Carrie O'Brien for more information and/or to sign up to teach.

Church School February 2017 Calendar

Wednesday, February 1st

RSVP Due for SEEKERS trip to St. John the Divine/NYC

Sunday, February 5th

10:00am Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall followed by Church School
5th and 6th Grade Valentines Day Cards for Caring Connection

Sunday, February 12th

10:00am Family Worship

Friday, February 17th

Payment Due for SEEKERS St. John the Divine/NYC trip

Sundays, February 19th and 26th

10:00am Family Worship

Carrie O'Brien
Church School Director
cobrien@triconchurch.org
978-369-4837, ext. 224

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Sundays, February 12 and 26 at 7:00 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO BLACK MESA, AZ - APRIL 2017

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OUTREACH

YOUTH GROUP
MISSION TRIP 2017

Starts March 5th!



The TriCon Youth Mission Trip is going to Black Mesa, Arizona's 'Navajo Nation' the week of April 15th to 22nd, serving the largest Native American reservation in the United States today.

We will be selling tee-shirts, hats, and water bottles with the 2017 trip logo for six weeks, starting March 5th, in the Parish Hall after church.
Wear your support with pride!

COMING SOON

Counting Our Blessings

Stewardship Update:

The task of the Stewardship Committee is to oversee the collection of annual pledges which account for 80% of the church's operating income. The goal for this year was \$764,000 which was slightly below last year's budget of \$766,500 but actually represented a 4% increase over the baseline of pledges.

This baseline is an assessment of the range of possible giving after adjusting for changes in membership -- both new members and those no longer in the church. As of this printing, the campaign stands at approximately \$747,700, \$16,300 from the goal.

Among pledges to date, 40% responded with an increase, another 42% were constant with their prior pledge year, 7% were reduced, 1% are new altogether, and finally 10% have not yet confirmed. If you have not yet made a pledge or a gift for 2017, please prayerfully consider doing so as soon as possible so that we can begin 2017 on a solid financial footing.

Counting Our Blessings

A significant blessing to our stewardship efforts is the dedication of our route captains who keep an eye on the haversacks during their journey through the neighborhoods. We could not do it without you! Thanks to:

Brian Ackley
Bill Barrett
Patty Braunegg
Dale Clutter
Mary Lou Esposito
John Flynn
Jim Hall
Rich Hollingsworth
Rick Johnson
Anne Keesler
Jack LaMothe
Barbara Lynch
Alan Merry
Marty Oberrender
Tom Piper
Sue Richards
Russell Sanna
Gordon Shaw
Maryann Street
Andrew Thut
Betsy Veidenheimer
Charlie Wittenberg

Linda Andersen
Janet Benvenuti
Amy Bruning
Laura Davidian
Barbara Feehrer
Michele Forinash
Sarah Hart
Shirley Huettig
Mary Johnson
Annabelle Kellogg
Janet Lawson
Paul Mahoney
Polly Meyer
Rick Olney
Jon Piper
Dale Ryder
Sally Schnitzer
Carolyn Stein
Sue Stumpf
Jane Turner-Michael
Claudia Veitch
Alan Woodward

Susie Baldwin
Elaine Bonoma
Jeff Campbell
Pat Davis
Loretta Filipov
Liz Haff
Nancy Haynes
Thad Jackson
Otto Judicke
David Kolstad
Bart Littlefield
Kathy Manley
Ann Noyes
Amy Pasley
Ellen Quackenbush
Holly Salemy
Milt Schwenk
Prescott Stewart
Betsy Swaim
Beth Vause
Tussie Williams

5 conversations about life, faith & hope

There is nothing we can do that will bring us closer to God and to make us healthier people than to forgive. Yet, why is it hard to ask for forgiveness and even harder sometimes to forgive?

TriCon's CE Committee is pleased to present this year's Lenten Small Groups series.

f o r g i v e n e s s

Considering forgiveness is a process more than a single act, each week groups will thoughtfully engage in conversation about the various aspects of forgiveness. Our program will begin with an All Church Ash Wednesday dinner on March 1st. Sign up in the Parish Hall, or at triconchurch.org. Invite a friend to join you.

WEEK One:

Week of March 6th

f o r g i v e n e s s of God

The Way of Jesus

WEEK Two:

Week of March 13th

f o r g i v e n e s s to another

The Way of Release

WEEK Three:

Week of March 20th

f o r g i v e n e s s of self

The Way of Vulnerability

WEEK Four:

Week of March 27th

f o r g i v e n e s s from another

The Way of Humility

WEEK Five:

Week of April 3rd

a FORGIVEN life

The Way of Acceptance

Please contact CE Committee Chair, Otto Judicke, at ojudicke@comcast.net if you have any questions, would like more information or if you would like to facilitate and/or host a Small Group.

**Warrant for the Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 12, 2017**

To the Members of the
Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord
County of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

You are hereby notified that the Annual Meeting of said church will be held on Sunday morning, the *12th of February, 2017, at 11:10 am in the sanctuary, immediately following the 10am worship service for the following purposes, to wit:

Article 1. To receive and act upon reports of the Church officers and committees.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Church officers and committees for the church year 2017.

Article 3. To appropriate money for all Church expenses and to determine the manner of raising same.

Article 4. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

M. Dixie Grimes, Clerk
Concord, Massachusetts - January 2017

* Snow date: Monday, February 13st 7:00 pm

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00am Caregivers 7:30pm Mission 7:30pm Youth Discussion	2 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4 2:00pm Everett Frost Memorial
5 10:00am Worship/ Communion 11:00am Welcoming Coffee	6 10:00am Meditation Group	7	8 7:30pm Youth Discussion	9 7:30am Finance Committee 12:00pm Retired Men's Lunch 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 1:30pm William Warren Memorial
12 10:00am Worship 11:00am Annual Meeting 4:00pm Seraphim Singers 7:00pm Youth Group	13 10:00am Meditation Group	14 10am Anchor Group 	15 10:00am Caregivers 7:30pm Membership Committee 7:30pm Youth Discussion	16 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18
19 10:00am Worship	20 PRESIDENTS' DAY Church Office Closed	21	22 12:00pm Knitwits 7:30pm Youth Discussion	23 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 10:00am Worship 7:00pm Youth Group	27 10:00am Meditation Group	28 7:00am Anchor Group				

January

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