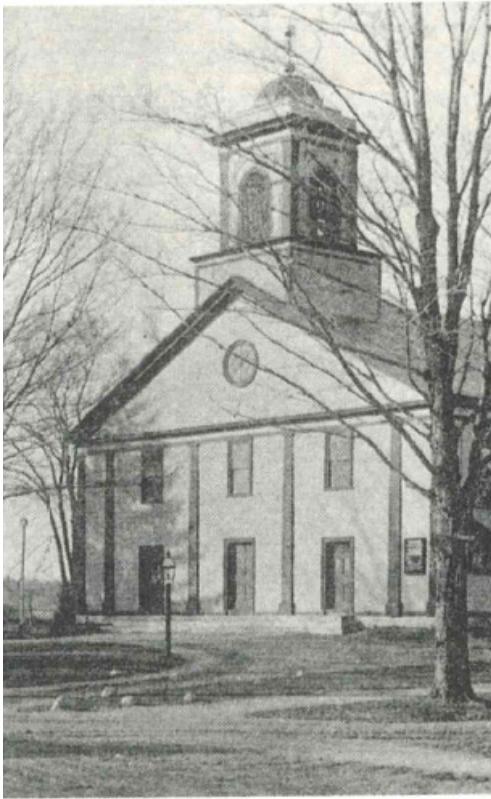




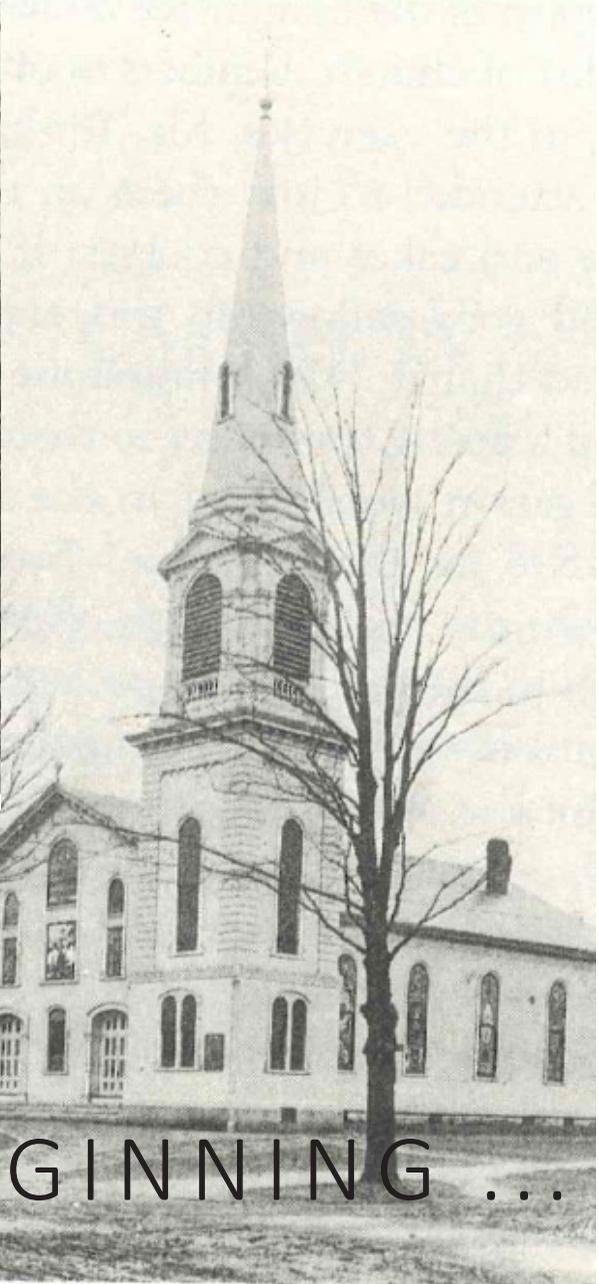
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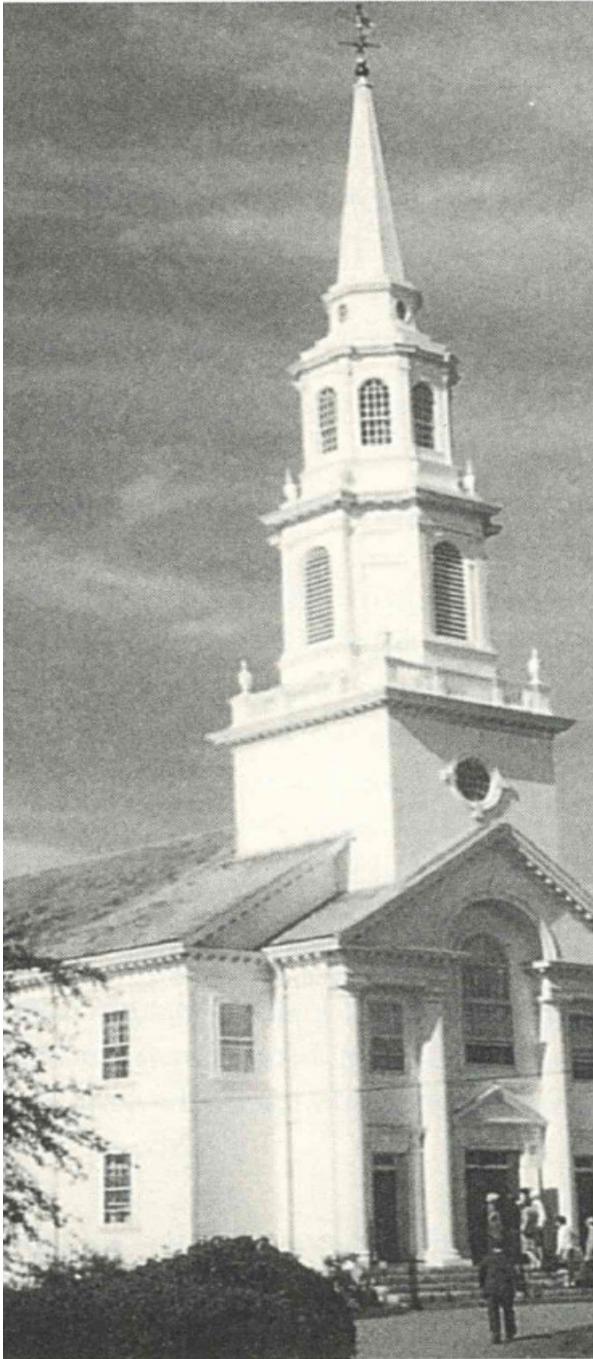


Original church, 1826

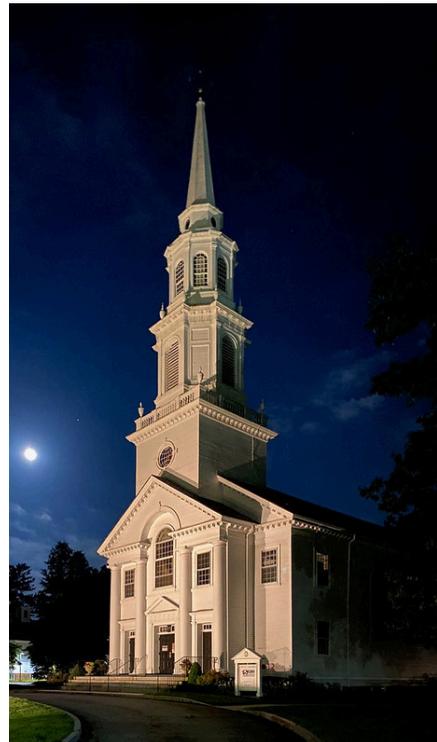


IN THE BEGINNING ...

— Major redesign in 1898. Manse shown to the left of the church.



The story of our church began in 1636 when the first settlers came to Concord. It continued in 1826 when ten members of First Church, disenchanted with the drift toward Unitarianism, “crossed the brook over the leaving out of the Trinity.” Joined by others in the town, they formed the Trinitarian Congregational Church and built the first meetinghouse on land donated by Ebenezer Hubbard.



Who

Our congregation comes from different religious backgrounds and beliefs, or no faith background at all. There is no formula or test of faith. As individuals, we are free to believe and act in accordance with our perception of God's will in our lives. Our denomination, the United Church of Christ, proclaims "in essentials unity, in nonessentials diversity, in all things charity." The common thread that runs through all is love.



Some attend worship on a regular basis, some irregularly and for some, only at Christmas and Easter or in times of crises. Yet, all are part of TriCon and all can say "this is my church." And all can know that the church is there for me, whenever, wherever I may need it.

What



Thank you note from a prisoner, after receiving a holiday gift bag, a project we support through Concord Prison Outreach.

There is worship on Sunday mornings and at special services; opportunities to grieve together at funerals and memorial services; and celebrate at baptisms and weddings. We share fellowship, support and pray together at Anchor Group, Women of Spirit, Bible Study, and the Advent and Lenten Groups. We teach the basic tenets and values of our faith to our children and youth and expand our own knowledge and



sensitivities through forums and discussion groups.

Our mission funds fight homelessness, poverty and racial injustice; support orphanages and schools; minister to prisoners, veterans, refugees and disabled individuals; respond to disasters locally and around the world.

The holidays are something I usually make a big deal about with my family and this is my second Christmas away from them so it was looking a little gloomy. Then I got the package you sent and I couldn't help but smile. Thank you for shining a little light on my gloomy holiday!

Why

God made us with a desire to be with other people. Even the most private person is designed to be in relationships, to connect with others, to know and to be known. Through the church God gives us relationships. They may be with people we'd never have expected, but that's the way He works. He blesses us through each other, in tangible and intangible ways.

But the most important relationship God gives us is with Jesus Christ. Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we see God more clearly and know God

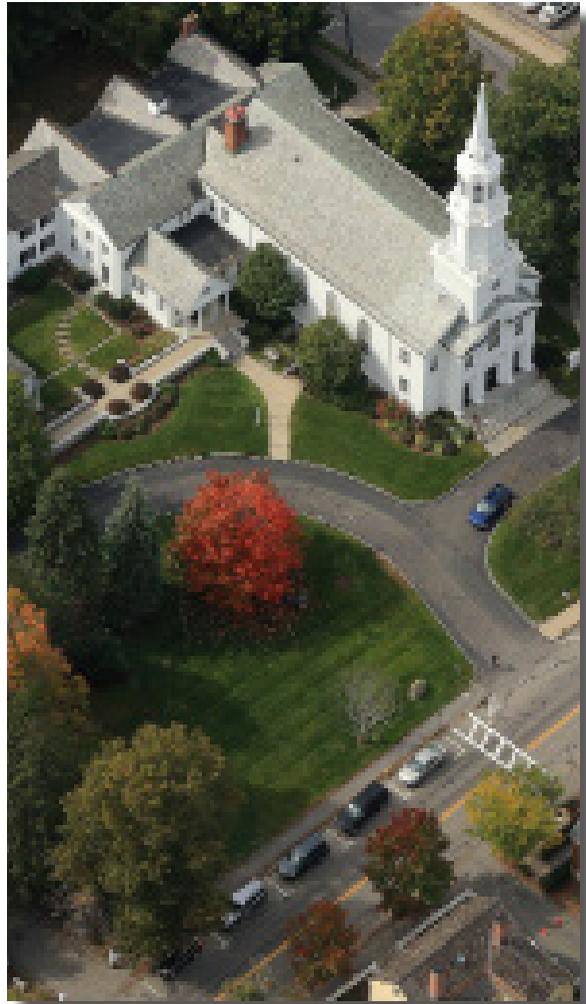


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more fully. And because of Jesus' resurrection, we have values embedded in our life together (and our individual lives as Christians) that are the very fabric of who we are. Grace. Forgiveness. Hope. Reconciliation. Peace. Faith. Joy. These are front and center in everything from simple interactions with one another at coffee hour or at the coffee shop, to big decisions about where we will serve and give in Mission, and everything in between.

Church is truly unique and is like nowhere else. No matter who we are, no matter where we've come from or where we're going, we have in common Jesus Christ, who calls us to gather, to grow, and to give. You belong here!

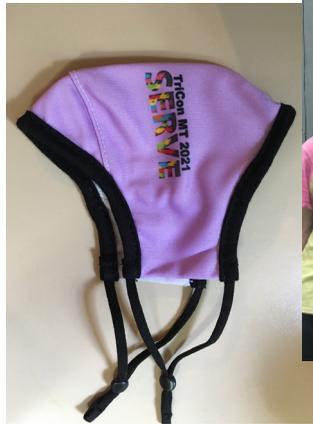


Where

TriCon's ministry takes place within the walls of our sanctuary and building and extends beyond with visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and shut-ins, through phone calls, emails and notes.

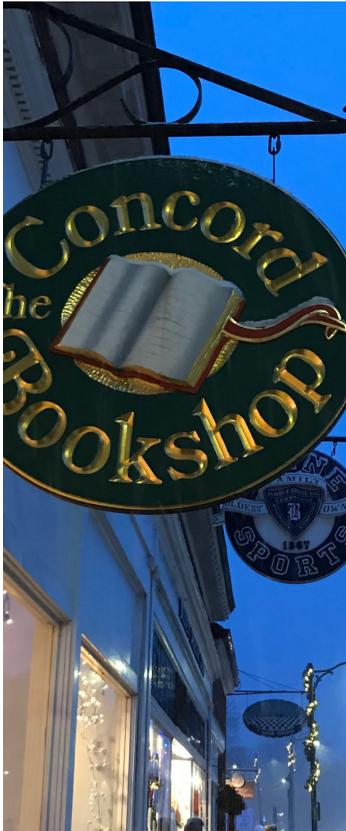
The annual Mission Trip takes our young people to places all over the country, helping those in difficult situations and learning valuable life lessons along the way. The Youth Group, Seekers and Voyagers participate in service projects in the greater Concord area.

Our mission funds support libraries in Uganda; a school in Zimbabwe, children in Boston; youth in Worcester; the homeless and hungry; veterans; disabled



persons; prisoners; and immigrants.

When



Church happens in the sanctuary and on Zoom, but also on the soccer field, in the local stores and around town.

When a parishioner experiences a loss, faces a health crisis, or suffers a set-back, the church is there to offer support and comfort. TriCon's Caring Connection provides a meal or a ride to the doctor, and the KnitWits' prayer shawls offer loveable hugs.

How



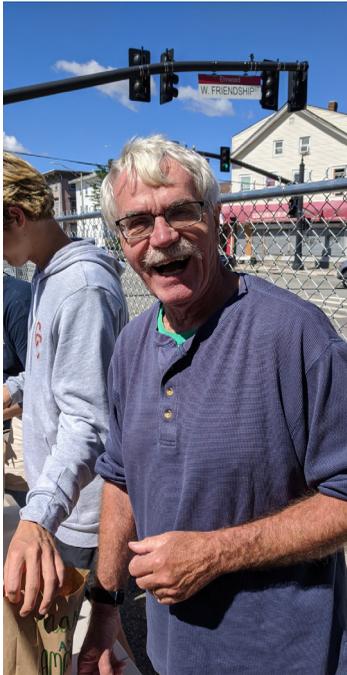
Tri-Con's Story has no end - it continues, as together, we write the next chapters.

The story is written and under-written by all of us as we live out our faith through giving of our time, talent and treasure.

Pledges provide over 80% of the church's income. To meet the needs of 2022, we will need for pledges to increase an average of 4%.

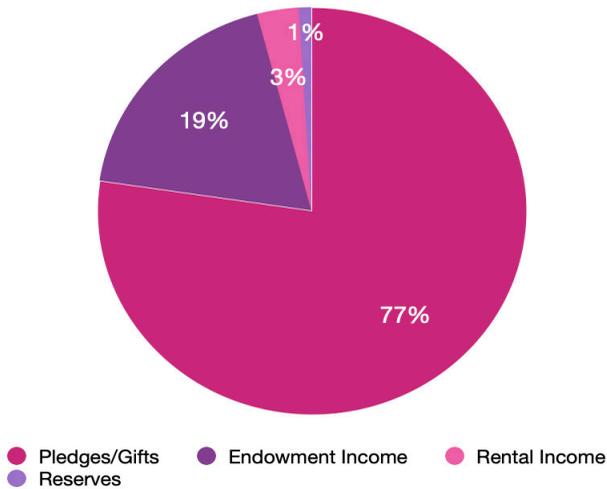
In 2022, in addition to continuing programs and services and maintaining our commitment to mission, specific needs include

- funding our increased use of technology for our online presence, our worship services, and Zoom meetings
- added costs for cleaning and utilities now that the building is reopened
- the need to replenish property reserves after extensive repair work and painting due to rotted wood
- funding increases in insurance costs and supplies
- the desire to provide a modest cost-of-living raise for our clergy and staff



TriCon Income

INCOME	\$
Pledges/Gifts	813,500
Endowment Income	195,200
Rental Income	33,000
Reserves	10,000
	1,051,700

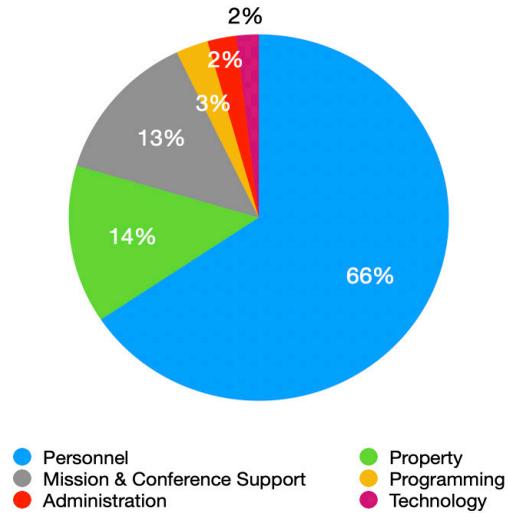


A pledge is non-binding. If your circumstances change, you can always adjust your pledge. We use the word ‘pledge’ as someone’s intention for support.

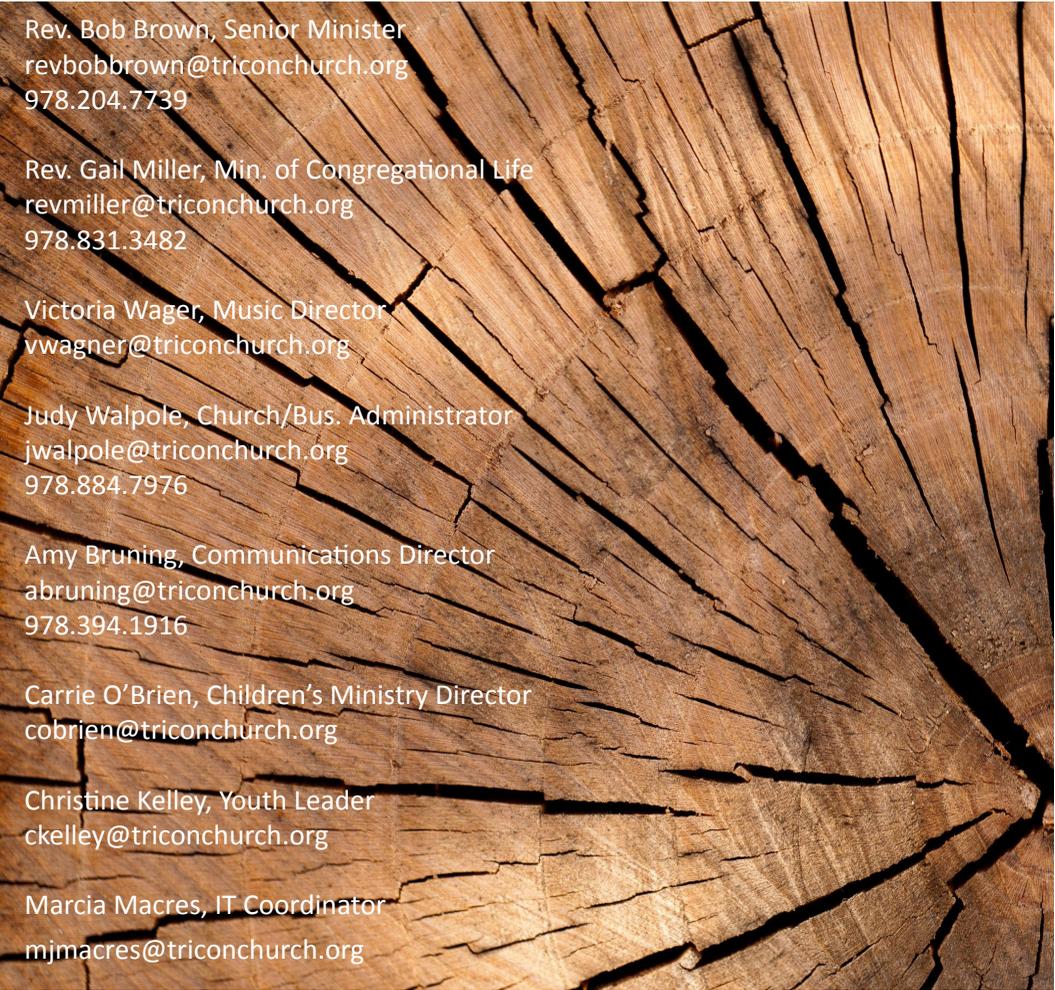
We need to know your planned giving so we can create a balanced budget, carefully managing our donations and gifts towards providing for the building, staff, programs, and mission outreach.

TriCon Expenses

EXPENSES	\$
Personnel	690,000
Mission & Conference Support	146,900
Property	140,000
Programming	29,000
Administration	25,800
Technology	20,000
	1,051,700



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PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE

thank you

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A pledge card is provided for you, where you can mark your intention for giving in 2022, and return it to the church.

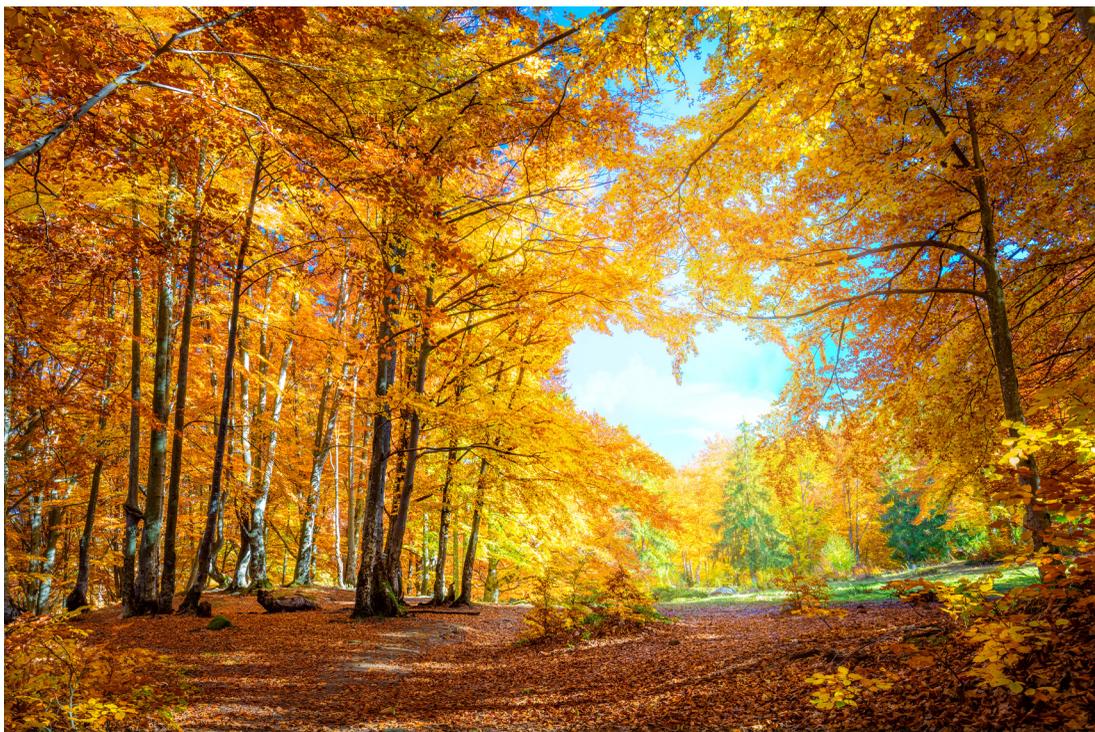
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