

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MUSICAL NEEDS



Please consider sharing your musical talents as a vocal or instrumental soloist during the summer months. Contact

Vickie Wagner at vwag@aol.com to sign up for a Sunday.

Confirmation 2008

An illustration of an open book with pages visible, and a keyboard instrument (possibly a piano or organ) partially visible below it.

**Confirmation Class 2007-08
Informational Meeting
for Parents and Youth
11:15 a.m. Sunday, June 3rd**

Do you ever think about life's tough questions? Have you wondered about who God is or why it matters to be part of the church? TriCon has a Confirmation Class that might be just right for you! We will explore these questions, do some service projects, retreats, and other outings. All of this happens with kids your age in a fun and supportive group.

If you will be in ninth grade in September—or—if you're already in high school and have not yet been confirmed, bring a parent and come on June 3rd to find out about our 2007-08 Confirmation Class. You'll get a quick overview of the basics. We'll go into more detail at our orientation in the fall—just before the class gets underway.

Questions?

E-mail: revdrkarin@aol.com or call
(978) 369-4837 x225



Spiritual Enrichment

Everyone is welcome to join the Spiritual Enrichment Group. Come and bring a friend!

Save the Date – June 4
Spring to summer celebration
at Bonnie Soleau's.

For more information, call Diane Frost at
978 369-6487.

CROSS CURRENTS

Cross Currents: A study of current events and how they affect our Christian Community

Cross Currents meets from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday of every month (October – June, unless otherwise noted). Join us for conversation and fellowship. All are welcome! Bring a friend or neighbor – someone from another church.

**Cross Currents will meet on Tuesday,
June 5, at the Back Alley Café.**

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GROUP DATE CHANGE

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Women's Spirituality Group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of June – **June 12 and 26**. These changes will be for June only. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Sunday, June 17

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, June 17 (Father's Day). If you would like to have your child baptized on this date, or you would like to be baptized yourself, contact the church office at 978 369-4837 by June 10.



SYNOD IN THE CITY
the gala celebration of
the UCC's 50th anniversary
Saturday, June 23, 2007
Hartford, CT

GENERAL SYNOD INFORMATION

When and Where Is General Synod?

General Synod will officially convene on Friday, June 22nd and will adjourn on Tuesday, June 26th following the closing worship. Synod will be at the Hartford, CT Civic Center where there will be exhibits, worship, music and workshops.

Who is it for?

Everyone! There will be events for people of all ages held throughout the day, and congregations are encouraged to attend. Come on your own, bring the family or come by the busload - there will be something for everyone. You need to be registered to attend any of the events.

What about Registration?

Everyone must register (except for the Sunday afternoon worship). There will be onsite registration in the Civic Center or you may register online at ucc.org.

Where Do I Stay?

Information can be found at ucc.org.

If you have questions, you may call or

email: Denise Shimell 216-736-2133 or shimell@ucc.org.



AN INVITATION TO NEWCOMERS

If you are new to TriCon we welcome you!

We encourage you to attend summer services, to meet fellow worshippers at Sunday coffee hours and to attend the Summer Barbecue on Wednesday evening, July 18. Please pick up church brochures and other information and call the church office if you have any questions.

SAVE THE DATE!

Al Filipov Peace and Justice Forum
Saturday, September 15

The fifth annual *Al Filipov Peace and Justice Forum* will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2007. The speaker will be Jack DuVall, President and founding Director of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict. He was the Executive Producer of the two-part Emmy-nominated PBS television series, "A Force More Powerful," and is co-author of the companion book of the same name.

The Filipov Forum, dedicated to the memory of TriCon member, Al Filipov, who was killed on September 11, 2001, is free and open to the public.

For more information go to www.alfilipov.org.



Concord area
CROP Walk
for the Hungry
Sunday, October 14
First Parish Church Concord

(Rain date: October 21 at TriCon Church)

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE! The 2007 Women's Retreat will be at Rolling Ridge in North Andover from Friday, October 19 to Saturday, October 20. Watch for more information in future editions of the Newsletter.



*You Ought
to be
In Pictures*

Coming in the fall – a new church photo directory. There will be more information in upcoming issues of *The Newsletter*.

The deadline for the
July Newsletter is
June 15.

38TH ANNUAL ANTIQUÉ SHOW AND SALE Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3

This year's show will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2nd and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3rd. We have many volunteer openings. If you are interested in being on the committee or helping with the show in any way, call Judy Walpole at the church office for more information.

LIFE CHANGES

NEW BABY

Congratulations to Ursie (Ayres) and Tom Ostrom. Their son, Julian Ayres Ostrom was born on April 23. Julian joins big sister, Alexandra. Proud grandparents are Demi and Rob Ayres.



Best wishes to Sean, Maureen, Ellie and Liam Flynn on the May 14 birth of Delaney Catherine. Beaming grandparents are Kathy and John Flynn.

WITH SYMPATHY

Sincere sympathy to our Administrative Assistant, Karen Lord, and her family. Karen's mother, Marie Smith, died on May 1. Services were held on Cape Cod.



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
2007 CONFIRMANDS

Hillary Skinner Cook, daughter of Dan and Marion Cook, is a life-long native of Carlisle, and is the oldest of three girls. Hillary is a lover of many sports, including soccer, lacrosse, squash, and ski-racing. She was captain of her soccer team three years in a row. Hillary claims Thai food as her favorite. She is a freshman at CCHS.

Christian Anthony DiRomualdo is the son of Tony and Nancy DiRomualdo. The oldest of three children, Christian lives in Carlisle and is a member of the class of 2010 at CCHS. Christian enjoys sports, including football, baseball and waveboarding. Through Confirmation he is excited to further his involvement in our church community.

Celeste Willingham Hall, baptized as a baby here at TriCon, is the daughter of Jim and Jane Hall, and lives in Concord with her three siblings. Celeste loves to sing and act, as well as play piano. Over the past seven years, she has performed in more than twenty productions ranging from musicals to dramas.

Katherine Huntington Hart, daughter of David and Sarah Hart, has been a part of TriCon for the past thirteen years. She is a student at CCHS, participates in a band after school, and helps in her brother's classroom for community service. She recently learned to ski and enjoys many seasonal sports, including skating in winter, and swimming and sailing in summer. When Katie grows up she plans to become a marine biologist.

Caroline Howe, daughter of Parkman and Melinda Howe, lives in Carlisle with her older sister Emily. A student at Concord Academy, Caroline keeps busy with a wide range of interests. She runs cross-country, plays squash and lacrosse, and plays the piano and alto saxophone. She listens to the Beatles, enjoys writing and tie-dyeing, and is learning to speak German.

Brittany Spencer Mayer, daughter of William and Cynthia Mayer, lives in Sudbury and is a student at Lincoln Sudbury High School. Brittany began her school life in England and has lived in six places. She enjoys music, art, and sports, including tennis and lacrosse. She also loves to travel and plans to spend three weeks in Germany with her language class.

Hallie Katherine O'Connor, daughter of Dan and Julie O'Connor, lives in Concord and attends the Fay School as a boarder during the week. She plans to go to the Pomfret School next year. Hallie enjoys playing tournament softball, ice hockey, and field hockey. She loves her dog and expressing herself through creative writing.

Tyler William Ryan, son of Bill and Marty Ryan, lives in Concord, the oldest of three children. Tyler attends the Fenn School and will be a freshman at Middlesex next year. He is a certified scuba-diver, and enjoys many sports including golf, basketball, football and baseball. Tyler also likes to cook.

Jennifer Rose Swain, daughter of Philip and Roseanne Swain, lives in Concord, the younger of two girls. She attends CCHS and plays soccer and basketball. She also enjoys reading. Jennifer is an avid horseback rider, competing nationally.

Hannah Arnold Tremblay, daughter of Thomas and Charity Tremblay, lives in Concord, and is a freshman at CCHS. She is a lover of art, especially cartoon drawing. She also enjoys soccer, skiing and swimming. Hannah participated in Tri-Con's recent mission trip to San Antonio, and she is already looking forward to next year's.

Andrew Gerard Vanasse, son of Matthew and Polly Vanasse, lives in Concord and attends CCHS. Drew was born in Minnesota, and was adopted from there. He loves playing sports, including soccer and basketball, and he runs track. Drew also enjoyed participating in the Youth Group's mission trip to San Antonio.

WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Talk with your YG friends about what's on your mind -- serious or fanciful. Discussion Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 every Wednesday night in the youth room or the church parlor. All high schoolers are welcome.

For information on Wednesday Discussion Group during the summer months, email Nick or Karin.

MISSION TRIP NEWS

Private School Mission Trip Meeting in April

We invited private school families to take part in a conversation about alternative mission trip possibilities. We recognize that it is difficult for private school students to participate in our senior high mission trips, which alternate between February and April public school vacation weeks and we hoped to explore alternatives. Unfortunately, the response from private school families was quite sparse, and the few replies we did receive suggest divergent needs and insufficient consensus to move forward. So, for now, we'll do the best we can to support those private school students who wish to participate in the February and April trips. And of course, our high school youth program offers mission and service opportunities throughout the year.

Save the Dates for Mission Trip 2008!

The next Senior High Mission Trip will take place the week of February 16-23, 2008

YOUTH GROUP



YOUTH GROUP IN JUNE

**Saturday, June 2 – Sunday, June 3
Last Lock-In of the year!**

Look for information and permission slips in your email.

(No Youth Group on June 3)

Sunday, June 10 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

End of year pool party! All Youth Groupers and Mission Trippers welcome! Swim, play basketball and badminton, eat and reminisce about a great year

At Nick's house -
103 Assabet Avenue (off Barretts Mill Road), Concord

ITEMS OF INTEREST

STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.*

It seems to me that the Serenity Prayer encapsulates much of what we need to know to grow spiritually. To begin with, it acknowledges God as the source of serenity, courage and wisdom. Secondly, it divides human experience into two parcels: the things that I *can* change, and the things that I *can't* change.

"...the serenity to accept the things I cannot change." If I am a leader or manager in my work life, if I'm a perfectionist, or if I have a tendency to blame others when things go wrong, I will have difficulty accepting that some things or people are outside my power to control. If I am in a relationship with a difficult, unreasonable person, I may wear myself out trying to get this person to change. Sooner or later I'll have to surrender to the fact that it is hard, if not impossible, to make someone else genuinely change.

"...the courage to change the things I can." Instead, I might try to identify the choices I have in a particular situation, and make personal changes accordingly. Self-change is far from easy, but if I am successful, I may discover that changing myself opens up space for others to change, too.

"...the wisdom to know the difference." Am I butting my head against a brick wall by trying to change someone or something that I cannot change? Is it time to just let go? Or, am I stuck in living passively? Are there changes I could make in myself or actions I could take that would make a difference, in me and in the world?

Stephen Ministry is here to support us as we learn to distinguish between the things we can change and those we can't, let go of the things that are beyond our power to alter, and take the risks that can transform our lives. While God is the source of spiritual growth, a Stephen Minister can serve as the midwife to that growth.

SUMMER NURSERY STAFF

We need to staff the summer nursery during the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday from June 17th – September 2nd. This is a paid position but high school students may also use this time toward their community service hours. Please call Carrie O'Brien at the church if you are interested.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you would like to donate flowers for the church altar, July 8 and 15 and August 5 are still available. Sign up in the parish hall or call the church office.



PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer shawls are hand knit throws made by women of our church and given to members and friends in times of need. Below are excerpts from a few of the thank you letters received from recipients of our "lovable hugs."

I am absolutely overwhelmed and thrilled to be the recipient of a prayer shawl! When I heard about this project, I thought wouldn't it be wonderful if I were lucky enough to receive one and my wish came true!It is especially meaningful because it represents the church (people) I love so much and God's healing presence!

What a beautiful gift the prayer shawl is. I look forward to wrapping myself up in it, keeping toasty warm and draft free....I expect my prayer and quiet times will expand – good things for me.

Thank you so much for the lovable hugs shawl. I just love it and will enjoy using it....the shawl will comfort me. ...I thank you for your thoughtfulness.

A BIG THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the clothing collection for Merrimack House in Lowell. The response was overwhelming and Merrimack House was able to share its good fortune with another shelter.

SAYING GOODBYE

On Sunday, May 20, we said goodbye to Judy Brandon. As part of her training at Andover Newton Theological School, Judy spent this school year as an intern with us. Under Karin Case's guidance she led worship, participated in small group meetings, and studied origins and journeys of faith with this year's Confirmands. We are grateful for her ministry.

OUR EASTER OFFERING

Thanks to the generosity of our church community, our 2007 Easter offering was over \$8,800. This money was sent to the Boston Adult Literacy Program where it is helping others through their scholarship fund.

