



## TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES JUNE 2007

From the desks of Carrie and Suzanne...

As spring fades into summer, we pass through the season of Eastertide. We then spend one short day celebrating Pentecost (the gift of the Holy Spirit) and quickly move into the longest season of our liturgical church year, Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time, also known as the "Season of Discipleship," is a wonderful opportunity for stewardship and spiritual growth.

Spiritual growth can come in many forms, and when is a better time than over the long days of summer. Summer is when we are able to take few extra minutes to do the things we are too busy for during the hectic school year. A relaxing family meal is something we often are unable to make time for, and is a wonderful way of re-establishing family connections. A child participating in community ministry benefits all those involved (i.e.: taking out the trash for an elderly neighbor, bringing cup of cool lemonade to someone who is unable to get out and about, making a personal card for someone you know is sad or ill, taking time chat with someone who seems quiet and distant, or offering to play with child who looks lonely). Recycling cans/bottles/paper, conserving water and planting trees are all ways of participating in the stewardship of our earth. Spending a quiet moment gazing at the stars and sharing "I am thankful for..." or "I wish..." is a wonderful spiritual opportunity for families (the conversation may begin with silly things, but we promise it will evolve). These are a few ways for children and adults to celebrate in the love of God.

Appreciating, serving, loving and celebrating Christ can be witnessed in many places, in many times and in many ways. We pray that this summer our families will continue on their journey, grow in their faith, and experience the love of the endless gifts from above.

In Peace and Love,

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Church School 10:00AM

Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Liaison Meeting 7:00PM  
C.E. Committee Meeting 8:00PM

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>  
Field Day 10:00AM

Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Family Worship 10:00AM  
Childcare available

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Office Hours until June 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mon. 10:30-3, Tues. 9-12, Thurs. 9-3

*If you need to contact the Church School Directors over the summer, please call the church office and leave us a message. Regular office hours will commence September 5th.*

*We are happy to announce that Nasrin Parsaei will be providing childcare during the 10AM worship service this summer. We welcome families to take advantage of this opportunity.*



## Field Day Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>



On June 10<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our year of spiritual growth. Children will participate in a fun morning of games, snacks, fellowship and fun! Scheduled CE teachers will help facilitate this event.

## Happy JUNE Birthday Wishes to...



Clifford Freund  
Peter Lannan  
Westley Wilson  
Eliza Noyes  
Benji Page  
Margaret O'Brien  
Ashley Wieland  
Caroline Wieland  
Caroline Hall  
Caroline Donelan  
Andrew Bates  
Joshua Boisvert  
Annie Wilson  
Katelyn Colman  
Victoria Macres

Max Gomez  
Caroline Means  
Eliza Ticknor  
Timothy Veidenheimer  
Campbell Hart  
Lindsay Ryder  
James Henderson  
Maggie Dorr  
Natalie Stein  
Buck Lewis  
Ryan Lewis  
Carson Detweiler  
Charlotte Cuddy  
Maddy Cuddy  
Gillian Pasley

## Looking Ahead to our 2007 - 2008 Church School Year

*Here's a snapshot of what's in store for next year...*

- A **new** interim curriculum! *Gather Round* will replace both our current Lower School *Witness* and Middle School *Generation Why?* programs.
- A **new** children's ministry program! Periodically throughout the year **Children's Chapel** will be offered in place of Church School. Children will help plan, participate and celebrate in a clergy-led worship service.
- A **re-newed** opportunity for mission! The children's offering envelopes will help sponsor a family of orphaned boys who live at the Roteang Orphanage in Cambodia, which is run by the Sharing Foundation.
- A **new** teacher mentoring program! We will pair up experienced teachers with those who are less comfortable in the classroom.
- No matter what your plans are for the summer, keep an eye on your mail (both email and snail) for more information about these and other exciting programs.

### TRI-CON CHURCH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

It is our mission to intentionally provide to all of the children in our Church School program the following:

Provide our children with a foundation in Christian education such as learning the stories of the Bible, the history of Christianity and what it means to be a UCC member, and the components of worship.

Provide our children with many opportunities to participate in our church community and programs outside our community.

Provide a safe, caring and nurturing environment with other children and adults.

Teach our children the important faith traits such as generosity, responsibility, courage, joy, stewardship and humility so that they will include and apply them to their daily lives.

### PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE 2007 - 2008 CHURCH SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

Your information provides vital information used to access and manage class size, order curriculum and materials, plan activities and events, staff programming and communicate more effectively. Please return the form ASAP to the attention of the CE Directors,

