



# TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES APRIL 2008

*From the desk of...*

Our curriculum focus this Spring will be on Paul who was more influential in establishing the Christian religion, both in practice and theology, than any single person, with the exception of Jesus Christ. Children, Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, will be learning about his mission and how they too can make a difference in the lives of others. How much do you know about Paul? Check out the questions below. Answers are at the end of this newsletter along with a word search puzzle you can do with your kids.

1. What was Paul's given name at birth?
2. Where did Paul meet Jesus?
3. What was Paul's vocation?
4. Where can you find information about Paul's life and mission in the Bible?
5. During his lifetime was Paul ...
  - a. Shipwrecked
  - b. Imprisoned
  - c. Whipped
  - d. Stoned
  - e. Starved
  - f. Frozen
  - g. Half-drowned
  - h. Beheaded
  - i. All of the above ?

Onwards and upwards!

Peace

Carrie

**5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group Bowling**  
**Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 4-5:30PM**



Thanks to Suzanne Giles for heading up this event! This is sure to be a lively, fun activity. Please RSVP to Suzanne at [suzanne@gileslake.com](mailto:suzanne@gileslake.com) by Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> to let her know if your child will attend. She needs to have a firm count in order to reserve lanes. Can you help with transportation? More specifics to follow.

## APRIL

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

Church School	10:00AM
7/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Hindu Speaker	

Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Liaison Meeting	7:00PM
C.E. Committee Meeting	8:00PM

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Church School	10:00AM
7/8 Grade Trip to Islamic Center	1:00PM

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Worship	10:00AM
No Church School	
Childcare up to age five	

Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>

"Burma" One Room Schoolhouse (Childcare up to age five)	10:00AM
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## Burma One Room Schoolhouse Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>



The Kanpelet Home in northern Burma cares for over 60 orphaned or homeless children. The children there have no schooling both due to a lack of teachers and to the need for children to work to earn money for food. Our children have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference (think Paul) in the lives of these needy children by making educational flashcard games for them using the

Roman alphabet and Burmese script with the help of a Burmese teacher, Maan Sukte. TriCon member, Jeannette Taylor, will show pictures of the Kanpelet Home and children. Each participating Church School family will receive a special take home gift from our Burmese friends. Polly Vanasse will lead this One Room Schoolhouse with assistance from Jeannette Taylor and Brian Schmidt.

## 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Study of World Religions



The 7/8<sup>th</sup> graders are continuing their study of world religions. To date we have had speakers representing the Jewish and Islamic faiths visit the classroom. Here's what is coming up...

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - Hindu Speaker, during Church School  
Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - Visit to the Islamic Center in Wayland, 1:30PM  
Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> - Buddhist Speaker, during Church School

We also have opportunities for the children to visit Kerem Shalom in Concord and the Hindu Temple in Ashland,. Parents may decide whether this is something they would like to do independently or as a group with other 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Regardless, we do encourage these visits as they are a part of the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum. Contact Kathe Falzer, Class Liaison, at 978-369-6118 for more information.

## Happy April Birthday Wishes to...



Allie Lesser  
Jane Fulshaw  
Andrew Upham  
Luke Randle  
Charlotte Olney  
Allie Winstanley

Nina Olney  
Dalton Macres  
Judibrown Sample  
Tucker Winstanley  
Patrick Falzer

Jackson Boyle  
Willie Page  
Arianna DiRomualdo  
Lydia Marzot  
Jack Littlefield

### 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.**

### 2008 - 2009 Church School Registration

We will begin accepting registration forms, including participation requests, towards the end of April for the 2008-2009 Church School year. Keep your eye on your mailbox. Forms will be mailed to you this month.



Coming up in



Sunday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>
10AM Church School	7PM Liaison Meeting	10AM Church School	10AM Church School	Holiday Weekend No Church School
Buddhist Speaker 7/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class	8PM CE Comm. Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Biking Trip	7/8 <sup>th</sup> Graders in Church for Confirmation	

### All About Paul - Word Search

Paul	Saul
Damascus	Romans
Ananias	Barnabas
Christianity	Lydia
Mission	Epistles
Thessalonica	Ephesus
Holy Spirit	Acts
Ministry	Word of God
Earthquake	Corinthians
Timothy	Jesus

#### "From the Desk of"... Answers about Paul

1. Paul's given name at birth was Saul which reflected his Jewish heritage. He later changed his name to the non-Jewish Gentile equivalent, Paul, to acknowledge his new life's focus.
2. On the road to Damascus. This encounter changed Paul's life forever.
3. He was a tentmaker by trade. He was also a writer, apostle, martyr, saint, rabbi, pharisee and missionary.
4. Most of the Book of Acts tells us about Paul's life and work. Paul also wrote letters (Epistles) to the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Timothy and Titus to name a few. These reflected his immediate thoughts and theologies about Christianity. He wrote more books in the New Testament than any other person.
5. Sad to say...(i) all of the above. Not to worry, we will not be focusing on the specifics in class.