



**TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES
MAY 2008**

From the desk of...

Word is out! TriCon has a great Church School which is made possible by the wonderful team of volunteers who provide programming!!! We have had 23 new families join us since January of 2007. And it seems that almost every Sunday I introduce myself to new children and their parents...I even made up business cards to hand out! This increase has translated into the addition of two new classes for next year. We are now up to eleven!!!

Speaking of classes, we have had such success this year using our new Cooperative Church School system that I am looking forward to our second year functioning in this format. Again, Cooperative means **all** registered families, regardless of attendance, are expected to participate by supporting programming. This expectation is beneficial on so many levels for children and adults alike.

So, how can you sign up to volunteer? By now Church School families should have received our 2008-2009 Church School Registration/Volunteer form which was mailed on April 11. (***Please let me know immediately if you did not receive it!***) At this writing, I have already collected many completed forms from my mailbox and more are showing up each day. I am well underway making sure we have enough teaching curriculum, support materials and volunteer staffing to support next year's programming. Remember, when deciding on how often you'd like to help out please consider the number of children you have in our program and volunteer your time accordingly. ***To be fair, we accept volunteer requests on a first-come, first served basis.***

Onwards and upwards!

Peace,

Carrie



Our collective thanks to the following individuals!!!

March 23- Easter Egg Hunt
The Braunnegg and Bruning families

April 6- Fifth - Eighth Grade Bowling Event
Suzanne Giles, Anne Randle and Joe Colbert

April 27- Burmese One Room Schoolhouse
Jeannette Taylor, Polly Vanasse, Brian Schmidt, and special guest, Maan Sukt



Sunday, May 4th

Church School	10:00AM
7/8 th Grade Buddhist Speaker	
5 th - 8 th Grade Bike Trip	3:00PM

Monday, May 5th

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

Sunday, May 11th

Happy Mother's Day!
Church School

10:00AM

Sunday, May 18th

Church School	10:00AM
7/8 th Graders in Church for Confirmation	
5 th - 8 th Grade Bike Trip Rainedate	3:00PM

Sunday May 25th

No Church School (Childcare up to age five)	10:00AM
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**Trinitarian
Congregational Church**

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C.E. Office Hours
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM

A copy of our 2008-2009 Church School Registration/Volunteer form can be found following this page. Please complete and return to my attention using the above address.



5th - 8th Grade Biking Trip
 Sunday, May 4th, 3 - 5PM
 Rain date: Sunday, May 18th, 3 - 5PM



I am sure you have heard the expression... "You can't see the forest for the trees". The same can be said for living in a historically rich town and never taking advantage of all of its offerings. Therefore, thanks to the suggestion of Leslie Lilly and Marcia Ackley we are pleased to announce, as our end of the year 5 - 8 Grade Youth Group finale, a biking trip through the Minute Man National Historical Park. And while the scenery your child passes will be environmentally interesting and historical, and the physical exercise

invigorating, we hope your child's experience as part of our Youth Group will be the highlight of the trip.

We will meet at the parking lot at Meriam's Corner in Concord, ride through the park stopping periodically at national markers, and ending up at the Minute Man Visitor's Center in Lincoln where we will gather as a group and enjoy snacks. The return trip will follow the same path ending up at our starting point at 5PM.

Additional information and permission forms will be made available as we get closer to the date...in the meantime, mark your calendars! We need additional chaperones so don't miss this opportunity to catch up on some great outdoor exercise. **Leslie Lilly is collecting all RSVPs. Please contact her at 978-371-0455.**

Happy **May** Birthday Wishes to....

Caroline Campbell
 Julia Cuddy
 Ian Ehlers
 Laura Kolstad
 Audrey Stein

Knight Colman
 Matthew Lehmann
 Lizzy Hedeman
 Charlotte O'Brien
 Max Steinert

Hannah Quirk
 Emma Marshall
 Jack Wittenberg
 Blaise Siefer
 Peter Upham

Josie Kolstad
 Mary Pettingell
 Peter Hart
 Declan Siefer
 Maggie Wilcox



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.

COMING UP in



Field Day
 Sunday, June 8th



On June 8 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.