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## TRI-CON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES JUNE 2008

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*From the desk of...*

Church School will conclude for the year in a couple of weeks. But this doesn't mean that we put the brakes on learning and growing our faith until September!

We are now in "Ordinary Time" which began after Pentecost on May 11<sup>th</sup> and will end with the first Sunday in Advent. This longest liturgical season is anything but ordinary, so include in your summer plans some extraordinary opportunities to live out your Christian faith with your family.

Paul was the focus of our Biblical curriculum this spring. Children learned about his efforts to spread the good news of Jesus! Ordinary Time is an exceptional time to follow Paul's lead and focus attention on learning more about faith and practicing what we have learned.

Supporting the mission of the church by caring for others is one way to continue your family's spiritual journey. Check with local food pantries and shelters to see if they can use your help. Their volunteer rate may be low during the summer months.

Summer is also a great time to acknowledge and celebrate our God created world...and whether you have big vacation plans or are staying closer to home, there are many opportunities to discover the beauty of God's creation. Just step outside! And while you are at it, have a discussion with your kids about how to become better steward's of God's resources. Brainstorm ways you can care for and preserve the environment, and then act on it. We can all do a better job protecting the earth.

So, during Ordinary Time finding ways to feed your family's spiritual soul is not hard...and the benefits are Extra Ordinary!

Enjoy a safe and happy summer with your family.

Peace!

Carrie O'Brien  
Church School Director



Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Project Lend A Hand	8:45AM
Church School	10:00AM

Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

C.E. Committee Meeting	8:00PM
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Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

<i>Last Day of Church School</i>	
Field Day	10:00AM

Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>

Liaison Committee Meeting	7:30PM
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Throughout the summer, Lauren Billington and Esther Urzandi will continue to provide childcare during the 10AM service for children up to age five with the exception of July 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> when we will be worshipping at West Concord Union Church.

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C.E. Office Hours until June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday  
9:00AM - 3:00PM



## 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Project "Lend A Hand" Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:45AM - 11AM



We are hoping that all 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders can participate in this morning of meaningful service. In the past we have supported the Concord Council of Aging Dream Team program, where our youth help with seasonal yard work at the homes of Concord seniors. On June 1st we have the opportunity to help one of our own church members with much needed outdoor lawn clean up.

We will meet in the Parish Hall at 8:45AM and walk as a group to the property. Please bring a rake and work gloves. We will return at 11:00AM. An email with more information will be sent to you as we get closer to the date.

## Field Day Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

On June 8<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our year of spiritual growth. Children will participate in a morning of games, fellowship and fun! Scheduled CE teachers and high school youth will help facilitate this event.



## Happy JUNE Birthday Wishes to...



Clifford Freund  
Eliza Davidian  
Jackson Kamionek  
Eliza Noyes  
Benji Page  
Margaret O'Brien  
Ashley Wieland  
Caroline Wieland  
Caroline Hall  
Caroline Donelan  
Andrew Bates  
Sophie Weil  
Alex Saleh  
Elizabeth Rennert

Annie Wilson  
Kylee Bowen  
Victoria Macres  
Max Gomez  
Caroline Means  
Eliza Ticknor  
Timothy Veidenheimer  
Campbell Hart  
Lindsay Ryder  
James Henderson  
Allison Wong  
Natalie Stein  
Bryce Dion

Buck Lewis  
Ryan Lewis  
Carson Detweiler  
Charlotte Cuddy  
Maddy Cuddy  
Gillian Pasley

### 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:

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.

Many opportunities to participate in our church community and programs outside our community.

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.

If you have not already done so, now is the time to send in your 2008-2009 Church School Registration Form. Registration information helps us identify needs, order sufficient teaching materials and supplies and plan appropriate programs for all children enrolled.

Once you have sent in your form you will receive an email confirmation.

Please mail to TRI-CON, 54 Walden Street, Concord, MA 01742, attn: Carrie O'Brien

And don't forget that our Church School runs as a cooperative format. Programming is supported by volunteer efforts of members of our congregation.

We are thankful that we have had so many adults who, through teaching, mentoring and chaperoning our youth, help pave the way for faith development. We have filled many slots already and are hoping to complete the staffing roster by the time Church School ends on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The registration form reflects where we could still use help. Thank you!!!

