



## TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES OCTOBER 2008

*From the desk of...*

The month of October will be a busy one in our Church School. We have something for every age group and we hope that you and your family will use these opportunities to deepen your understanding of, and to continue growing in, being a people of God...no matter where you are in your faith journey.

Peace!

Carrie

### Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2PM



Our celebration of all creatures great and small takes place with a *Blessing of the Animals* at 2:00 p.m. by the fountain on the church lawn. This date is close to the day when, in our ecclesiastical calendar, we acknowledge the life and contributions of St. Francis of Assisi who lived over 800 years ago. Bring your feathered, four-legged and finned friends to rejoice in the special bond of creation, or bring a photo or any other meaningful item relating to your animal. This brief service will consist of prayers and readings and will conclude with individual blessings of the animals.

A couple of things to consider when attending...please make sure that your animal companion is well socialized, well behaved and is comfortable around other animals. Leashes required. Please call the church office if your family is interested in attending so we may plan accordingly. Sign up in the parish hall.

### "The Three "B's" One Room Schoolhouse Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Our first One Room Schoolhouse for this calendar school year will bring the three "B's" to life...Beatitudes, Blessings and Baptism. This program is age appropriate for children Kindergarten age and older. Younger children are welcome in the nursery. Three adults are needed to lead this fun morning for our kids. Please contact Carrie O'Brien if you are able to help out.

## October

### Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Church School	10:00AM
7/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade at Gaining Ground	10:00AM
Blessing of the Animals	2:00PM

### Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

Liaison Meeting	7:00PM
CE Committee Meeting	8:00PM

### Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

"All Saints' Day" One Room Schoolhouse (Childcare up to age five)	10:00AM
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### Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Candlelight Training	9:30AM
Church School	10:00AM
CROPWALK (5 <sup>th</sup> Graders only)	1:30PM

### Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

Church School	10:00AM
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bibles	
UNICEF Cake Walk	11:15AM

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## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Candlelight Training Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30AM



Members of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class at TriCon are invited to share in the responsibility of lighting and extinguishing the candles at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We are happy to have the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade join the other members of our congregation who work together to make our worship time special. The lighting and extinguishing of the candles each Sunday is an important aspect of the service.

There will be a training session (15 minutes) for our 6<sup>th</sup> grade candlelighters on *Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>* in the sanctuary before Church School. This training will cover the mechanics as well as the Christian meaning behind the lighting and extinguishing of the candles.

If you would like your child to participate, please contact Carrie O'Brien. Also, have your child bring with them to training the dates that they are NOT available to candlelight. Candle-lighting will begin on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

*Also on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>*

## CROPWALK for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders, 1:30PM

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will be participating as a group in this afternoon event to raise money for Church World Service. Our kids have been working hard during Church School classes to make a creative banner to carry. Thank you Polly Vanasse for bringing this program to our kids.



Funds from CROPWALK will help support local community-based suppers and pantries, as well as international hunger relief and community development efforts and disaster relief across the US. Five area hunger programs now provide weekly suppers and/or food pantries for the neediest people in our communities and receive significant financial support from the Concord walk.

Participation in this walk is considered part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade curriculum. Please have your child arrive at TriCon no later than 1:30PM to gather and walk as a group. Two additional chaperones are needed.

## UNICEF Cake Walk Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:15



Calling all cake bakers!!! Rather than having a conventional Bake Sale to raise needed funds for UNICEF this year, we are going to have a Cake Walk! Kids and adults alike are invited to participate in this fun and entertaining event following the church service during coffee hour. One dollar buys a chance at winning a cake while playing a game similar to musical chairs. Thank you to Wendy Page, Dawn Rennert and Kate Harmon for organizing this fun morning. We'd love your cakes but please hold all nuts!

### 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.



## 4th Grade Bible Sunday also on Sunday, October 26th



We will be presenting the 4th Grade Class with their own Bible Story Book, DK's *Children's Illustrated Bible*, during the 10AM service. These Bible storybooks are beautifully bound and full of interesting Bible stories and artwork, including maps and color photographs of artifacts, plants, biblical places, animals, people, and architecture. We are asking that children arrive in the parish hall no later than 9:45 a.m. so they can gather and enter the sanctuary as a class. We hope this book will bring joy to each of our 4<sup>th</sup> Graders. Please call Carrie O'Brien if you do not receive a postcard asking whether your child would like one of these books. Postcards will mail out in early October.

## Happy October Birthday Wishes to...

Jack Parker	Alex Cuddy	Elise McMorrow	Anna Kolstad
Daniel Braunnegg	Rebecca Pasley	Lexie Awiszus	Ellie Honan
Tori Roos	Alden Harring	Cole Siefer	Hannah Davis
Natalie Turkington	George Awiszus	Christopher Bauer	Charlie Hart
Rebecca Black	Adrian DiRomualdo	Jenna Barnes	Scott Barnes

## Church School Programming Update

By now, most of you have had the chance to see our new classrooms, check out our new *Akaloo* curriculum and settle into another year of TriCon. And as you can see from this newsletter, and what we had going on in September and what we have coming up in November, there are many programs offered in our Church School. We are blessed to have so many who have answered the call to children's ministry by offering programming support. We do have immediate needs however in the following classes and One Room Schoolhouse this fall. So, if you are still deciding where to participate in your children's church life, please consider helping out in these classes. Contact Carrie O'Brien to sign up. You will be given all the tools you need to share God's word in the classroom.

**Kindergarten Class      Pre-K 4/5 Class      6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**  
**October 12 One Room Schoolhouse**

## Coming up in **November**

<u>Sunday, 11/9</u>	<u>Wednesday, 11/12</u>	<u>Sunday, 11/16</u>	<u>Sunday, 11/23</u>	<u>Sunday, 11/30</u>
7/8 <sup>th</sup> Graders make holiday cards for Concord prison inmates. Diane Frost and Carol Miller to lead discussion.	Mandatory winter teachers meeting  7PM	High School led Family Worship  Kindergarten Bibles	Teaching Open House Workshop and Safe Church Training  11:15AM	"Advent" One Room Schoolhouse  No regular Church School classes. Childcare up to age five.

**Please contact Carrie O'Brien if you have not yet registered your child for Church School.**