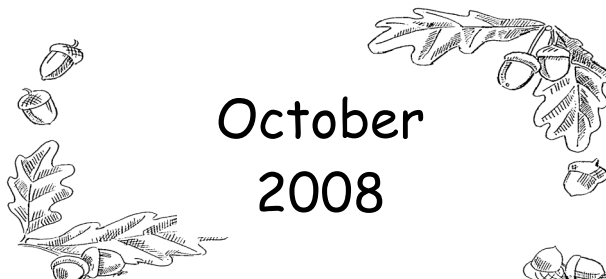


# The Newsletter

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## THE PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

Except for its final destination, the crystal-clear waters and lovely setting of Kennebunk Pond, Kennebunk Pond Road in Lyman, Maine, is a rather uninspiring piece of asphalt traversing an unexceptional landscape. For a country setting, there is a fairly steady stream of cars and trucks on Kennebunk Pond Road challenging the posted speed limits; for Janet and me on summer vacation it is our primary bicycling route, and, truth be told, there is little in the setting, except for barking dogs, sandy soft shoulders, and sparse human interaction, which characterize the place. Nevertheless, with undaunted determination, Janet and I mount our bikes daily when at our family camp and head out on our ten miles. Quite frankly, it is often pure drudgery, especially as we go back and forth countless times over the same stretch of road in a single outing simply to rack up our ten miles.

All of this is in marked contrast to the times when we do the same ten miles either riding through charming Dock Square in Kennebunkport, Maine, our hometown, and along the gorgeous beaches of the Kennebunks or here in Massachusetts on the twice-daily, five-mile loop which takes us through the streets of West Concord and its bustling sense of village life and the "friends," both known and unknown, we meet along the way. The same ten miles which were uninspiring and, at times, downright dispiriting work in one setting, suddenly become energizing, fun, engaging, and enjoyable in a different setting.

I offer the above observation to stress the importance of the environments in which we either find ourselves or choose to place ourselves. In subtle, if not obvious, ways environments help to condition, shape, and define how we feel about life, how we understand our place in the world, how we determine and are fed by values and beliefs, and how we are energized, empowered, and inspired for living or fail in the same. Environments are critically important physically, emotionally, and spiritually; they can literally "make or break" our zest for life, joy in living, capacity for love and caring, and sense of purpose and meaning. This is why it is important to consider carefully, evaluate critically, and undertake caringly the environments we choose in which to root our lives, bathe our living, and live out our days, be those environments ones of physical place, emotional or spiritual space, and/or associations of human beings which constitute community, stirring the emotions and strengthening the spirit.

All of which is to underscore the centrality of church as a fundamentally important environment whereby communion with God and a human community of shared values, beliefs, care, and concern go a long way in determining our outlook on life, our purpose in living, our joy in being alive, and our capacities to negotiate the challenges, struggles, victories, setbacks, failures, and fears

which mark our passing days. For me church is a compellingly important environment which not only gives meaning to my life and sustains me in all the seasons of life -- good and bad, happy and sad -- but which, as communion with God and community with others, provides the strength of spirit and promise of hope which dispel many a fear, provide an abundance of encouragement, promote the common good, and inspire faithful, fulfilled, and a fully embraced sense of living. No more drudgery -- only the exhilaration, joy, and beauty of the ride!

Shalom,



**OCTOBER 5**  
**Communion**

**Service at 8:30**  
**Service at 10:00**

Prayer & Holy Communion  
Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching



**OCTOBER 12**

**Service at 8:30**  
**Service at 10:00**

Prayer & Holy Communion  
Jeremiah Rood preaching

**OCTOBER 19**

**Service at 8:30**  
**Service at 10:00**

Prayer & Holy Communion  
Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching

**OCTOBER 26**

**Service at 8:30**  
**Service at 10:00**

Prayer & Holy Communion  
Rev. Dr. Karin Case preaching

## HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED IN OUR 8:30 A.M. SERVICE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Taking place in the church parlor, the 8:30 a.m. service is a half hour Service of Prayer and Holy Communion. It includes scripture readings, collective prayer, silence, musical responses and the celebration of communion by intincture. If you would like to spend a quiet half hour with a small group of worshipers, why not give the 8:30 service a try? Everyone is welcome.

## HEALING SERVICE – 8:30 a.m. – Sunday, November 2

The Healing Service will use scripture and prayers for healing for ourselves, our loved ones, the fractures and wounds of our society. Members of the congregation may wish to lift up members of their families and friends, aloud or in silence. There will be anointing for healing for those who wish to receive it for themselves or their loved ones.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### LIVING INTO OUR FAITH; *"Faithful and Grateful"*

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October is the time for our Stewardship Campaign to provide for the church operation and outreach in 2009. Continuation and enhancement of programs, maintenance of our building and grounds, fair compensation for our clergy and staff and the vital assistance given through our mission donations all depend upon the pledges and gifts received from the members of our faith community.

For many years, we have designated 20% of our pledge income to mission. In these challenging times, when charitable giving is often the first casualty of economic uncertainty, our assistance to the many agencies and organizations that we support is even more critical than usual.

Whether you are a long-time member of our church, a new worshipper or somewhere in between, the church is dependent on all members of our community of faith to enable its ministry and mission. Please prayerfully consider what you can contribute in the coming year.

The drive will kick off on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Many will receive pledge materials through a personal delivery system, the "Trinitarian Pledge Service," when a fellow worshipper, serving as "dispatcher" will drop off a pouch at your home. You will have the opportunity to make a confidential pledge or gift before

passing the pouch on to the next family or individual on the list. Once the pouch has made its rounds, it will be returned to the church by the last people on the list or the dispatcher.

Others will receive the same pledge materials by mail. In either case, please respond promptly so that we may approach the new year, positioned and strengthened to worship God and to live into our faith.

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### UNITED HOMES SHELTER MEALS

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We provide a hot meal once a month to the 100 homeless men who receive food and lodging through the United Homes Shelter in Dorchester. Cooking takes place in the church kitchen after Sunday coffee hour.



Drivers are particularly needed to take the meal to Dorchester at 4:30 p.m. You may drop off the food or you may remain to serve it. Servers return to Concord about 7:30 p.m. (If you are not serving, you may return to Concord immediately after dropping off the meal.)

The upcoming meal schedule is:

- October 5
- November 2
- December 7

If you would like to volunteer on a particular Sunday, please be sure to sign up in the parish hall or call the church office ahead of time so we can plan for cooks and drivers.

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## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

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Gather on the church grounds near the Grout Memorial Fountain to celebrate the gift of Creation and the relationships within this gift. The brief service of prayers and readings will include the individual blessing of animals. Participants are invited to bring their animal companions or, if they cannot bring their animal friend, a photo or other meaningful item related to that friend.



Animal companions should be well socialized, well behaved and comfortable around other animals and in your full control at all times. Make sure all animals have identification and use toileting areas outside the perimeter of the church grounds. If attending, please sign up in the parish hall or call the church office so that we might plan for the service. In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will be postponed.

A reception will follow featuring animal crackers, "bug juice" (as they called it in camping days!), and appropriate treats for all.

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The deadline for the  
November Newsletter  
is October 15.



Spiritual Enrichment

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**Mondays, 9:45 a.m. in the church parlor**

- October 6** "Seasons of the Spirit"  
Deana Kohl, facilitator
- October 13** **No Meeting**
- October 20** Understanding Jesus' Jewish roots: blessings and challenges for Christians  
Rev. Dr. Karin Case, facilitator
- October 27** "Care Giving and Care Receiving" (1<sup>st</sup> in 3 part series)  
Rev. Dr. Margaret Crockett, facilitator

**Newcomers always welcome!**

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## SPIRITUAL WRITING GROUP

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**Tuesdays, October 7 and 21**  
**9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**and on every other Tuesday**

Writing to a selection of provocative prompts, the group explores questions such as why we are here and where we are going. Sharing our writing, we will experience the expansive nature of our hearts, minds and souls. All are invited. Please contact Charity Tremblay at [catremblay@comcast.net](mailto:catremblay@comcast.net) or 978 371-0471 if you are interested or have any questions.

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## CHRISTIAN PARENTING - THE PARENT TO CHURCH CONNECTION

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The Christian Education Committee is pleased to present Elsa Marshall speaking at the church on **Tuesday, October 7th from 7 – 8:15 p.m.** Ms. Marshall will share creative and simple ways for parents to connect the church with daily family life. Among the ideas she will discuss are family traditions, simple family rituals, using the church to affect grace at home, table decorations, etc. Time will be allowed for questions from the audience.

Ms. Marshall is a Commissioned Minister of Christian Education, Commissioned Minister of Youth Ministry, Associate to the MACUCC for Christian Education, Partner in Education – UCC, and a National Educational Consultant to NH, ME, VT and MA for the UCC. She has served Maple Street Congregational Church, UCC in Danvers for the past 15 years.

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## INTERFAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST

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The Interfaith Prayer Breakfast featuring Rev. Professor Peter Gomes as speaker, will be held on Wednesday, October 8 at 7:30 a.m. in the Morrison Theater of Newbury Court in Concord. The breakfast is open to the public. While all tickets have been sold, we expect a few to become available closer to the event. Interested individuals may call the church office to be placed on a waiting list.

Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts, greeters and registration associates at the breakfast. Please contact John Lombard if you are interested.

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## RETIRED MEN'S GROUP

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The Retired Men's Group will meet for lunch on Wednesday, October 8 at noon. The speaker will be Christopher Whelan, Concord Town

Manager. Come and bring a friend for good food, good fellowship and an interesting program.

If you have not attended these luncheons before and would like to attend on October 8 or you have any questions, please call Robert Nelson (978 369-3015) or Charles Davis (978 369-6250). The cost of the lunch is \$8.00.

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## A REMINDER TO KNITTERS AND SEWERS

**Knitting Group meets Wednesdays,  
October 15 and November 19**

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Everyone from beginner to expert is welcome to join the new knitting group meeting in the church parlor. Bring your own knitting project



or work on something to be given away. Our church community remains actively involved in the baby blanket project for AIDS babies and in the City Mission Society Christmas Shop, as well as the prayer shawl ministry.

For home knitters and sewers, please continue to work on your projects and contact the church office if you need yarn, knitting needles or instructions. Completed items for City Mission Society should be brought to the church between November 1 and 19 so that they can be distributed for Christmas.

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## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, October 17th at 5:00 p.m.

The Church Education Committee invites TriCon members and friends of all ages to come enjoy Disney Pixar's animated hit movie *Cars*. Shown on a big screen in the parish hall, the movie is the story of a hot shot young race car that takes an unexpected detour on dusty Route 66 and learns about the value of a small town community (rated G).

Come with your kids or just come and be a kid again for an evening of laughs and friendship. Pizza, popcorn and cold drinks will be served. Sign up in the parish hall or call the church office.



Concord  
CROP Walk  
for the Hungry  
Sunday, October 19  
TriCon Church

Starting and finishing at TriCon Church, this year's CROP Walk will be a 7 km walk, along a beautiful route in Concord. Each year Church School youth, families, and individuals from TriCon contribute to this effort by walking, sponsoring walkers, or helping with coordination. Along with the camaraderie of the walk, there is a banner contest, live music, refreshments, and a tee shirt design contest

The Concord Carlisle HS Pep Band will play in front of the church from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m., with the walk starting at 2:15 p.m. The

Yankee Stompers Dixieland band will play in the parish hall at end of the walk and refreshments will be served.

One quarter of the money raised by the CROP Walk provides substantial assistance for local supper/food pantry programs assisting very needy persons and families, especially single parent families and senior citizens. Open Table and Gaining Ground are two local recipients of the CROPWalk proceeds. The remainder of the money raised supports Church World Service, the mission arm of the National Council of Churches, in its world hunger programs.

Walk, sponsor a walker, or volunteer to help at the registration table the day of the walk. All walkers with 20+ sponsors are entitled to a free T shirt! Information and walk papers are now available in the parish hall. Check out the website [www.concordcrop.org](http://www.concordcrop.org) for details on the wonderful success of past walks, how to do online pledging, and where the money is allocated. (Rain date: October 26 - only if there is a heavy downpour on October 19.)



## UNICEF CAKE WALK

Sunday, October 26 – 11:15 a.m.

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 during coffee hour. One dollar buys a chance at winning a cake while playing a game similar to musical chairs. We'd love your cakes but please hold all nuts!

**“SOUL FOOD”  
Our Faith, Our Food, Our Life  
with Susan Hamilton**

Are you eating more, and enjoying it less?  
\*Join "Soul Food," a faith-food journey focusing on:

- *Connecting God's Gift of Food to Our Daily Life*
- *Exploring the Symbolism of Olives & Olive Oil, Bread, & Seeds in the Bible*
- *Appreciating Nourishment from the Sky, Sea & Earth*

This two-week seminar explores the Biblical symbolism of olives, bread & seeds; and cooking with the fowl of the air, the fish of the sea, and the vegetables of God's green earth.

We will share stories of faith and food; taste new recipes; and take time to contemplate our spirit of living. Come to the table. Re-awaken your joyfulness in faith and food.

"Soul Food" meets from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday evenings October 22 and 29, in the TriCon kitchen. Sessions include: prayers and meditations, recipe-tasting and cooking techniques, focused on themes of faith and food. Sign-up during coffee hour, or e-mail: [FamilyEcon@aol.com](mailto:FamilyEcon@aol.com). Need more information? Susan welcomes your calls: 978-371-0067 or 978-317-6913.

Group leader: TriCon member, M. Susan Hamilton, holds an M.S. Human Ecology. She leads workshops in Food Awareness and is a Food Specialist for national companies in research lab-test kitchens. Her essays and recipes have appeared in publications including: *The New York Times*, *Toques Blanches*, *Connecticut Magazine*, *Tennis*, and *Woman's Day*.



**WOMEN'S UNION PRESENTS  
a story of courageous people**

***The recovery of post-cyclone Burma***

Wednesday, October 29 at noon  
A delicious lunch will be served  
\$8.00 per person – sign up in the parish hall.

Maung Kyaw (Freddy) Moe will talk about post-cyclone events in Burma, and how the Burmese people have helped and continue to help each other.

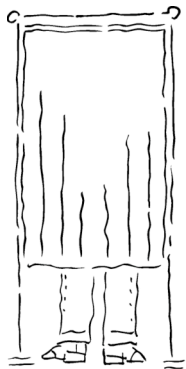
Maung Kyaw Moe was born in Rangoon, the capital of Burma and came to the United States in 2005 to study at Bard College at Simon's Rock in Great Barrington, MA. He spent last year as a student at Oxford University in England, and this past summer in Burma aiding cyclone victims. He has returned to Simon's Rock to complete his studies and, after earning his BA this coming June, hopes to attend graduate school in bio-chemistry.



## A DAY AWAY: "THE FIRST TO FOLLOW"

Join us on All Saints Day, Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30 – 4:00 for a day away retreat focusing on "The First to Follow," the disciples of Jesus. Using a brand new book by the late John R. Claypool, we shall look in depth at the various followers whom Jesus first called. In fact, one of the very first things Jesus did in his ministry was to reach out to twelve ordinary individuals and draw them into a circle of close companionship with him. Facilitated by John Lombard, the group will look at the lives of the twelve apostles, their relationships with Jesus and with each other, and what the dynamics of that community can teach us.

The retreat group will be twelve adults, no more or less. All will be expected to attend an orientation session in October, to read Claypool's book, "The First to Follow: the Apostles of Jesus," to research, prepare and present a profile on one of the disciples, and to offer a brief sketch (two minutes) of one of the disciples as part of a Sunday worship service during Lent 2009. Cost of the day for materials, resources, Claypool's book, break and lunch service is \$25, non-refundable and payable at the time of registration. Sign up today!



**CAST  
YOUR  
VOTE!  
November 4**



## 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ANTIQUÉ SHOW AND SALE

Friday, November 7  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 8  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We have many volunteer openings. If you are interested in being on the committee or helping with the show in any way, call Judy Walpole at the church office for more information.

A volunteer form for the Antique Show Café and show porters is included in this newsletter.

## READING THE SPIRIT BOOK GROUP

Thursday, November 13 at noon



Watch next month's Newsletter or the weekly Events & Comments for the November book selection.

## CALLING ALL WOMEN OF TRICON

All TriCon women are invited to participate in the annual Women's Retreat on November 14-15 at Rolling Ridge in North Andover. Cost of the retreat (overnight stay and three meals) is \$130. Please sign up in the parish hall or call the church office.

## *GOOD GRIEF FOR THE HOLIDAYS* When Feeling Bad is Good for You

**Monday, November 17, 2008, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.**  
**TriCon Church**  
**Presented by: Allene Riley Kussin, MA, LPC**

The Holiday Season is often experienced as a high-stress time in many lives as the expectations of perfection, emotional warmth and fulfillment are greatly increased. While it can be a time of wonderful family celebration, it can also be a time of deep suffering for those facing major loss.

*GOOD GRIEF FOR THE HOLIDAYS* will explore the major areas of human response to sorrow and grief. It will cover some of the potential effects a person may experience when encountering the recent loss of a loved one, a divorce, employment loss or other

significant relational "death". While the effects vary, the reality of them for individuals is universal.

Everyone, regardless of faith tradition or persuasion is welcome. The presentation is not limited to those facing major loss. Anyone curious about the seemingly incongruous tensions the holidays provoke will find this informative. Handouts will be provided.

Questions: email [allenerileykussin@gmail.com](mailto:allenerileykussin@gmail.com)

**Allene Riley Kussin** taught in the Graduate School of Counseling Psychology at Eastern University, St. Davids, PA. She maintained a private therapy practice in Bryn Mawr and Ardmore, PA, and transferred her practice (ARK Therapy & Consultation) to Concord in 2007.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### INTERFAITH SCREENING of James Carroll's film, *Constantine's Sword*

**Sunday, October 26, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.**  
**Nashoba Brooks School, Concord**

Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM) will present this special screening and discussion of James Carroll's *Constantine's Sword* examining the roots of religious violence and its relationship to the long history of Christian anti-semitism. The film also looks at the contemporary context of religiously enflamed violence, and dangerous new stresses among Christians, Jews, and Muslims.

Following the screening, the audience will have the opportunity to discuss the film with local interfaith leaders. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Carl Miller (978 369-3755) or Pete Nelson (978 371-1052).

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, October 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Youth Group  
Sunday, October 19 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Youth Group  
Sunday, October 26 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
Youth Group

### YOUTH GROUP RETREAT

Friday, October 10 – Sunday, October 12  
Join us for the annual fall retreat! We are headed to Sargent Center in Hancock, NH for a weekend of fun, team building, and fellowship. We will leave Friday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. and will return Sunday, October 12 at noon. Please return your permission forms ASAP!

### WEDNESDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

Talk with your YG friends about what's on your mind -- serious or fanciful. Discussion Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 every Wednesday night. All high schoolers are welcome.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

#### Confirmation Class Opening Retreat

(location to be determined –  
watch your email for an update)

Friday, October 17, 6:30 p.m. –  
Saturday, October 18, 10:00 a.m.

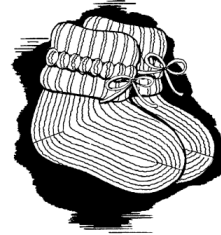
Read: *Words for the Journey*  
Chapter 16, Confirmation  
Chapter 4, Faith  
Chapter 5, Doubt

Sunday, October 26 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
*The Bible*

Read: *Words for the Journey*  
Chapter 17, Favorite Bible Stories

Questions? Call or e-mail Rev. Karin Case •  
(978) 369-4837 • [revdrkarin@aol.com](mailto:revdrkarin@aol.com)

## LIFE CHANGES



### NEW BABIES

Best wishes to Benjamin and Jennifer Fritz on the August 18th birth of Charlotte Worth Fritz. Delighted grandparents are Rick and Martie Fritz.

Congratulations to Kelly and Richard Durrett on the September 8th birth of Owen Jackson Durrett in TX. Beaming grandparents are Bill and Janet Cooley.

Blaise, Cole, Declan and Elias have a sister! We welcome Ainsley Catherine born to Trish and Shane Siefer on September 10.



## ITEMS OF INTEREST



### A HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU ALL

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Yes, everyone could keep a secret! And keep a secret everyone did!

How could a church-wide mailing go out to all of you, and I had not a clue that something special, something extremely ambitious and tremendously exciting was being planned? And all of you pulled it off - the surprise of a fabulous celebration of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Not one leak, not one hint, not one slip occurred to tip me off!

My thanks to all of you for the thrill you gave me, especially to the church staff whose skillful hand I could see in the whole affair, as well as that of a "committee" who had secret meetings, I understand. The shower of cards touched my heart deeply as you sent me your greetings and expressions of love.

I can think of no better way to express my appreciation from the bottom of my heart than to assure each and every one of you that I thank you for being part of my church family. I love you all very, very much, and I thank God for you!

Margaret Crockett

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## ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?

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Our lost and found is overflowing with coats, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, eyeglasses, etc., etc., etc. If you are missing something (anything), it just might just be



there. Please check the coat closet on the left side of the narthex as you enter the church. Items remaining after the first of November will be donated to charity.

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## ONGOING CLEAN UP IN OUR BASEMENT

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Our church basement sustained major water damage during the summer rains and repair work is now in progress. Therefore, the lower level is off limits for an extended period of time. We appreciate your patience.

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## MEMORIAL GIFTS

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The Memorial Gifts Committee is pleased to report that the needlepoint chair in the church pulpit has been restored using memorial funds. For many years the chair showed signs of sagging and, indeed, had reached a point of critical disrepair. The chair is now back to its original appearance and is very sturdy. The chairs flanking the communion table were restored as well. We thank John Lombard for suggesting this use of memorial funds and we are grateful to Ruth Piper for engaging the craftsman and arranging for the work.

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## BENEDICTION: AN ANTHOLOGY OF FIRST THOUGHTS AND LAST WORDS

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Have you ever wondered what you would say to others at the conclusion of a rich and full life? Given the chance, what wisdom, counsel, encouragement, and faith acquired over many years of life and living would you commend to those nearest and dearest or to the neighbor next door or a world away?

Over the summer a number of TriCon members and friends wrote "benedictions" (300-350 words) as a way of passing on to future generations certain essential learnings, and insights gleaned over time from God-centered and grace-filled living. These inspirational pieces, along with others submitted over the next few months, will be gathered into a booklet entitled, Benediction: An Anthology of First Thoughts and Last Words to be produced in 2009.

You are invited to be part of this special project, contributing your own original reflection on this fascinating and engaging topic. For more information contact John Lombard.

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## A GOOD FALL READ

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*Prayers for a Privileged People* by Walter Brueggemann is available for purchase from the church reception office for \$14. Walter Brueggemann, a Professor Emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary is the author of more than seventy books. This book reflects his increasing interest in the concrete practice of the Bible in the faith and life of the church and in questions of public justice.

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

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According to Malvina Reynolds, "Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more." But what she does not say is that taking is the reciprocal of giving. "Giving needs taking to complete it. We can keep the cycle of generosity going by taking gracefully." (*Today's Gifts, Hazelden Meditation Series*)

This practice of giving and taking is, of course, what Stephen Ministry is all about. Ostensibly, it is the Stephen Minister who does the giving, but in the process of opening to a hurting person, of listening with the heart, of seeking God's guidance to do or say the helpful thing, Stephen Ministers grow in their spirituality.

As legatees of the Puritan tradition, we New England Protestants have often been characterized as "God's frozen people." We think we ought to be able to "tough it out", to handle every problem by ourselves. We are reluctant to let others see us in our weakness. Why should this be so? Perhaps we are afraid that, if we really look fearlessly at our situation we will discover that we have to take a risk, do something different, change. A Stephen Minister is exactly the right person to help you face your challenges. He or she will support you in thinking through your choices and taking steps that can lighten your heart. It is through this process of give and take that grace can enter your life.

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Please note that Stephen Ministry is especially in need of more male Stephen Ministers. We expect to conduct a training course in the spring of 2009. Please prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to this ministry.

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WELCOME

## FALL OPPORTUNITIES FOR GETTING ACQUAINTED

Throughout the year, the membership committee offers both new people and long-time non-member friends of TriCon Church opportunities to learn more about our congregational mission, and to explore the significance of being a member. In October, as listed below, we will offer a "Welcoming Coffee" in the parlor for conversation with the ministers and other church leaders. Then in November we will have an "Exploring Membership" brunch/meeting. Your decision to join TriCon may be made following your participation in this meeting. New members will join during the worship service on November 23rd. We hope you will join us! If you have any questions, please call Mary Lou Esposito at the church office or Susan Henderson, chair of the Membership Committee (978-369-4854).

### **"Welcoming Coffee": Getting to Know Us**

**Sunday October 19th**

Coffee and conversation with church leaders  
11:00 a.m. (after 10:00 a.m. service) in the parlor

### **"Becoming a Member": brunch/meeting and joining**

**Sunday November 2nd**

"Exploring Membership" brunch/meeting  
11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the parlor

**Sunday November 23rd**

New members join during the 10:00 a.m. worship service