



**TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES
FEBRUARY 2009**

From the desk of...

Giving to God is a core value of our faith that needs to be taught early and reinforced often. There are many ways we can teach children to give to God. We can start off by setting a good example through our own actions sharing our time and talents by volunteering in various programs or organizations, protecting the earth and all of God's creatures, spreading the good news of the Gospel and taking care of our health. Supporting our church by making a monetary contribution is another way of showing our commitment to Jesus and the church.

During worship time in class each Sunday, children have the opportunity to present their offerings for collection. While we encourage and provide



opportunities for children to learn about and act on giving, we understand considering how much and how often is a personal decision for each family. I have booklets on giving if families are interested. I am also available if you would like some helpful hints on how to begin a giving program with your kids. Boxes

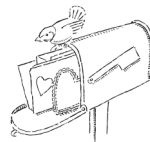
of children's offering envelopes are available upon request.

Peace,

Carrie

**5th and 6th Grade Caring Connection V-Day Cards
Sunday, February 1st**

During Church School on February 1st, in addition to their scheduled curriculum, the 5th and 6th grade classes will be making special Valentine cards for the Caring Connection. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youth to make a member of our congregation feel special and remembered. We thank Susan Kluge for bringing this opportunity to our Church School.



**"Winter Wonderland" One Room Schoolhouse
Sunday, February 22nd**



Tired of the cold and winter?? Children, Kindergarten age and older, will be celebrating the wonders of snow with games and activities during our February One Room Schoolhouse.. Thank you to the Detweiler, Henderson and Johnston families for supporting this program. Childcare is available in the nursery for children up to age five.



Sunday, February 1st

Church School 10:00AM
5th and 6th Grade Valentine Cards
5th - 8th Grade Youth Group Snowtubing at Nashoba 3:00PM

Monday, February 2nd

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

Sunday, February 8th

Church School 10:00AM

Sunday, February 15th

No Church School 10:00AM
Childcare provided (up to age five)

Sunday, February 22nd

"Winter Wonderland"
One Room Schoolhouse 10:00AM
Childcare provided (up to age five)

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7th and 8th Grade Winter and Spring Church Visits



As part of their Church School curriculum during this winter and spring, the 7th and 8th grade class will be learning about other Christian denominations. This program is designed to facilitate the children's understanding of other Christian faiths in preparation

for their Confirmation in the 9th grade. Mission work is planned for the remaining Church School Sundays. Parent involvement is encouraged, and actually needed, in the form of drivers and chaperones.

Here is the preliminary line-up for church visits for the remainder of the year. Visits are weather dependent. Carrie O'Brien along with the 7/8th grade winter and spring teachers will be coordinating these visits.

Sunday, February 1st

Classroom discussion on our *UCC* denomination

Sunday, March 1st

Pentecostal, Visit to Life Changing Ministry, Roxbury, 11:00AM

Sunday, March 8th

Quaker, Visit to Acton Friend's Meeting, Concord, 10AM

Sunday, March 15th

Catholic, Visit to Holy Family, Concord, 9:30AM

Sunday, March 22nd

Non-denominational Evangelical, Grace Chapel, Lexington, 10AM

Sunday, March 29th

Unitarian, First Parish, Concord, 9 or 11AM

Happy February Birthday Wishes to...



Griffin Meyer

Eli Siefer

Christian Salemy

Lauren Harmon

Hannah Wilkinson

Riley Honan

Noelle Ledoux

Isabelle Mast

Andrew Kamionek

Madison Bode

Caitlin Hedeman

Brighton Johnston

James Rennert

Katie Quirk

Jennifer Colbert

Chloe Howes

Tyler McMorrow

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.



Snowtubing at Nashoba

Sunday, February 1st, 3 - 5PM

Bundle up!!! It's time for our annual outing to Nashoba Valley Snow Tubing Park!! Our 5th-8th graders will join together for an afternoon of fun from 3-5PM! The cost will be \$22.00 per person. More information will be coming. But in the meantime mark your calendar and pray for snow! Marcia Ackley is coordinating this fun afternoon so please contact her to reserve a spot...ackleykel@aol.com or 978-443-1753. Permission slips will be made available as we get closer to the event. Marcia is also looking for adults to help distribute hot chocolate and chaperone.