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## TRI-CON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES JUNE 2009

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*From the desk of...*

We welcome the season of "Ordinary Time", beginning after Pentecost Sunday on May 31st and ending with Advent. This is a time for reflecting and practicing our faith, and a time to celebrate the wonder of Christ. Over the next few months we hope that families will make time for stewardship of our amazing earth and fellow mankind. And there is no better time to do this than the summertime...

The summer is when we are able to take a few extra minutes to do the things we are too busy to do during the hectic school year. A relaxing family meal is something we often are unable to make time for, and is a wonderful way of re-establishing family connections. A child participating in community ministry benefits all those involved (i.e. taking out the trash for an elderly neighbor or offering to play with a child who looks lonely). Recycling cans/bottles/paper, conserving water and planting trees are all ways of participating in the stewardship of our earth. These are a few ways for children and adults to celebrate the love of God.

I hope that this summer our families will continue on their journey, grow in their faith, and experience the love of the endless gifts from above.

Enjoy a safe and happy summer with your family. See you September 13th!

Carrie O'Brien  
Church School Director

### HEIFER FAIR Sunday, June 7th



Please join us on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> following the 10AM service and Church School for a fun-filled time with food, games, animals and crafts. The money raised from this event will support the Heifer International Project. This organization is working to end world hunger by giving cows, chickens and other food and income generating livestock to impoverished families around the world. Recipients are trained in animal care and environmentally sound agricultural practices so they can lift themselves out of poverty and become self-reliant. Check out their website with your children...[www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

Each class will have a booth and will "sponsor" an animal. The kids have been busy making things to sell and getting ready for the fair. Please join me in thanking Lisa Turkington, Sue Henderson, Polly Meyer and Deb Anderson for helping to organize this fun, meaningful event. As an added bonus the Fellowship Committee is hosting a picnic for our church at the same time and is generously earmarking monetary donations to Heifer!



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

Liaison Committee Meeting 7:30PM

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

Church School 10:00AM  
HEIFER FAIR 11:15AM

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

Flag Day One Room Schoolhouse 10:00AM  
*Last day of Church School...*

Lauren Billington and Sonya Borkman will continue to provide childcare during the 10AM service for children up to age five throughout the summer with the exception of July 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> when we will be worshipping at West Concord Union Church.

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C.E. Office Hours until June 24th  
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

*Please use the above email address  
to contact Carrie over the summer.  
Regular CE office hours will commence 9/3.*



## Flag Day One Room Schoolhouse Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

During our last Sunday of Church School we will explore what it means to be a Christian. Children will each make their own flag representing Christian ideals and values. Childcare is available for children under the age of five.



### Happy June Birthdays to...



Clifford Freund  
Jackson Kamionek  
Margaret O'Brien  
Caroline Wieland  
Sophie Weil  
Victoria Macres  
Caroline Means  
Eliza Ticknor  
Lindsay Ryder  
Allison Wong  
Ryan Lewis  
Gillian Pasley  
Timothy Veidenheimer  
Elizabeth Huettig  
Byron Woodman

Eliza Davidian  
Benji Page  
Ashley Wieland  
Caroline Hall  
Annie Wilson  
Max Gomez  
Elizabeth Rennert  
Natalie Stein  
James Henderson  
Buck Lewis  
Carson Detweiler  
Bryce Dion  
Alex Saleh  
Julia Clarke

### REGISTERING FOR 2009 - 2010



By now you should have received the 2009 - 2010 Church School registration forms in the mail. (Another form is available on the next page.) Yes, I know...hard to think about next year when we are still up to our ears in this year. Still, I hope you can take a moment, grab the form and a writing implement of your choice, find a quiet place, fill out your family information so I can update my files, order supplies and resources... and think about where you can support your child's Christian ministry.

Speaking of that...many of you have asked how much support is expected from each family. Consider this...in order for us to offer a rich, diverse, complete program it is anticipated all registered families support the life of Church School...hence our decision to go to a "formal" cooperative format. Each year we have approximately 110 registered families with over 165 programming opportunities to serve. A good suggested guideline to follow is to consider the number of children in your family and then plan from there. For example, if you have three kids offering to support three areas of programming seems appropriate. Other commitments may impact your availability to support children's ministry as much as you'd like, but if we all work together and help out when and where we can we all benefit...especially our children.

### 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.

Volunteer requests are accepted on a first-come, first served basis.  
It would be very helpful to have all forms submitted by June 14<sup>th</sup>.