

The Newsletter

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THE PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

After meticulous planning for our brief getaway, including checking the airline schedule and the current luggage allowances and requirements, my wife and I headed off in the predawn hours to Logan International Airport. Forty-five minutes later we found ourselves in a gigantic passenger line snaking its way through terminal B. In due time, we were checking one bag, picking up our boarding passes, and heading for security with two carry-on bags and a couple of shoulder bags. Florida, here we come! Well, almost. At the final checkpoint before security, a customer service agent stopped my wife to question the size of her carry-on. Keep in mind that careful measurements at home guaranteed it met the size requirements. No problem. Just to be sure, however, the attendant asked my wife to place it in a baggage holder sized perfectly to determine appropriate and permissible luggage dimensions. It didn't fit. How could this be? "You've got to go back and check it," said the agent. "Oh, no, you've got to be kidding," I thought, with time running out for boarding. So, we stepped to the side and realized that the dimensions of this soft-sided, expandable bag were, indeed, regulation size, but it was so stuffed as to bulge beyond the permitted size. So, we rapidly removed a few items from the overstuffed carry-on bag and transferred them to mine. Great! We stepped back in line, and, with a little gentle pressure, forced the bag to fit in the luggage-sizing device. Unfortunately, the bag was a bit too snug, and, in a comedy scene fit for "Saturday Night Live," I tried to wrench it out of the device which refused to give it up. I pulled and tugged, twisted and yanked, all the while moving the whole bag-sizing stand around the terminal floor, causing a back-up in the line and providing comic relief for the gathered throngs, including the customer service attendant. Finally, after great effort wrestling with the carry-on bag contraption, the metal device gave up its catch and we were on our way.

That recent episode reconfirmed for me what, over the years, I have come to call the "Cinderella Effect." Perhaps, it should more aptly be termed the "Glass Slipper Effect" in recognition of Cinderella's stepsisters who tried unsuccessfully to force their oversized feet into a glass slipper and win the prince's affection. Basically, the Cinderella Effect involves forcing too much of something -- anything -- into a space neither designed for nor equipped to accommodate it or contain it. The result, inevitably, is frustration, upset, distress, and sometimes even breaking apart of the object/subject into which it is forced. Thus, the recent baggage incident serves as a metaphor for the Cinderella Effect.

If my recent encounter with the airline luggage requirements for carry-on bags were an isolated example of the Cinderella Effect, I would dismiss it as a transient moment; simply a single, humorous account to be retold long after the event. But as I look around at life and see one person after another trying to cram too much activity, busyness, work, and frenetic scurrying about into too

little time or too little psychic, emotional, or spiritual space, I believe that we have a problem. Not only is our physical life compromised and threatened with a host of stress-related ailments, illnesses, and disease, but so is our mental, emotional and spiritual health impacted, leaving us precious little time and space for nurturing relationships, both horizontal and vertical, and for deepening the meaning and richness of life.

So, might I suggest that we all be mindful of the ever present threat of the Cinderella Effect? Might we consider what we can do to reduce its impact on our lives by developing the kinds of spiritual disciplines and nurturing the right sorts of attitudes which, collectively, slow us down, empty us of excessive hyperactivity, create expansive interior space, and permit us not only to listen to the natural rhythms of the universe but to pace ourselves to the same as well? After all, who wants broken glass everywhere?

Grace and peace,

JUNE WORSHIP

June 7	Service at 10:00	Rev. Dr. John Lombard, preaching - Communion
June 14	Service at 10:00	Stephen Silver, preaching
June 21	Service at 10:00	Stephen Silver, preaching Baptism
June 28	Service at 10:00	Rev. Dr. John Lombard, preaching



PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no 8:30 a.m. services through the summer months.
The 8:30 a.m. service will resume on September 13.

Our summer Sunday service of worship will be at 10:00 a.m.
The two exceptions to this will be Sundays, July 19 and 26 when we will be worshipping at West Concord Union Church. Their service is at 9:45 a.m.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



WELCOME

If you are new to TriCon or have been attending for some time but are not yet a member, please read on! We encourage you to learn more about our congregational mission and ministries, to get involved in a group within the church, and to explore the significance of being a member.

To help you get to know others, you may attend any of the "welcoming coffees" held in the parlor once each month from September to May. To help you decide about joining, we invite you to attend one of the "exploring membership" meetings held three times a year.

Our intention is to make you feel welcome, to answer questions you may have, and to help you develop relationships within the church. If you have questions, please call Susan Henderson, Chair of the Membership Committee, at 978-369-4854, or call Mary Lou Esposito, Membership Coordinator, at the church office 978-369-4837.

New Member Joining
Sunday, June 7
 New members join during the
 10:00 a.m. worship service



Over 80 Birthday Party

Tuesday, June 9 at noon!

If you are 80 or over and you have not received an invitation in the mail, please call the church office at 978 369-4837.

COUNCIL ON AGING LUNCH

(An opportunity to share your time and talents!)



LUNCH

for Seniors

11:00 to 1:00. To sign up call Carol Miller at 978 369-3755.

Please join the "TriCon Cooks" to prepare and serve a nutritious lunch to the seniors at the Harvey Wheeler Center. Cooking will take place at TriCon on Tuesday, June 23 from 9:30 – 12:30; serving will be at Harvey Wheeler, Wednesday, June 24 from



KNITTING GROUP
Wednesday, June 24, 2:00 p.m.

Everyone from beginner to expert is welcome to join the knitting group in the church parlor. Bring your own project or work on something to give away. We have needles and yarn.



VISIT STAR ISLAND,
New Hampshire

Spend a night,
 stay a week,
 remember for a lifetime –
 Star Island

2009 UCC Gathering Conferences
 August 2 - 8, and August 8 - 15

Weekend Conference of the Laity
 September 5 - 7

Visit www.starisland.org and
www.starisucc.com for more information.

The deadline for the
 July Newsletter
 is June 15.



The 8th Annual
Al Filipino Peace & Justice Forum
September 26, 2009

Featuring
Jessica Jackley,
co-founder of Kiva.org

KIVA is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website enabling individual persons to lend money directly to uniquely capable entrepreneurs in developing countries around the world. The people one sees on the KIVA website are real people who are in need of funding so as to market skills or products in order to provide for their families and to strengthen their communities.

KIVA partners with existing expert microfinance institutions in order to gain access to outstanding and highly qualified entrepreneurs from impoverished communities worldwide. The internet makes this process work inexpensively. It provides the means for a donor to browse the website, see photographs of the would-be borrowers in their native settings, choose the entrepreneurs and receive updates until the loans are repaid (usually in 6 to 12 months). Then the donor can lend again, can choose to donate the funds to KIVA for operational expenses, or can withdraw the funds.

KIVA offers a means for small amounts or large funds to help people around the world to work together so as to help people improve their lives and uplift their communities for a better world.

Written by Margaret Crockett

LIFE CHANGES

A NEW BABY



It is a joy to announce the April 27th birth of Allison Helena Shore, daughter of Meg (Walpole) and Michael Shore and sister of Matthew. Beaming grandparents are Judy and Jim Walpole.

JUST MARRIED

Best wishes to Kerstin Matthews and Jeffrey Mead who were married at TriCon on May 16th. Kerstin is the daughter of Marjorie and Gary Matthews and the granddaughter of Helen and George Sablone.



Heartfelt condolences to Alan and Elise Woodward and their family. Alan's father, Richard Woodward, died on April 25th in Wellfleet, MA at age 100. Services will be held in Wellfleet in the summer.

Sincere sympathy to Tom Swaim and his family. Tom's wife, Jeanine, died on April 28th. Services were held at TriCon on May 2nd.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ellie Stengel and her family. Ellie's sister, Carolyn Bolles of Harpswell, ME, died on May 17th. Services were held in Brunswick, ME on May 30th.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Senior High Youth Group

As our Youth Group season winds down for the summer, please mark your calendars for these fun June events:

Saturday, June 6-7

Lock-In

Details and permission slips forthcoming (*no* YG that Sunday night)

Sunday, June 14th

POOL PARTY

1-3 p.m. at Nick's house,
103 Assabet Avenue Concord

he promises lots of food
and fun...
you bring the sun!

ITEMS OF INTEREST



**Monday, June 22
through Friday, August 21
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Regular office hours will resume on
Monday, August 24

STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

*"Caring for someone through illness
is an epic task."*

Nell Casey, An Uncertain Inheritance

In Stephen Ministry, we characterize our Stephen Ministers as *care givers*, but we know that they are not the only care givers in our faith community. Reverend Lombard bears major responsibility for care giving in our church. Other groups, such as the Caring Connection, also offer caring to those in need. But the group of care givers I'm thinking of consists of members of our congregation whose lives are given over to caring for a loved one – truly an epic task. Are you a member of that group?

Whether your loved one has cancer, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, ALS, Alzheimer's disease, cardiovascular disease, or some other equally debilitating disorder, you may be tested and tried in ways that previously you would have thought unfathomable. Are the medical procedures that your loved one must endure harrowing or even frightening? Have you, over time, become increasingly responsible for providing basic physical care for the one you love? Or is your loved one gradually changing into an unfamiliar someone as a result of his/her medication or the disease itself? Are you also worried about how much your insurance will pay, and how much you will? Anyone in your situation could easily become frustrated, anxious, sorrowful and just plain exhausted.

A Stephen Minister is available to walk this difficult journey with you. You may have friends and family to support you, but a Stephen Minister is a completely confidential, objective, Christian source of support. He or she will listen to whatever you want to share, and will give you unconditional support and encouragement. Call one of the Stephen Leaders: Demi Ayres at (978) 369-4250, Leslie Ackles at (978) 371-1655, or Carol Gupta at (978) 371-0018 to request a care giver *for you!*

CONGRATULATIONS, MARSHA MARTIN!

We are pleased to report that Marsha Martin was recently named Director of the Special Needs Arts/Chorus Program (SNAP) in Lexington. Congratulations, Marsha.

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

Final Reminder

We would like to recognize our newest class of high school graduates with an insert in the bulletin and newsletter with brief bios detailing their interests and future plans. Parents of high school seniors should have received a letter asking for the information for this insert. If you have a youth graduating this year and you have not heard from us, please call the church office so that we may include your son or daughter.



CAREER TRANSITIONS CIRCLE

Tuesdays: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
First Parish in Concord, Wright Tavern
20 Lexington Road

Have you been recently laid off?
 Are you in a career transition?
 Do you fear that you may be laid off soon?
 Are you trying to redesign your work life?
 Are you looking for a
 supportive environment to network?

First Parish in Concord, in collaboration with other faith communities in the area, is offering regular meetings for those who are in an employment transition. Attendees include those experiencing job loss, fear of job loss, and others seeking to transition to a new career. Most meetings have a relevant topic and guest speaker.

For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact Tony Gallo:
tony.gallo@hawkpartners.com

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE! The 2009 Women's Retreat led by Leslie Ackles will take place from Friday, November 13 to Saturday, November 14. Please call the church office if you are interested in attending.



With summer vacations at hand, please notify the church office at 978 369-4837 of any pastoral care situations or hospitalizations. Anyone entering a hospital who desires pastoral care and has not notified the church office (be sure to give us your room number if you do call) must indicate a "congregational" affiliation as part of their hospital admission intake interview.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

A purse was recently stolen from the church office. It is important to remember that, though we are a church, we are also a public building and valuables should not be left unattended at any time.

THE SEARCH PROCESS FOR THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER

In the May Newsletter, we reported on the efforts of the Interim Associate Minister Search Committee to identify and call an Interim Associate Minister to serve our congregation during the coming year. We were searching for candidates who could provide associate ministerial services for our program and assist the Settled Associate Minister Search Committee in examining different staffing models that match with TriCon's needs. At the end of April, the Committee found an appropriate candidate and, with the authorization of the Diaconate and Church Committee, an offer was made. Unfortunately, the candidate decided to take a position as a Senior Interim Minister at another church.

Rather than start the process over again, the Committee, with the authorization of the Diaconate, is modifying the search. Instead of seeking one candidate to fulfill all the duties noted above, the Interim Associate Minister Search Committee will work with the Metropolitan Boston Association to identify consultants who can work with the Settled Associate Minister Search Committee assisting them in the exploration of the appropriate staffing models for TriCon and separately and simultaneously, the interim search committee will focus on securing an Interim Associate Minister who will be responsible for the program and administrative operations of the associate minister for the coming church year. Meanwhile, we have contracted with Steve Silver, church member and seminary graduate, to provide part-time ministerial coverage for some Sunday services, pastoral care and coverage during John's vacation.

We are confident that these steps will enable us to keep moving forward, using the energy, commitment and good work that we have with both the Interim Associate Minister Search Committee and the Settled Associate Minister Search Committee. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact members of either committee.

Yours in faith,

The Interim Associate Minister Search Committee

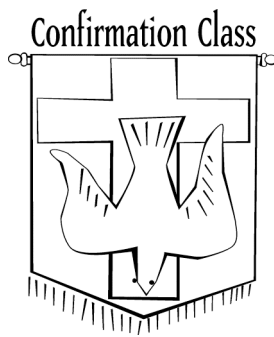
Russell Sanna, Chair; Kate Bird; Jim DeMott, Jr.; Carol Gupta; Chris Zamore

As co-chairs of the Settled Associate Minister Search Committee, Tom Bates and I are grateful for all the hard work the Interim Associate Minister Search Committee has put into their efforts. It is gratifying to have such fine people to work alongside in our common quest to fill our needs as a church body.

The Settled Associate Minister Search Committee has begun the process of visiting with all of the church committees and staff to help us discern what needs and desires exist regarding the ministerial position. We are also gathering information that will help us formulate a survey that will go out to every member of the congregation next Fall.

The Settled Associate Minister Search Committee (Jim DeMott, Jr., Mary Ann Ferrell, Susan Miller, Tom Piper, Lisa Soleau, Polly Vanasse, Bill Wilder, Greg Gouillart and Hannah Tremblay) is energized, enthused and at work on your behalf to carry out this process in the best way possible. We ask your prayers and we will keep you notified as we accomplish various phases of this work.

For the Settled Associate Minister Search Committee,
Allene R. Kussin, Co-Chair



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2009-2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Kenderrick Stanley Amodei attends Concord Carlisle High School (also attended by both of his parents). Derrick likes sports, particularly playing baseball, ski racing and football. His given name (Kenderrick) comes from an overpass on Route 128.

Kathryn T. Benvenuti is currently an honors student at Phillips Academy in Andover where her activities include theater, community service, crew, basketball and softball. Katie enjoys coming home on Sundays to see her Concord friends and to enjoy her father's cooking.

Alyssa Michelle Boisvert is captain of the freshman volleyball team at Concord Carlisle High School. Alyssa also enjoys basketball softball, tennis, track and swimming and likes to travel, listen to music and spend time with her friends. She has received the *Nick Ressler Award*.

Caroline T. Campbell plays soccer, and basketball and runs track at Concord Carlisle High School. Caroline also likes to read, dance, spend time with her friends and occasionally babysit. She particularly enjoyed participating in the mission trip to West Virginia.

Katharine Emily Denault is a day student at Lawrence Academy where she plays soccer and lacrosse. Emily has lived in Acton for her whole life, is the youngest of four children and is aunt to her oldest brother's daughter.

Caroline Donelan is a ninth grader at Concord Carlisle High School. She attends youth group and was a part of the mission trip group to West Virginia. In addition to church, she loves spending time with her family and friends, plays lacrosse and volleyball, and sewing.

Olivia Gómez is a student at Middlesex School where she plays soccer, lacrosse (she is the goalie in both sports) and basketball. She enjoys acting, singing, dancing and creative writing.

Thomas James Goulet has lived in Concord all his life. When he's not injured he plays football, basketball and baseball. Thomas is also a musician (drums and keyboard) and he's recently taught himself to balance various objects, including a chair, on his chin.

Samuel Gregory Howes is a freshman at Concord Carlisle High School. Sam plays football and lacrosse and enjoys fly-fishing, hiking and hanging out with his friends. Sam is grateful to Dave Munn and the other adults who have guided him this year at TriCon.

Andrew VanZandt Linn is in the ninth grade at Belmont Hill School where he is learning Chinese and plays tennis, squash and soccer. Andrew previously attended Fenn School. He has an older sister named Kara and a dog.

Hannah Merry plays field hockey and basketball at Concord Carlisle High School. Hannah likes to travel and has been as far away as Australia. She is in the National Charity League and likes to play the piano.

Kathryn Mayne Nichols, whose nickname is Kippy, is a student at Concord Carlisle High School. Kippy is the daughter of William and Brenda Nichols and the sister of Abigail.

Eliza Hartdegen Noyes is a freshman at Middlesex School where she plays varsity soccer. Eliza, who is very active and energetic, also enjoys ice hockey, lacrosse and tennis. She has two older brothers.

Megan Cary O'Connor attended Nashoba Brooks School and is now a student at Lawrence Academy. Megan enjoys sports, particularly lacrosse, field hockey and tennis.

Dawson Atlee Rutter III, known as DA, attends the Fenn School and loves playing sports such as lacrosse, hockey, football and golf. He also plays the guitar.

Peter W. Ryder, a ninth grader at Lawrence Academy, has been a member of the cross country, track and ski teams. Peter plays clarinet in the school jazz band and is working towards the rank of Eagle Scout. A highlight of his year was participation in the mission trip to West Virginia.

Jacqueline Mary Saideh attends Concord Carlisle High School and plays field hockey, ice hockey and softball. In eighth grade Jackie played varsity ice hockey for the high school. In seventh grade she went to China on a student exchange program.

Matthew Mason Salemy is a student at Concord Carlisle High School. Matt loves sports and videos. He was particularly happy to share his Confirmation experience with his two close friends, Peter Ryder and Derrick Amodei.

Judibrown Bowerman Sample likes to travel, sail, and spend time with her friends. She attends Concord Carlisle High School.

Kate Eaton Trieschman is on the alpine ski team and plays lacrosse at Concord Carlisle High School. Kate is on the Concord Equestrian Team during the school year. In the summer, she competes on the eventing circuit. Kate loves travel and plans to visit Spain this summer.

Andrew Ryan Wester was born on Christmas Day, 1993. Once the snow is gone, Andrew can be found playing golf. A freshman at Concord Carlisle High School, he helped the varsity golf team win their first state championship. Andrew is a disc-jockey for local radio station, WIQH.

A MID-SUMMER BARBECUE

IT'S BECOME A TRICON SUMMER TRADITION!

Enjoy an informal barbecue and share some fellowship with other church folk.

**Wednesday, July 15th, 6-8 p.m.
Rain or shine**

Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips, drinks and dessert provided.
\$3 per person donation requested.

Salads to share are also welcome
(BUT only if you have the time and would like to bring one).

Skilled and not-so-skilled chefs are needed to "people" the grills!

Most importantly, come and have some good food and fun!

In order to plan we need to have sign-ups.

Return this form, sign up on a Sunday, or call the church office.
Hope to see you there!

**We're Having a
Barbecue!**



Yes, I/we will attend the barbecue on July 15th.

Name/s: _____ # _____

_____ would be willing to help with the grilling.

