



TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FEBRUARY 2010

From the desk of...

The season of Lent, beginning this year on Wednesday, February 17th, is a meaningful time for families to spend together reflecting on their lives as followers of Jesus and on their relationships with one another. Lent is a time of renewal, growth and change. Children are aware of the ways they grow and change physically. During Lent we intentionally think about how we grow and change on the inside.

The color of the season is purple for repentance and we can identify Lent with the following symbols...

Fish: The outline of the fish was the secret symbol of the early Christian Community.

Loaves of Bread: These are symbolic of the wine and bread shared by Jesus at the last supper with his disciples.

Palm Branches: These remind us of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and mark the beginning of Holy Week on Palm Sunday.

Cross: The cross reminds us of the story of Good Friday and the wonder of Easter morning.

Coins: These represent the 30 pieces of silver Judas was paid to betray Jesus.

Prayer Hands: Lent is a time when people are encouraged to focus their thoughts on deepening their relationship with God.

Easter Eggs: These serve as symbols of the new life God offers in the resurrection of Jesus.

Butterfly: The butterfly is a symbol of the resurrection.

Rainbow: A rainbow is a symbol of hope. Easter is about hope in life beyond death.

Here is a fun activity you can do with your family throughout Lent to help visually illustrate the meaning of the season. Take a barren tree branch, perhaps from a forsythia bush, and split the bottom of the stem apart. This allows the branch to absorb water. Place it in warm water making sure there are no buds or twigs under water. Then using whatever materials you have on-hand, crayons, paper, felt, markers, etc, craft the Lenten symbols. Attach a looped ribbon to each for hanging. Every Sunday during Lent when you gather during a meal hang one or more symbols on the branch and talk about its meaning, including the now blooming branch.

If you are interested in other ways to celebrate Lent in your home, please contact me. I'd love to share my ideas with you.

Peace,

Carrie

FEBRUARY

Monday, February 1st

Liaison Meeting	7:00PM
CE Committee Meeting	8:15PM

Sunday, February 7th

Church School & Childcare	10:00AM
6 th - 8 th Snowtubing	2:00PM

Sunday, February 14th

No Church School
Childcare provided (up to age five)

Sunday, February 21st

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

Saturday, February 27th

6 th Grade Sleepover	8:00PM
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Sunday, February 28th

Church School & Childcare	10:00AM
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Life in Biblical Times One Room Schoolhouse Sunday, February 21st

During this hands-on One Room Schoolhouse the children will understand when, how, where and what the people of the Bible ate and drank. It isn't just dates and olives, folks!!! You'll be surprised at the tasty treats that were available during Biblical times. The kids will actually make a meal, eat it and put together a cookbook to take home. This special program is for Kindergarteners through 8th graders. Younger children are invited to go to the nursery. Please contact Carrie O'Brien if your child has a food allergy and we will steer away from any recipes containing those food products. We need two more adults to help with this fun morning!



Happy February Birthday Wishes to...



Griffin Meyer	Noelle Ledoux	James Rennert
Jennifer Colbert	Isabelle Mast	Katie Quirk
Chloe Howes	Riley Honan	Lauren Harmon
Griffin Meyer	Kayla Bain	Eli Siefer
Hannah Wilkinson	Andrew Kamionek	
Tyler McMorrow	Brighton Johnston	

Spring Teaching Session Begins on Sunday Feb. 14



Our last teaching session this year is almost fully staffed, but we are short one teacher in a number of classes. Please consider joining one of the following teaching teams ... Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 5th Grade or 6th Grade. Contact Carrie O'Brien to sign up or if you would like more information. We would love to have you in our program!

Tri-Con Job Opportunity

Part-time paid position for childcare in our nursery during the 10AM service - 18 years of age or older - please contact Carrie O'Brien at 978-369-4837 if you are interested.

Snow Tubing at Nashoba Sunday, February 7th, 2 - 4PM

For 6th, 7th and 8th graders. \$21 per person. Hot chocolate and snacks included. RSVP to Dave Wester at david.wester@comcast.net. Two more chaperones needed to help.



6th Grade Sleepover Saturday, February 27 - 28

Movies and games and fun!! Bring pillow, sleeping bag and a snack or drink to share. RSVP to Sue Fulshaw at stful@comcast.net. One more chaperone needed.

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.