

The Newsletter

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The Pastoral Perspective

She was only 34. As an adolescent she had been an early and occasional baby-sitter to our young daughters in Portsmouth, NH. The only child of dear friends, she had modestly and quietly made her way in the world first as a paralegal and then, most importantly, as a loving mother to two precious children. Her cancer diagnosis of the last year surprised my wife and me, her treatment at one of the region's most outstanding cancer centers encouraged us, and her death March 30, 2010, stunned us.

Janet and I quietly sat in a favorite eatery on the banks of the Piscataqua River which separates New Hampshire and Maine. There we gazed out the window at the floodtide, marked by artistic eddies and swirling whirlpools, flowing out to the ocean. The day was overcast, a bit like our spirits. Seated across the table from each other, Janet and I reflected upon so many of the individuals who had peopled our lives in over three decades of marriage and ministry. How blessed, privileged, and enriched we have been beyond all measure of our deserving and desiring. Truthfully, we were glad to be "out of town" in a place and setting where, at least for a few hours, we could be fully present to each other without the endless distractions, stressors, and demands which take so much from us even as we give so much of ourselves to them; left unchecked, they can distort and drain us of, if not destroy, a deep appreciation and heartfelt acknowledgement of time, people, and holy moments, the passing of which, by their very loss, take on heightened meaning and cherished value.

Truly, truthfully, and axiomatically, it is the simple things, quiet moments, and precious relationships, both human and divine, which matter most. Facebook, twittering, texting, and all things electronic and technological, may well be the modern, efficient, and marvelous way of connecting, communicating, doing business, and undertaking commerce and discourse on all levels of life. That said, however, life at its deepest, most poignant, personal, precious, and profound level, is truly a matter of being face-to-face with those we love, knowing that, at any moment or in any season, the fragility of the ties which bind us together can be broken, suddenly or slowly, surely and often sadly.

Someone once said that "life, we learn too late, is in the living, in the tissue of every day and hour." As such, we need in all humility, openness, and gratitude to receive joyfully and accept gladly the gifts of the present moment and the joys, sorrows, and cares of every human relationship; by their very nature, these connections are transient and fleeting. The

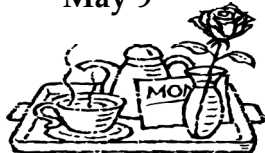
Psalmist reminds us that we are mortal and that "a thousand years in [God's] sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers...For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away...So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart."

May we all gain wise hearts in the living of our days!

MAY WORSHIP

May 2 **Service at 8:30** Prayer and Holy Communion
 Service at 10:00 Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching

May 9



Mother's Day

Service at 8:30 Prayer and Holy Communion
Service at 10:00 Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching
BAPTISM

May 16 **Service at 8:30** Prayer and Holy Communion
 Service at 10:00 Robert Brown preaching

May 23 **Service at 8:30** Prayer and Holy Communion
CONFIRMATION **Service at 10:00** Robert Brown preaching

May 30 **Service at 10:00** Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 8:30 a.m. services beginning Sunday, May 30
and continuing through the summer months.
The 8:30 a.m. service will resume on September 12.

Our summer Sunday service of worship will be at 10:00 a.m.
The two exceptions to this will be Sundays, July 18 and 25 when we will be
worshipping at West Concord Union Church. Their service is at 9:45 a.m.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



This month, we will again focus on our relationship with the people of Myanmar (Burma) and specifically on the Kanpetlet Orphanage where we have pledged to offer support and assistance to the very needy children served there. Church members Jeannette and Art Taylor visited the orphanage this winter and share some of their observations below.

Kanpetlet Orphanage is nestled on the edge of a steep slope in the high rugged mountain range of the Chin Hills in the Northwestern part of Burma. The dusty dirt road up to Kanpetlet twists and turns as it rises 5,000 feet, passing isolated huts, precariously perched, and small clusters of shop-houses, where villagers sell their scarce locally grown vegetables, such as carrots, onions, and mustard greens.

The orphanage is a short distance from the small village of Kanpetlet. The children walk to the elementary school located in the village and a small health clinic provides some rudimentary first aid. They have few basic school supplies or funds to deal with more complicated medical needs.

Fifty-four children reside at the orphanage - 35 boys and 19 girls, ages 1-18. They are clean, well cared for and full of energy. The older children are very caring of the younger ones, whether it is mealtime, bed time, or playing simple games in the courtyard. On 20 acres of land, Kanpetlet now has girls' and boys' dormitories and a kitchen/dining hut. They raise crops for food to supplement their rice diet.

As Mother's Day approaches, we invite you to share your love with these children by making a donation, perhaps in honor or in memory of your mother or another special woman in your life. Funds will be sent to the orphanage where they will be used to purchase school kits, seeds, chickens, blankets and other basic supplies and provide for care in medical emergencies. Contributions may be made out to the church and marked "Burma". We will dedicate the gifts on Mother's Day, May 9. Gift cards are available in the parish hall or church office if you would like to notify someone that you have made a gift in their honor.

**Sunday, May 2
at a forum following the 10am service,
Jeannette and Art Taylor will show slides of their trip to Kanpetlet
and talk about their recent visit there.**



WELCOME

**SPRING OPPORTUNITIES
FOR GETTING ACQUAINTED & JOINING**

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. On May 2, as listed below, we will offer a "Welcoming Coffee" in the parish hall. Then on May 18 we will have an "Exploring Membership" meeting. Your decision to join TriCon may be made following your participation in this meeting. New members will join during the worship service on June 13. We hope you will join us! If you have any questions, please call Mary Lou Esposito at the church office or Meg Howes, chair of the Membership Committee at 978 369-3158.

"Welcoming Coffee": Getting to Know Us

Sunday, May 2

Coffee and conversation

11:00 a.m. (after 10:00 a.m. service) in the parish hall

"Becoming a Member": meeting and joining

Tuesday, May 18

"Exploring Membership" meeting

7:00 p.m. in the parlor

Sunday, June 13

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



Spiritual Enrichment

Mondays, 9:45 a.m. in the church parlor
(except on holidays)
Newcomers always welcome!

Monday, May 3
A visit with Bob Brown

Monday, May 10
"Praying and Singing the Psalms"
Marsha Martin, facilitator

Monday, May 17
"A Conversation About
the 20 Questions"

Monday, May 24
Film and discussion with Judy Hill

Monday, May 31 – holiday
No meeting

Monday, June 7
Spring into Summer Luncheon
Save the date! Details will follow!



ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY for those over 80

Thursday, May 6th
at noon

If you will be 80 or over this year, you should have received an invitation in the mail. If you did not receive an invitation and you would like to come to the party, please call the church office.



KIDS SPRING & SUMMER CLOTHES for Merrimack House through May 9

Clothes may be left in the marked boxes in the parish hall. Shirts, shorts, pants, shoes and light jackets for children and youth, girls' summer dresses and baby things, too, are needed for this family shelter in Lowell (**no** winter clothes). Items will be gratefully received by families living there now, and those moving in later this spring and summer.

RETIRED MEN'S GROUP

The Retired Men's Group will meet for lunch on Wednesday May 12, at noon. The entertainment will be "The Yankee Stompers Jazz Band." 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 May 12, please call Robert Nelson (978 369-3105) or Charles Davis (978 369-6250) by May 7. The cost of the lunch is \$8.00.

**The deadline for the
June Newsletter
is May 15.**

UNITED HOMES SHELTER



We provide a hot meal once a month to the 120 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 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:

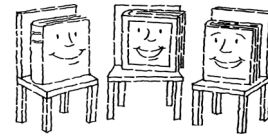
- May 16

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.

FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Join the Library Committee following the service on **Sunday, May 16** for a discussion of the all-church book read, "Our Fractured Wholeness." Author Diana Ventura, a Ph.D. student in theology at the BU School of Theology who was born with cerebral palsy, shares what it means to live with and overcome brokenness of all kinds. As the author states: *Brokenness teaches us the truth by keeping our feet planted firmly on the ground. It releases us from the lie that our culture would have us believe: that we can – and should – be invincible, unstoppable, completely and unquestionably perfect and sound in every respect.*

Books are available for purchase from the church office; there is also a copy in the church library.



Have You Read *THE SHACK*?

The Shack is a modern day publishing phenomenon. Former janitor and first time author, William P. Young, self published a fictional account of his real life journey to confront evil and find redemption. He first printed the story for a few family members. Word got out and *The Shack* caught fire. To date the book has been on the New York Times bestseller list for nearly a year and sold millions of copies. Maybe someone even gave you a copy.

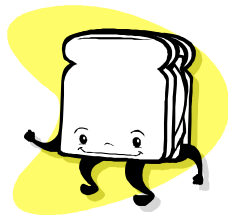
In the book, after the horrible abduction and murder of his young daughter, the protagonist, Mack, is invited to spend the weekend with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It sounds hokey but it's not. During this mystical face-to-face experience, Mack's ideas of the Trinity, religion, Christianity, forgiveness, justice and interpersonal relationships are not only challenged but shattered and then beautifully reconstructed and redefined. It is a whirlwind of a ride.

Very few people read this story and are unaffected. Some are transformed themselves with a new understanding of God, while others find it offensive, simplistic and even heretical.

We felt like we might want to discuss this book together in order to explore our concept of God, forgiveness, the Trinity and ideas of Jesus. Join Bob Brown, Carrie O'Brien and other TriCon folks on **Wednesday May 19th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, in the parlor.



Caught in the Middle



Taking the Bite Out of Being a "Sandwiched" Baby-boomer

Monday, May 24, 7:00 p.m.

Series Summation; Collaboration of Resources & Providers

Facilitated by Donna R. Carlson, LTCP, CLTC

Our final workshop will include a wrap up of the key subject matter and "take-away" ideas that were presented in the previous six workshops.

Prior Core Topics Included:

- The Spiritual Challenges of Growing Older; facilitated by Rev. Judith S. Krumme
- Guilt, Grudges and Personal Growth; facilitated by Allene Riley Kussin, MA, LPC
- Adult Children & Aging Parents: the Awkward Struggle of Role Reversal; facilitated by Grace Tilton, BSN, R.N; MSW, L.I.C.S.W, C-ASWCM
- Protecting the Final Phases of Life – Legal & Financial Preparations; facilitated Attorney David Feakes of Feakes Associates
- Organization of Financial Matters: Being Practical and Proactive
- Estate Preservation and Distribution; facilitated by Attorneys G. Mitchell Eckel III and Margaret A. Hoag

Following the series' summation, attendees are invited to peruse a collaboration of resource materials and providers relevant to the workshop series.

For more information or if you have a resource suggestion, please contact Donna Carlson at 978-505-1404.

KNITTING GROUP

"The Knitwits" will meet on Wednesday, May 26 at noon. Bring your lunch and your knitting. Everyone is welcome, from beginner to expert.

TICKETS AVAILABLE!**Saturday, June 5, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.****The Boston Gay Men's Chorus**

will perform at TriCon in a benefit performance for the Sharing Foundation

The Gay Men's Chorus has won critical acclaim as one of the premiere musical groups in New England. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy an evening of fine music while supporting a good cause.

Tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students, are available in the church office, the Concord Bookshop, and Debra's Natural Gourmet. You may also purchase tickets by sending a check made out to The Sharing Foundation, with a self-addressed, stamped envelope, to P.O. Box 600, Concord, MA 01742.

The Sharing Foundation (TSF) founded by Dr. Nancy Hendrie is dedicated to helping to meet the physical, emotional and medical needs of orphaned and seriously disadvantaged children in Cambodia. TSF runs an orphanage, Montessori-based preschool and Khmer literacy and English language programs, provides high school and college sponsorships, and runs a farming cooperative, computer school and sewing school.

THE 9TH ANNUAL
The Al Filipov Peace and Justice Forum

presents

Rye Barcott**Saturday, September 25 – 7:00 p.m.**

At the age of 20, Rye Barcott rented a ten-by-ten-foot tin shack in the heart of the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya. He learned Swahili, asked questions, and listened to young people talk about survival in squalor he had never before imagined. Puzzled and often afraid, he stumbled into friendship with a widowed nurse, Tabitha Atieno Festo, and a former street child turned community organizer, Salim Mohamed. On September 25, Barcott will tell the gripping story of this unlikely trio's journey to bring sustainable empowerment to one of Africa's largest slums. Together they built *Carolina for Kibera* (CFK), a Time Magazine "Hero of Global Health" and a pioneer of the movement called participatory development proving that with the right kind of support, people in desperate places can take control of their lives and create breathtaking change.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP
in the Youth Room on the lower level



- Sunday, May 2**
Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 9**
Youth Group 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 15** 9:00 p.m. to
Sunday, May 16 9:00 a.m.
Spring Lock -In
- Sunday, May 16**
NO Youth Group
- Sunday, May 23** 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Youth Group
- Sunday, May 30**
NO Youth Group
- Sunday, June 6** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Youth Group Pool Party at Nick's
103 Assabet Avenue, Concord

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION GROUP

Remember, Discussion Group meets every Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Come and have your say. All are welcome.

2009-2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS

- Sunday, May 2** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Final Retreat at Grotonwood
Read: *Words for the Journey*
Chapter 21, Vocation
Chapter 24, God's Call to You
Chapters 38 & 39,
Why I am a Christian

Monday, May 10 7:00 p.m.
Faith Statement Sharing with Mentors
Meet in the Sanctuary for a special evening of sharing.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- Sunday, May 23** 9:00 a.m.
Brunch for Confirmands, Mentors and parents hosted by the Deacons
- Sunday, May 23** 10:00 a.m.
Service of Worship and Rite of Confirmation

LIFE CHANGES

New Babies



We welcome Maxwell Elias Tharpe, born on March 27th to Heather (Elias) and Jake Tharpe. Proud grandparents are Mary and Jack Elias.

Congratulations to Jennifer (Lemaitre) and Marc Watters on the April 5th birth of Olivia Page Watters. Beaming first time grandmother is Joie Lemaitre.

It is a joy to announce the birth of Renée Margaret Feigh. Born on April 6th to Brehnt and Leslie Feigh, Renée is the sister of Audrey and William.

With Sympathy



Sincere condolences to Priscilla Swift and her sons, Deacon and Rob. Priscilla's sister, Pamela Livingston, died on March 28 in New York.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Thank you!

Thank you to Charity Tremblay and Laura Lindop for decorating our beautiful Easter altar and to Laura for keeping our outside containers blooming with lovely flowers.

STEEPLE RENTAL

As announced in the flyer attached to the last Newsletter, the Church Committee had called a congregational meeting for April 6th to consider a proposal from Clearwire to amend our existing agreement with Sprint to rent additional space for advanced wireless technology. On the afternoon of the 6th, we received a phone call notifying us that Clearwire was "putting the proposal on hold." We don't know any more than that at this time but will keep you notified of any further developments.



HELP NEEDED

The Mission Committee has agreed to host the reception held during intermission at the performance of the Gay Men's Chorus fundraiser for *The Sharing Foundation* and they need our help. If you can provide some cookies, brownies or bars, please indicate on the sheet at the sign-up table in the parish hall or email triconchurch@aol.com - thank you!

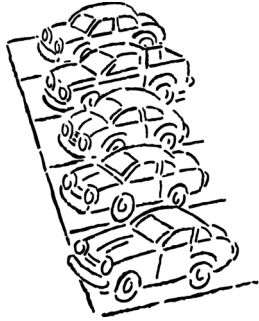
INTRODUCING THE PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Pastor-Parish Relations Committee may not be the most visible committee of the church, but we are always ready to serve by providing a two-way communication link between the clergy and the congregation to enhance the effectiveness of the church's mutual ministry. The Committee is comprised of six "seasoned" members who meet with the ministers on a scheduled quarterly basis and at any other time at will.

It is always preferred that anyone communicate directly with clergy, whether with questions, concerns or feedback. Communication is always welcome and gratefully received but there are times when this may not be possible. It is at these times that the Pastor-Parish Committee can be a sounding board at the very least. We are in fact charged with keeping the "pulse of the church" so we may even invite discussion from time to time. All communications are handled with confidentiality, sensitivity and trust. Please know that all of us on the committee are privileged to serve and be useful in this capacity.

Again, feel free to contact any of us:

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PARKING, PARKING, PARKING...

TD Bank located across from the church is now open for business on Sundays and they need to have their parking lot available for their customers. Please do not park there at any time for church services or activities and be advised that illegally parked cars may be towed at owner's expense.

CHURCH PARKING LOT REMINDER:

Our parking lot is shared with the LEAP school during the week and we need to leave spaces available for their parent drop-off and pick-up times. If you are coming to a church weekday event between the hours of 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., please seek alternative parking unless you are in need of the handicap spaces. (There are un-metered spaces both on Hubbard Street beyond the church, in the lot at the corner of Stow and Hubbard Streets and in the Keyes Road parking lot.)

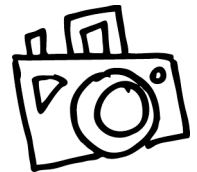
If you are coming in for church business at other times, please use caution in entering and exiting the lot. Thank you!

CAMBODIAN BAGS

If you are looking for gifts for graduation, Mother's Day, teachers, etc., keep in mind that the church office has a selection of bags made by the women of Cambodia. The bags are reasonably priced and all proceeds go to the Sharing Foundation which helps meet the physical, emotional, educational and medical needs of orphaned and seriously disadvantaged children in Cambodia.

TRICON FINE ARTS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

If you enjoy taking pictures and sharing your inspiration from God's world then become a charter member of the TriCon Photography Club! Share your ideas and have fun while also learning from others.



Possible days for an initial meeting are a Monday night or Saturday morning in May. Please check your calendars and contact Isabel Bailey at isabelvbailey@gmail.com or 978 549-2491 with your availability.

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

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 will receive a letter asking for the information for this insert. If you have a youth graduating this year and you do not hear from us by May 13th, please call the church office so that we may include your son or daughter.

WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jack and Heather Huntress joined TriCon on Palm Sunday, March 28. Heather, an elementary teacher in Winchester, is from Glen Cove, NY and started her own cookie company in 2003. Jack works in business development for an environmental data firm in Woburn and grew up in Hardwick, MA. Jack and Heather attended Boston College but split their love for the Yankees and Red Sox. Jack and Heather, who moved to Carlisle in August 2008, love traveling, outdoor activities, and, most of all, spending time with their new, adorable son, Gavin!



STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

*Hope is a feathered thing with wings,
It sits upon a wall.
It sings and sings the whole day long,
And never stops at all.*
Emily Dickinson

Rare is the person who does not experience trials in her or his life. Whether it's the illness or death of a loved one, diagnosis of a chronic or life-threatening illness, failure at work or at school, so many circumstances can shatter our hope for a happy future.

A few years ago, I was part of a small group of friends who met on a weekly basis to meditate together. After our time for meditation was finished, we would share with each other how things were going for us personally. One day, one of the women told us the devastating news of her little nephew (I'll call him Joey), a toddler who had just received a diagnosis

of cancer – and the doctors thought it was likely to be incurable. We cried together awhile, and then the woman whose nephew it was said, "I'm so glad I am a person of faith. I'm sure that, whatever happens, we will somehow be *transformed*." As time went by, Joey was overwhelmed by the disease. Nevertheless, he became a joy to his family and all the hospital staff that cared for him; his courage and gladness of heart infected everyone. He died secure in the hope that, when he left his parents, he would go to live with Jesus. God is the ultimate source of hope. While God did not cure little Joey, He strengthened those around Joey to help and console each other, and to find hope in God's promises

Our church provides Stephen Ministers to help despairing people find reasons for hope. Call the church (978 369-4837), Demi Ayres (978 369-4250) or Carol Gupta (978 371-0018), to learn more. I truly hope that God fills your life with an unstoppable hope that lightens your burdens or heartaches.

Carol Gupta



STAR ISLAND RETREATS AND CONFERENCES

Star Island, off the coast of New Hampshire, has a variety of summer family conferences (camps) featuring UCC clergy. For more information on this summer's offerings for families and individuals, see the bulletin board in the church reception office, go to www.starisland.org or call 603 430-6272.



FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

This is the second in a series of conversations that our Stewardship Team has had based on John's twenty questions. Last month we addressed "What does our congregation accomplish through the financial support that members and friends provide? This month, we will address the very basic stewardship question

"What would motivate you to give to the work of the church?"

For some, the answer might be Bible-based

"Each one should give what he had decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

"I am light of the word. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

For others, it may stem from a basic faith

I want to support the work of the church because of all the good things the church is and does. It is our responsibility to help those less fortunate and I can do that through the church and its mission and outreach.

For some of us, it's more personal

The church provides a way for me to live out my faith.

I find support and nurture from others in the church community.

The church school is grounding my children in Christian values and my teen is benefiting greatly from the youth program.

And then there are the concrete thinkers

The church needs to pay its bills -the building must be maintained, the staff must be paid.

If I want to attend worship, celebrate my baby's baptism or my child's wedding or find support in the loss of a loved one, I want the church to be there for me.

What motivates you? Each year, the Stewardship Team struggles with this question. Should we concentrate on the budget and emphasize the increased costs we are facing? Should we ignore the figures and challenge the congregation to faith-based giving? If we just list all the things that the church does, will that inspire generosity?

When someone says, "I don't give much to the church because I don't come much" can we ask them "when you come, are we here?" "Is the heat on, the music playing, the clergy preaching?"

We'd love to hear from you! Let's keep the conversation going - **Rick Olney, Thad Jackson, Anne Kessler, Annabelle Kellogg, Charity Tremblay, Tussie Williams, Judy Walpole**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

EMERSON HOSPITAL

Family Health and Wellness Expo
Saturday, May 1 – 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tours, general health information, conversations with health and wellness experts, children's activities, free screenings – registration is required for screenings. Call 1-877-936-3776 for registration and information.

Fall Prevention Conference
Friday, May 7 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Boxborough

Sponsored by Emerson Hospital - learn to prevent dangerous slips, trips and falls, the leading cause of serious injury for people over 65. Seating is limited and registration is required. Call 1-877-936-3776 for registration and information.

PROJECT BREAD'S WALK FOR HUNGER

Sunday, May 2
Starts on the Boston Common, 7 – 9 A.M.

Your hungry neighbors have never needed you more. This is the year to participate in The Walk for Hunger, the country's oldest continual pledge walk and the largest one-day fundraiser to alleviate local hunger. Your support will help provide nutritious meals for those who would otherwise go without, right here in Massachusetts.

Celebrate the spirit of giving by participating in this family tradition. For more information, call 617-723-5000 or visit www.projectbread.org/walk.

CONCORD WOMEN'S CHORUS

American Women of Note
A Gala Concert
celebrating 50 years of women in song

Saturday, May 8, 8:00 p.m.
First Parish in Concord

Call 978 852-4239 for more information or to purchase tickets.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Relay for Life
Maynard – May 21 and 22

TRICON FIGHTS BACK AGAINST CANCER!

Contact Bob Brown 978 369-4837 or TriCon member, Susan Stumpf, 978 371-4993 for more information or to sign up.

FRESH AIR FUND



With summer approaching, please consider helping a New York City child who may never have swum in a pond, hiked in the woods, roasted a marshmallow, ridden a bike, or simply been free to be outside. For one week this summer, July 12th to 19th, you and your family can open your home to such a child by becoming a Fresh Air Fund host family. As a host family, you can choose the age of the child (6 to 12) and whether you'd like to host a boy or a girl. For more information on becoming a host family, please contact Nancy Burnham at nancy.burnham@friendlytown.org or at 978-369-5832.

