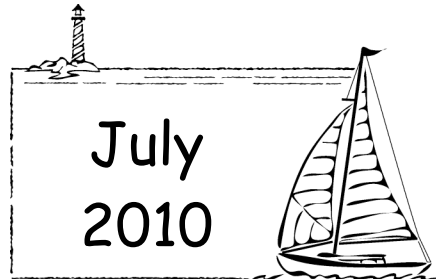


# The Newsletter

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## The Pastoral Perspective

My favorite place on the New Hampshire seacoast is Great Island Common (GIC). Just off Route 1-B in Newcastle, GIC is a lovely park situated at the mouth of the Piscataqua River and the entrance to Portsmouth Harbor. It overlooks the Atlantic Ocean and a variety of maritime landmarks, including a couple of lighthouses, Fort Constitution, and the Isles of Shoals, along with an ever-changing panorama of ships and maritime activity of all sorts. When our children were small, our family would spend many a Sunday afternoon enjoying the playground equipment, flying kites, occasionally having a picnic, and simply taking in the breath-taking beauty of this exquisite setting with its invigorating salt air. One can stand at the water's edge on GIC and, on a clear day, see forever. As with many a seaside location, this special spot continues to draw me back for relaxation, reflection, and renewal.

A unique feature of GIC is a black metal sculpture on the easternmost point of land at the park. It features a silhouetted artist with a palette and paintbrushes. He has one hand raised as if painting on the canvas. The "canvas" is basically an open space defined by a 4' x 6' frame. The precise "picture" within the frame is determined by where one stands looking out to sea. For example, the framed picture might be a scene with Whaleback Light in the center and lobstering activity in the foreground. By shifting one's position slightly, it could feature the Isles of Shoals eight miles out to sea with a tanker or freighter being guided into port by one of the signature Portsmouth Harbor tugs. Shift one's position again and the scene might depict a summer sailing regatta or the arrival of a tall ship for a seasonal festival. In other words, the scene or content of the artist's "canvas" is essentially determined by where one positions oneself relative to the scene or situation in which one finds oneself. Even a subtle shift in position or perspective can alter dramatically one's view of the current "scene" or setting.

The same can be said of our own lives, which, in many respects, represent the canvas upon which we re-present the world as we see it, experience it, and understand it. Sometimes a simple change of location, viewpoint, attitude, or perspective can provide an entirely new way of viewing the world or understanding life. In short, how we "frame" life or otherwise understand it may have far more to do with our angle of vision than the simple facts that make up our days. For believers such is the nature and purpose of faith as a place from which our lives take on their deepest meaning and propel us into the future. It all has to do with our angle of vision or orientation to life based upon trusting in the One in whose hands our lives are lovingly held and our days are bathed in meaning and purpose.

Grace and peace,



## JULY / AUGUST WORSHIP

- July 4      Service at 10:00      Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching  
July 11     Service at 10:00      Robert Brown preaching

### SUMMER SERVICES WITH WEST CONCORD UNION CHURCH

We will have joint services with West Concord Union at their church at 9:45 a.m. on:

- July 18      Service at 9:45      Robert Brown preaching  
July 25      Service at 9:45      Robert Brown preaching

We will have joint services with West Concord Union at TriCon at 10:00 a.m. on:

- August 1     Service at 10:00      Communion  
August 8     Service at 10:00

Our regular summer services will continue on:

- August 15    Service at 10:00  
August 22    Service at 10:00  
August 29    Service at 10:00

### PLEASE NOTE

**Our summer Sunday service of worship is 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



If you are new to TriCon we welcome you!

We encourage you to attend summer services, to meet fellow worshippers at Sunday coffee hours and to attend the Summer Barbecue on Wednesday evening, July 14. Please pick up church brochures and other information and call the church office if you have any questions.

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### COUNCIL ON AGING LUNCH

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Please join the "TriCon Cooks" to prepare and serve a nutritious lunch for Concord senior citizens at the Harvey Wheeler Center. Cooking will take place at TriCon Church on Tuesday, July 20 from 9:30-12:30; serving will be at the Harvey Wheeler Center, Wednesday, July 21 from 11-1. To sign up call Carol Miller at 978-369-3755.

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### THE 9<sup>TH</sup> 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.



## June 13, 2010

**Ray Chamberlain** moved to Concord in 2008 with his wife, Kathleen, and daughter, Susan, after living in York Harbor, ME for 3 years and Acton for 28 years before that. They have two other children, Karen in NYC and Stephen in Needham, and a grandson, Andrew. Now retired, Ray worked in sales and sales management in the Information Systems business for 43 years, while Kathleen worked as a tutor and teacher. They loved living on the ocean in ME, but are happy to be back home in the Concord area.

**Rudd Coffey and Melissa Liazos** recently moved to Concord from Watertown, MA. They have two children, Cole (3), and Rowan (1). Rudd is an environmental consultant originally from Tulsa, OK and Melissa is an attorney who grew up in Lexington. The family enjoys spending time outdoors, sports, movies, and their dogs, Huck and Star.

**Nat and Caty Kessler** met at Trinity College and now live in Sudbury. Nat, who grew up in Concord, works as a commercial real estate broker and Caty is at home with their three children, Zander (10), Lindy (7), and Charlie (5). They enjoy skiing in the winter, and golf, tennis, and spending time at the beach in the summer.

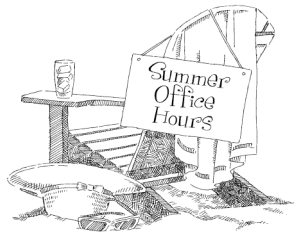
**David and Julie O'Brien** met in graduate school and moved to Concord from Cambridge in 2002. David, who grew up in Tewksbury, works in government relations and enjoys a great political campaign. Julie, who is from Fairfield, CT, works for an international health organization and most enjoys working in developing countries. Their two sons, Sam Rice (15) and Carter O'Brien (almost 6) play hockey and lacrosse. The family loves cheering for all Boston sports teams, exploring new places, and giving back to their community.

**Rebecka Persson** was born in Stockholm, Sweden and has lived in Concord for twelve years. She works as a rare book cataloger at the Boston Athenaeum and, in her spare time, enjoys reading, fiction writing, sculpting, history, listening to classical music, long walks in beautiful Concord, and travel.

**Prescott and Michelle Stewart** moved to Concord from Salisbury, CT two years ago. Prescott is the Managing Director of Development at Harvard Business School and Michelle is the owner of Tennis Pro Shops, Inc. Prescott, who was raised in Southport, CT, attended Trinity College and Michelle, who grew up in Wellesley, is a graduate of Hartwick College. Both enjoyed teaching in the Church School this spring. They have two daughters, Maggie (6) and Morgan (4).

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**The deadline for the  
August Newsletter  
is July 15.**



## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**Monday, June 28  
through Friday, August 27  
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Regular office hours will resume on  
Monday, August 30

**The church office will be closed on  
Monday, July 5  
in celebration of Independence Day.**

## LIFE CHANGES

### New Baby



Best wishes to Burton and Marie Bates on the May 30<sup>th</sup> birth of Charles Alton in South Lake, Western Australia. Beaming first time grandparents are Tom and Susan Bates.



Sincere sympathy to Leslie Cheney and her family. Leslie's husband, Phil, died on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Services were held at TriCon on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### CONGRATULATIONS!

**CONGRATULATIONS to our long-time members, Libby and Bill Read**, who were recently recognized by the Caring Connection for their many years of devoted service to the Caring Connection and the TriCon community – a well-deserved honor.

**The Caring Connection**, which provides outreach to those in need through visitation, meals, transportation, memorial receptions, etc., is one of the many volunteer opportunities at TriCon. For more information about or to volunteer for the Caring Connection call Cynthia LaMothe at 978 369-9676 or Kathy Flynn at 978 369-6934.

Beginning in the Fall, there will be a series of articles in *The Newsletter* on the work of the Caring Connection.

### THANK YOU, TRICON

The members of the TriCon Fight Back team for the Maynard Relay for Life would like to thank our many supporters from the church. Our small team was able to raise over \$1000 to benefit the American Cancer Society patient services, programs and research. We hope you will consider joining the team next year!

Bob and Zac Brown  
Mary Jalenak  
Isabel Bailey  
Sue and Bill Stumpf



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.

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## FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

On Sunday, May 16, a book discussion was held with Diana Ventura, author of *Our Fractured Wholeness*. If you are interested in reading this compelling story, copies of the book are available in the church office, along with a copy in the church library. Enjoy reading this summer!

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## FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

We have five dates available to donate flowers for the altar before the end of 2010. If you would like to give the flowers on July 4, August 8 or 22, December 5 or 26, please sign up in the parish hall or call the church office.

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## STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

Please remember that Stephen Ministers will be available throughout the summer. Just contact Rev. Lombard, Demi Ayres, or Carol Gupta for more information or to request a Stephen Minister.

## A REMINDER TO KNITTERS AND SEWERS



The TriCon Knitting Group (*The Knitwits*), meets in the church parlor once a month from September through May. Everyone from beginner to expert is welcome to join the group. You need not come every month but can join in when it is convenient for you. Watch *The Newsletter* for upcoming dates.

Our church community remains actively involved in the City Mission Society Christmas Shop and *The Knitwits* contribute hats, baby blankets, gloves and scarves to this effort, in addition to the prayer shawl ministry. If you are not part of the Knitting Group, please work on your projects at home and if you need yarn, knitting needles or instructions, contact the church office. Watch *The Newsletter* or Sunday Events & Comments in the fall for when items will be collected, or you may call the church office for more information.

Prayer shawls may be left at the church any time.

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## USHER / GREETER POOL

Thank you to all who have served as ushers and greeters this year. Our system of assigning dates has been quite successful and we hope it has worked well for you. We will be putting together assignments for next year in mid-August so please let us know by August 1st if you would prefer not to be included in the pool or if you have not ushered but would like to be asked in the coming year. You can email [triconchurch@aol.com](mailto:triconchurch@aol.com) or call the church office at 978 369-4837.

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CONCORD-CARLISLE & TURKMENISTAN

Two host families are needed for a boy and girl from Turkmenistan who will attend CCHS from August 27, 2010 to February 1, 2011. If you are interested in hosting, contact David Nurenberg at 781 854-2984 or [dnurenberg@colonial.net](mailto:dnurenberg@colonial.net).

### DISCOVER BALANCE AND MEANING Coming to Wright Tavern this Fall

This program, offered by **Leslie Ackles**, will begin on either September 15 or 16 (7-9pm). Details in the next Newsletter!

*Taming the To-Do List & Finding Meaning through Your Inner Wisdom*  
--A group for women in the art of slowing down

Based on Abby Seixas's new book, *Finding the Deep River Within: A Women's Guide to Recovering Balance and Meaning in Everyday Life*, these groups will introduce the three preliminary doorways and six core practices that can support us in allowing our own deeper currents to flow through daily life. With the help of readings, meditative exercises, discussion, creative expression, humor, and each other, we will explore ways to free ourselves from the tyranny of our "To-Do's", and to rest more in our deeper selves and in the gift of life itself.

**Leslie Ackles** has a Masters in Education from Harvard University and is Director of Training at the UMass Donahue Institute. She is a work/life balance coach and is a trained facilitator of *The Deep River Within* by Abby Seixas. For more information please visit: [www.oasisconsultant.com](http://www.oasisconsultant.com).



## **Congratulations to the Class of 2010!**

*Please read about the upcoming exciting adventures of our graduating youth ...*

**Jack Delehey** will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall. Jack enjoyed going on two TriCon Mission Trips (San Antonio, TX and Bay St. Louis, MS). He often volunteered his time to prepare and deliver meals to the United Homes men's shelter in Dorchester. Jack played soccer, hockey, and lacrosse at CCHS all four years. He is the son of Molly and Brent Delehey and big brother to Kevin, Caroline and Tucker.

**Christian DiRomualdo**, of Carlisle, is the son of Nancy and Tony DiRomualdo, brother of Adrian and Arianna and member of TriCon. During his high school years, when not in school, you could find him working at the West Concord Super Market or attending Junior State, a club whose mission is to debate topics of interest, including current social, political, and judicial issues. He is looking forward to attending Roger Williams University in Bristol, RI.

**Celeste Hall** has spent her happiest hours acting, singing, and dancing on stage at CCHS and local community theatres. Celeste was editor-in-chief of the high school newspaper and a member of the student senate and loves her job at the Concord Toy Shop. Celeste will be attending the College of William and Mary where she plans to major in theatre. She is the daughter of Jim and Jane Hall and the sister of Jimmy, Neely, and Caroline.

**Katherine Hart** attended TriCon Church since pre-school. She was a participant in youth group, youth discussion group, and two mission trips. She rowed on the varsity crew team at Community Rowing in Boston for four years and played flute in the CCHS concert band, traveling with that group to Japan. Katie also had a weekly WIQH radio show, *HartRush*. The daughter of Sarah and David Hart, she will attend American University.

**Elizabeth Levering**, daughter of Brune and Betsy Levering, graduated from CCHS where she played soccer and lacrosse, and was a member of the cross-country and swim teams. She loved taking photography and ceramic classes and became a mentor for Pathways, an organization that helps students with physical and mental disabilities. She enjoys working with children and looks forward to studying psychology and education at Saint Lawrence University.

**Rex Littlefield** was a fixture in TriCon's Church School from the time he was a kindergartner and grew up with many of this spring's high school graduates. TriCon has seen less of Rex the past four years as he has been attending St. Paul's school in Concord, NH, where he captained the ski team and was Confirmed there his freshman year. He still felt a part of the TriCon high school group and attended church every Sunday he was in town. Rex, the son of Bart and Bar Littlefield, will attend Dartmouth College.

**Jen Swain** graduated from Concord Carlisle High School. She will be attending the University of Rochester in the fall where she hopes to be a pre-law major. Jen is the daughter of Phil and Roseanne Swain and the sister of Kimberly.

**Hannah Tremblay**, middle daughter of Tom and Charity Tremblay, graduated from CCHS, where she was a member of the varsity soccer team, on the staff of the school newspaper, and captain of the ski team. She has been an active member of TriCon's youth group for four years and is a four-time mission trip veteran; she also served on the Search Committee for our new Associate Minister. This summer she plans to hike part of the Appalachian Trail and keep very busy with her garden-tending business, *We Weed Weeds*. Hannah will attend Carleton College in MN hoping to major in Environmental Studies.

**Drew Vanasse**, son of Jerry and Polly, has been attending TriCon since he was four. He participated in Confirmation and went on his first mission trip in ninth grade. He especially remembers working at the homeless shelter, building ramps and taking early morning runs with Peter Robitaille in TX, and building a house in Bay St. Louis, MS. Being the Sunday Sexton taught Drew to make great coffee and gave him the opportunity to bond with Mr. Piper, his fourth grade Church School teacher. This year, Drew was a senior leader on the trip to Puerto Rico. He loved working in the rain forest and clearing land. Drew will miss Nick, Bob, and the great friends he has made when he heads off to Springfield College next fall to play soccer and major in sports management.





## FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

This is the fourth in a series of conversations that our Stewardship Team has had based on John's twenty questions. In past months we addressed "What does our congregation accomplish through the financial support that members and friends provide?", "What would motivate you to give to the work of the church?" and "What must the church manage to afford no matter what?"

This month, we want to address the question:

**"How can we, individually and collectively, be better stewards of what God has given us?"**

"Many hands make light work" is not just a catchy phrase - it is truly what the church is about. Watching the crew preparing a delicious meal for over 100 men at the United Homes Shelter in about 90 minutes shows us what can be accomplished in a short time by working together and sharing the tasks.

We are making an effort to be better stewards by sharing the load and truly making "light work" in various ways. Our newly introduced method of recruitment of ushers and greeters involves many people with each assuming a small, often one-time role. The Fellowship Committee has assembled a large list of willing coffee servers and hopes to share that ministry more efficiently and equitably.

We now have a kitchen crew that comes in monthly to clean and pick up the kitchen and the Property Committee periodically holds working sessions where various maintenance tasks are identified and tackled as a collective effort - saving money and harnessing the varied talents and contributions of our members.

We are invested in moving towards being a "greener" congregation. Paper, aluminum can and plastic recycling have become part of our daily routine. (If you haven't yet purchased recyclable canvas TriCon shopping bags, you may do so in the church office - a chance to both avoid using paper or plastic shopping bags and at the same time, declare yourself as a proud Trinitarian!")

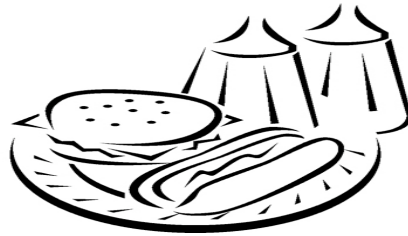
We have replaced incandescent lighting with energy efficient bulbs and added a new programmable thermostat in the sanctuary. Recent energy audits of the church and the two parsonages have resulted in some suggestions that the Property Committee will be evaluating for implementation in the next few months.

Your suggestions for ways to become better stewards are always welcome.

The Stewardship Team: Rick Olney, Chair; Anne Keesler, Annabelle Kellogg, Thad Jackson, Charity Tremblay, Judy Walpole, Tussie Williams

# Mid-summer barbecue

Enjoy an informal barbecue  
and fellowship with other church folk!



Wednesday, July 14, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Rain or Shine!

Hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, chips,  
drinks and dessert provided.

\$4 per person donation requested.

Salads to share are also welcome

(BUT only if you have time and would like to bring one).

Skilled and “not so skilled” chefs needed for grilling.

Come and have some good food and fun!

Please sign up so we can plan!

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

Yes, I/we will attend the barbecue on July 14.

Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ would be willing to help with the grilling.