

# The Newsletter

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## The Pastoral Perspective

How does one effectively negotiate the various challenges, seasons, and circumstances of life? Undoubtedly, few among us have not wrestled with such a question at one time or another. After all, life is complex and daily living, beyond being complicated, may, at times, seem chaotic if not overwhelming. Certainly some days and seasons are more troublesome and concerning than others.

Not long ago, I attended a seminar dealing with the matter of healthy and successful aging. The speaker noted that how we age is determined 30% by genes and 70% by lifestyle choices. In short, some things are simply a matter of our personal DNA while other things --- choices we make, attitudes we nurture, perspectives we develop, beliefs we hold --- can go a long way in shaping our lives and defining our days. The speaker closed his presentation by offering the thought that "life may not be the party we hoped for, but, while we're here, we may as well dance."



I agree. Why not take life on whatever terms it is given, not surrendering to what may seem inevitable, but making the absolute most of every moment made all-the-more precious by its passing? Some things are simply beyond our capacities to control or change or fall woefully short of our abilities to modify or manipulate. Thus, while the facts of life may prove unalterable, the meaning of the moment of those same realities may clearly be far more in our own hands, hearts, minds, and spirits than we realize.

What daily gifts of grace God gives us, often in surprising ways and unexpected moments, to make meaningful our every day. May we choose wisely that for which we are granted opportunities and occasions. May we trust faithfully to that for which God alone holds the key. And may we dance while we have the opportunity!

Grace and peace,



## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

<b>September 5 Communion</b>	<b>Service at 10:00</b>	Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching "SpiritJazz" guest musicians
<b>September 12</b>	<b>Service at 10:00</b>	Rev. Dr. John Lombard preaching The Lawson Family guest musicians
<b>September 19</b>	<b>Service at 10:00</b>	Robert Brown preaching
<b>September 26</b>	<b>Service at 10:00</b>	Rye Barcott, preaching

### Worship Schedule Change

This fall, **there will be no weekly 8:30 a.m. service** but there will be periodic opportunities for early morning communion services, starting with a healing service on Sunday, October 24th at 8:30 a.m.

## CHOIR NEWS

### "SUNDAY ONLY CHOIR"

On Sundays, September 19 and 26 join the "Sunday only Choir". Rehearsal begins at 9:00 a.m. in the choir loft. Everyone is welcome for one or both Sundays. If you would like the short-term fun of singing with the choir, or you would like to give choir a try before making a long-term commitment, "Sunday only Choir" is for you.

### JOIN THE SENIOR CHOIR

**Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 23, 7:45 - 9:15 p.m.**

The Senior Choir is open to high school students and adults of all ages. This fun-loving, hardworking group sings together from mid-September through late May. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 7:45 p.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. with recesses after Christmas and Easter. New members are welcome.

### CHOIR HIGHLIGHT

The highlight of the upcoming choir season will be "Shout for Joy", a suite of Christmas Spirituals arranged by Robert DeCormier, to be sung on Sunday, December 19.

## ***EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES***



### **Spiritual Enrichment**

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#### **Sharing the Vision : Growing Together**

In this season after Pentecost, Ordinary Time, we are empowered by the spirit to be the Church. Come join us! Everyone always welcome!

**First Meeting**  
**Monday, September 13, 9:45 a.m.**  
**in the church parlor**

*"Our God, you call us to be Church: enable us to be a place of welcome and warmth, where what is ignored elsewhere may be heard and honored, where sorrows may be shared and our stories told, where hard questions may be asked and new ideas greeted with joy."* Kate Compston

So, let us each discover ways to  
 "Deepen the Spirit Within."

**Mondays, September 13 & 20 at 9:45a.m.**  
**in the church parlor**  
 Marsha Martin, facilitator

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### **A BIBLICAL LOOK AT PARADISE LOST & REGAINED**

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**Wednesdays, September 22 and 29,**  
**October 6 and 13, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**  
 Facilitated by Rev. Dr. John Lombard

Can paradise lost ever become paradise regained? Join us in exploring six key stories from *Genesis* which not only help to shape our world view and serve to define our faith but have implications as to how

we and the world, troubled and broken as it is, are to be saved from our worst selves. How do our earliest accounts in the Torah speak to a society of deep and dangerous disconnects? Where does our hope lie and from whence does our greatest understanding and help come? Where in the world do we fit and how and to what end are we to act?

Join us as we consider the state of the world and the place of our faith in life as derived from our earliest biblical accounts. All are welcome. Sign up in the parish hall.

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### **KNITWITS**

#### **JOIN US IN THE PARLOR**

#### **ON SEPTEMBER 29 AT NOON!**

**(note date change)**

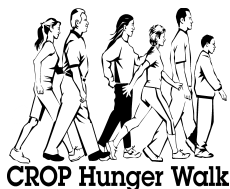
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The TriCon Knitting Group (*The Knitwits*), meets in the church parlor once a month from September through May. Everyone from beginner to expert is welcome to join the group. You need not come every month but can join in when it is convenient for you. 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. You may also choose to 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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**30<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Concord area  
CROP Walk  
for the Hungry  
Sunday, October 17**

The 7 kilometer walk begins at First Parish and covers a beautiful route in Concord passing through the National Park, across the North Bridge, and past the Buttrick mansion. Each year groups and families from TriCon contribute to this effort by walking, sponsoring walkers, or helping with the effort in other ways. The day includes a banner contest for youth groups, live music, refreshments, and a T-shirt design contest for the children. Be there at 1:30 p.m. for music by the CCHS Pep Band, the banners and registration. The walk steps off at 2:15 p.m.

Money raised will support both local food programs, such as Open Table and Gaining Ground, and global hunger relief, community development projects and disaster relief, especially in Haiti and Pakistan.

Walk papers will be available in the parish hall during September and October. Check out the Walk website for details on the wonderful success of past walks, how to do online pledging, and where the money goes – [www.concordcrop.org](http://www.concordcrop.org)



*All Church  
Ham and Bean Supper  
Saturday, October 23  
Sign up in the parish hall.*



**41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL  
ANTIQUÉ SHOW & SALE**

**Friday, November 5**

**10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 6**

**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

This all-church effort raised over \$16,000 last year and involved scores of church volunteers moving furniture, baking pies, cakes and cookies, preparing food for the Country Café, selling tickets, portering for the dealers, etc., etc. There is a job for everyone so mark your calendars now and plan to pitch in!

Also plan to attend the show and invite friends and neighbors – ticket sales account for a major portion of the profit. \$1. off coupons are available on the sign up table in the parish hall.

If you really want to get in on the fun, join the organizing committee! Call Dale Ryder at 978 371-9673 to volunteer or to get more information.

**ANTIQUÉ SHOW  
COUNTRY CAFÉ**

If you would like to be part of the fun and the work involved with the café, please call one of the committee members.

Sally Clutter 978 369-2820  
Nancy DiRomualdo 978 369-7978  
Cynthia LaMothe 978 369-9676  
Carol Miller 978 369-3755



## IMMIGRATION CONVERSATION

**Mondays, November 8 and 15  
at 7:30 p.m.**

Join Rev. Dr. John Lombard for a conversation on the current national debate regarding immigration. Using Ben Daniel's recently released book, *Neighbor: Christian Encounters with "Illegal" Immigration*, copies of which will be available in the church office, participants will have an opportunity to deepen their understanding as to the ongoing national concern and debate about undocumented immigrants but most especially to consider what our faith and the Bible may have to say on the topic. We shall consider our history as a nation of immigrants which paradoxically, manifests anti-immigrant bigotry. Everyone is invited to attend. Participants will be asked to read Daniel's book in advance.

**The deadline for the  
October Newsletter  
is September 15.**

## LIFE CHANGES

### New Babies

It is a joy to announce the July 24 birth of Bryan Adrien Maurer-Ouellette. Bryan is the son of Marianne Maurer-Ouellette and Stephen Ouellette and the brother of Anthony and Brandon.

Congratulations to Sarah and Ryan Nolan on the August 8 birth of Kevin Sheldon Nolan. Kevin's proud grandmother is Lynda DeMott Vogt. Great-grandparents are Jim and Lynn DeMott.



We welcome John Thomas (Jack) and Keira Beth Folan, born on August 18 to Brenda (Mason) and Mike Folan and siblings William and Kaeleigh. Happy grandparents are Bill and Janet Mason.

### Just Married

Best wishes to Allison Lord and Steve Rosefort who were married in West Yarmouth on August 7. Rev. Dr. John Lombard officiated at the ceremony for the daughter of Karen and Hal Lord.

### With Sympathy



Sincere condolences to Jason and Marcia Macres and their family. Jason's mother, Jennie Macres died on August 1. Services were held in Woburn on August 7.

Heartfelt sympathy to Ray Wong, Beth Knauss and their family. Ray's sister, Deanna Hamilton, died suddenly on August 22.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES



### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Welcome (back) to Youth Group. Whether you are a seasoned veteran or new to the group, we are glad to have you join us. It is your presence that makes Youth Group special. Within the next week, you will receive a large packet of information in the mail outlining the programs that we have to offer. From Youth Group to Discussion Group, Lock-ins to the Mission Trip, we have something for everyone. If you do not receive your packet by September 13, please call the church office.

Due to the town of Concord's birthday celebration, we are delaying the start of Youth Group until September 19 (the town is planning fireworks for the night of September 12, and who can compete with fireworks). We are looking forward to a great year of fun, fellowship and growth.

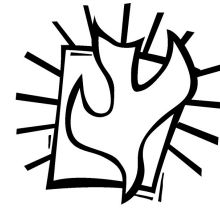
**Sunday, September 19**      7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Youth Group

**Sunday, September 26**      7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Youth Group

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nick at [triconnb@aol.com](mailto:triconnb@aol.com), or call or text 978 618-1629.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION GROUP

will resume on **Wednesday September 8**, from 7:30 to 8:30(ish) in the Youth Room. All high schoolers are welcome - new people, see your packet for details - old people, bring your opinions!



## CONFIRMATION

**ATTENTION ALL  
HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN**  
(and those who love them)

**We Want YOU!**

The TriCon Confirmation program is getting in gear for 2010-11. Look for a snail mail package coming your way outlining the entire year. The mailing will have all the forms, a calendar of events and more information about the Confirmation program. Some dates to remember are:

**Sunday, September 12**                      11:20 a.m.  
Orientation for Confirmands & Parents

**Sunday, September 19**  
**DEADLINE for Class Registration**  
**Sunday, September 19**                      11:20 a.m.  
Orientation for Mentors

**Sunday, September 26**                      10:00 a.m.  
Commissioning during Service  
Coffee for Parents and Mentors      11:20 a.m.

**Sunday, October 3**                              5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
**FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS**

**October 22 - 23**  
Opening overnight retreat

If you have not received your packet in the mail please call the church office today!!!  
978 369-4837

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### BECOME A CONFIRMATION MENTOR

If you want to REALLY explore your faith and what you TRULY believe about God, Church, Religion, Jesus and other **BIG** questions, become a mentor to one of the high school Freshmen enrolled in the Confirmation class. This is a rewarding way to guide a young person in their faith journey while bolstering your own at the same time. The time commitment is reasonable, the rewards are eternal, and the training is abundant. For more information call Nancy Haynes at 978 369-3829 or Bob Brown at 978 369-4837 x225.



STEPHEN  
MINISTRY  
CORNER

Worry. A lot of us do. After all, there is so very much to worry about – the economy and its impact on our personal budget; threats to our health; physical changes due to aging; our children struggling or failing in their work, school or in life; deterioration of a relationship; terrorism and instability in the global environment, etc., etc. We each have our own worries.

The trouble with worrying is that we spend a lot of time dwelling on what might happen in the future, while *this* life, the one we're in right now, never gets lived. We're hanging out in our head, anticipating or dreading what might happen, but missing what *is* happening right *here and now*. So staying focused on the present helps put our anxieties in perspective.

Another antidote to worry is sharing your worries with your Stephen Minister. A worry shared loses some of its power. Ask your Stephen Minister to pray with and for you about what's troubling you.

If you don't have a Stephen Minister, Demi Ayres (978 369-4250) or Carol Gupta (978 371-0018), our Stephen Leaders, can match you up with one of our Stephen Ministers, caring friends to face your worries with you.

### LIBRARY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Library Committee has been working hard to cull the shelves and make new additions to the church collection – come see for yourselves! In the fall we will be updating the children's section and some of our new acquisitions will be on display in the parish hall in September. Feel free to pick one up and find a cozy place to enjoy it.

### A NOTE FROM STEVE SILVER

Dear TriCon Friends,

It's hard to believe that seven months have passed since my ordination! Through that time, it's been ever clear that the friendship, support, guidance, and prayers you provided me have all served me well in my new church. Then there's the stole.

Since coming to the Upper Valley, I've used the white stole you presented to me at both funerals and a service of marriage vow renewals. It always seems right to have this tangible reminder of a community of friends that has meant so much to me present at these powerful, personal moments in the life of the faithful. Whether you've known it or not, you've been with me as I've settled into my ministry in Lebanon, N.H.!

Pax, Steve

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CONCORD IS HOW OLD?

**Celebrate Concord's  
375<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Saturday and Sunday,  
September 11 and 12**

For more information, see the bulletin board in the church reception office, go to [www.concord375.org](http://www.concord375.org) or call 978 371-0192

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### USE YOUR EXPERTISE TO HELP CHILDREN READ!

Start the new school year off right by helping children in the Waltham public schools who need extra help with reading! Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is looking for volunteers for its Reading Partners Program. Training starts in September. Call Lauren Reid, or Ken Neal at 781-324-7705 for more information.

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Massachusetts Conference  
United Church of Christ

**SUPER SATURDAY  
Saturday, October 2, 2010**

Tri-County Regional High School  
Franklin, MA

**A day for local church leaders – lay and  
clergy – to network and learn.**

For more information, see the bulletin board in the church reception office or go to [www.macucc.org/supersaturday](http://www.macucc.org/supersaturday)

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### DISCOVER BALANCE AND MEANING

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

Leslie Ackles will be offering her Discover Balance and Meaning series on Monday evenings, 7 – 9 p.m. starting October 18 at the Wright Tavern in Concord! If you are interested or have questions contact Leslie at [leslie@oasisconsultant.com](mailto:leslie@oasisconsultant.com)

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*.

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## KIDS' CLOTHES FOR MERRIMACK HOUSE

Collection now through September 12

Collections boxes are now in the parish hall for fall and winter clothing items for the children living at Merrimack House Family Shelter in Lowell. As you sort through shirts, pants, shoes, jackets and sweaters no longer needed for your school-agers, please bring them to the church from now through the week of September 12. Toddler and baby clothes are needed as well.

Merrimack House provides a temporary home to families while helping them find affordable housing and become self-sufficient. In its safe and supportive environment the families receive not only shelter and food but an array of social, educational and enrichment programs, including parenting classes, access to medical care, emotional support, budget mentoring and staffed play areas for the younger children.

TriCon families have been consistent providers of good, used clothing for these children. Average stay for families at Merrimack House is three to six months, so the clothing bank we supply helps families who are there now, as well as those to come. Thank you for your generosity.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

It's "Back to School" time and surely we all recall the thrill of getting a new box of crayons, a fresh new notebook or a spiffy binder that, this time, we are going to keep neat and tidy! For the homeless children whose parents are struggling to fund the basic necessities, there is no fun back-to-school shopping trip, but we can help! Please help us collect school supplies to be given to the hundreds of homeless children in Massachusetts living in temporary housing

Any of the following items would be welcomed. **New or gently used backpacks are especially needed.** Please place your donations in the marked box in the parish hall through September. Thank you!

GLUE STICKS	SCISSORS	PENS (BLUE, BLACK, AND RED)
BALLPOINT PENS	NO. 2 PENCILS	COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS
SHARPIE MARKERS	POST-ITS	COLORLED PENCILS
PENCIL SHARPENERS	3-RING BINDERS	LARGE PINK ERASERS
CRAYONS	HIGHLIGHTERS	WATER COLOR PAINTS
BOTTLES OF WHITE GLUE	NOTEBOOKS	POCKET FOLDERS
CONSTRUCTION PAPER	CALCULATORS	COMPUTER PRINTER PAPER
DRAWING PAPER	SCHOOL BOXES	RULERS
SCOTCH TAPE	KLEENEX	STAPLERS
CALENDARS	BINDER DIVIDERS	LOOSE-LEAF NOTEBOOK PAPER
SMALL BOTTLES OF HAND SANITIZER		FOLDERS TO FIT INTO BINDERS
SMALL ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS		

Are you new at TriCon? Are you considering membership?  
Would you like to learn more about TriCon  
and whether it might be the right place for you?



## FALL OPPORTUNITIES FOR GETTING ACQUAINTED

Throughout the year, the Membership Committee offers both new people and long-time non-member friends of TriCon Church opportunities to learn more about the church and to explore the significance of being a member. In September and October, as listed below, we will offer two after church "Welcoming Coffees". Then in November 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 November 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope you will join us! If you have any questions, please call Mary Lou Esposito at the church office.

### **"Welcoming Coffees": Getting to Know Us**

**Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee and conversation with church leaders  
11:00 a.m. (after the service) in the parlor

**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Coffee and conversation with church leaders  
11:00 a.m. (after the service) in the parlor

### **"Becoming a Member": meeting and joining**

Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

"Exploring Membership" meeting  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the parlor

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

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



## FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM

September is, in many ways, a bittersweet time - the days become noticeably shorter, a few leaves begin to fall, plants take on their harvest colors, the store shelves fill with school supplies and sweaters re-appear from their summer hiatus, but at the same time, there is a palatable excitement in the air. It's a time of return to the comfort of familiar routines, re-connection with friends and co-workers and anticipation of new beginnings, new adventures.

The church is very much in sync with these seasonal feelings. Even as we enjoy the relative quiet of the last long summer days, we gear up for the return of Church School, plan for new courses and programs, anticipate once again having a full sanctuary of worshippers, begin budget preparation for the coming year and eagerly plunge back into the busyness of our active parish life. This year, we are especially excited about having Bob Brown here as our new Associate Minister. Bob's presence and enthusiasm are bringing a special energy to our "back-to-church" planning!

Our theme for the year is "Sharing the Vision: Celebrating our Faith". As we map out our Stewardship campaign for the fall, we will be focusing on the ways that, collectively and individually, we can shape and live out that vision.

The drive, which begins on October 17<sup>th</sup>, will once again be conducted primarily by the "personal delivery system" where the congregation is divided into routes - loose geographical groupings. A pouch is passed around the route and parishioners are asked to make a confidential pledge, seal it in an envelope, and pass the pouch to the next person/s on the route.

We invite you to begin thinking about what the church means to you and how you can do your part to assure that the vision lives on.

The Stewardship Team

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

On August 1st, **Gail Kearns**, serving as liturgist, gave the following Call to Stewardship. It touched many in the congregation who asked that it be included in the Newsletter.

## NAMELESS JOY

At times we have all known what I've begun calling the "nameless joy." It is those times when, for no reason at all, we are happy. We suddenly see how bright the colors of the flowers are; we become aware of the songs of the birds; and somehow, the sunshine of the world gets into us, lifts us up, and makes us happy that we are still alive. This joy doesn't seem to be connected to anything sensible because, at any given time, we all have problems and heartaches of all sorts that we somehow have to deal with.

And yet..... And yet, still, that nameless joy just comes into us at times anyway. Almost all of us have had times when things have seemed about as awful in our lives as they can get, when the worst that *can* happen to us *has* happened, and when the darkness that lies all around presses in on us. In such times, *why* are we still coming to church?

We are here because we are a people of faith. We know that we don't walk alone and that God walks *with* us through the dark times, slips His hand into ours and helps us find our way through whatever happens. Greater than hope, we have been given faith. We know that *no matter* what happens, all will be well; *we* will be well. God will *always* be with us and help us find our way back to days in which the sun shines in again for us through the windows - days when we notice again that the grass sparkles, the birds sing, and the flowers nod with joyful colors - days when that old small feeling of happiness for no particular reason is with us once again.

Let us express our thanks to God for the faith we have been given and share with others some of the joy he has given us.



September, 2010

Dear Members and Friends,

We are writing to you about the future of our beloved church. As the present-day stewards of TriCon, we are all responsible for keeping our church strong and vibrant for generations to come. While honoring the traditions of our faith community, we are called as a congregation to meet the needs of our church today and to craft the vision for tomorrow.

The time has come for us to consider renovations to our sanctuary. The changes made to the church in 2000 have reaped benefits far beyond our initial imaginings. Our beautiful parish hall provides the setting for hundreds of gatherings throughout the year. Our new kitchen, youth room, and improved office and workspaces have engendered new programs and energized old ones. Embarking on these changes required courage and vision, but the congregation recognized them as necessary, and they are now appreciated and enjoyed by all.

Our sanctuary has not been updated in nearly a hundred years. As beautiful as it is, as treasured as it is by us all, it does not meet the current needs of our congregation. The organ is a patchwork of mismatched pipes, difficult to play and maintain, and in need of replacement. It is incumbent upon us to make wise choices with regard to energy savings and maintenance. The heating system is antiquated and inefficient; the windows (a major source of heat loss), the lighting, and the sound system all need updating. Lastly, we must find a way to increase seating capacity in the sanctuary so that we can accommodate current membership and growth.

Music is an integral and vibrant part of our worship services, and we must take the steps necessary to ensure that our outstanding music program continues to thrive by providing a quality organ and adequate space for our choir. We want to be able to send the message that Trinitarian has space for all and welcomes all. We do not want people to turn away from us on Sunday mornings because our sanctuary appears full. We must remain vital and meaningful to those who seek us out. The repairs necessary to grow our church cannot be remedied by shortcuts. Many church members have researched and studied the problems and, with John's blessing, all have arrived at the same conclusion.

It is time to act.

The solution is to renovate the sanctuary, bring all the systems up to date, and commission a new organ. The organ and choir would be located in an expanded back balcony. Side balconies would connect the back balcony to the elevator and the upper room. Side balconies are often found in churches similar to ours and are a classic design that will increase our seating capacity by 70 seats.

We believe that the time is now for Trinitarian Congregational Church to make the renovations necessary to ensure that our mission remains strong and vibrant. We understand that embracing the solution will require commitment and, perhaps, compromise. We know that we may not all agree on the details, but we believe that we must put our personal preferences aside for the good of our church. We acknowledge that raising several million dollars for renovation at this time is daunting. But we also believe wholeheartedly that together we can do this, we can make this happen, for the long-term good of our church and our church's mission, and we ask that you walk with us on this journey.

We welcome your feedback and comments. Please note the meetings described below and plan to attend one.

In Faith,

*The Feasibility Study Committee*

*Elaine Bonoma, Dale Ryder, Jeff Campbell, Liz Haff, Chuck Stevenson, Bill Stumpf, Judy Walpole*

As our church considers the recommendation of the Feasibility Committee, we are planning a number of opportunities to discuss the proposal in small groups. John Lombard will offer some observations borne of over three decades in ministry – “A Tale of Three Steeples.” We shall also reflect together upon how the current space constraints and congregational preferences sometimes impact our collective work, witness and worship.

Members of the Feasibility Committee will be available to discuss the recommendation and answer questions.

Meetings are currently scheduled as follows:

Monday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Please sign up in advance in the parish hall. All the meetings will be held in the church parlor. More opportunities will be scheduled as needed.

**February 6: Annual Meeting – a vote will be taken on this proposal**