



**TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES
OCTOBER 2010**

From the desk of...

The Power of the Flame

Once upon a time, there was a piece of iron that was very strong. One after another; the axe, the saw, the hammer and the flame tried to break it.

'I'll master it,' said the axe. Its blows fell heavily on the iron, but every blow made its edges more blunt, until it ceased to strike.

'Leave it to me,' said the saw, and worked backwards and forwards on the iron's surface until its jagged teeth were all worn and broken. Then it fell aside.

'Ah!' said the hammer. 'I knew you wouldn't succeed. I'll show you the way.' But at the first blow, off flew its head and the iron remained as it had before.

'Shall I try?' asked the small, soft flame.

'Forget it,' all replied. 'What can you do?'

But the flame curled around the iron, embraced it and never left it until the iron melted under the flame's irresistible influence.

Aesop

Peace,

Carrie

**Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 3rd, 2:00PM**



Our celebration of all creatures great and small takes place by the fountain on the church lawn. This date is close to the day when, in our ecclesiastical calendar, we acknowledge the life and contributions of St. Francis of Assisi who lived over 800 years ago. Bring your feathered, four-legged and finned friends to rejoice in the special bond of creation, or bring a photo or any other meaningful item relating to your animal. This brief service will consist of prayers and readings and will conclude with individual blessings of the animals. A couple of things to consider when attending...please make sure that your animal companion is well socialized, well behaved and is comfortable around other animals. Leashes required.

October

<u>Sunday, October 3rd</u>	
7 th /8 th Grade to Gaining Ground	9:00AM
Church School	10:00AM
Middle School Parent Meeting	11:15AM
Blessing of the Animals	2:00PM
<u>Monday, October 4th</u>	
Liaison Meeting	7:00PM
CE Committee Meeting	8:30PM
<u>Sunday, October 10th</u>	
"St. Francis" One Room Schoolhouse Childcare for children up to age five	10:00AM
<u>Sunday, October 17th</u>	
6 th Grade Candlelighting Training	9:30AM
Church School	10:00AM
<u>Sunday, October 24th</u>	
Church School	10:00AM
7/8 th Grade Church Mission Work	10:00AM
<u>Sunday, October 31st</u>	
Church School	10:00AM
4 th Grade Bibles	
UNICEF Cakewalk	11:15AM

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St. Francis One Room Schoolhouse Sunday, October 10th



St. Francis, who lived in France from 1182 – 1226, is known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. During this One Room Schoolhouse, students will learn about St. Francis' courageous and remarkable life and then will make bird feeders. The Church School will also be collecting old towels and

blankets and any dog or cat supplies for Buddy Dog Shelter in Sudbury. This year's One Room Schoolhouses will be for children Kindergarten age to 4th grade. Older children should worship with their families while younger children are invited to our nursery. We need one more adult to help lead this class. Please call Carrie O'Brien if you are interested.

6th Grade Candlelighter Training Sunday, October 17th, 9:30AM

Members of the 6th Grade class at TriCon are invited to share in the responsibility of lighting and extinguishing the candles at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We are happy to have the 6th Grade join the other members of our congregation who work together to make our worship time special. The lighting and extinguishing of the candles each Sunday is an important aspect of the service.



There will be a training session (15 minutes) for our 6th grade candle lighters on Sunday, October 17th in the sanctuary at 9:30. This training will cover the mechanics as well as the Christian meaning behind the lighting and extinguishing of the candles. Your child should bring a copy of the dates he/she is NOT available to candlelight. Candle lighting will begin on Sunday, October 24th and will continue through Sunday, June 5th.

4th Grade Bible Sunday Sunday, October 24th



We will be presenting the 4th Grade Class with their own Bible Story Book, Dorling Kindersley's *Children's Illustrated Bible*, during the 10AM service. These Bible storybooks are beautifully bound and full of interesting Bible stories and artwork, including maps and color photographs of artifacts, plants, biblical places, animals, people, and architecture. Children should arrive in the parish hall no later than 9:45 a.m. so they can gather and enter the sanctuary as a class. We hope the Bible storybook will

bring joy to each of our 4th Graders. Please call Carrie O'Brien if you do not receive a postcard asking whether your child would like one of these books. Postcards will be mailed out in early October.

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:

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.



UNICEF Cake Walk Sunday, October 24th, 11:15



We are planning another Cake Walk! Kids and adults alike are invited to participate in this fun and entertaining event in the parish hall during coffee hour. One dollar buys a chance at winning a cake while playing a game similar to musical chairs. Thank you to Betsy Veidenheimer, Tracey Hoaglund and Hilary Robinson for organizing this fun morning. This event calls for lots of cakes of all sizes, shapes and colors! Be as creative as you'd like, but remember **no nuts please**. Drop off cakes before the 10AM church service that morning. All money raised will support the efforts of UNICEF international.

Happy October Birthday to....



Jack Parker
Anna Kolstad
Ellie Honan
Cole Siefer
George Awiszus

Alex Cuddy
Daniel Brauneegg
Megan Leu
Hannah Davis
Christopher Bauer

Elise McMorrow
Rebecca Pasley
Alden Harring
Natalie Turkington
Jenna and Scott Barnes

Parent Safe Church Reminder

Please monitor your children during coffee hour and before and after Church School events. Our Safe Church Policy prohibits children from wandering the hallways, classrooms and basement unchaperoned.



YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Youth Group Middle School Parents Meeting Sunday, October 3rd, following the 10AM service

Your participation and support is crucial in the planning and implementation of our youth programs. To help jump start the excitement we are very pleased that Bob Brown will be leading a monthly 7th and 8th grade youth group program! There is also a not-to-be-missed overnight trip to NYC on this year's calendar.

6th grade youth group ideas, dates and parent participation will also be discussed. This program is especially important as this peer group is experiencing Middle School for the first time. Having an opportunity for them to gather in fellowship and begin to build their own community within our church will be important as they enter their teenage years.

A big thank you to Sue Fulshaw, our Youth Group Liaison! She is dedicated to helping our youth group programs grow and reach all Middle School age children.