



TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FEBRUARY 2011

From the desk of...

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day ... a day that brings us the hope of love. Let's see, though ... what exactly is love? Is love pink hearts, decadent chocolates, jewelry, and exotic flowers so prominently advertised in 21st century America? Or is there something more subtle that we seem to overlook in our busy everyday lives?

Of course, I can not boast that I know the answer to the question of love. However, after reading Paul's discussion of love in 1 Corinthians 13:1 - 8 the true meaning and expectation of love becomes clearer.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Basically, love is paramount in life. To live life in the fullest, one must show love, give love, speak love and live in love. Love is something that has no monetary value and yet "it" is invaluable. Love challenges our spirits and is the most rewarding gift to give freely to others. Love conquers all.

So, how's your love life?

In peace *and* love!

Carrie

PS. I do love chocolate.

FEBRUARY!

Saturday, February 5th - Sunday, February 6th
SEEKERS to NYC and Nightwatch

Sunday, February 6th
Church School 10:00AM

Tuesday, February 8th
Liaison Meeting 7:00PM
CE Committee Meeting 8:15PM

Sunday, February 13th
Church School 10:00AM
SEEKERS Meeting 11:15AM

Tuesday, February 15th
Spring Teacher Orientation 7:00PM

Sunday, February 20th
Children in worship 10:00AM
Childcare for children up to age five

Sunday, February 27th
One Room Schoolhouse 10:00AM
Childcare for children up to age five

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Spring Teachers ... please mark your calendars!
Spring Teacher Orientation, Tuesday, February 15th at 7PM
This is an important meeting for all teachers to attend!
More information to follow...



Life in Biblical Times One Room Schoolhouse Sunday, February 27th

In order to understand what the Bible is all about, it helps if children also understand the culture and customs of the times described in the Bible. With that in mind, we have created a One

Room Schoolhouse to take a closer look at what life was like 2000 years ago. "What was a typical day like? What did they do for fun? What was family life like? This is interesting stuff!! Our program is appropriate for Kindergarten age children through 4th grade. Older children should worship with their families. Childcare for younger children will be offered in the nursery with special activities for Pre-Schoolers. Three volunteers are needed to help run this program! Please contact Carrie O'Brien at triconcob@aol.com.



Happy February Birthday Wishes to...



Jane Barton	Noelle Ledoux	James Rennert
Andrew Kamionek	Isabelle Mast	Katie Quirk
Riley Honan	Lauren Harmon	Griffin Meyer
Kayla Bain	Tyler McMorro	Eli Siefer
Hannah Wilkinson	Jenny Colbert	Allan Crouse
Rowan Liazos-Coffey		

Spring Teaching Session Begins on Sunday, March 6th

Our last teaching session this year is almost fully staffed, but we are short a couple of teachers in some classes. Please consider joining one of the following teaching teams ... Pre-Kindergarten, 1st 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 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.



SEEKERS NYC and Nightwatch Saturday, February 5th - Sunday, February 6th

Our trip to NYC and Nightwatch is finally here! Thank you Bob Brown, Sue Fulshaw, Tom Bates and Scott Harmon for chaperoning our SEEKERS! This is going to be fun!

SEEKERS Meeting Sunday, February 13th, 11:15AM

Our Nightwatch wrap up and discussion meeting for all SEEKERS ... for those who attended our trip and those who could not.