



TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES JUNE 2011

From the desk of...

While this year is drawing to a close, we have already begun to make some important changes to make our 2011-2012 Church School program. I want to share three important changes with you.

New and Improved Registration Procedure

We have upgraded our registering process to be much more efficient and user friendly! We are now online! If you registered for this current 2010-2011 Church School year, by now you should have received two separate 2011-2012 registration emails, one from me to confirm your family's information and one from *SignUpGenius*, a volunteer management website, where you can indicate how you would like to support programming. *If you did not receive an email from me and/or SignUpGenius, please contact me right away.* Once you have responded to both emails you will receive a confirmation email from me indicating your registration is complete.

Revised Curriculum

Currently *Akaloo*, our on-line Pre-K - 6th Grade curriculum, is structured by five distinct units ... Bible, God, Disciple, Church and World with accompanying goals for each unit. While the program itself is creative and user friendly, and also allows teachers to customize and share lesson plans, it is not liturgically based. So, over the summer I will be rearranging the curriculum into two distinct program years following our liturgical church year.

New Orientation Format

We are changing our teacher orientation format for next year. Rather than three all-teacher orientations prior to each teaching session, we will have one all-teacher orientation in the fall with a terrific guest speaker followed by individual teaching team groups, facilitated by the class liaison, in the winter and spring. Our hope is that this new format will allow each teacher to be better prepared prior to teaching, and will develop a cohesive teaching plan with fellow teachers.

As always I welcome any feedback from you. Email me your thoughts, suggestions, concerns or questions. In the meantime, all the very best for a safe, relaxing and fun summer with your family!

Best,



Sunday, June 5th

Field Day	10:00AM
SEEKERS Lunch and Celebration	11:15AM

Sunday, June 12th

PMC Bike Challenge	8:30AM
Family Worship	10:00AM
Childcare available	

Sunday, June 19th

Multigenerational Choir Rehearsal	9:00AM
Family Worship	10:00AM
including Bob Brown's Installation	
Childcare available	

Sunday, June 26th - Sunday, September 4th

Family Worship	10:00AM
Childcare available	

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*If you need to contact Carrie over the summer,
please email her at the above email address.
Regular office hours will commence September 6th.*

During the 10AM service,
Lauren Billington and Margaret Fries
will provide summer childcare for
children up to age five in the nursery.
Older children should worship
with their families.



Field Day, Sunday, June 5th



During Church School on June 5th we will be celebrating our year of spiritual growth. Children will participate in a morning of games, fellowship and fun! Please join us following worship for cake to celebrate the TriCon Caring Connection.

SEEKERS Year End Celebration Sunday, June 5th, 11:15am

We will end our year together with a celebratory potluck lunch acknowledging our 8th graders who will be “graduating” and our accomplishments (eight meetings, six mission opportunities, one overnight trip to NYC and the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, and two sleepovers). All SEEKERS and their families are invited. More information to follow. In the meantime, please mark your calendars ... Sunday, June 5th right after the 10am service in the courtyard.



PMC Bike Challenge for Kids Sunday, June 12th, 8:30AM - Noon

Go Team TriCon!!! Along with many other kids and organizations, we will participate in the PMC Kids ride. Last year we had over 30 TriCon riders!! This event offers a wonderful opportunity for children to get involved in philanthropy by riding their bikes and raising money for the fight against cancer at the Dana-Farber through it's Jimmy Fund. While the ride is for youth ages 5 - 15, the event is for the entire family with activities for kids under five, entertainment, music and food. For more information go online at kids.pmc.org. Please note your team as “TriCon” through the online registration process. You can also stop by the PMC table in the parish hall during Coffee Hour.



Calling Singers of all Ages, Sunday, June 19th

Lift your voice with *The Multigenerational Choir* in worship on June 19th, when we officially install Rev. Robert Brown as our Associate Minister. Rehearsal will be that morning at 9am in the sanctuary. We need to know how many adults, youth, and children will be singing. Please RSVP to Music Director Vickie Wagner by June 12th on the sign up sheet in the parish hall, by email at vwag@aol.com or by phoning the church office at (978) 369-4837.



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.



Check Out All Our June Birthdays!!!



Clifford Freund
Elizabeth Rennert
Caroline Wieland
Annie Wilson
Lindsay Ryder
Carson Detweiler
Gillian Pasley
Timothy Veidenheimer
Elizabeth Huettig

Zander Kessler
Ashley Wieland
Will Krauss
Victoria Macres
Buck Lewis
Justin Bain
Bryce Dion
Helena Lepre
Julia Clarke

Jackson Kamionek
Natalie Stein
Sophie Weil
Max Gomez
Ryan Lewis
Sophia Reid
Annabelle Lewis
Byron Woodman
William Lehmann

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no 'brief candle' to me. It is a sort of splendid torch of which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to the future generations.

George Bernard Shaw

Many thanks to this year's torch holders ...

Wayne Jalenak, Jim Davidian, Laurel Baumer, Lee Means, Sue Fulshaw, Marcia Ackley, Hunter Hutchinson, Susan Ledoux, Sandy and Rob Freund, Anne Lehmann, Melissa and Drew McMorrow, Diana Kolstad, Laura Marshall, Nancy DiRomualdo, Krista Anderson, Laurie Avakian, Michele Forinash, Jennifer Kamionek, Trish Siefer, Kelvey Woodman, Beth Knauss, Suzanne and Christopher Giles, Travis Snell, Katie Rye, Dawn Rennert, Michelle Stewart, Beth Quirk, Marcia Macres, Jon and Kristin Piper, Randall Upham, Kristi Detweiler, Jenn and Sydney Munn, Madeleine Pooler, Jennifer and Eric Waldron, Amy and Richard Pasley, Lisa and Jeff Weil, Greg Bondick, Kate and Scott Harmon, Hilary Steinert, Amanda Hickman, Bar and Bart Littlefield, David Brauneegg, Dale Ryder, Otto Judicke, Leslie Mahoney, Heidi Harring, Melissa and Rudd Coffey, Bob Clarke, Peter Kirkman, Shirley Huettig, Monica and Byron Woodman, Marianne Maurer-Ouellette, Christian Meyer, Lisa and Fred Turkington, Joe Colbert, Jennifer Clarke, Chrissey and Dave Honan, Tussie Williams, Tracy Hoaglund, Patrick Tannler, Donna Carlson, Hilary and Richard Robinson, Carolyn Stein, Ellen Mushlitz, Jay Leu, Holly Salemy, Leslie Feigh, Caty Kessler, Sarah Wieland, Leslie Lilly, Susie Winstanley, Rick Olney, Katie Rye, Kim Mara, Ruth and Tom Piper, Katherine Mast, Nick Bruning, Pam Nelson, Carla Gomez, Jen and Steve Hart, Lisa Kaufmann-Tharp, Jeanette Taylor, Judy Walpole, Virginia Shannon, Betsy Veidenheimer, Vickie Wagner, Tom Bates and Bob Brown.

... who helped support our Church School programs and positions!

Sunday Morning Superintendents, Class Liaisons, Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 5th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th and 8th Grade Classroom teachers, SEEKER program volunteers, St. Frances of Assisi, Chrismon Tree, The Ugly Duckling, Life in Biblical Times, Easter Egg One Room Schoolhouse leaders, UNICEF Cake Walk, Angel Breakfast, Christmas Pageants Committee members, Christmas Story Hour helpers, and the Easter Egg Hunt Bunny.

Things to think about over the summer ...

How can I show my love of God?

Where can I show my love of God?

What can I do to show my love of God?

Who can I share my love of God with?

Why is it important that I share my love of God with others?

We will share what we did and how we felt sharing God's love when we meet again in September.