



**TRICON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES
OCTOBER 2011**

From the desk of...

The month of October will be a busy one in our Church School. We have something for every age group and we hope that you and your family will use these opportunities to deepen your understanding of, and to continue growing in, being a people of God...no matter where you are in your faith journey.

Peace!

Carrie

**Blessing of the Animals
Sunday, October 2nd, 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.

**Noah's Ark One Room Schoolhouse
Sunday, October 9th**

Calling all Kindergarteners, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Graders!!! Join us on Sunday, October 9th as we take a concentrated look at the popular Bible story ... Noah's Ark. We will learn some interesting things such as how old Noah was (600 years old!), what the ark was made of (cypress wood), and who shut the door (God). We will round out the morning by working on a big group project. Childcare will be provided for younger children. Older children should worship with their families. Three volunteers are needed to run this program. Please contact Carrie O'Brien to sign up to help.



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Sunday, October 2nd

Church School	10:00AM
Blessing of the Animals	2:00PM

Tuesday, October 4th

Liaison Meeting	7:00PM
CE Committee Meeting	8:15PM

Sunday, October 9th

"Noah's Ark" One Room Schoolhouse Childcare for children up to age five	10:00AM
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Sunday, October 16th

6 th Grade Candle Lighting Training	9:30AM
Church School	10:00AM
SEEKERS Crop Walk	1:30PM

Sunday, October 23rd

Church School	10:00AM
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Saturday, October 29th

SEEKERS Sleepover	7:30PM
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Sunday, October 30th

Church School	10:00AM
Kindergarten Bibles	
UNICEF Cakewalk	11:15AM

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6th Grade Candle Lighter Training Sunday, October 16th, 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 16th 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 candle light. Candle lighting will begin on Sunday, October 25th and will continue through Sunday, June 3rd.

Kindergarten Bible Sunday Sunday, October 30th



Kindergarten
Bible Sunday

On this special morning our Kindergarteners will receive a copy of "A First Bible Story Book" written by Mary Hoffman. This beautifully illustrated picture book is geared for young audiences and shares 15 special stories from both the Old and New Testaments. Please have your Kindergarten child at

the church by 9:40AM on the morning of October 30th so that we can gather together and enter the church as a class. Please contact Carrie O'Brien if you have not yet received a postcard asking how you would like your child's name listed on the bookplate.

UNICEF Cake Walk Sunday, October 30th, 11:15AM

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 Lucinda Wittenberg, Caty Kessler, Dawn Rennert 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.




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.



TRI-CON CHURCH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

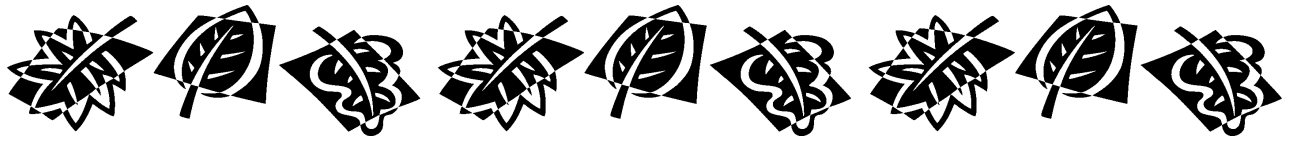
It is our mission to intentionally provide

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.



Happy October Birthday to...



Jack Parker
Phoebe Jolly
Ellie Honan
Cole Siefer
George Awiszus

Elise McMorrow
Daniel Braunegg
Megan Leu
Natalie Turkington
Sam Barton

Rebecca Pasley
Jenna and Scott Barnes
Alden Harring
Christopher Bauer

Church School Offering Envelopes Available



An important piece of learning to be a Christian is to recognize how much God has blessed our lives and to give back our blessings to those who are less fortunate. We are asking your support as parents to help your children learn about the meaning of stewardship and the importance of giving. In addition to opportunities to participate first hand this year in the UNICEF Bake sale, Heifer Fair and other service projects during Church School, children can make weekly monetary offerings to support the three "M"s ... ministry, mission and mortar.

Offering envelopes for all children and youth are available. Please consider ordering a box for each of your children and take a moment during the week or before church on Sunday to think about how they can give back to God and our church. Talk about how our church extends a hand to those in need in our community as well as around the globe. Offering envelopes will be collected during the Children's Gathering in the parish hall or in their Church School classrooms.

Immediate Need, and Opportunity, for Church School Teachers

Are you interested in creating community? Want to make a difference in the life of a child? Desire to continue on your own journey of faith? Want all of these things without making too big a commitment? Please consider helping out in our Church School program. We have immediate openings available. The time commitment can be as much as you'd like to give. Programming depends on the support of our congregation. Please contact Carrie for more information.



Crop Walk for the Hungry, Sunday, October 16th

Our 7th and 8th graders will be walking with churches, schools and other organizations including our Confirmation class in this annual walk for hunger. Proceeds benefit local food pantries and worldwide emergency relief. We will meet at First Parish at 1:30pm. Families welcome!

Cake Decorating and Movie Sleepover, Saturday, October 29th – Sunday, October 30th

Calling all 7th and 8th grade SEEKERS!!! Ready for our first sleepover of the year? Please bring cake frosting and decorations of your choice (nut free). We will also be watching a movie followed by group discussion. Remember to bring ... a sleeping bag and pillow, snack or beverage to share. Bagels and OJ provided in the morning. We need four chaperones (two males and two females) to help with this event.

