

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(United Church of Christ)
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FEBRUARY:

Every Friday: Yoga @ 5:30

Family Game Night: Feb. 2nd

Scout Sunday: Feb. 3rd

Pastor Debra's Installation: Feb. 10th

Pastor, Rev. Debra Adams

Music Director, Christopher Wood

Administrative Secretary, Dorothy Taylor

Moderator, Sarah Dunlap

Handbell Choir Director, Bev Valle

Sexton, Doug Beach

The Trinitarian Times

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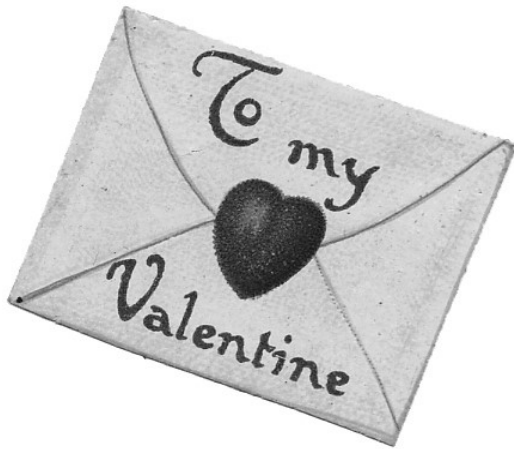


February 2019

Dear Church,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 1:7b)

If you were to get a Valentine from God, it might have a message inside that looked something like this:



My Child,

You are made in my image. I know everything about you and I'm familiar with all your ways. I want to lavish my love on you and to be there to comfort you. I want to fill you with hope for your future. I love you so much that I sent Jesus to earth for you. Jesus came to reveal how deep my love is for you. When you come home to me, as a long-lost son comes home to his father, I will throw you a party. I will welcome you home. For you are my beloved and in you, I am well-pleased.

With all my love,
God

I remember being a child and filling out Valentine cards for my friends at school. I also remember that as I grew, so did my worry about not getting them back. As adults, we sometimes feel we are above such things, but the truth is that many single adults quietly dismiss the day simply because it hurts. If one has chosen a life without a partner, if someone has recently suffered the death of his/her love, if someone is in the midst of the throes of a broken relationship, being without a love to share Valentine's Day can be felt a bit more keenly. So if that describes you (and even if it doesn't), I'm passing on what I imagine God would say to you in a Valentine card. And if you are blessed to share Valentine's Day with your love, remember those who can't in your prayers.

Blessings to you and yours,

Pastor Debra

Church Office hours : Monday through Wednesday, 9 to 12:30, Thursday 12:30-4, Friday 9-12:30

Family Games Night is Almost Here!

If you haven't signed up for Family Games Night at TCC on Saturday, **February 2nd**, from **6-9 pm**, in Carvell Hall, you're almost out of time. Bring your favorite chili or chowder to share, as well as any board or card games you like to play. We'll provide drinks, crackers, cornbread, chips and desserts. After we enjoy a hearty winter dinner, the games will begin! You'll also get to judge the chilis and chowders, with a prize awarded to the recipe receiving the most #1 votes. If you don't drive at night, and would like to participate, please contact Pam Foote (pfoote@comcast.net or 978-837-8182) regarding a ride. All ages – and friends – are welcome!

*Bring a donation for the Souper Bowl of Caring; a can of soup or \$1.00 to put in the can.
Enjoy the Super Bowl knowing you're helping others, too!*



Scout Sunday February 3rd

Members and leaders from Troop 87 will lead our worship service and host coffee hour. Bring a donation for Souper Bowl of Caring.

Sunday, February 10th — 3 pm Installation of Rev. Debra Adams

The Pastoral Search Committee cordially invites you as Pastor Debra's call to lead our congregation is affirmed and she is installed in her position as our settled pastor.

Saturday, February 16th — CPR/AED Training

Troop 87 will be holding two sessions of CPR training from 9-12 and 1-3, \$25 (check should be made out to Troop 87), contact Cindy Custer at custercj@gmail.com for more information. Limit 6 people per class.

Looking Ahead....

Lent is coming, and there will be many events on the schedule; the Communities Together Lenten services, an Ash Wednesday service, a special Music Service March 31st, Maunday Thursday, Palm Sunday and of course, Easter Sunday. Pastor Debra and the diaconate will be working hard at ensuring we have a meaningful Easter season.

Super Saturday Registration is Open

Super Saturday will be March 16th at the Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham, MA! The featured speaker will be Rebekah Anderson, seminarian, writer, and disability activist. Registration is open now, and closes March 2nd. For more details, see the website: <https://www.macucc.org/eventdetail/11156586?>

Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy

Winter is here and with it comes unpredictable snow fall and poor driving conditions. Sunday worship service cancellations will be announced on TV (WBZ) and (WSBK). They will no longer be announced on the radio. You can also see cancellations on CBSBoston.com.

Message from Missions

The New Year is here, and the Board of Christian Mission & Outreach is hard at work finding ways to reach out to the local and worldwide community to help make the world a better place for all. On **February 3rd**, look for Scouts collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring, which is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game. Donate \$1 or 1 item of food (and enjoy the game). Or come to **Family Games Night February 2nd** and bring your donations then!

The Warmth Tree will be up until **February 3rd**, when the donations will be taken to Communities Together. Anything warm you can give is greatly appreciated!

February's food donation suggestion is cans of soup. Our donations are brought to Bread and Roses, Lazarus House, and the People's Pantry, serving local families who have trouble paying bills and keeping food on the table. Your generosity helps feed your neighbors in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover.

Thank you to the Merrimack Valley Camera Club, who donated socks to our Box for Sox! Missions helped Pastor Debra get the word out about our Christmas Eve services in the church's neighborhood by obtaining postcards which Karen Robie and the pastor hand delivered. We intend to do this again at Easter and for some other events coming up this year.

Missions welcomes four new members: Kristen Dunbar, Deb Feudo, Katie Murdoch and Dorothy Taylor. They forward to keeping the traditions of the Board going.

Stay tuned in March for the Lenten Underwear Drive!

Your Missions Board

Volunteer Opportunity, Communities Together

The Hancock Courts Happy Hands Center is in need of volunteers to read one-on-one with one of the children who take advantage of the after school program. We're looking to get a small group together. If you could give a few hours a month, it would greatly enrich a child's life. Contact Dorothy in the office if you are interested. Also, they are looking for a PC to be donated. Let the office know if you have upgraded and now have a computer that needs a home.

"SOX" CAMPAIGN

Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness among women. According to the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP), more than 90 percent of women living in the street are victims of severe physical or sexual abuse. More than 30% of the people living in the street are female, and they have just as many problems with their feet. Think of your warm socks, and remember to get some sox for the box!

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A GREATER NEED FOR LOVE

Keep your neighbors in prayer. Pray for neighbors throughout the world.



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Stewardship Nugget

Consider your possessions loaned to you by God.

- St. Catherine of Siena, (1347-1380),
philosopher and theologian

Have you signed up to host Coffee Hour or to Greet?

Help make our Sunday mornings warm and friendly for visitors! There are sign up sheets at coffee hour each week.

Yoga for Everyone

The wonderful instructors and the great group at our Friday Night Yoga class will help you achieve stress relief and help you strengthen your body. You might be surprised just how easy yoga is! Drop in any **Friday at 5:30 pm, bring a mat and \$10. No contract required.**



Please wear your nametags. If you prefer, you can have yours on a string rather than a clip on. Let Dorothy know if you need a string or if you need a new nametag. It's a small request, but it is something we can all do to make visitors feel more welcome.

Scholarship applications are now being accepted

Trinitarian Church Scholarship

The scholarship is open to graduating high school students who are confirmed and have participated in the life/activities of the church. The amount of the scholarship varies from year to year. Apply on the church website

<http://natrinitarian.org/about-us/trinitarian-church-scholarship/>

or pick up a copy in the office.

Return completed applications to the

Trinitarian Congregational Church Office, 72 Elm St., North Andover

Applications are due by March 31st

Sunday Flower Arrangements



The cost of flower arrangements for Sunday morning has gone up this year to \$45.

This price includes delivery. Contact the office at 978-686-4445 or

offices@natrinitarian.org if you would like to give flowers on any Sunday.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study



Bible Study meets on


Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Davis Room. All are welcome!

**PLEASE BE SURE TO
SCHEDULE YOUR
MEETINGS
WITH THE OFFICE**

Have pity on your poor church secretary and make sure your board, committee or fellowship group checks the calendar and checks in with the church office before scheduling an event.

Memorial Gifts

This is one of the quieter committees in the church but some very special items in our sanctuary have been purchased with this money. This is a gentle suggestion that if a family member passes away or if you want to honor someone you love, consider a donation to this fund.



Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS. Your contribution provides hope to neighbors around the world who are recovering from emergencies and standing with them. You are providing relief to those in need.


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Because of you, Church World Service is able to provide supplies and support for those in need.

May God bless you for your support.

Rev. John L. McCullough
President and CEO
Church World Service

P.S. To find out more about the work of Church World Service, read the most recent shipping and receiving report.



January 1, 2019

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Dear Congregation,


Thank you for the thoughtful and baby food that you recently donated.

The challenges of offering a program for the largest challenge is, of course, the offer those who come to us in need truly help those who come!

With gratitude,

Betsy Black
Betsy Black
Representative of
THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

The People's Pantry



People of faith touching lives
Comunidades Juntas Personas de fe tocando vidas

December 21, 2018

Trinitarian Congregational Church
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Dear Friends at Trinitarian Congregational Church,

On behalf of Communities Together and all those served by the ministries of the organization, we thank you for your donation of:

\$750.00, dated September 29, 2018, check number 12463

It is gratifying to see such generosity that allows us, in turn, to provide wonderful ministries to the Greater Lawrence community through programs such as hospital chaplains, Vacation Bible School, and after-school and summer programs for the children of Manos Felices-Happy Hands at the Hancock Courts Housing Project.

Gratefully,
Leslie Burke
Leslie Burke
Executive Assistant

We get "Thank You" letters

Do you sometimes feel like you are not appreciated and that what you do is not noticed? Your donations to the church whether by pledge, plate offerings, or donated goods are always appreciated, as is your time. Missions posts the thank you letters and cards that we receive for you to read. As individuals and as a congregation we contribute to the greater good throughout the year. And we are appreciated.

Civilian Response to an Active Shooter Training

On Thursday, January 24th, we had a great turn-out for the seminar given by Lt. Eric Foulds and Student Resource Officer William Enright of the North Andover Police Department. This was timely information in light of yet another shooting in a public place the day before. Attendees learned about the ESCAPE model for survival, a six-step plan developed from actions taken and decisions made by those who survived mass shooting attacks. They explained how students now practice these type of drills but adults are unaware of the basic steps that can be taken in an emergency situation. Thank you NAPD for all you do!



SRO William Enright and Lt. Eric "EJ" Foulds explain emergency strategies as the crowd listens.



Christmas Season Wrap-Up

The Music Committee, in cooperation with the Diaconate, opted to purchase a subscription to Marcia McFee's Calm and Bright program, to try something new and different. This program helped create a meaningful and joyful Advent season during which we focused our worship through a celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the carol Silent Night through special music and decorations. The program was deemed a success by the music committee and we may invest in the Marcia McFee programs again in the future.