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April Events:
April 7th: One Great Hour of Sharing
April 14th: Palm Sunday
April 18th: Maundy Thursday
Easter Sunday, April 21st
May 4th: Block Party!

Pastor, Rev. Debra Adams
Music Director, Christopher Wood
Administrative Secretary, Dorothy Taylor

Moderator, Sarah Dunlap
Handbell Choir Director, Bev Valle
Sexton, Doug Beach

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Dear Church,

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

Whenever my mother counted heads out in the yard and she found me missing, she went straight to my room. There she would find me leaning against the wall with my nose in a book. My parents were not big readers and so we didn't have many books in our home, but I learned about the library in elementary school and took full advantage of it. I would take out the maximum book limit every week and faithfully bring them back so I could take out some more. The only problem for me was that my mother also needed to balance my need for physical activity with my need to learn and explore.

Those who know me well know that I love to read. And Lent is a good time to be intentional about my reading list so that it reflects both a need for growing and a need for time out. Although I choose historical fiction, biographies and fiction for my free time, I choose current and relevant ministry books for my professional reading time. I choose



Off the Bookshelf

books based on what is recommended by colleagues, or what gets to the heart of something I heard someone say in church, or that backs up some personal goals I have for ministry.

If I went looking for you and found you reading, what would it be? If reading is not your thing, what do you love to do in your spare time? Perhaps we share a passion for a particular pastime or hobby.

Let's share a cup of coffee or take a walk and talk about books.... or anything for that matter.

In faith,

Pastor Debra

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



Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with communion, Thursday April 18th 7 pm.
Sit with us in darkness as we contemplate the final days of Jesus

Jazzgiving III, Saturday, April 6, 7 to 9 pm. An evening of Jazz and Generosity to support affordable housing on Lupine Road in Andover. Through a partnership with Andover Community Trust, the Lupine Road project will include 6 units. Habitat for Humanity will build 2 duplexes with volunteers while ACT will build 1 duplex with the Greater Lawrence Technical School students. The suggested donation is \$15/\$10 for students and seniors. South Church, 41 Central Street, Andover.

Northeast Association Women's Fellowship Spring Meeting Wednesday, April 24, 9:30 am to 1 pm. Groveland Congregational Church, 4 King St., Groveland. \$7, includes program and luncheon. Please reserve your place by calling 978-372-3463 by Thursday, April 18th. The program speaker will be Tessa Sydnor, Daughter of missionaries, studying at GCTS Ministry with Third Culture Kids.

Neighbors in Need—Soup's On! Friday, April 26th, 8 pm at Relief's In, Lawrence Firefighter's Hall, 1 Market St., Lawrence. Features a live and silent auction, cash bar, appetizers, and soup samplings. All guests take home a bowl made by local artists. Tickets are \$60 each, or buy a table for \$600! For more information, contact gaby@needfood.org or 978-865-8321.

Bread and Roses—Live. Love. Laugh, stand-up comedy night **Friday, June 7th, 6 to 10 pm** at the Merrimack Valley Golf Club, 210 Howe St., Methuen. Tickets are \$25, to order by check send to Bread & Roses, 58 Newbury St.,

Yoga for Everyone

The wonderful instructors and the great group at TCC's 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.**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays** at **10:00 am** in the Davis Room. All are welcome!

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

There are sign up sheets at coffee hour each week.



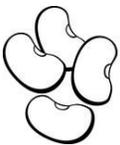
Volunteer Ministries

Thank you to all who took the time to fill out and pass in your blue volunteer ministries sheet. We have put together a list so that when something comes up in your area of expertise, we'll be sure to ask you if you would like to help. If you have not yet done so, please fill yours out and get it to Dorothy as soon as you can! For this to work, all gifts and talents must be made known and shared for the common good.

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. Or, if you would rather pick up your own flowers, arrange to drop them off.

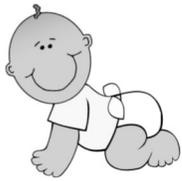
Message from Missions

Lent for us is less a time for "giving up" and more for "giving to"; a chance to express thanks for all that God has given us by giving back.



The food pantry items for **April is beans**, to be delivered to People's Pantry at the North Parish North Andover Unitarian Universalist Church. Not just baked beans — we should donate all kinds of beans that can be used to make nutritious meals.

The **Lenten Underwear Drive is in full swing!**



We'll take diapers, baby wipes, pull-ups, underwear in children's sizes, cash and coupons! Coupons that expire in May will go to Communities Together for this important ministry. Government programs don't pay for

diapers, which are very expensive! Drop your items off in the hallway outside the office.

Lazarus House has listed the things they can never keep in stock: diapers, full size toiletries, men's sweatpants, razors, socks and men's and women's underwear. If you would like to donate any of these items, drop them off at Lazarus House, 412 Hampshire St., Lawrence.

Save the Date—May 4th TCC is hosting a block party for the neighborhood. Scout Troop 87 will help out, and it will be a great day for outreach to our neighbors. Talk to Emily Thompson and join one of the teams helping to make this event happen!



One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday will be **April 7th**. Help this world-wide ministry by donating whatever amount you can.

Thank you for your continued support of our outreach to the local and global communities.

Your Missions Board

Stewardship Nugget

Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness.

- Dalai Lama XIV (1935-), Buddhist Monk

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A GREATER NEED FOR LOVE

Encourage young people

to change

the world



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"SOX" CAMPAIGN

Lazarus House, Bread & Roses and other groups are always happy to receive socks. Just think about it. When your old clothes wear out, or go out of style, you can simply donate them to a good cause. But what do people do with their old socks? They usually throw them out because there are worn out. Jesus, in the gospel of John, washed the disciples' feet, and asked them to wash one another's feet. While it is not practical to decide to wash the feet of those in the streets, we can donate footwear. Socks may just be the easiest way to show those who are struggling that you care.



Block Party on May 4th!

Let's meet our neighbors by throwing a block party!!

In order for this to be successful, we need everyone to help. Please sign up to be on a team. You can accept as little or as much responsibility on that team as your time constraints will allow. Even a little effort is a huge help! Those on a team are responsible for tasks designated for that team only. For example, if you are on the hospitality team, you are not required to set up tables or take photos! Here are the teams we need:

Advertising Team: This team is already at work and includes Emily Thompson, Dorothy Taylor and Pastor Debra. We could use one or two people who might put flyers up around town.

Food Team: This team is only responsible for the food. They will plan the menu such as deciding whether they want a potluck with disposable utensils or only finger foods such as hotdogs, chips, veggie platters and baked goods. They will purchase the needed items that won't be covered by parishioners donations (some mission funds are available for this). This team will keep a list of who is donating food so we are sure to have enough.

Decorating/setup/cleanup: This team only sets up and takes down needed tables and chairs. Members of this team might only volunteer to do part of what needs to be done. They might also decide to put up some balloons to add to the festivities!

Hospitality Team: This team makes a concerted effort to greet people they don't know so that everyone feels welcomed. This is a great team for those who cannot commit to the more rigorous activities. Though everyone in the congregation should greet people, the hospitality team will commit to engaging folks in conversation and being sure that no one is left standing by himself.

Photographers: This team of folks will take photos of the event and get the best ones (not all of them though) back to the office for use on our website. This is best done if it is your only responsibility that day.

This is a good opportunity for us to see what it is like to work in teams where folks can gauge their own level of participation within a team. This is another way to make ministry happen particularly when our calendars are already packed with other commitments. Won't you help us make this happen!!



ORDER FORM FOR EASTER PLANTS



I wish to order the following plants to be placed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning.

_____ Lilies @ \$13.00 ea = _____

_____ Tulips @ \$11.50 ea = _____

_____ Gift Card @ \$25.00 ea = _____

In memory of: _____

Given by: _____

_____ I will pick up the plant(s) at the conclusion of the service.

_____ Plant(s) may be used for distribution for shut-ins.

_____ I would be willing to help distribute plants to shut-ins.

Name

Phone Number

Payment should accompany the order.

Make checks payable to the **TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**

Orders must be received by **FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

2019 Lenten Service Series

Noon service followed by light lunch.

Please join Communities Together, Inc. for a series of Wednesday Lenten Services- a time of spiritual reflection and renewal.

April 3 First United Methodist Church
 47 Peters Street - North Andover
Guest Homilist: Rev. Jon Paul - Free Christian Church – Andover

April 10 First Baptist Church
 253 Lawrence Street - Methuen
Guest Homilist: Rev. Debra Adams - Trinitarian Congregational Church – North Andover