

The Trinitarian Times

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Dear Church,

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

September 3rd marks the first anniversary of our shared ministry. I can't help but think about that time one year ago when you welcomed your new pastor into your midst. You helped to get me acclimated to the building, to the needs of parishioners, to the operations of each committee and ministry, to the community and to the routine of TCC. I've learned so much *from you and about you* which was my major first year goal.

To deepen my understanding of Trinitarian's past, I took advantage of the quiet pace of summer church to begin going through the historical records with Sarah Dunlap. We began in the basement where working conditions were cooler and then moved to the office. It is our hope to work our way through the attic when the weather cools off and have everything organized and in one place. This will allow quick access to anything we want, whenever we want. As we sift through pictures, documents, notes, newspaper articles, and old newsletters, I have gained quite a bit of knowledge about what was important to the folks who pioneered and maintained this congregation in the past. It is my hope that we can use the strength of our past to provide direction for our future.

Are you interested in history and old stories? There are quite a few old newsletters that are in no particular order (and I suspect there are duplicates) so I am hoping to find a few folks who might enjoy helping me get them organized. I envision us meeting once a month (there is no hurry for this) and put them in order by date. While sorting, I'm hoping that members of the group will read aloud any interesting stories from the newsletters that catch their eye. These time capsules may spark conversations that can further help me in my quest for information about our past. Does this interest you? I've started a list so if you want to be on it, please email or call me and I'll let you know when we will begin.

Pastor Debra

Wednesday Morning Bible Study resumes on September 4th at 10am. We have been reading the story of David and will pick up in 1 Samuel chapter 26 when we meet. If you haven't been with us, you are welcome to join in. It might be helpful for all of us to reread or skim over the first 25 chapters before we tackle chapters 26 and 27. We begin with study which ends around 11 - 11:15. Some of us stay a little longer to catch up with one another and some have things to rush off to. Please meet us in the Etchells conference room off the Duncan Room (formerly the crib room) on Sept. 4th at 10!

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

The **Weekly Bible Study**, which meets Wednesday mornings at 10 am, will be starting up again **September 4th**. Come join us for a cup of tea, insightful study and lively conversation.



RALLY SUNDAY and COOKOUT – Sept 8

Come one, come all, to welcome fall!!

We'll gather for worship and to thank God for all our shared experiences this summer – and those to come – then enjoy a meal after the service. (The service time remains at 10:00 AM).

National Recovery Month, sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with mental and substance use disorders to live healthy and rewarding lives. Crystal Reid will be our Special Guest Preacher on our **Recovery Sunday, September 15th**. Come learn why “Together We Are Stronger.”



Annual Prayer Shawl Tea, September 17, 2019

The Trinitarian Congregational Church is honored to be hosting the 15th annual Prayer Shawl Tea. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is one of the many ministries of Communities Together. The Tea will be on **September 17th @ 2PM**. The invitees will include prayer shawl ministry knitters and crocheters from many different parishes and organizations; Hospital and Hospice House Chaplains and members of Communities Together.

We are expecting approximately 60 people. Baked goods and more baked goods are needed!!



Please speak with Sarah or Dorothy if you can contribute two dozen (or more!) of either cookies or bars. NO NUTS!! They can be dropped off in the kitchen and LABELLED starting September 15th.

It would also be great to have volunteers to help serve and clean up. Servers will need to be @ church by 1:15PM and plan on staying till 4PM. Everyone is

welcome to come for all or part of that time.

Please speak with Sarah (978-886-2191) if you can help in ANY way. This event is very moving and speaks to us as servants of God.

Lazarus House Hike for Hope, Sunday, September 29th 11:30 am.

Last year Pastor Debra and Jay Dumas walked, this year we would like to field a whole team of TCC walkers. It's a three-mile walk through Andover to raise funds for Lazarus House Ministries which helps head of households and individuals living in poverty regain their dignity and become self-sufficient members of our community by offering emergency shelter, food and clothing to people in crisis and then providing transitional housing, advocacy, education and work preparation. Contact Dorothy Taylor (dtaylor01930@yahoo.com or call the office 978-686-4445) if you want to walk with our team or make a donation.

The first fall meeting of the **TCC Book Club** will be at Pam Foote's house on **September 27th at 7:30 pm**. The book for discussion will be Michelle Obama's autobiography "Becoming." Even if you don't get a chance to read the book, come on by for an evening of fellowship.

Super Saturday - October 5, 2019

Registration Deadline: September 21, 2019

Join us for a full day of worship, workshops and networking. All are welcome! Super Saturdays are growing in popularity - REGISTER EARLY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT! Join other members of our church community as we travel to Framingham, Mass. We are looking for two more people to register and take advantage of informative sessions on church outreach, leadership and more. Please speak to Pastor Debra if you are interested!

Troop 87 Bottle Drive Sept. 21st

Bring your deposit bottles and cans to the North Andover Middle School **Saturday, Sept. 21st**. What an easy way to help support our Scouting programs! Drive up and the scouts will take your donations out of your vehicle for you.

North Andover "Rock the Block"

September 13th. Join merchants, neighbors, first responders and just about everyone on Main Street from 6 to 9 pm for some Friday night fun. Have some great food, entertain the kids, and celebrate the resilience of North Andover on the one-year anniversary of the gas emergency.

Welcome, ACC!

We are pleased to welcome a new group who will be using our spaces for events during the year. **The North Andover Adult Community Center** will be having their first event of the fall (a pizza and bingo night) on **Thursday, September 19th**. The ACC is a group dedicated to serving the young adult special needs population in North Andover by promoting friendship, learning, independence, and opportunities to live their lives to their fullest potential so that they become thriving, contributing members of our community. They will be having events so they can hang out with their friends after their different daily activities. We are looking forward to hosting their functions, parties and classes throughout the coming year!



Remember the last time you went someplace new and maybe felt a little

confused, lost, or lonely? Let's make sure visitors to church (and regulars, too!) see a friendly face with an outstretched hand at the front door. Sign up to be a greeter on Sunday morning. There are sign-up sheets in the Davis Room, or contact Dorothy in the office (offices@natrinitarian.org or 978-686-4445) and make a commitment to be a little early one Sunday and smile!



Coffee Hour

Won't you please sign up to be the host of our Sunday after worship coffee hour? The coffee is made for you, but you should bring a sweet (a box of cookies is fine)

and a smile. You also need to stay and clean up, sorry. There are sign up sheets in the Davis Room.

Weekly Yoga continues!

This is a no-commitment yoga session, where you will stretch and bend and relax.

Bring a mat, it's only **\$10**

when you drop by. **Fridays, 5:30 pm.**



Nametags: Let the office know if you need a nametag. Name tags are NOT about you.

They're about everyone in the world except you. Please wear yours on Sunday!

Our building is busy: please make sure you schedule all events with the office. There is a copy of the calendar posted outside the office, be sure to check and make sure there is no one scheduled in a room you want to use and that you know if someone is waiting to use the room after you.

Prayer requests: You can call or email the office any time with prayer requests to be listed in the bulletin. Praying for our friends and neighbors, family and acquaintances is important spiritual exercise.

FALL FLEA MARKET OCTOBER 26TH

Once again TCC will be sponsoring a Flea Market. This year's event will be held on October 26th 8 am to 1 pm. The FM will be held in Carvell Hall and the Duncan Room.

There will be NO White Elephant Table or Jewelry Table. We will NOT be accepting donations of goods. Lunch will not be available.

There will be DEALERS, BAKERY and RAFFLE tables.

The Raffle will be \$100 worth of scratch tickets. Just one item. I will be needing people to donate scratch tickets. Maybe 1 \$10 or 5 \$2 or whatever amount and number you can until we reach \$100 worth. This is a VERY popular raffle item.

I will be starting to announce this event in church in Mid-September. If anyone is interested in helping, PLEASE speak with Sarah (978-886-2191)

STAY TUNED for this very important fund-raising event.

Fun Summer Events!



It was a beautiful night for a ballgame at the Lowell Spinners August 2nd.

We had a "hole" lot of fun at Cedarland's Mini-Golf course August 4th.



Ice Cream Social, August 18th



Message from Missions

It's (almost officially) fall, and we are working up to the "giving season". It is never too early to plan your end-of-year giving, and to maybe start now to write the checks to your favorite charities that you have put off all summer. When most people think of the end of the year they think of Christmas, and of the gifts they plan to give to their families and friends. This year, won't you consider giving to those who are in need before you consider those who have a home, family, medical and food security?

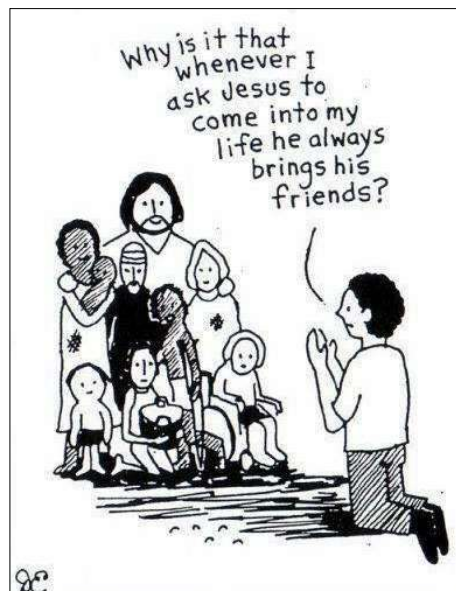
We are excited this year to be fielding a team in the **Lazarus House Hike for Hope**. Missions Chair Dorothy Taylor, board member Lorene Beach, Pastor Debra, and Jay Dumas have committed to walking the 3-mile course on **Sunday, Sept. 29th at 1 pm**. There is a \$25 entry fee, and all proceeds go to programs at Lazarus House. It should be a fun time! If you are unable to walk but would like to contribute, please call Dorothy at 978-686-4445 (church office).

One of causes we support with our Missions budget is Communities Together, and the church will be hosting their **Prayer Shawl Tea on Sept. 17th**. See the notice elsewhere in the bulletin to see what you can do to help out with this event.

Missions will have a table at the **Fall Flea Market Saturday, Oct. 26th** to show those who come what we do in our town, area and around the world. Drop by and say hello — you may be surprised at what your Missions Board does besides ask for your contributions.

You can donate directly to organizations like Bread & Roses and Lazarus House by going to their websites and finding links to their Amazon shopping lists or by using Amazon Smile. This ensures they get what they need. If you use AmazonSmile, a percentage of what you spend will be given to the charity of your choice. This is an easy, painless way to live your life as you do and still act as the hands of Christ.

Your Missions Board



Stewardship Nugget

Do not give, as many rich do,
like a hen that lays her eggs...
and then cackles.

- Henry Ward Beecher (1813-1887)

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A GREATER NEED FOR LOVE

Think about the kind of
earth you would like to see
for your grandchildren's
grandchildren



"SOX" CAMPAIGN

The Missions Board is designating
September 22nd as SOCK SUNDAY.

Our wish is that each individual will
bring in one package of brand new white
athletic socks for men or women to be
blessed by Pastor Debra.

If each of us bring in ONE package just
think how many that will be!!

Clean brand new white socks are
crucial to people on the streets health and
self-esteem. Most of them spend their
time walking or standing as they have no
place to stay during the day, and whether
they are looking for
donations or jobs, they are on their feet.

**Deuteronomy 15:10, Be sure to give to
them without any hesitation. When you
do this, the Lord your God will bless
you in everything you work for and set
out to do.**

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- **Recovery Month Sunday, September 15th!**
- **Prayer Shawl Tea, September 17th!**
- **Sock Sunday, September 22nd!**
- **Lazarus House Hike for Hope, September 29th!**

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

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