

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
(United Church of Christ)  
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North Andover, Massachusetts 01845



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- . All Saints Remembrance Call for Photos**
- . In-Person Worship October 25th**  
*Registration required!*
- . Thanksgiving Food Boxes**

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**Pastor, Rev. Debra Adams**

**Music Director, Christopher Wood**

**Administrative Assistant, Dorothy Taylor**

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**Moderator, Sarah Dunlap**

**Handbell Choir Director, Bev Valle**

**Sexton, Doug Beach**

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# The Trinitarian Times

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October 2020

Dear Church,

*"And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"* **Isaiah 30:21**

We had our first in-person worship service after seven months of worshipping remotely. It was good to be in the pulpit and to see folks I hadn't seen in awhile. It certainly wasn't the same experience we've had before, but it was a step in the right direction under the circumstances. We have no idea what the cooler temperatures will bring and how we will respond, but it has been helpful for me to remember how God is working in and through us in our individual families and if we are working, our workplaces.

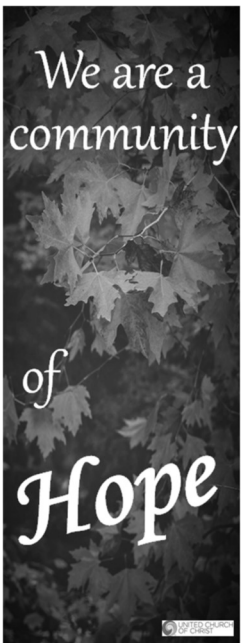
This year, All Saints Day falls directly on a Sunday. You may remember that the last few years we have lit candles for the Saints in our lives during our All Saints worship. And while we can't do it in the same way, I believe it is important to commemorate our Saints in some way. We would like for you to mail, drop off or email a picture of one of the Saints in your life. Please don't leave precious photos, but rather copies that Dorothy won't have to worry about. She will work at making a slideshow that will be inserted during the November 1st All Saints virtual worship service. To keep it a manageable project, we request one picture per member, however if you would like to also give her the names of a few other important Saints in your life, she will roll those names after the slide show so we can include them.

Beloved, we are entering into the Fall in an unusual fashion. Let us be grateful we have each other and our health when so many are suffering. Pray without ceasing and offer thanksgiving to God for all your blessings.

In faith,

*Pastor Debra*

*Pastor Debra will be away on her honeymoon October 18th-24th.  
If you have pastoral needs, please call the office at 978-686-4445.*



## Banner

You may have seen the "Community of Hope" banner on the church, given in memory of Kaleigh Hope Markette from GreatGrandma Ruth Preble. It was damaged in a windstorm, but we should soon have a replacement. This beautiful banner will be able to be used for years.

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

Please see Pastor Debra's description for All Saints Day, and send us copies of pictures of your Saints for a slide show during virtual worship on November 1st. Please email photos to [offices@natrinitarian](mailto:offices@natrinitarian) or drop copies off during office hours  
NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 26th.



## *From the Diaconate*

We welcomed 18 members of our congregation to our first in-person service on September 27, and reports were that all felt safe and happy to be back in our beautiful sanctuary. Unless there's a change in the Commonwealth's guidelines for live worship, our next in-person service is scheduled for **Sunday, October 25 at 10:00 am**. Again, attendees will be asked to pre-register, and adhere to the processes and procedures previously outlined. As a reminder, the services will continue to be available on YouTube every week, including the Sunday of in-person worship. And don't forget to join us for coffee hour on Zoom, resuming on October 18.

## *Hands and Feet of Christ: Message from Missions*

*Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:1-2 (ESV)*

The Missions Committee had a Zoom meeting and agreed to send money out to a Bread & Roses, the Heiffer Project, and Communities Together. We also made a donation to Church World Service for clean-up buckets, and since they had a three-for-one drive our donation will buy six buckets this year.

Mark your calendars — the North Andover Youth and Recreation Service will be having their annual **Thanksgiving box drive**. We are very excited to be able to help with this drive again this year!

We are asking the congregation to participate! If you could donate the food items associated with the first letter of your last name, the food boxes will be overflowing! **Please bring the items to the church on or before November 19th during office hours (see hours on page 1).**

Donations can also be picked up; call the office at 978-686-4445 and

we'll arrange a porch pick up.



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| A-B | 5 lb. bag of potatoes   |  |
| C-E | Fresh onions, canned yams   |  |
| F-I | Stuffing mix and can/jar of gravy                                   |  |
| J-N | Butternut or another type of squash; quick bread mix                |  |
| O-R | Canned vegetables and can of cranberry sauce                        |  |
| S-T | Pie crust mix with filling or brownie mix or cake with frosting mix |  |
| U-Z | Canned fruit and bottle of fruit juice                              |  |

If you know someone who is struggling to make ends meet and could benefit from a gift card, please have them contact the office 978-686-4445. Assistance is given to all who ask, and kept in the strictest of confidentiality.

*- Your Missions Committee*

## From the Moderator

It was with great joy that on 9/27 I attended our first in person worship since March. Seeing all the familiar faces Jay, Sue Buck, George, Deb, Janet P., Bev, Dan, Suzi, Ida, Mike, Bill, Janet S., Joan, Crystal, Mark, Bruce, John, Cee Cee, also me and Pastor Debra.

It had a quite different feel to it. There are many restrictions that Houses of Worship must follow per the guidelines put out by the state.

It was tough not to hear the buzz of people catching up with each other or see the warm hugs as people greeted each other. As Lector I must admit that it was creepy not hearing the Lord's Prayer said in unison, but it was nice to hear Pastor Debra's message from the pulpit.

I also attended the picnic on 10/4 that was held at the old center common. It was a gorgeous day and it was great to see Deb and her 2 pups, Betsy and John, Suzi, Mrs. Driscoll, Caroline, Bev, Joan, Dorothy, Doug and Lorene, Janet and Samantha S and pup, Pastor Debra and Jay, me and a drop in from Karen B..

We shared a lot of laughs and we played a game led by Suzi. We all wore masks, except to eat, and sat more than 6ft apart. It was a great time of fellowship. A buzz of voices certainly was heard and as you can see Dorothy and I took A LOT of pictures to share with you.

As we venture through these unprecedented times please know that your TCC family is still here and thinking of each of you and although many of you could not join us for either event, we felt your presence in spirit.

*Sarah Dunlap, Moderator*

## Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your generosity this past year. They are hard at work on this year's Stewardship Drive. Stay tuned....



*“Shout out, do not hold back!  
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!”  
(Isaiah 58:1)*

As followers of Jesus, we can live out our call to care for our neighbors as ourselves by engaging in the public square through voting.

**Don't forget to vote Tuesday, November 3rd**



# cheerful giver

Jesus came to serve and give to others. This Christmas season, consider how you can follow Jesus' example by giving your time, love and kindness.

Directions: Cross out every *my*, *me* and *mine*. Then write the remaining words on the blanks below to read 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.



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2 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:7, NIV

Answer: “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV

## What can you do to support Trinitarian Congregational Church (UCC)

**right now? Here are a few ideas!**

If someone is new in town, and looking for a church, where do they look? Social media! We're on Facebook (@natrinitarian) and Instagram (natrinitarian)! Be sure to like our page, write a review, or give us a recommendation — and have your kids or grands like us, too! (You can like and share our posts, as well.)

- Invite a friend to virtual worship
  - Forward our emails to your friends.
  - Subscribe to our YouTube channel after viewing virtual worship service
- Just a few ideas so you can help get the word out about our programs. **And they don't cost a thing!**

For your convenience: There is a form available that you can use to set up your pledge directly from your bank account or credit card. This is a good time to consider “hands-off” pledging.

## Stewardship Nugget

“It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

**Mother Theresa**  
(1910-1997),  
Albanian-Indian Roman  
Catholic nun and  
missionary

## THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A GREATER NEED FOR LOVE

Call a friend or neighbor when you are headed to the store to see if they need anything.



## **Please keep the following in your prayers...**

### **Sept 6:**

- Pam and Mike's friend Bob Girard and his family on the loss of his mother Helen last Friday.
- Sarah's friend Marie who has recently lost her sight and will be learning to live with her blindness.
- Those who are charged with keeping the peace in this time of increasing division and violence.
- Voters as we move into the election season. May everyone exercise their voice at the polls.
- The newly formed Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ as its Search Committee has just put forth the Rev. Darrell L. Goodwin as candidate for our very first Executive Conference Minister. A vote will be taken at the September Annual Meeting.

### **Sept 13:**

- Nancy and Joe ask continued prayers for David and Tim who are experiencing ongoing significant health related issues.
- Caroline asks prayers for her cousin Harry who is an RN in Atlanta working with COVID patients. He has contracted the disease and is battling COVID pneumonia. Prayers that he doesn't get worse so he can continue recovery at home.
- Caroline's friend Alison who is going in for a second surgery this week.
- Sarah's friend Marie who has had critical surgery and whose recovery has been difficult.
- Laurel T and all in Massachusetts who will lose their unemployment soon as they have been out of work 26 weeks or more.
- Dan's friend's daughter, Brooke who has received word that a bone marrow donor has been found. She will have surgery soon.
- Dan's friend Kim who is experiencing ongoing health issues. Prayers for relief, healing and comfort.

### **Sept 20**

- Dan's friend Paula who lost her mother in North Carolina while she was caring for her daughter Brooke in Kansas. Prayers as she may have trouble making it back for the funeral.
- Pam's friend Jan and her family on the loss of their father Bill in Ohio.
- Peg S and her brothers as they relocate their mom to assisted living. May the transition be a smooth one for all.
- Sue recovering from a bruised face from a fall, her friend Kathy recuperating from foot surgery and for her friend Olive's son who has had his leg amputated due to complications from diabetes. Prayers of quick healing for all.
- Maryanne's aunt who is having medical issues and for her cousin having hip surgery.
- Sharon's neighbor Pat who has leukemia and for her husband Bruno who is caring for her.
- College students on campuses around the country dealing with Covid.
- For all in the west and northwest who are fleeing wildfires, for all who have lost property and loved ones, and for those breathing unsafe air where the fire has affected the air quality.

### **Sept 27**

- Bev's sister-in-law Judy who was hospitalized for a week with an infection.
- Bev's cousin Diana who is facing lung surgery next week.
- Karen and Bruce's friend Richard who is battling prostate cancer and for his wife as she cares for him during treatment.
- Peggy and her siblings as they move their mom into assisted living and for her mom Olive who is making this huge transition.
- Sarah's friend's Cathy and Brian as Brian moved into hospice care this week.
- Those who are having a difficult time putting food on the table and for all who work in Food Pantries as they try to supply more food during this Covid pandemic.

*All prayers emailed or called in to the office by Wednesday noon will be added to the virtual worship prayer list.*



**Socially Distanced Picnic October 4th—more photos on our website!**



**In-Person Worship, September 27th**



## Rolling Rally



As more Covid-19 restrictions were lifted we were able to schedule some events including a 'rolling rally' September 13th for our congregation to see Pastor Debra and receive a blessing on the anniversary of her becoming our pastor; a drive-through drop off for Communities Together Prayer Shawl Ministry (in lieu of the annual tea) on September 15th (many thanks to Andrea K. Vannett from Communities Together who hung our "Community of Hope" banner); an in-person worship service on September 27th and our social distance picnic on October 4th.

## Prayer Shawl Drive-Through

