TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (United Church of Christ) 72 Elm Street North Andover, Massachusetts 01845



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# We are meeting in person, but you can still watch our YouTube services anytime!

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# **Distanced Picnic June 6!**

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# **The Trinitarian Times**

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Dear Church,

"I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name." 1 Jn 2:12

The days are growing warmer and the sleepy natural world is waking up. With Spring comes plentiful opportunities for us to gather outdoors again and by now, many of us who wanted to be vaccinated, are! I have been spending some of my pastoral calls outdoors taking a walk or just sitting outside with fellow parishioners. Should you wish to have me visit with you outdoors, let me know. You don't have to be sick or in crisis to request time to sit and chat with your pastor. The pastoral phone calls I've made during winter and now the visits in spring are an excellent way for us to talk about things other than church and get to know one another better. Just let me know and we'll make it happen.

If individual visits are not your thing, you'll have plenty of opportunities coming up for fellowship with your friends at TCC. The deacons have been making plans for safe and fun gatherings and there is a summer concert series in the works! And of course, there are always the front steps of church on your way into or out of worship on Sunday mornings!

We are entering the season we call Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. May your spring and summer be extraOrdinary Time filled with good safe fun with friends and family.

In faith,

Pastor Delira

We will offer worship services in-person and on-line all summer EXCEPT for July 4. We will continue to follow best practices as recommended by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and our local UCC conference. On May 30, we'll return to the practice of responsive readings and the Lord's Prayer, but no singing yet.

While the Music Committee continues to search for a new Music Director, let's all remember to thank Bev Valle for enhancing our live and recorded worship with her organ, piano and bells music!

Church Office hours : Monday and Tuesday 9 to 12:30, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:15-1:45

# Join Us on June 6 at 11 am for a Picnic on the Church Lawn

Last year's picnic on the North Andover Town Common was a big hit, so we're doing it



again...but right in our own side yard! Bring your chairs/blankets, food and drink, for a socially distanced picnic on **Sunday, June 6 at 11 am**. We'll gather on the lawn to the right of the front doors, where you'll have a perfect view of our newly painted historic house of worship. Please arrange yourself or your group at a comfortable distance from others, since we'll all be eating. And respect those who continue to wear masks when they're not eating, as

each person has her or his own comfort level with the new regulations. The deacons may have a few games in store, too – we know you like to get those competitive juices flowing. It will be a great opportunity to reconnect with your TCC friends. We look forward to seeing you there!

#### **TCC Book Club**

The next meeting of the book club will be **Thursday, June 10** at 7:30 PM. We are reading "The Tuscan Child" by Rhys Bowen. Janet S. will host and Caroline will send out the zoom link. If you aren't on the email list, contact the office and we'll forward your information.



## **TCC Summer Concert Series**

The TCC Summer Concert Series kicks off with trumpets blaring! Two bands will bring music to the yard on June 13. The opening act, Band Land Brass Band, features high



13. The opening act, Band Land Brass Band, features high school and college students who will have you dancing to their New Orleans style brass band music, funk, R&B, hip hop and more. Main act 12 Barz Band is a celebrated classic R&B/rock horn and vocal group playing classic songs that will keep you on your feet. Bring your chairs and blankets on **Sunday, June 13 at 3 pm** and join the fun!

And mark your calendars for the other concerts in our series: Paul Prue on July 11, Mystic River Band on August 29, and Ricco Barr on September 19, all starting at 4 pm.

# Stewardship Nugget

"Every day is a bank account, and time is our currency. No one is rich, no one is poor, we've got 24 hours each."

- Christopher Rice (1978-) American author

#### THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A GREATER NEED FOR LOVE

Make an extravagant welcome to a neighbor you don't know.





# **A Fresh Coat of Paint**

The church was painted in May and looks fabulous! Using sprayers and lifts it seemed to take no time at all. A small crew worked diligently and efficiently; all the trim, walls, doors and the basement bulkhead were given a fresh coat. Kudos to the Trustees for getting this done.

