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Moderator, David Deems

Music Director, Matt Arnold

Handbell Choir Director, Bev Valle

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Summer 2022

Dear Church,

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”
Heb 11:1 NRSV

Many of us are back in the gardens, on the hiking trails, at the beach or wherever it is we like to be when the weather gets nicer. I’ve begun a new routine walking through my gardens just after the sun comes up so I can inspect any critter damage, insect infestations, or weed invasions. But mostly I like to see what plants are beginning their journey towards flowering.

As spring unfolds in nature, our ministries are also unfolding around us. As we leave behind the Lenten and Easter seasons and move into the Season after Pentecost, we are reminded again of the cycles of our life together. We are looking forward to returning programs such as our Summer Concert Series as well as anticipating new programs such as Happy Trails Preschool. We resurrected our Block Party (which was a huge success) while George Carifio has begun hosting some game nights. We have welcomed Bill Norton to the sexton position as we have released Doug Beach to travel the world with Lorene.

In many other ways, things remain the same. I’ve continued to offer Christian Education lessons online to two families and will plan to add another family in the fall. And while we have returned to the Nursing Home Ministry at Prescott, we anticipate our first time back at Sutton Hill later in June.

I hope to see you in worship or at one or more of our concerts, but if you are out and about far from home- stay safe!

In faith,



Ukraine Relief

Your generosity toward the people of Ukraine is amazing! Our Lenten drive to collect funds netted \$1068, and the Missions Committee added \$500 to make a total donation of \$1568.

Message from the Trustees

As you may have heard, we are experiencing major problems with the ceiling in the sanctuary. The sanctuary ceiling is original, build circa 1865. It is constructed with plaster and lathe attached by cut nails to the ceiling joist. This was typical of construction methods used over 150 years ago.

We have discovered that in parts of the ceiling it has pulled down from the joist, anywhere from ½ inch to over 3 inches. This creates a very dangerous situation. A church in Ipswich very similar to ours had its entire ceiling collapse into the church sanctuary. Fortunately, no one was in the building at the time, but the night before, the sanctuary was in use and the results would have been disastrous. We have had the ceiling inspected by a structural engineer and for safety reasons he had ordered that the sanctuary all of the rooms below are to be closed until the situation is fixed.

The Trustees are at the beginning stages of rectifying the problem. We have contracted a construction company, Knollmeyer Assoc. and a Structural engineer to assess the situation and come up with plans to correct the problem.

Fixing the problem will include staging in the sanctuary; cutting out several sections of the ceiling, attaching the rest of the ceiling to special clips to make sure that this does not happen at any other places in the ceiling in the future, and then putting it back together so it looks like it used to. This process will take time.

The Trustees will do our best to keep everyone informed as to the progress of this project. As I said it will take time, but our hopes are to be back in the sanctuary for the holidays — Thanksgiving and Christmas. If you have any questions feel free to ask any of the Trustees.

Bill Pickles – Chair of Trustees

Summer Music Series Kick-off June 26th

Last summer's concerts were so much fun, we're doing it again. Come on June 26th to hear the BackTrack Band perform music from the 50's, 60's and beyond. Bring your chairs and dance if you want. The music starts at 4 pm; bring your family, friends and neighbors.

Up next will be Matt Arnold and the Dixieland Clam Bake performing in July, followed by 4EverFab on August 21, and 12Barz Band on September 11. It's all free!



We've hired a new Sexton!

It's always exciting to meet new people, and we hope you have met our new sexton, Bill Norton. We miss Doug Beach in the position, but Bill has been a great addition to the staff and we hope to make good use of his talents getting those pesky little projects around the church building done. He is around on Sunday mornings, so track him down and say hello!

Getting 'back to normal' has been interrupted by our ceiling issues, but we just 'pivot' and keep moving on. Here's some of what happened this spring!

First Communion

Some of Pastor Debra's online religion student's joined us April 3rd to partake in their first Communion.



Palm Sunday

We weren't in our usual place, but somehow it added to the atmosphere on Palm Sunday. Bev Valle played bells, the choir sang, and we shouted "Hosanna!"



Ash Wednesday



*For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am among them.
Matthew 18:20*

Easter: Wednesday of Holy Week we found we couldn't use the Sanctuary or Carvell Hall and so service was moved to the Scout Cabin.



Scholarship Knight 2022

On the last day of May, I found myself at the North Andover High School celebrating the Class of 2022 on Scholarship Knight. Trinitarian gives 3 memorial scholarships and one church scholarship in support of our young adult's higher education. The following memorial scholarships were awarded:

- The Alice L. & Florence L. Mason Award for World Languages went to Lanya Benchechroun
- The Barbara Mason Muchowski Award for Chemistry went to Daniel Mittelman
- The Olive M. Moody Award for Nursing went to Antonia Moran

The Trinitarian Congregational Church Award goes to a student who has participated in programs or worship here at TCC. This year's award went to Katie Robie.



With hope for a bright future,
Pastor Debra

A message from Happy Trails Preschool

"Hello! My name is Sabrina, I am the owner and director of Happy Trails Preschool. I have been running an in-home daycare for a little over 3 years. We've been looking to expand for some time now and we were lucky enough to find a place where we felt right at home: The Trinitarian Congregational Church! I've worked in the childcare field my entire life but opening a preschool has always been the ultimate goal.

We'll be running a play-based preschool for children between 2 and 5 years old! At our max we will have 24 students between the two classrooms.

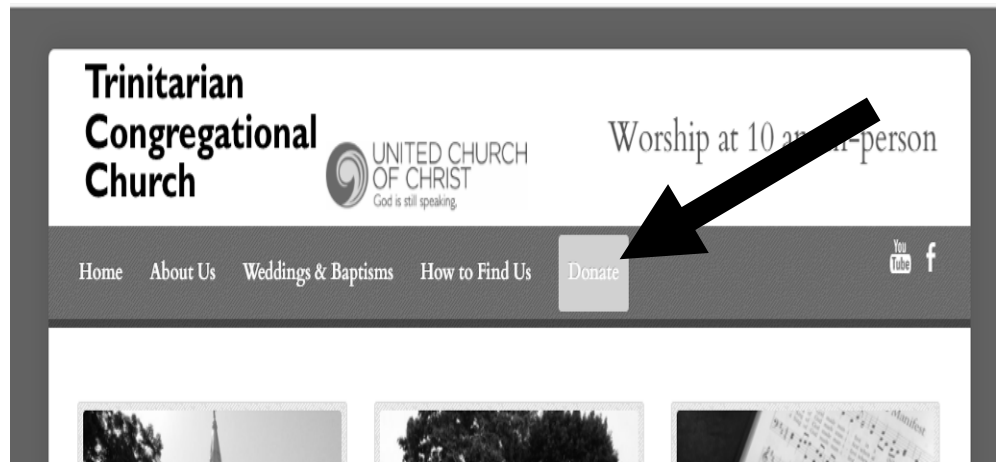
Thank you for sharing your space with us and please feel free to stop by and check out the preschool!

If you'd like more information on our program our website is:
Happytrailspreschool.org"



New way to donate

We have added a donate button to our website: you can't miss it; it's at the top of every page! We've made some other design changes to give our internet "home" a fresh look. Head on over to *natrinitarian.org* and see what's new!



2022 Block Party

It was a chilly day but the smiles were bright in May when we held our second block party. Neighbors dropped by and hot dogs were consumed. Matt Arnold's swing band played inside because of the wind, but people loved the music.

