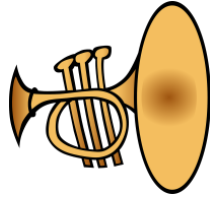


TRUMPET BLAST



Trinitarian Congregational Church March 19, 2023

We are a church committed to community, loving and welcoming all to the feast of God, nourishing body and spirit.

The Breath Before the Blast

*“As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?”*

~ Psalm 42:1-2 ~

Pastor Rosemary’s Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me any time – Pastor Rosemary

****From the Worship & Music Ministry**** - Rev. Greg Dawson will lead the Maundy Thursday service beginning at 5:00 p.m. on April 6. If you would like to be a reader for the beautiful service please contact Linda Hescoek, or the church office.

Sympathy and Prayers for Pastor Rosemary

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Pastor Rosemary, who unfortunately broke her arm while hiking. Michele Lawler will serve as our guest preacher Sunday March 19th. The guest preacher for Sunday, March 26th will be Rev. Robert Livingston.

****Life and Care meeting is rescheduled for Monday, March 13 at 3:00 p.m., in Lounge and on Zoom.****

Inclement Weather

If an in-church service needs to be canceled due to inclement weather, an email blast will go out and the service will take place on Zoom. Notice of cancellation will also appear on Channel 22.

****The March Mission Meeting will take place on the scheduled 3rd Monday at 3 p.m.****

Worship & Music Ministry Meeting March 7, 2023 – Submitted by Linda Leavis
Chair Linda Hescoock opened and closed our meeting with prayer.

Michele Lawler will be guest minister March 12 and 19 and Rev. Robert Livingston will preach on March 26.

Easter Season plans were the main topic of discussion at this meeting. It was decided to make plans for Maundy Thursday but not have Good Friday services. Start time for the Maundy Thursday service will be 5 p.m. on April 6th, a few hours earlier than in previous years. Martha will contact Rev. Livingston to see about his availability. The Good Friday services at some of our local churches will be announced in the local newspaper nearer the time for anyone interested. Heather Tower will be available for singing on Maundy Thursday. David Jean will sing on March 12th. Suzan Smith will be singing on March 19th and Easter Sunday. The choir will sing April 16th.

Pat Shearer will be in charge of a meal on Palm/Passion Sunday. The meal will include types of food – Middle Eastern, for example – that were eaten in Jesus's time. Recipes will be written out and distributed to those who would like to help in the preparation of this meal.

Palms have been ordered by Pam and inserts for Easter flowers are in the Sunday bulletins for those who wish to order them.

Pastor Rosemary is recuperating at home from a fall in which she sustained a broken arm. Prayers go out to her and husband Greg.

Our fine musicians, Chris and Lynne, will provide appropriate music for this season (prelude, offertory, etc.). Thanks to both.

Easter Flower Orders – Suzan Smith

Easter Flower order forms will be available in the bulletin on March 19th and 26th. Orders may also be placed by phone to 498-5839.

Missions – Suzan Smith

The collection for earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria brought in \$790. Thank you for your generosity. We also donated \$300 to Loaves & Fishes for the displaced families.

Mission Sunday – Suzan Smith

Do you have a "mission" you or your family supports with money, time or effort? The Mission Ministry would like to publicly consider ways TCC members' personal mission activities impact the larger community and even the world. We are planning brief presentations on activities individuals support during a service later this winter/spring and would like TCC members who are not members of the ministry to participate if they desire. So far, we have two speakers and two other continents. If you have an activity or program you would like to bring to our attention, please contact Suzan in the next few weeks. Pictures or pamphlets could also be helpful.

The Breath – Pastor Rosemary – Do you enjoy the word of encouragement that greets you with each Blast? Can you offer something to the church family that could bring others hope or perspective? Share it in ‘The Breath’. Please send your thoughts to the office by Tuesday at 10:00 am.

Flowers and Altar Decorations – Pat Shearer

Pat Shearer is giving Suzan a rest and will be taking over thru April. If anyone would like to donate flowers/altar decorations during this time, contact Pat at 498-2092 and/or sign up on the sheet in the hall. Flowers can be ordered from our local florist, Adria Lowry, Unique Floral Design (802) 358-0258, or Kathryn’s Florist, 15 Main Street, Winchester, NH, (603) 239-4239. If you have any thing that you'd like to share to decorate the sanctuary, flowers, plants, etc., that would be wonderful. We will be ordering Easter flowers as usual this year.

Loaves and Fishes - Cathy Hawkins-Harrison

Over \$4,000 was collected townwide for the Pine Street fire victims.

If you or a Northfield neighbor need assistance with groceries, oil/propane, or funding for an essential expense, please contact Cathy at 413-498-2038. Please pass the contact information on to a Northfield neighbor who may need assistance.

Worship & Music – Linda Hescock

March 19: Liturgist: Suzan Smith
Greeters/Ushers: Linda Leavis and Linda Hescock
Flowers:

March 26: Liturgist: Martha Morse
Greeters/Ushers: Pat and Tom Shearer
Flowers:

Community Meal Thursday, March 23rd – Joanne McGee

Franklin County Community Meal Program is serving a free, takeout meal on Thursday, March 23rd. Eat-in or take out from 5 to 6 pm. Reservations help with planning. Call 413-376-8410 or reserve online at fccmp.org/rsvp by Wednesday.

Pam's Table – Next Table Saturday, April 8th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The next Pantry table is Saturday, April 8th. Please plan to bake or make something for the table. Casseroles, simple entrees like some sort of pasta, salads, desserts, soups – it is all very welcomed. Contributions and assistance are all greatly appreciated.

Joanne McGee has a revitalized supply of containers for food for Pam's Table. Bento boxes and clear round pint containers. Call Joanne. 498-5022.

Announcements for the Trumpet Blast – Pam Woodhull

Please send your articles and announcements by Tuesday at 10:00 am to the church office, busoff147@gmail.com. Printed copies will be sent to members who are not online.

Offerings - Your offerings support the church. Please mail your checks to the office at 147 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360. All donations will be processed on a regular basis in order to meet ongoing expenses.

2023 Directory Coming Soon! – Pam Woodhull

Please let us know of any changes in your name, address, phone, or email address so we may keep updated for mailings as well as for the 2023 directory, which will be coming out in early 2023.

You may leave changes with the administrative assistant at 498-5839 or email: busoff147@gmail.com, or leave in the administrative assistant's mailbox at the church office.

Nourish your Spirit – Michele Lawler, facilitator

At Trinitarian Congregational church lounge in Northfield, MA on Mondays at 10:00 a.m.

March 20: New Testament study with related music

March 27: Book Discussion: Year of Wonder, by Geraldine Brooks

Care Ministry – Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Coffee Hours after church provide a wonderful time to gather with friends!

Please sign up to host a coffee hour -- sign-up sheet is in the Lounge. **Volunteers are needed for April.** In the lounge kitchen, you will find coffee, tea, crackers and ingredients for punch. You will need to provide half and half, set up the table, make the coffee (directions included on the fridge) and clean up. You may provide a few treats of your choice. Usually some fruit, cheese and a sweet treat is plenty. A fund is available to off-set the cost of goodies – please see Gwen. Please contact Pastor Rosemary or a member of the Care Ministry (Patter Field, Linda Leavis, Sue McGowan) with questions or to volunteer.

March 19: Missi Jackson

March 26: Missi Jackson and Martha Morse

Notes on Trustees Meeting 2/28/2023 at 11:00 a.m. By ZOOM – Martha Morse

Present: Gwen Trelle, Martha Morse, Bob Scott, Carol O'Brien, Sue McGowan, Pat Shearer, and Tammy Pelletier.

Financial Report: No significant changes since information at Annual Meeting on February 12. Gwen noted that each plowing costs \$240; plowing plus sanding and salt costs \$260.

Fellowship Hall Improvements:

A big thanks to Tammy and Bob Scott for disposal of unwanted furniture (and other items); and replacement of water damaged ceiling tiles in Fellowship Hall.

Revision of Building Use Forms language and rental fees

Language revisions and fee adjustments will be considered at our March 21, 2023 meeting based on information provided to us by the Bernardston United Church and Second Congregational Church in Greenfield. We were reminded that we voted unanimously in January that when revised fees are determined, the member fee will be 20% less than non-member fee.

Oven Temperature:

It was noted that the ovens (or perhaps only one of the ovens) is not accurate and is estimated to be 15-20 degrees lower than indicated. Pat S. will check this out with a new thermometer to determine if any repairs or adjustments are needed. (Or better yet we can just adjust the temperature accordingly as Pat has been doing for years.)

Consider hiring for stripping and waxing kitchen and Fellowship Hall floor

Tammy will contact Oleg for cost estimate. We will likely not need stripping. Decision will be made later.

Wi-Fi Booster for Lower Level:

Stronger wifi signal is needed in FH for credit card use. Greg Dawson's message is below with link to Amazon. We'll order it.

WiFi Extenders Signal Booster for Home, 2023 WiFi Extender, Internet Signal Booster up to 10000sq.ft, WiFi Amplifier WiFi Range Extender- Long Range Wireless Internet Repeater w/ Ethernet Port <https://a.co/d/6KtAo5w>

Water cooler is OK now: New one not needed.

March 5 Breakfast benefiting family burned out in Pine St. Fire:

Organized by Tim and Marcia McCrory and the Oak Ridge Detachment of the Marine Corp. There is no rental charge and Tammy is volunteering her services.

Procedure for ordering supplies (follow up on Cabinet discussion on the same topic.)

Pam W. will do the ordering; Please communicate needs as you see them to the office. Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Lounge.

Notes submitted by Martha Morse

Patter Field - If you know anyone who would appreciate a regular check-in call, or needs immediate help or support, please contact Patter. Also, if you would appreciate a call now and then, or need some support or help, feel free to call or text her. Phone calls and cards make a difference, lift moods, and bring smiles! Be well, be safe, and blessings to you.

Care Updates – Patter Field

Jean Kozlowski is at home without a car; offers to drive her to church, shopping, etc. would be most welcome. Clayton Bezio is home, cheerful, but can't get out to come to church. Dottie Arsenault is in Poet's Seat (now known as Greenfield Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.) Lee Dresser and Chris Shepard are at Buckley in Greenfield (their section is now called "Regal Care"). Alice Fortier is residing at Charlene Manor. Ed Finch is at Vernon Green. Marilyn and Gabe Gabriel are at home. All would welcome cards, calls or a visit. Lucinda Kidder would like prayers and cards; she may set up a Caring Bridge site; will keep us posted.

Lloyd and Dottie Parrill have a Caring Bridge site, so that friends and family may stay apprised of Lloyd's health journey, and add notes of cheer and comfort. Here is the link to Lloyd's Caring Bridge page:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lloydparill>

Update on TCC and Northfield's 350th – Martha Morse

Here is an update on 350th events thus far scheduled to be held at TCC.

Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 pm: Abijah Prince of Northfield: from Enslaved to Entrepreneur.

Saturday, June 10 at 3:00 pm: Swan Songs Shapenote Concert: Swan Singers, songs by Timothy Swan.

Saturday, June 10 at 4:30 pm: Chicken Barbeque

Sunday, July 23 at 2:00 pm, D.L. Moody: A Life: a presentation by Dwight L. Moody biographer Kevin Belmonte, with reception and book signing to follow.

Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 pm: Make your own Gingerbread House! (Pat Shearer)
Kids & Families

Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 1:00 pm AND 8:00 pm: Two performances of the play "A Christmas Carol" by Silverthorne Theatre. Contacts: Lucinda Kidder and Steve Stoia.

You can find out lots more about these events and others by exploring the 350th website: northfield350.org. Stay tuned!

MARCH 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Worship 10 AM	27 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	28 Trustees 11 AM by Zoom	1 AA 7 PM Lounge	2	3 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	4
5 Worship 10 AM Pine Street Apts. Benefit Breakfast 7 AM to 11 AM	6 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	7 Music & Worship 11 AM Lounge	8 AA 7 PM Lounge	9	10 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	11 Pam's Table 10 AM to 1 PM
12 Worship 10 AM	13 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge Life & Care 3 PM, Lounge and Zoom	14 Cabinet 3 PM	15 AA 7 PM Lounge	16	17 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	18
19 Worship 10 AM	20 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge Mission 3 PM	21 Trustees 11 AM	22 AA 7 PM Lounge	23 Community Meal 5 PM to 6 PM	24 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	25
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Standing Times for Ministry Teams:

- 2nd Tuesday – Cabinet 3:00
- 3rd Tuesday – Trustees 11:00
- 3rd Monday – Mission: **3:00 p.m.**
- 1st Tuesday, 11– Worship
- 4th Monday – Life and Care 3:00



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