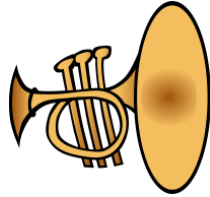


TRUMPET BLAST



Trinitarian Congregational Church May 28, 2023

Memorial Day Service

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

“You will be prepared for whatever challenges may come your way if you remember only two things:

The world is beautiful. People are good.

And remembering that will help you remember how good you are, and how much good you can do, too.”

~ Margaret Renkl, from a baccalaureate address
at The University of the South. ~

Pastor Rosemary’s Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me any time – Pastor Rosemary

Sunday May 28: Rev. Greg Dawson Guest Minister

Memorial Day - Pastor Rosemary – This year we will be recognizing our fallen veterans on Memorial Day Weekend during worship. This remembrance is for those service members who gave their life in battle. On Veteran’s Day, we will recognize all those who have served or are serving their country. We will include an insert with the names of the fallen, their branch of service and the persons remembering them. Please give your information to the office before May 24. Thanks.

Exciting News from the Shearer Family!

Fun and exciting happenings with the Shearer family. Our daughter Jen and grandson Dylan, arrived from Strasbourg, France last week. On Friday our granddaughter Becca Purdy graduated from Ross Veterinary School of Medicine with a 4.0 gpa. We now have sister medical doctors in our family. On this Saturday our grandson, Alex Wahlstrom and Amber Brownlee are being married at our family river barn. Excitement abounds around us!

Worship & Music – Linda Hescock

Worship & Music Ministry will meet June 6 at 3:00 in lounge to ZOOM with Pastor Rosemary.

Flowers and Altar Decorations – Pat Shearer

Flowers/altar decorations are always wonderful to have weekly, please contact Pam, in TCC's office, Suzan Smith or Pat Shearer to reserve. Adria Lowry Unique Floral Design, Northfield and Kathryn’s Florist, Winchester are two local places to get the flowers.

Worship & Music – Linda Hescock

May 28:	Liturgist:	Martha Morse
	Greeters/Ushers:	Bob Scott and Paula Parsons
	Flowers:	Gwen Trelle
June 4:	Liturgist:	Suzan Smith
	Greeters/Ushers:	Jean Kozlowski and Bob Whitaker
	Flowers:	
June 11:	Liturgist:	Patter Field
	Greeters/Ushers:	Joanne McGee and Paula Parsons
	Flowers:	
June 18:	Liturgist:	Michele Lawler
	Greeters/Ushers:	Martha Morse and Suzan Smith
	Flowers:	
June 25:	Liturgist:	Sue McGowan
	Greeters/Ushers:	Pat Baker and Linda Hescock
	Flowers:	

Trustee Meeting Notes May 16, 2023 at 11:00 am in Lounge – Martha Morse
Present: Bob Scott, Sue McGowan, Gwen Trelle, Martha Morse. (Rosemary had a conflict with therapy but tried to join by Zoom at noon; Carol expects to join us when she is able.)

The majority of our time was spent on preparing for the Congregational Meeting following worship on May 21. Our deliberations included what information to include, how to frame it, and how to elicit questions and responses (both spoken and written) from the congregation.

1. Gwen has agreed to be the “moderator” for the May 21 meeting in Sue's absence. (Thank you, Gwen!)
2. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary with adjournment to the Lounge for Coffee Hour. (No one had officially signed up for coffee hour but we'll take care of it.)
3. Gwen will soon be contacting the appraiser suggested by Attorney Guest to get the ball rolling on that.
4. Sometime next week Martha will continue working on firming up the “Voter Member List.” Others may wish to join.
5. Gwen has done research on the Endowment and Gift Funds and the policies governing them (both TCC and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts). This will be on the agenda for our June meeting.
6. The revised “Contract for Church Use” (yellow) form was approved unanimously on a motion by Sue and seconded by Bob. The other two forms (green and purple) will be adjusted accordingly. Thank you to Pam for her administrative work on this.
7. The meeting materials included an 8-page document entitled “Attorney General Guidelines on Notice Requirement of G.L. c.180, 8A(c).” The purpose of these guidelines (and I quote) ”is to explain the expectations of the Attorney General's NonProfit Organizations/Public Charities Division as to the notice required when a charitable organization is contemplating a sale or other disposition of a significant amount of its assets and, at the same time a material change in its activities.” It is applicable to our situation and useful in that regard. I've put hard copies of the meeting materials in the Trustees box in the Church office for those who were unable to attend the meeting for you to pick up at your convenience.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 20 at 11:00 AM

2023 Directory Available Sunday! – Pam Woodhull

The 2023 Directory will be available for you to pick up on Sunday, May 28.

Thank you!



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.

Life & Care Meeting Notes – Patter Field

The Ministry met with the Mission Ministry on May 22. We reviewed our contacts and designated more calls and visits.

Future planning: Please call or send spring cards to all who are housebound.

May and June Coffee Hours need to be filled! Please sign up to fill this important function.

On your Calendar – 350th Community Chicken Barbecue, June 10, 4:30 p.m. until 7

Served at our church, Fellowship Hall! The event will be free, sponsored by Franklin Community Meals. Help will be needed, all hands on deck! Plan to contribute homemade desserts, and help in the kitchen and with set up on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please keep your eyes open for forthcoming Volunteer Schedule to sign up.

And plan to Come and Enjoy the event with your friends from the whole town!

Finally, we decided to have our meetings for the next few months together with the Mission Ministry, as we have a lot of activity overlap, and members will appreciate mutual help with our endeavors.

Next meeting is planned for Monday June 19 at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

Loaves and Fishes - Cathy Hawkins-Harrison

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.

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.

Pam's Table – Next Table Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The next Pantry table is Saturday, May 27. 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.

Community Meal Thursday, May 25th – Joanne McGee

The next Community Meal will be Thursday, May 25th from 5 to 6 p.m. Please reserve your meal by calling 413-376-8410 or at fccmp.org/rsvp by Wednesday. When you make your reservation, let us know if you are eating at church or you are taking your dinner home.

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.

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.

Nourish your Spirit – Michele Lawler, facilitator

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

May 29: Memorial Day. No Gathering

Please note: We will meet in June and then resume our gatherings on Sept. 4.

Care Updates – Patter Field

Lois Stearns’ address has been changed. Her new address is: Windham Terrace, 3 Church Street, Windham, NH 03087; phone 413-498-2116. Dottie Arsenault is on hospice care. She continues to be at 207 Capt. Beers Plain Road, Northfield. Marlee Kaplan is unable to drive to church. She would love a ride if possible (she lives in Brattleboro) or a card or call. Jean Kozlowski is at home without a car; offers to drive her to church, shopping, etc. would be most welcome. 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, and Maxine Davis, are at home. All would welcome cards, calls or a visit.

There is frequently updated news on Lloyd and Dottie Parrill’s Caring Bridge site. Here is the link: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/lloydparrill>

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 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 May 28th and June.** 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.

- May 28: ? Volunteers needed
- June 4 Joanne and Bill McGee
- June 11 ? Volunteers needed
- June 18 ? Volunteers needed
- June 25 ? Volunteers needed

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

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

Saturday, June 10 at 3:00 pm: The Swan Singers, a shapenote Concert featuring music by Timothy Swan.

Saturday, June 10: Chicken Barbeque, seatings at 4:30 and 5:30 downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Joe Bedard and Ted Thornton (“Never Two Late”) will play.

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: Heather Tower & Steve Stoia.

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

MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Worship 10 AM	1 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	2 Worship 3 PM Lounge	3 AA 7 PM Lounge	4	5 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	6
7 Worship 10 AM	8 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	9 Cabinet 3 PM by Zoom	10 AA 7 PM Lounge	11	12 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	13
14 Mother's Day Worship 10 AM	15 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	16 Trustees 11 AM	17 AA 7 PM Lounge	18	19 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	20
21 Worship 10 AM Meeting After Service	22 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge Mission 3:30 PM Life & Care 4 PM	23	24 AA 7 PM Lounge	25 Community Meal 5 PM to 6 PM	26 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	27 Pam's Table 10 AM to 1 PM
28 Worship 10 AM	29 Memorial Day	30	31 AA 7 PM Lounge	1	2 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	3

JUNE 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Worship 10 AM	29 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	30	31 AA 7 PM Lounge	1	2 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	3 Swan Singers Rehearsal 9:30 - 12
4 Worship 10 AM	5 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	6 Worship 3 PM Lounge & Zoom	7 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	8 Help Lisa Dewitt in Kitchen	9 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall Help Lisa Dewitt in Kitchen Table Set Up	10 Swan Singers Concert 3:00 Community Barbeque 4:30 & 5:30
11 Worship 10 AM Community Barbeque Cleanup	12 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	13 Cabinet 3 PM Zoom	14 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	15	16 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	17
18 Worship 10 AM Father's Day	19 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge Life & Care & Mission 3 PM	20 Trustees 11 AM	21 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	22 Community Meal 5 PM to 6 PM	23 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	24 Pam's Table 10 AM to 1 PM
25 Worship 10 AM Overflow Parking 350th Event	26 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge	27	28 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	29	30 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall	1

Standing Times for Ministry Teams:

2nd Tuesday – Cabinet 3:00 p.m. by Zoom

3rd Tuesday – Trustees 11:00 a.m.

3rd Monday – Mission: **May 22, 3:30 p.m., May only**

1st Tuesday, – Worship **3:00 p.m., May only**

4th Monday – Life and Care **4:00 p.m., May only**



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