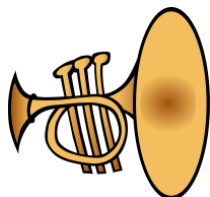


TRUMPET BLAST



Trinitarian Congregational Church

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

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

“The message of Advent doesn’t fit neatly into a sound-bite or vignette. It’s too complex, too deep, to compete with glitter and noise; and it’s a hard sell in a culture that would rather skip straight to the big finish. But Advent is too important to be forgotten, because it is this season that prepares us to encounter our Lord.”

~ Kerry van der Vinne, Advent: Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room ~

Pastor Rosemary’s Contact Information

Please feel free to contact me any time – Pastor Rosemary

****Special Thanks**** – Patter Field

Thanks to all who worked hard on Sunday afternoon to clean and decorate our Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas (and just in time for the Saturday concert.) Leslie and Steve Kellogg, Mark and Christine Trumbull, Pat Shearer, Linda Leavis, Martha Morse, Tammy Pelletier and Jasper - and others. It looks lovely!

Worship & Music Ministry – Linda Hescock

****Advent Candle Lighters****

December 3 Michele Lawler
December 10 Mark & Christine Trumbull
December 17
December 24 10 a.m.
December 24 5 p.m.

****Looking Toward Christmas**** We have a somewhat unusual situation this year. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. Both the Worship & Music ministry and the Cabinet discussed our options as to whether there would be one service that day or two. The Cabinet decided both the 10:00 a.m. service and the Christmas Eve service are equally meaningful to our members. They decided there will be the usual 10:00 a.m. service led by Pastor Rosemary and the evening service will be composed by all lay people. **We need lay readers. if you're willing to read a small scripture, please let Pam know in the office so we can plan accordingly.** Thank you.

****Christmas Poinsettias**** – Suzan Smith

The order form for Christmas poinsettias will be included for the last time in this Sunday's bulletin. Orders will need to be received by December 3rd.

Mission – Suzan Smith

The combined Missions and Care Committees will meet Monday, December 11 at 3 p.m. The schedules are changed to accommodate the holidays and the hours of darkness.

The Food Pantry is appreciative of our generous donations. They continue to need holiday supplies such as baking goods - sugar, flour, mixes, and cranberry sauce, and can always use nonfood items such as bar soap, tooth supplies, etc. Pet food is helpful, because they are not allowed to purchase it, but their clients need it. There was a recent large donation of dogfood, so they need cat food more. Whatever you donate, nothing goes to waste.

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.

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.



Apple Pie Update - Pat Shearer

A few pies of all sizes are still available and can be picked up at church on Sunday 11:00 - 11:30 or Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 -12:00. Price is the same as last year: \$15 for a large pie and \$7 for a small pie.

350th Event – Gingerbread Houses! Saturday, 12/2 & Sunday, 12/3 – Pat Shearer

On December 3rd there will be another 350th event at our church. If anyone would like to help with the graham cracker, gingerbread house construction, we are meeting on Saturday, the 2nd for that. On Sunday the 3rd we are inviting registered kids of all ages, to come and claim those houses that were made the day before and decorate them with candy. If anyone would like to make a house or help with passing candy and helping wherever needed, we are meeting both days at 2 p.m. Spread the word, it should be fun!

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 Hescok

The Worship & Music Ministry meeting will be December 5 at 3:00 p.m. to Zoom with Rosemary, with the hope of finalizing plans for both Christmas services.

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| December 3 | Liturgist: | Bob Scott |
| | Greeters/Ushers: | Linda Leavis & Paula Parsons |
| | Flowers: | Linda Leavis |
| | Communion: | Linda Hescok |
| December 10 | Liturgist: | Gwen Trelle |
| | Greeters/Ushers: | Jean Koslowski & Joanne McGee |
| | Flowers: | |
| December 17 | Liturgist: | Linda Leavis |
| | Greeters/Ushers: | Pat Baker & Linda Hescok |
| | Flowers: | |
| December 24 10 a.m. | Liturgist: | Michele Lawler |
| | Greeters/Ushers: | Pat & Tom Shearer |
| December 24 5 p.m. | Liturgist: | Michele Lawler |
| | Greeter: | We need someone to greet, pass out bulletins and individual candles only; there will be no offertory collection. |
| December 31 | Liturgist: | Linda Leavis |
| | Greeters/Ushers: | Help gratefully accepted |
| | Flowers: | |

Care Updates – Patter Field

****There is a box to put your little treats for shut-ins in the hall by the office.
Please put things in the big box; we will sort things into bags later. Thank you!****

Bev Phelps has been moved to Whittier Nursing and Rehab Hospital, West Wing, Room 223B, 150 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581. Gabe Gabriel is at Care One at Northampton, 548 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01060. Gail Bedard is home, awaiting a new date for surgery to relieve her back pain. Lois Stearns' address is: Windham Terrace, 3 Church Road, Windham, NH 03087; phone 413-498-2216. She is also able to receive email at riverview1@comcast.net.

Marlee Kaplan is at home. Jean Kozlowski is at home without a car; offers to drive her to church, shopping, etc. are welcome. Lee Dresser and Chris Shepard are at Regal Care in Greenfield. Alice Fortier is residing at Charlene Manor. Maxine Davis is at home. All would welcome cards, calls or a visit.

The Care Ministry has merged with the Mission Ministry.

******We are sponsoring Christmas gift bags for shut-ins! Bags will be set out in the hallway of the church this week for you to leave your little treat items. Suggestions include: calendars, chapstick, peppermint kisses, wipes, tissues, travel size lotion, puzzles or adult coloring books and markers or pencils, note pads, cards, socks, etc. The last day to leave your little gifts will be Thursday Dec. 14 when the office is open, and we will be hoping for help assembling the bags on Friday Dec. 15. They may then be picked up for delivery, and delivered any day from then until Jan. 6, the twelfth day of Christmas (Remember, the Christmas season does not end on Christmas Day!)***

******Our traditional festive Christmas Potluck is planned for after church on Sunday December 17! Put it on your calendar! Plan to come and celebrate with friends!******

December Nourish Your Spirit Schedule: – Michele Lawler

Nourish Your Spirit at TCC in December, 2023

10:00 Church Lounge. Invite your friends

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| December 4: | Advent Taize |
| December 11: | Advent Old Testament |
| December 18: | Advent New Testament |
| December 25: | Merry Christmas |

NOTE: We will be having a New Year's Day Taize gathering at 10:00, Jan 1, 2024

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 December. 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.

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| December 3: | Missi Jackson & Chris Harris |
| December 10: | Linda Leavis & Carol O'Brien |
| December 17: | Christmas Potluck |
| December 24: | |
| December 31: | |

Da Camera Singers

Sheila L. Belfernon, Conductor

December in New England 1673-2014

**Music of Ravenscroft, Swan, Billings,
Beach, Dett, Kay, Parker,
Pinkham, DeCormier, & Perera**

**Friday 1 December • 7:30 P.M.
Wesley United Methodist Church, Hadley**

**Saturday 2 December • 4:00 P.M.
Trinitarian Church, Northfield**

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**No tickets required
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FUTURE NORTHFIELD 350TH EVENTS

Updated 11.21.23

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| Saturday Dec 2 | 4:00 p.m. | Da Camera Singers concert: "December in New England: Music from 1673 to the Present." | Trinitarian Church 147 Main Street |
| Sunday Dec 3 | 2:00 p.m. | Make your own Gingerbread House! (Pat Shearer) Kids & Families | Trinitarian Church Fellowship Hall 147 Main Street |
| Wednesday December 6 | 5:30 – 7:30 | "Darkness Comes to Dawnland" recording | Dickinson Library 115 Main Street |
| Saturday Dec 16 | 1:00 | Science presentation on butterflies & other creatures. Sponsored by Magic Wings Butterfly Museum. Contact person: Steve Stoia | Town Hall Auditorium 69 Main Street |
| Saturday Dec 16 | 2:00 | Long string marionettes performance by "Tanglewood Marionettes": Contact: Steve Stoia | Town Hall Auditorium 69 Main Street |
| Wednesday Dec 20 <i>DETAILS TENTATIVE AS OF 11.21.23</i> | 6:00 pm | Piti Theatre performance by 3rd & 6th grade NES students. Contacts: Nolan Kitfield, Jonathan Mirin, Stacy Bond, Pat Shearer | Northfield Elementary School 104 Main Street |
| Sunday Dec 31 | | Luminaria all around town | Everywhere in Northfield |

| DECEMBER 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 26 Worship 10 AM | 27 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge | 28 | 29 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall | 30 | 1 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall | 2 Construct Gingerbread Houses Da Camera Concert 4 PM |
| 3 Worship 10 AM Make Your Own Gingerbread House 2 PM | 4 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge | 5 Worship & Music 3 PM & Zoom | 6 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall | 7 | 8 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall | 9 |
| 10 Worship 10 AM | 11 Mission & Care 3 PM Lounge Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge | 12 Cabinet 3 PM Zoom | 13 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall | 14 | 15 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall | 16 |
| 17 Worship 10 AM Pot Luck after Service | 18 Nourish Your Spirit 10 AM Lounge | 19 Trustees 11 AM | 20 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall | 21 | 22 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall | 23 |
| 24 Worship 10 AM Christmas Eve Service 5 PM | 25 Christmas | 26 | 27 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall | 28 | 29 AA 7 PM Fellowship Hall | 30 |
| 31 Worship 10 AM | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Standing Times for Ministry Teams:

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

3rd Tuesday – Trustees 11:00 a.m.

**Monday – Mission & Life & Care, December 11, 3 p.m.
Lounge**

Worship – First Tuesday, 3 p.m., Lounge



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