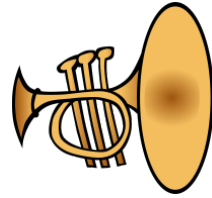


# TRUMPET BLAST



## Trinitarian Congregational Church

November 28, 2021

### *The Breath Before the Blast*

One thing I try to do is to love others where they are and not for where I think they should be. Why? Because this is how Jesus loves me.

~ Roy Patno ~

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**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.

**Food Table** - Pam Eldridge – Due to the holiday, there will be no food table this month.

**Poinsettias** - Pastor Rosemary – Poinsettias are available this year. You can fill out a form in church or call the office with your order by December 19.

**Greeters** - Pastor Rosemary – If you're interested in being a greeter or usher for worship, please contact Heather or Rosemary or fill out the form in your bulletin.

**Winter Weather** - Pastor Rosemary - If weather becomes an issue on a Sunday morning Pastor Rosemary and Sue McGowan will discuss moving worship to Zoom this year, rather than canceling worship. Notices will be sent via email with a Zoom link (thanks Gwen). Information will also be posted on Channels 22 and 40. You may also call if you have a question, contact Sue McGowan, Heather Tower or Pastor Rosemary.

**Happy Thanksgiving** - Pat Shearer – Our Apple Pie sale was quite a success. We made 100 nine inch pies and 30 five inch ones. Along with those, our special orders of sugar free and gluten free totaled 10 pies. We do have a few left in the freezer, if you would like any, call the church and leave a message.

Thanks to all the 24 people that helped with donations of ingredients, or were peelers, mixers, rollers, on the construction crew, decorators, wrappers, and sellers. A special thanks goes out to Gwen and Helen for taking and returning orders and keeping track of the number of pies we had for sale, It is always fun working in the kitchen playing with friends !

The Thanksgiving display that has been on the altar is in loving memory of Tom and Pat Shearer's parents, Robert and Margaret Shearer and Howard and Evelyn Grover. Their lives were dedicated to the art and advancement of farming in Northfield and Bernardston.

God looked down from his planned paradise and said "I need a caretaker". So God made a farmer,

**Thanksgiving and Stewardship** - Suzanne McGowan

The responsibilities of the Trustees Ministry include stewardship, the way we give of our time-talent-treasure to our church.

The formalities of the TCC stewardship drive have concluded for the current year. It was really a low key campaign. During the month of November, however, your attention was drawn in that direction. There was a letter in your snail mail and a pledge card. In the weeks following the All Saints worship on November 1st, Pastor Rosemary spoke on the foundational meaning of Christian stewardship. (See the TakeOuts from November 7, 14, 21.)

- We are the temple of God; God's temple is a people, not a building. Our relationship and commitment to Christ is what makes a church, which is more than just a community center or a service organization.
- The people of God give graciously, generously, open handedly, and open heartedly which glorifies God and pleases God.
- The people of God are thankful - for God's goodness and wisdom, for God's faithful care and generous grace. "When our focus is shifted away from self to the world, from the creation to the creator . . . We can give thanks for life, for grace, for love not just when it is easy but when it is hard and heart breaking. That type of life is a life of courage and trust and it is a life bursting with thanks and overflowing with giving."

The Sunday before Thanksgiving Day was our traditional Pledge Sunday when the congregation left their pledge cards in a special basket; we had wonderful piano music played by Chris Harris and Lynne Walker and we happily hummed along to all those traditional thanksgiving songs we learned years and years ago. Come ye thankful people come. And as we quietly left the sanctuary each worshipper received a thank you gift specially baked by Trustee Carole O'Brien - pumpkin cookies - delectious! and who knew that the Pilgrims had chocolate chips 😊. By the way, it's never too late to turn in your pledge card!

**Holly Berry Fair** - Jeanne Closson – To **YOU** who baked and filled the Bake and Candy Table to overflowing; To **YOU** who donated to the Raffle Table; To **YOU** who patronized the takeout brunch, took chances on the raffles and emptied the Bake and Candy Table; and, especially to all the ladies who planned and manned the Fair Your church family is overwhelmingly grateful for your part in the success of this year's Fair. Here's to next year and a return to a full Holly Berry Fair.

**Raffle Table** - Judy Johnson and Marion Scott – Thank you to all who donated scratch tickets for the Christmas trees and items for the Raffle Table for the Holly Berry Fair. We are grateful for your overwhelming generosity.

**Worship Update** - Pastor Rosemary – The worship ministry met on Monday to discuss needed changes to the Sunday Service. We are doing the best we can with the intent of 'better safe than sorry'. At this point (and an ever-changing target) we will be sharing is a congregational Call to Worship and Lord's Prayer. We are also adding back in 'Special Music'. We ask you to continue entering just 5 minutes before the service begins (but you can chat), and to mask and socially distance. We also ask you to continue to write prayer requests and announcements. Along with

Trustees we are looking into an air exchange/filtration system so that we can do more in our worship service. Thank you all for your feedback and patience.



**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.



**Birthdays** - Patter Field – If you have a birthday this month, don't see it in your private copy of The Blast and would like us to add it, please contact Patter.

**Calendar Dates to Remember** - Gatherings are shifting from Zoom to the church. Please contact the chair to find out where.

November 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Decorating for Holly Berry Fair 10:00	<b>3</b> AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> Holly Berry Fair 10:00 – 1:00
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Cabinet Meeting 3:00	<b>10</b> AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Mission 4:00 Lounge	<b>16</b> Trustees 4:00	<b>17</b> AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Worship Ministry 4:00	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Meal	<b>26</b> AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Life and Care Ministry 3:00	<b>30</b>				

Standing Times for Ministry Teams:

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – Cabinet 3:00

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Trustees 4:00

4<sup>th</sup> Monday – Worship 4:00

Last Monday – Life and Care 3:00



**Congregational Life and Care Ministry** - Patter Field and Michele Lawler – The Congregational Life and Care Ministry meets the last Monday of the month at 3:00 at the church. Contact Michele Lawler for an invitation. We welcome your participation and ideas!

**Come Pray With Us!** - Michele Lawler – In your own space and at your own time, of course. If you would like to be part of our prayer ministry, please contact Michele Lawler [contact information is in your private copy of The Blast]. If you have a prayer request, let Michele know. All requests will be held in confidence by the prayer ministry members. Please request prayers for anything you wish - big or small. We will also be happy to offer prayers of praise!

**Patter Field and Michele Lawler** - If you know anyone who would appreciate a regular check-in call, or needs immediate help or support, please call Michele or Patter [contact information is in your private copy of The Blast]. Also, if you would appreciate a call now and then, or need some support or help, feel free to call or text us. Phone calls and cards make a difference, lift moods, and bring smiles! Be well, be safe, and blessings to you.

**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** - Helen Adams – Please send your articles and announcements by Tuesday at 10:00 am to the church office, [busoff147@gmail.com](mailto:busoff147@gmail.com). Printed copies will be sent to members who are not online.

**Pastor Rosemary's Contact Information**

Those who receive private eblast copies of The Blast will find it there. Others should call the church office (see below).

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