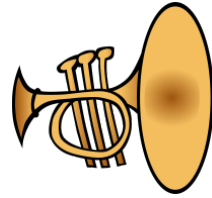


TRUMPET BLAST



Trinitarian Congregational Church

October 17, 2021

The Breath Before the Blast

Pied Beauty

by Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

~ Pastor Rosemary~

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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.

Celebration of Life - Pastor Rosemary – Rena Finch will be honored and remembered on Monday, October 18, 1 p.m. at the Beech House at the Northfield Golf Club.

CROP Hunger Walk Report - Martha Morse – Once again, our congregation has generously supported the annual CROP Hunger Walk, with a total so far of \$865, which includes \$335 in online donations, and \$530 in cash and checks. The TCC Walker Team of Rosemary Dawson, Lynne Walker and Martha Morse joined with folks from 14 other Franklin County Houses of Worship in the walk around lovely New Salem. Thank you to ALL, and any additional CROP contributions will be gratefully accepted before the deadline of October 24!

Community Meal - Joanne McGee – There will be a community meal on Thursday, October 28. The hours for drive through pickup are 5:00 – 6:00. The Community Bible Church is serving at TCC. All are welcome.

Indoor Worship - Heather Tower – We (the worship and music ministry) had a long discussion about how to safely resume worship in the sanctuary. Based on the guidelines Rosemary sent ahead of time, we learned that we don’t have enough air exchanges for a usual length service or for the choir. We can only have a ½ hour service with no singing or humming. The current plan is to return inside in November. A letter will be sent out with a fuller explanation. The ministry team will revisit this every 2 months.

Fodder for Sermons - Pastor Rosemary – This past Sunday we had a great, interactive sermon discussing the issue of anger and how to cope with Covid aggravations. It was engaging (and a blessing) for me and for many members. With that in mind I am inviting you to offer me your questions, concerns and interests for a sermon (or a series). You can email, call, or speak to me anytime. Thanks.

Trustees meeting notes: 9-21-21- Sue McGowan

Attending: G. Trelle, M. Morse, B. Scott, M. Scott, T. Shearer, C. O’Brien, T. Pelletier, R. Dawson, S. McGowan

*Church investments are doing well, allowing us to make necessary withdrawals even as they are increasing. The insurance has been paid.

*Tammy reported that (a) replacement of the toilets downstairs may qualify for a sale price from Sandri. (b) Also the power washer she's using won't go as high as necessary; she hopes to borrow some staging. (c) The tables that have been in Fellowship Hall can be moved into the former AV room to allow for more open space when needed for worship services, celebrations of life, AA meetings, community meals, and so on.

*Carol reported that the kitchen cleanup has been completed. She made the following suggestions: (a) a dehumidifier is needed for the corridor downstairs which smells musty; (b) the kitchen trolleys have rubberized tubs into which dishes/table scraps etc. are placed as tables are cleared after church dinners - those tubs need to be replaced; (c) given ongoing use of the kitchen which seems probable during fall-winter, arrangements should be made for more volunteers to do 'serv-safe' training, particularly from the other churches; (d) the closet formerly known as the 'Guild closet' will be reorganized to make its contents more easily accessible.

*Considerations for moving worship services back into the Sanctuary sometime soon, led to discussion of air movement: fans, open windows, air purifiers, etc.

Our kitchen is heating up again..... - Pat Shearer – The apples will be arriving on Sunday, so we will be making apple pies on Monday [yes, I know it is a holiday] Tuesday and Wednesday. On Monday we will be peeling and the rest of the week we will be doing the peeling, rolling, making, packaging, and freezing! WHEW...hopefully we can make the 100, 9 inch and 25 smaller ones [\$12 and \$6] in that time. If not we'll figure that out as we go on! We will be gathering at 9-12 on all three days.

On our annual Holly Berry Fair Day, is Saturday, November 6. We will be having a take-out Brunch. A menu has been chosen by the HBF committee. Ham and broccoli or vegetarian sheet pan quiche, fresh fruit cup, muffin, hash browns, and orange juice. Again the \$12 price seems reasonable. When you are making your reservations [call 498-5839] please tell Helen or the answering machine, your quiche choice and if you have any special dietary needs. Pick up time will be between 10 -12.

If anyone wants to donate to our fun-raising endeavors, money can be left or sent to the church office with a note on what it is for.

Holly Berry Fair - Jeanne Closson – We will have a Holly Berry Fair this year, but with a new and very scaled-back look because of Covid concerns. On Saturday, November 6, from 10 AM to 1 PM, our very popular Bake Sale and Raffle Tables will be available for your browsing and purchasing opportunity. And a Take Away Brunch will be available by reservation from 10 AM to noon. Next year we hope to be able to return to our full complement with Crafts, Flea and Candy Tables, eat in brunch, and vendors back again.

Baked goods (sweet or savory) are needed for the Bake Sale. Smaller serving packaging seems to be preferred by our customers (think of making a couple of 8 X 8 or 9 X 9 pans of brownies or bar cookies instead of a larger one, for example, or making packages of 3-6 cookies or a couple of brownies if you like to pre-bag your donation. Breads, pies and candy all sell well. Pam Eldridge is in charge of the Table and will welcome your scrumptious donations either the evening before (Nov. 5) or before 10 on the morning of the Sale. Please contact her with questions [contact information is in your private copy of The Blast].

Update: Sometimes a person just has to brag and this is one of those times for me. - Linda Leavis – Due to security protocol, my grandson Dana was unable to go to Russia for training. However, he and a few others were able to get to Latvia instead. Soon he'll be going to Park City, Utah and then back to Europe for training, the World Cup, and possibly Olympics if successful in the World Cup in Doubles Luge!

Christmas Tree - Judy Johnson – Again this year, the Christmas Tree adorned with scratch tickets will be included on the raffle table at the Fair, Nov. 6th. We are requesting donations of scratch tickets, in any denomination, to decorate the tree. Please leave them in the basket provided on the table at Church on Sunday 10/17, 10/24 or 10/31. If anyone is interested in contributing a gift card/certificate to a restaurant or local business for the raffle table, please let us know. Thank you, Judy Johnson and Marion Scott.

Guild Room Fall Cleaning - Carol O'Brien – The Guild room is home to many of our fundraising activities such as the Hollyberry Fair, the Tag Sale, the Golf Tournament, the Silent Auction and many smaller events. We have bags, boxes, and loose items which need to be organized and placed on the beautiful floor to ceiling storage shelves that line the perimeter of the room. On Tuesday November 5 from 9-12 we will have a work bee to finish this project. If you have any questions please contact me [contact information is in your private copy of The Blast]. Thank you again for your help. Carol

Conversation Corner - Pastor Rosemary – Once again we are opening up dialogues around our understanding of our faith. This time Roy Patno has sent a 'pondering' on Luke 10 and I have responded with my thoughts. Feel free to add your own input to this conversation or start your own.

Luke 10: 25-37

Just pondering - Roy

Jesus tells the story of a man (humanity?) who is accosted by bandits (sin?) and left for dead (hopelessness?). Along comes a stranger, a Samaritan (Jesus ?) and administers care (salvation ?). The Samaritan then brings the man to an inn (the fathers presence ?) and promises to pay for whatever care was done (settling the debt for sin?) when he returns (resurrection?). To me, what is missing in this story is the need for the assaulted man to first agree to accept the Samaritan's generosity before being healed (saved ?).

My thoughts – Rosemary

Hi Roy, thanks for your pondering. I love this passage and if you look at the larger story you find Jesus is in a discussion with a Jewish expert in the Law of the Covenant. The lawyers question of eternal life brings them to the law of Love (love God and neighbor). The lawyer then asks 'and who is my neighbor'. Jesus tells this story (the Good Samaritan) and then asks the man who then acted as a neighbor. When the lawyer acknowledges the Samaritan (the one who acted with mercy) Jesus' comeback is 'then go and do the same'. The story is not an allegory of salvation but a pointed teaching about how to 'love your neighbor as yourself'. I'd love to hear your response, or anyone else's thoughts.

Blessings to us all as we ponder God's word and ways.



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.

October 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	2
3	4	5	6 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	7 350th Anniv. Committee 6:30 Fellowship Hall	8 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	9
10	11	12 Cabinet Meeting 3:00	13 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	14	15 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	16
17	18 Rena Finch Memorial Service 1:00	19 Trustees 4:00	20 Holly Berry Fair Meeting 4:00 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	21	22 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	23
24	25 Life and Care Ministry 3:00 Worship Ministry 4:00	26	27 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	28 Community Meal 5:00 Community Bible Church Serving at TCC	29 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	30 Pam's Table at Food Pantry 10:00 – 1:00

Standing Times for Ministry Teams:

2nd Tuesday – Cabinet 3:00

3rd Tuesday – Trustees 4:00

4th 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. Printed copies will be sent to members who are not online.

Pastor Rosemary's Contact Information

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