

# TRUMPET BLAST



## Trinitarian Congregational Church June 19, 2022

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 beauty of a sunset, the majesty of the ocean, the wonder of a newborn baby – God’s glorious creation is all around us. And we ourselves are part of that creation! Everything we can see, and everything we can’t see – it all came from God. – author unknown -- 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.

**Care Updates** - Patter Field – Gail Bedard is at home, Bernie Colbeth is at Buckley, Dottie Arsenault is at Poet’s Seat for rehab. Chris Shepard is at Buckley and would enjoy a visit. Alice Fortier is at Charlene Manor. Ed Finch is at Vernon Green. All would welcome cards.

The Memorial for Bonnie Shepard will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> (A private graveside service in Vermont will be held on Wednesday.)

## **Chow and Chat** - Pastor Rosemary

Our first Chow and Chat gathering was held on Sunday, and the food was great! Sue and Gwen facilitated a conversation about the life of the church, which was also very good. Sue introduced the subject of the many losses we face as living beings. Many participated in naming the varied losses we have experienced. Of course, we recognized the loss of loved ones in death, but we also named loss of jobs, houses, identity, roles, capabilities, and more. We also spoke of the mixed bag of emotions that accompany loss, from sorrow to relief, and even hope. Sue then called us to name the losses we have experienced in the church. The fire was named, as well as Lloyd's retirement. We also recognized the loss of social connections and worship and the choir through Covid, as well as the loss of fundraisers and events, members and finances. Sue then led us to name those things which we value in our ongoing life as the church. Relationships, both social and spiritual are central to our value as a community of faith. Caring for members and for the welfare of others (missions) was an expression of those relationships. Gwen then spoke during the second half of the conversation about how we continue to be vital as a church, learning and expanding our abilities through Covid, continuing to be faithful in our work and support of the church, and even expanding our missional work of feeding those in need. We closed the gathering affirming that while things are changing and will change, we are the church, seeking to be a new church in the years ahead.

We will have a second Chow and Chat on July 10, which will be more of an expanded coffee hour rather than a lunch. We will continue to look at the tasks of the church and the resources we have to do the work of God.

## **For Our Worship Ministry** – Heather Tower

To our wonderful group of volunteers who greet each Sunday, serve as liturgist each week and set up communion each month. I know it's not always possible to navigate the stairs to light the candles or pass the offering plate, so as people come into church, please ask someone to do that for you. Also, things come up and you can't complete your assignment. On the back of the calendar sent to each of you is a list of those who have signed up to do this and their phone number. Please contact someone, and then let me know so I can change the master. If you're not sure when next you are up, the list is on the bulletin board outside the office. Thank you!  
Heather

## **Church Picnic** - Joanne McGee

Sunday, June 26 at 4 p.m. at Bill and Joanne McGee's house, 9 Main Street. Join us, rain or shine, to celebrate summer. We will supply hamburgers, vegan hamburgers, hot dogs, and maybe some odd wursts on the grill. The rest is up to you – potluck style. Bring your favorite food to share. Bring a folding chair if you have one. If it rains, we will picnic inside. **RSVP to Joanne** [contact information is in your private copy of The Blast]

## **Community Meal** – Thursday, June 23. 5 – 6 p.m.

Come for a delicious meal of chicken or veggie kabobs, rice, hummus, cucumber and tomato salad, and fruit crisp. RSVP by 3 pm Wednesday, June 22 at 413-376-8410 or fccmp.org/rsvp. A takeout meal, with a few outside tables, are available if you would like to eat at TCC. The Northfield Food Pantry folks are doing a cooking demonstration outdoors.

**Pam's Table** The food pantry table will be open on 6/25 at Pam's house. All fruit, prepared food items graciously accepted. Thank you, Pam

## **Helping Ukraine:**

Bring diapers, feminine items, hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc. to the Lounge. Our deadline is September 1 to pack up the donations and bring to Derry, NH, for NuDay Syria to ship to Ukraine.

## **An Afghan Family Needs our Help**

Sayad Jafar Ahmadi, his wife Zeinab and children Alireza (12), Amir Hosin (5), and Fatima (2) arrived in the US on May 5. Two Ashfield churches, First Congregational and St. John's Episcopal Church, are offering financial support to help this family. They have raised nearly \$16,000 toward their goal of \$25,000 and are asking for our help. The Southern New England Conference is also helping with a donation.

While the family was originally scheduled to live in Ashfield, they were moved to Red Hook, NY where Jafar has been offered a job at Bard College.

“The needs of this family are significant and immediate,” says Rev. David Jones of the Ashfield Congregational Church.

We will have a collection on June 19 here at TCC for the family which deeply appreciates our help. Please make checks out to TCC. *When we partner with other Franklin County Churches, our contributions join others to provide much needed help.*

**JOB OPENING:** *Please bring this to the attention of anyone you know seeking employment.*

**Administrative Assistant, Part Time (approx. 8 – 10 hours)**

Trinitarian Congregational Church, 147 Main Street, Northfield MA

This part-time position provides management of the church office and administrative support to the pastor and lay leadership of the church. Prepares weekly worship bulletins, periodic newsletters, maintains church records and calendars, maintains website and social media platforms, and other day-to-day responsibilities, including some bookkeeping tasks. **Please respond to the church office at 413-498-5839 or busoff147@gmail.com for more information.**

**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.

### **Save the Dates**

July 10 Chow and Chat

August 3 Salad Luncheon (Farm to Table)

August 7 Ridge Sunday

Also there are 2 upcoming memorial services

John Pettengill July 16

David Powell July 30



**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.

**Coffee Hour** – Carol O’Brien

June 12 - Chow and Chat  
June 19 - Martha Morse and Marion Scott  
June 26 - Pat Baker and Carol O’Brien  
July 3 - Chris Harris and Lynne Walker  
July 10 - Chow and Chat

The sign up sheet for the rest of the month is on the bulletin board outside the office.  
Thanks, Carol

**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.



**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.

June 2022						
◀ May 2022						Jul 2022 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 AA 7:00 Lounge	2	3 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	4
5 Worship 10:00	6	7	8 AA 7:00 Lounge	9	10 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	11
12 Worship 10:00  Chow & Chat	13	14 Flag Day  Cabinet Meeting 3:00	15 AA 7:00 Lounge	16	17 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	18
19 Father's Day  Worship 10:00	20	21 Start of Summer (Summer Solstice) Trustees 4:00	22 Worship and Music 4:00  AA 7:00 Lounge	23 Community Meal 5-6 pm	24 AA 7:00 Fellowship Hall	25 Pam's Table 10-1
26 Worship 10:00 Church Picnic 4 pm McGee's	27 Life and Care 3:00	28	29 AA 7:00 Lounge	30		

Standing Times for Ministry Teams:

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – Cabinet 3:00

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday – Worship 4:00

Last Monday – Life and Care 3:00

**Announcements for the Trumpet Blast** – Marion Scott – 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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