



June 2015



# The CRIER

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## Notes from Pastor Tim.....

In her book, Real Good Church, Molly Phinney Baskette offers a top ten list of reasons you should be going to church. My favorite is number 2: "Taking a break from our hectic lives to come to church is accepting the gift of Sabbath. Wayne Mueller says, '[Sabbath] dissolves the artificial urgency of our days, because it liberates us from the need to be finished.' We don't take Sabbath and come to worship because we have time and have finished up everything that needs to be done. We take Sabbath because it is time to stop, and we are designed to stop, rest and reflect. Those who don't are destined to crash and burn."

One of worship's great gifts is its power to draw us back into our right minds and better selves. In fact, our worship is patterned to do just that. At its core it is the practice of receiving God anew and giving ourselves to God anew. Engaging in this practice has a way of reframing the view we have of ourselves and our circumstances. It gives us a more God-centered perspective from which to feel and act.

I'm reading Baskette's book because it's been recommended to me and because we've been discussing church goals and "What's next?" at committee meetings and Church Council. Baskette took a dying church of 35 members and led its turnaround so that now it is a thriving congregation with a unique character and a clear identity. Though our church circumstances are quite different, Baskette has many ideas to share that are relevant to any church that is interested in discerning vital ministry. To be honest, there are times when the goal setting conversation feels a bit overwhelming to me.

I feel like I'm supposed to know exactly what we should do and when we should do it, like I need to be the guy with all the answers and a shortcut to that picture of success, which in all reality looks different to different people.

That's why Baskette's number 2 reason remains so true and important to me. I need that God-centered perspective from which to feel and act. We all need that God perspective. I woke up this morning thinking about the goal setting process and found myself being reminded to make sure that prayer is a big part of it. As we discern a vision for our church, putting ourselves in the right frame of mind is the first and most important step. Not only will it likely yield more fruitful thinking, it will tie us to the joy of the process. We'll be reminded that the best kind of church is the kind that belongs to God. We'll be reminded that the best kind of church work is the kind of work that the Holy Spirit does through us. We'll be reminded that the best kind of life is a life lived with God.

I know that God has beautiful visions for our church. Let's embrace the joy of tying ourselves to those visions!

Peace,

Pastor Tim

PS. Why not read the book too? I would love to hear your thoughts!

## FRENCH FUND SCHOLARSHIP

The French Fund Scholarship was established by Larry and Win French in honor of his father. The stipulation was that it would be awarded to active seniors who graduated from their secondary school with honors\* to be used by the student for something they wished for themselves. At the 2003 Annual Meeting the amount of each scholarship awarded was re-established at \$250.

### Criteria for Award

- **Must be graduating from any secondary school with honors (at least a 3.00 GPA and earning no grade less than a C) and**
- **Must be an active member of TCC or the TCC Senior High Youth Group.**

Those students who qualify should make the Church Office aware of their interest and provide a copy of their complete secondary education transcript as proof of their qualification.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Ahh! The snow is gone and Spring has sprung! The kids will be out of school soon and many will be thinking of spending some time on vacation! But don't forget to think about keeping your pledges up to date! Remember you can mail in your pledge if you won't be in attendance. Or you can set up a monthly, cost free, on-line payment through your bank to keep your pledge current. However you plan to spend your summer, please keep your pledges up to date.



Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all our members and friends celebrating in June!

## PROPERTY SALE UPDATE!

We are slowly moving forward with the development plan for the church campus and hope to have some type of resolution with the town and the development company in the next 60 days.

Every indication is that we will reach a positive outcome but until it is finalized we do not want to over commit on this successful conclusion. We will definitely keep you aware of any changes, negative or positive, to our negotiations.

## CE Announcements!

**Celebration Sunday!** June 14th - This is the culmination of our spectacular Sunday School year. Children will participate in the service, grads will be recognized, AND children/families are invited to remain after the service for a 6 foot sub lunch and a celebratory Drum Circle! Professional drummer, Lydia Smith, will join our Sunday service with her earthy rhythms and then remain afterwards to allow all children (and young at heart) to try their hands at drumming. Children: Please plan to attend, participate, and celebrate. Thanks!

**Vacation Bible School!** G-Force is this year's exciting title! (It's an extreme sport theme)...Wow! We'll meet up in July, the 13th-17th, each day from 9-11:30. Classes for 4 year olds (one year of preschool under their belts) through 5th grade (entering 5th in the fall) will be offered. Register your campers soon (spaces are somewhat limited), and please let Tara know if you can volunteer (youth and adults all welcome)! This is going to be extreme...extremely FUN! Tell your friends...

So, please mark your calendars as you move through this busy season! Hoping you can find time for both of these wonderful events in the life of our Sunday School! Please be in touch about any and all, and enjoy your Mother's Day weekend!



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**Magyar News**  
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*Together with  
Trumbull Congregational Church  
Presents  
From the Cradle to the Grave  
Lace Exhibit  
The works of  
Mrs. Erzsébet Szigethy, folk artist  
From Hövej, Hungary*

*Sunday, June 7, 2015  
10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.*

*Trumbull Congregational Church,  
3115 Reservoir Avenue Trumbull, CT*

*Admission Free*



# Fall Retreat "To Be Alive"

(Participating in an Unending Conversation)



wiseGEEK

*a weekend experience for men and women*

WISDOM HOUSE  
229 East Litchfield Rd.  
Litchfield, CT 06759

September 25-27, 2015  
(Friday, 7:00 p.m. ~  
Sunday after lunch)



We all want to be alive... To feel alive, to thrive, to live "out loud"! We want to be less lonely, less exhausted, less conflicted; more awake, more grateful, more energized, more purposeful. We can do that by joining the unending conversation of the Biblical story...

- Alive in the story of creation
- Alive in the adventure of Jesus
- Alive in the peaceful uprising
- Alive in God's Spirit

**Led by Reverend Caroly R. Gibson**

Total Cost \$235.00 (includes 5 meals, room, program, and materials)

Register Soon - Space in Farmhouse is Limited

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Special Diet: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration with \$150.00 deposit to:  
Rev. Caroly Gibson 145 Hilltop Drive Trumbull, CT 06611  
Balance due by September 1\*

Questions or Further Details, call (203) 380-1260 email: cgibsonumc@peoplepc.com





Early Bird Registration!  
Register between NOW  
and May 31<sup>st</sup>:  
\$40/child

Register after May 31<sup>st</sup>:  
\$50/child

Scholarships are  
available (contact Tara  
Brophy)

Children must have one  
year of preschool  
under their belts AND  
be at least 4 years old

Sorry, but no  
registrations accepted  
after July 1<sup>st</sup> and no  
refunds after June 30<sup>st</sup>

Please return this form  
(filled out) along with  
your check payable to:  
Trumbull  
Congregational Church

Email Tara Brophy with  
any questions or for  
more details:  
tara.brophy@trumbullcc.  
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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

In God, we live, move and exist  
Acts 17:28

July 13<sup>th</sup> - July 17<sup>th</sup> 2015  
9:00-11:30

### REGISTRATION FORM

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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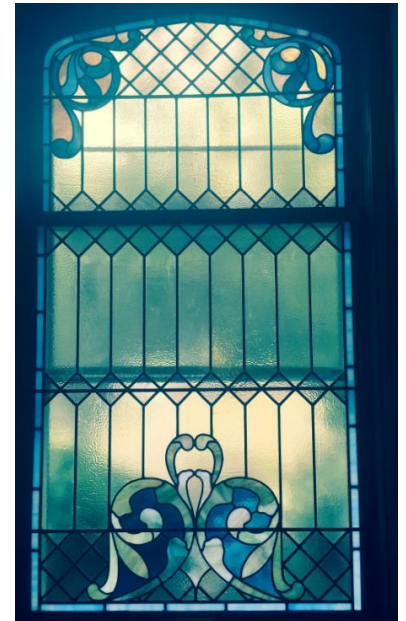
### WINDOW RENOVATION UPDATE

In wrapping up our long campaign to renovate every single one of our stained glass windows from the narthex, through the sanctuary, into the sacristy and around the Round Room and all the way up into the bell tower, we find ourselves left with one last double hung window in the Round Room (6A) that has not been taken to the stained glass studio for its cleaning and re-leading. After 117 years, the glass is shifting down toward its sill and will eventually fall out with continued opening and closing.

The fund raising started in the 1990's for this renovation, the work in 2009, and the Stained Glass Group hopes to close the books on it before the end of 2015. To avoid budget impact, this process was quietly pursued by sending a window to the studio only after it had been paid for in full. Since no one has shown interest in buying 6A, we think we will refer to it as "Congregational Window" to help us raise the \$4,500 for this last window. Of course an individual family or a couple of families can still step forward to cover the cost.

Think about making a tax-deductible donation in someone's memory or in honor of a baptism, confirmation, graduation, or wedding. No amount is too small. We thank you for your continued support of this project.

The Stained Glass Group  
(Herb Gratrix, Kathy Hering, Kent Lewis and LeAnn Slater)



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Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of or in Memory of:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Make checks payable to "Trumbull Congregational Church"  
Memo: "Congregational Window"  
Enclose this form and send to TCC Office, 3115 Reservoir Avenue, Trumbull, CT 06611***

## TCC: Class of 2015

### Lily Clarke

Lily's first appearance at TCC was in 1997 as the baby Jesus in the Christmas pageant when she was three months old. She went on to play angels in subsequent pageants, sing in the choir, attend Sunday School, and play clarinet during some church services. Lily also spent time in the TCC youth program and was among the first group of children to participate in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine. Then she got busy at Trumbull High School (THS), where she played freshmen soccer and then varsity soccer in grades 10, 11 and 12. She was inducted into the National Honor Society in grade 11 and will be inducted into the World Language Honor Society this May. Lily has put in volunteer hours at St Luke's Church, THS events and soccer charities, New Haven Reads book bank, and she recently joined in the Catwalk for a Cure fashion show to support Bridgeport Hospital's Norma F. Pfriem Breast Care Center. Lily will attend Syracuse University next fall.



Haley DeWeese was baptized and confirmed at TCC, and has enjoyed many activities at TCC over the years. In high school Haley was a member of the Model United Nations and served as the Undersecretary of Delegate Relations, The Robotics Club, The National Honor Society and was 4 year student officer with the THS PTSA. Haley will be attending Fordham University in the fall and is exploring a degree in Physics and Engineering.



### Kyle Hanlon

Kyle Hanlon was confirmed at TCC in 2011, and has volunteered serving at the St. Luke's Church monthly dinner. He also participated in TCC seasonal grounds cleanup activities and worked full-time alongside his dad, Joe, remodeling the CE building's kitchen during the summer of 2012. Kyle will be graduating from Trumbull High School and plans to pursue an education and career in Computer Science, with a concentration on coding and programming.



### Nate Hill

Nate Hill graduates from Hamden Hall Country Day. He enjoyed being a part of the community there, especially participating in Cross Country and Lacrosse teams. Nate's love of music involved him in Orchestra and Jazz bands. He played upright bass in the Orchestra Pit for 7 years of Musicals.



He was involved in organizing & running Coffee Houses and May Fest giving a platform for students and teachers musicians to perform. He is a member of multi-generational band "Hand" with two professional recordings. Nate will pursue Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology next fall and hopes to continue playing Music.

### Courtney Lupo



**Ian McLevy**

I'm graduating this year from Trumbull High School, and really excited to move on to college in the fall. I will be attending the University of New Hampshire to study Forestry and Environmental Studies, and also have an interest in Construction Management, which is offered there too. Maybe I can tie all these interests together for the future. During my time at Trumbull High, I was a member of the Football and Track teams. I also like to mountain bike, play sandlot football, basketball, pond hockey, snowboarding and golf. I've enjoyed being part of the TCC family and especially like to volunteer serving meals at St. Luke's Community Suppers in Bridgeport with others from TCC. I also volunteer annually at the Fairfield County Irish Festival, on field set up and also during the 3 day event. Wishing all TCC seniors success in college or wherever they go after high school.

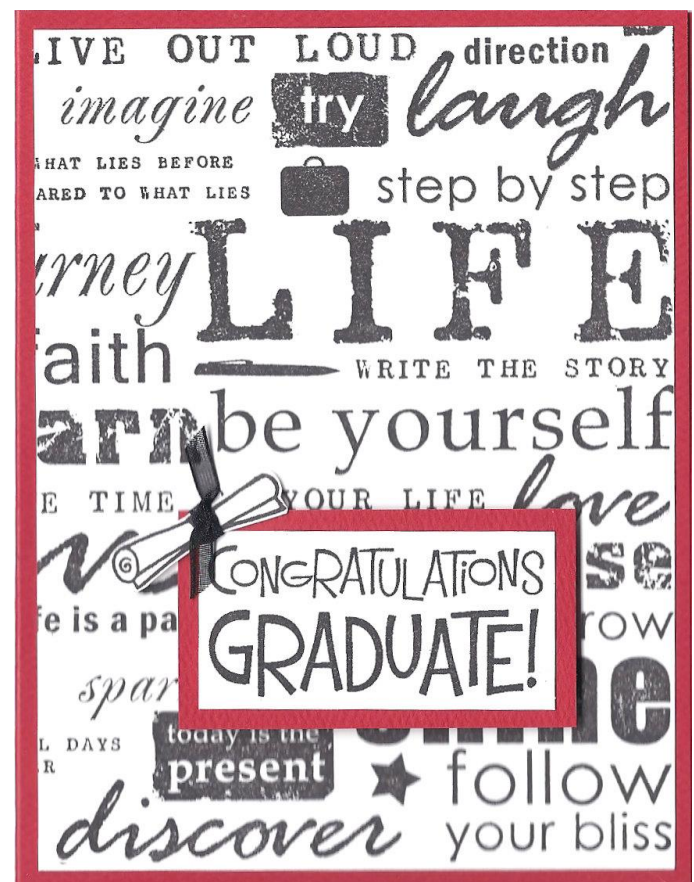


**Tommy Switzgable**

My name is Tommy Switzgable. I am a senior at Trumbull High School, and I will be attending the University of Vermont next fall. Currently, I am captain of the THS tennis team, as well as Sports Editor of our school newspaper, *The Eagle's Eye*. I am also a part of the THS We the People team, in which we won "Best Team in the Northeast" in Washington DC recently. Outside of school I also do many activities. I am a third degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do, a sport I have participated in for 13 years. I also am involved in many community service activities, such as volunteering to teach inner city kids tennis, coach elementary school football, and referee elementary school basketball.



**Ryan Tyler** was confirmed at TCC in 2011. He attended Church School, belonged to Youth Group, and volunteered at Vacation Bible Camp. He especially enjoyed the Youth Group trip to Silver Lake (and mattress sledding). He participated in THS track, and worked on crew for the THS and TYA musicals. He belongs to the AV Club and has videotaped many meetings, performances, and games for both the Town of Trumbull and Trumbull High School. Ryan will be attending Eastern Connecticut State University this fall, is majoring in Communications, and hopes to continue his work in the Audio/Visual field.





**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**May 24, 2015**

If there are prayer requests you would like included, please fill out a Prayer Card from the pew rack and place it in the box in the Narthex. You are invited, when you pray, to add specific prayers for the people listed below:

Mark Ronge  
 William Jasmine, recovering from leukemia  
 Susan Bryan Ricketson  
 Dave Palumbo, Chiche Guion's grandson  
 Jeanne Knecht  
 James Bonazzo  
 Mary Ann Kurtz, waiting for a kidney transplant  
 Robin Boccanfuso  
 Bill Tiesler  
 Julie Otto, friend of Portia Antonio  
 Wilma Ricketson  
 Becky Harmon, fighting ovarian cancer  
 Alex Foell, bone cancer  
 Brian Surber, recovering from surgery  
 Kay Kisell, Sue Hill's Mother  
 Anne Murray, battling recurrent cancer  
 Frank, diagnosed with cancer  
 Megan McDowell  
 Nick Maida, in a coma after a fall and brain surgery  
 Ufrozyna Parkes, Diane McLevy's Mother  
 Ellie Spellman Bennett, Barbara DeAngelo's sister with severe emphysema and cardiac complications  
 Jose Morales recovering from a severed spinal cord  
 Mary Court, Lee Deppen's sister-in-law, with multiple myeloma  
 Carla Jones, wife of Paul Nestro's co-worker, cancer  
 Lena Lima, recurring cancer  
 Bob Warren, Chip Warren's father afflicted with Parkinson's-like condition

Phil and Mary Balogh, engaged in the adoption process.  
 Diane Möller, cousin to the Rosatis  
 Donald Kunesch, nephew of Eileen Perkowski suffering with pancreatic problems  
 Linda Werner  
 Nancy DeRegt, recovering from back surgery  
 John Kurilec, recovering from a stroke  
 Priscilla Kunesch just diagnosed with lung cancer.  
 Jim, kidney cancer  
 Bob Dixon, Jenn Leigland's father undergoing cancer treatment  
 Ron Steinmetz  
 Vincent Duva, open heart surgery.  
 Patti Richards, Angela Hare's aunt: health concerns  
 Ken Makawka, Father of Angela Hare's Sister-in-law.  
 Suzanne, tumor.  
 Norman, heart problems.  
 Louis D'Amanda, nephew of Andy and Jen Durfee, diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma 2 years ago, and is now waiting at Johns Hopkins on good scan results for a bone marrow transplant from his brother  
*(Revised 5/18/2015)*

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

June 6: Youth Group Party!!  
 June 7: Welcome Ilana Ofgang, TCC's new Music Director  
 June 14: Last Day of Sunday School  
 July 13-17: Vacation Bible School at TCC

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO THE CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBAL RESERVATION**

Silver Lake and Simply Smiles are partnering together to lead a mission trip for high schoolers (ages 15 and above) from Aug. 15-22. The cost is \$1,500, which includes airfare and meals. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Charlie or Mary Kuchenbrod at charliek@ctucc.org or kuchenbrod.mary@gmail.com.

**WELCOME ILANA!**

The Music Committee will be hosting a reception in the Social Hall immediately following services on June 7th to welcome our new Music Director, Ilana Ofgang. Many of us had the opportunity to meet Ilana when she substituted for David on April 26th and we are thrilled that Ilana will be joining our ministry team. We are asking for contributions of finger foods, both sweet and savory. Please let Carolyn Kalahar, Cathy Nickse or Amy Ronge know what you would like to bring. All food can be brought to the social hall before services on the 7th.

**SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**

During the months of July and August we'll do our best to beat the heat by starting worship at 9:30. Please make note of the change. Of course, we'll still have lemonade on the lawn and some time for fellowship after the services, which tend to be a little less formal and a little shorter during the summer. Let's keep our fellowship with one another and with God strong this summer! See you at 9:30!

# Calendar of Events

## Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM

## Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

- Youth Group Party

## Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

- Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
- Welcome Reception for Ilana After Worship
- Lace Exhibit

## Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

- Council Meeting

## Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

- Sunday Worship 10:00 AM
- Celebration Sunday! Last Day of Sunday School

## Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

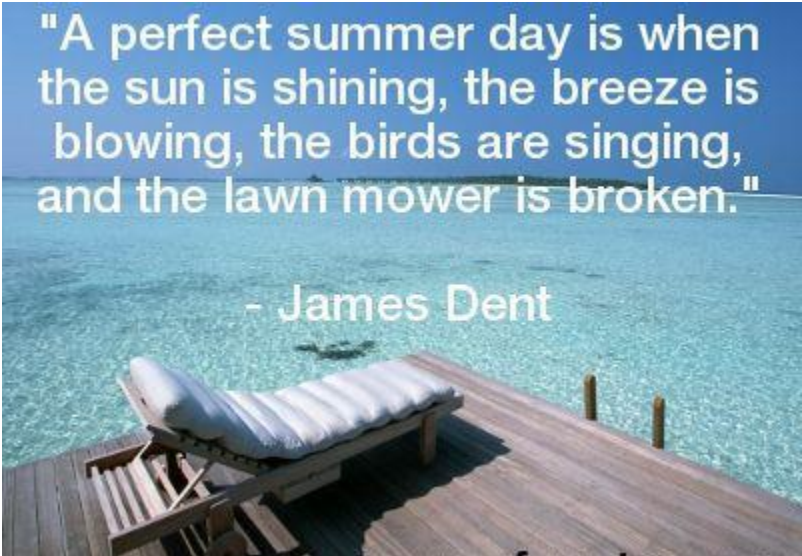
- Ladies Luncheon

## Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

- Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

## Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

- Sunday Worship 10:00 AM



"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."

- James Dent



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