

TRI-PARISH HERALD  
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**June 2018**  
 Sunday Worship 10 AM  
 Trinitarian Congregational Church

Please note change in time of worship starting 6/24/28 to 9:30 am for the summer

June 2018						
◀ May 2018						Jul 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Food Pantry Hardwick Town Hall 9:30-11:30 am	<b>2</b> Plant/Bake/Tag Sale 10-3 Hardwick Common
<b>3</b> Communion Worship 10 am Stone Church  Plant/Bake/Tag Sale 10-3 Hardwick Common	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> New Braintree CC Strawberry Supper 5:30 pm, NB Town Hall
<b>10</b> Children's Day Worship 10 am Stone Church "Manna from Heaven" Bible Study 8:30 am Stone Church	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  TPC Meeting 6:30 pm, HU	<b>15</b> Food Pantry Hardwick Town Hall 9:30-11:30 am	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Father's Day Worship 10 am Stone Church Last day of Sunday School for Summer	<b>18</b> Mustard Seed	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> (Note new time) Worship 9:30 am Stone Church	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

Beloved:

Last month I invited you to join me in Relational Missions and I shared how I would respond to the standard “How are you today?” with a “thank-you” and “What brings you Joy?” If anyone decided to take up this invitation, please share in writing or in person what you experienced.

My conclusions: In my personal life, I have limited exposure to public servants, clerks, service folks, etc. I use a gas card at the pump, I use Mobile Banking, I pay most of my bills on-line or mail, Ron typically does most of the grocery shopping..... I also realized that it really takes a focused effort to break away from the rote response, “I’m fine and you?”

If I want to really work on Relational Missions, then I need to put myself into more situations to try out my new response. I need to, Do It! How about you?

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

-Mother Teresa



God is Good, All the Time. All the Time, God is Good! Celebrate each and every day! On Pentecost Sunday, May 20th, the Tri-Parish Community Church celebrated **four** youth who journeyed through a time of instruction and decided to be Confirmed by reaffirming their Baptismal Vows. These same **four** youth publically declared their beliefs and chose to become members of the Tri-Parish Community Church. What an inspiring gift to receive on the day we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. Praise Be to God!

If you chance upon these youth and/or their parents, please take time to congratulate them and welcome them into the body of Christ:

- Christina Jane Morin, daughter of Forrest & Missy Morin
- Faith Anna Stillman, daughter of Genevieve & Glen Stillman
- Luke Benjamin Wilson, son of Chrissy & Todd Wilson
- Emmet Henry Haybink Wright, son of Kim & Luke Wright

Bless your hearts.....Pastor Deb Shepard

### We Care Teams Sharing in Ministry

June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Team 2	Team 3	Team 2	Team 1

(note the change in order on 6/17 and 6/24 due to Deacons swapping dates)

### Birthdays ~ June 2018

6/1	Emmett Wright
6/11	Alan Saunders
6/19	Bill Howland
6/20	Susan Kallander
6/22	Jim Bowren
6/23	Sabrina Reavey
6/28	Marianne Burke
6/29	Tina Burke



### June Anniversaries

6/15	Alice May and Charlie Lowell
6/26	Carolyn and Robert Glidden
6/29	Kim and Luke Wright

*We would love to share your news!*

\*E-mail Submissions [triparishcc@gmail.com](mailto:triparishcc@gmail.com) Please put “For Herald” in subject line. Or call the church Office **508-867-3306**

#### To Contact our Pastor

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**Appointments:** scheduled at either the Pastor’s Office or at your home. Please contact Pastor Deb to make arrangements.

**\*note new e-mail address**

My thanks to our choir, our dependables. They show up every Thursday and Sunday willing and able with the exception of occasional sniffles and a froggy voice throughout our long gray winter. They learn new music for each and every Sunday plus an introit and an *Amen* with nary a whine nor whimper. My thanks also for guest singers at Christmas and Easter and singers who come when they can. A word to them all, don't rest your voices over the summer. Your vocal chords need exercise too.

Susan

....we are always looking for people who like to sing. Also, if you play an instrument such as violin, flute and cello and would like to accompany the choir on occasional anthems, let Susan know.

## Our Church living up to our Mission Statement

### Camp Putnam Scholarships

That the TPCC donates \$500 in the name of the Tom Small Scholarship Fund to Camp Putnam each summer to help local residence in need of assistance attend summer camp.

### Mustard Seed

That a small group of dedicated TPCC members continue to prepare and deliver meals to Worcester monthly to feed 150 people through the Mustard Seed. They do this on the third Monday of each month at the New Braintree Town Hall. To learn more or to volunteer, speak to Jeanne Hanson, Jim Lagomarsino or Kevin Hope.

## Stewardship Committee Forming

The Tri-Parish Committee is looking for people interested in serving on a Stewardship Committee for the Fall. Please let it be known if you are interested or consider saying "yes" if asked.

## Thank You

I'd like to express my appreciation of the Tri-Parish Community Church, the Tri-Parish Committee and especially Pastor Deb and Meg Haight for accommodating my leave this winter to spend time with my new grandson and daughter in Maui. I know my absence put extra work on Pastor Deb and appreciate Meg Haight stepping forward to donate her time to fulfill some of the office duties. I'm happy to be back and am at your service. My hours are generally Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 - 12:30 with some adjustments to accommodate what needs doing, such as meetings or mailings. Thanks again for your flexibility and welcoming me back.

Heidi Jeldres, Admin. Asst.

Do you have any barbed wire on your property? When I first moved to Hardwick I found the remains of an old barbed wire fence that the Romanoffski brothers had put up years ago. A couple of trees had incorporated the barbed wire into themselves as the tree grew outwards and encompassed the barbed wire. It reminded me of when I was in the National Park Service in the 1950's. On one of my first trips into the back country, I was the third member of the crew sent out. I was surprised when I was told to sit in the outside of the front seat while another man sat in the middle straddling the stick shift. I found out why when we came to the first barbed wire fence. My job was to hop out, open the gate, wait for the truck to drive through, refasten the gate, and then get back in the cab. After a number of such trips to let the truck through I understood why I had the honor of the outside seat!

IN my time I've lifted strands of barbed wire up as I crawled underneath and sometimes I climbed the strands and went over the top quite often leaving pieces of cloth back with the wire! It is very effective in keeping many animals inside a selected area and was the cause of range wars between farmers and ranchers back in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. 1867 was the year that the first barbed wire patent was granted. Since the method of putting barbs on a wire are only limited by the creator's imagination, a great many patents of barbed wire were granted over the years.

Washburn & Moen of Worcester were wire manufacturers who benefitted from the invention of barbed wire. Today there have been created over fifteen hundred varieties of barbed wire and it has spread from farmland to a variety of prisons with razor wire being a popular modern variation. It is used in military training when recruits crawl on their bellies with barbed wire overhead along with live ammunition as troops are trained for fighting.

Prisoners of war are only too familiar with barbed wire as it has been widely used from Germany to the United States as well as much of the rest of the worlds. The death camps in Germany are well known, at least by those of us who lived through those times, and I'm sure many Japanese Americans will never forget the barbed wire that hemmed them in camps in California when many such Americans were imprisoned because of fear during the early years of the Second World War. Currently many in this country seem inclined to think something similar should be done with anyone who has had the slightest contact with the Ebola virus which is transmitted only by bodily fluids.

Barbed wire has become symbolic of imprisonment and is used as such a device in photographs, cartoons, and movies or TV shows. The crown of thorns on Jesus' brow is now replaced by barbed wire as a symbol of repression and torture. There was a time when the collection of many varieties of barbed wire was widespread among a section of the population but that has died down. There are still collections to be found at the Kansas Barbed Sire Museum in Lacross, Wisconsin and the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean, Texas. There is even a collection in Australia at the Koppio Smithy Museum near Part Lincoln.

A newsletter entitled *The Barbed Wire Collector* was published in 1983 and other newsletters with titles such as *Ye Olde Fence Post* and *Wire Barb and Nail* have existed for brief periods of time. It is not a hobby I would care to follow but there are collectors that constantly try to add to their collections seeking all fifteen hundred plus varieties. My barbed wire remains grown into trees and will stay there until the tree finally dies and the trunk rots away and finally releases the wire. I doubt that it will ever be collected for posterity!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ALL ASPECTS OF THE PLANT & BAKE & TAG & CRAFT SALE** Before during and after 6/2 - 6/3. Contact the following: Plant Sale: Ginny Rich 508-847-4768 or Ashley Stolgitis 978-257-0198, Bake Sale Jeanne Hanson 413-477-6462 or Alice May Lowell 413-477-0947, TPCC Tag Sale Booth: Susan Kallander (209) 499 - 6198, Tag & Craft Sale Vendors Marguerite Crevier 413-477-6942

**13th Annual Plant and Bake Sale  
with Tag & Craft Vendors**

Beautiful flowering plants, healthy vegetable plants, yummy homemade goodies, lovely home crafted goods and tag sale treasures will be featured for sale by the Tri Parish Community Church on the Hardwick Common on Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3.

This is the major fundraiser for the Tri Parish Community Church and will help to fund many of their mission projects.

Plants will include perennials from Inishowen Farm and. Chicken Feather Farm along with the ever popular "home grown lovelies", and vegetable plants from Stillman's Farm. Homemade cookies, cakes, breads etc. or a cup of hot coffee will also be available. This year for the first time a Tag Sale and Craft Sale will be held on the Hardwick Common along with the 13th Annual Plant Sale and Food Sale.

We hope to see you there.



**Looking for Soloists and Instrumentalist to sign-up to share their musical talents during Worship this Summer.**

Please sign-up on clipboard on lecturn or let Pastor Deb know after Worship or by email: [debasheps@aol.com](mailto:debasheps@aol.com).

Tri-Parish Community Church 13th ANNUAL

**PLANT & BAKE SALE** Home-baked Goodies

Hardwick Common – Hardwick Center – Route 32-A  
Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

New for 2018 **CRAFT FAIR and Tag SALE**

To Reserve a Space contact Marguerite [mcrevier1.mc@gmail.com](mailto:mcrevier1.mc@gmail.com) or 413-477-6942  
10 X 10 Spaces \$25.00

Something for Everyone!



**The Hardwick Farmers Market starts Sunday June 3rd** this year through October 28th. The market will be held on Hardwick Common on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, and at the Gilbertville Stone church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We are excited to be using both locations this year!

**Geneviève Stillman**

Stillman's Farm 1205 Barre Rd New Braintree, MA 01531

508-867-7193

**New Braintree Congregational Church Strawberry Supper**

5:30pm on June 9th at the New Braintree Town Hall. Tickets can be bought by calling 1-413-477-8772 or 1-508-867-2387. Only 200 tickets are available and take-outs can be ordered in advance. If you are able to help, or know someone we can call to ask to help with serving and/or clean-up, please call Suellen at 413-477-6653 or Barbara at 413-237-8913.



**Children's Sunday: June 10th, 2018 10am**

**Father's Day: June 17th,**  
small gift will be given to  
all men in Worship.



**Mark Your Calendars**—9:30AM Summer Worship begins, June 24th!

**Trinitarian Congregational Church History Sunday 8/19/18**