

February 2019						March ►
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Food Pantry Hardwick Town Hall 9:30 – 11:30 am	2
3 Communion Worship 10 am NB Choir 8:30am NB Sunday School during worship Annual Meeting after worship NB	4	5 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm – 9 pm, HU	6 Bible Study 4:30 NB	7	8	9
10 Lay-Led Worship 10 am NB (Pastor Off) Choir 8:30am NB Sunday School during worship	11	12 Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm – 9 pm, HU	13 Bible Study 4:30 NB	14	15 Food Pantry Hardwick Town Hall 9:30-11:30 am	16
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Sunday Worship 10 AM
New Braintree Congregational Church

ANNUAL MEETING – February 3, 2019

We Care Teams Sharing in Ministry

February 3
Team 2

February 10
Team 3

February 17
Team 1

February
Team 2

January Birthdays

1/17 Beth Elliott
1/27 Lindsey Howland
1/31 Anaika Condit



February Birthdays

2/3 Maggie Frost
2/10 Shawna Andrews
2/15 Nancy Lee
2/17 Abby White
2/27 Ruth Goddard
2/28 Faith Stillman

We would love to share your news!

*E-mail Submissions triparishcc@gmail.com Please put "For Herald" in subject line. Or call the church Office **508-867-3306**

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

Bible Study Update

In early Fall, 2018 our Bible Study Group focused on Apostle Paul's two letters to the fledgling church of the Thessalonians. We utilized Beth Moore's "Children of the Day" work book and accompanying videos. Paul's words of encouragement to the Thessalonians to stay firm in

their beliefs, to live to please God, to continue to spread the teachings of Jesus Christ, and prepare for his second coming are also meant for us.

On November 7th we participated in the Women's Night of Prayer and Reflection with Maura Sweeney hosted by the St. Augustine Mission in Wheelwright. Mrs. Sweeney is the Faith Formation Director at Annunciation Parish in Gardner. Her presentation focused on the concept that we are all called to Holiness and should live our lives accordingly in thoughts and deeds. It was a special night of fellowship.

In early December we spent an evening at Old Sturbridge Village's Christmas by Candlelight, viewing the miniature Nativity display, listening to several pieces performed by the Northampton Woodwind Quintet, and enjoying a quiet dinner at the Bullard Tavern. It was a perfect night, with a little snow on the ground and good company!

We have just completed our study of effective prayer, learning why some prayers work and others do not. We used John Eldredge's book "Moving Mountains, Praying with Passion, Confidence, and Authority".

Bible Study will commence again at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, January 16th, 2019 at the New Braintree Congregational Church with a study of the parables. We welcome all to join us. Please contact Shawna Andrews if you are interested.

Volunteers Needed

- The TPCC is in need of new Deacons to fill openings. Deacons assure that all is in place for worship. They create a spiritual setting and provide outreach when needed, prepare coffee hour, and provide assistance during worship services. Is this an area in which you feel called to serve? Talk to Pastor Deb or a Deacon for help in discerning if this is your calling.
- Would you be interested in leading Laity-Led Worship? If the proposed plan to reduce the Pastor's hours go into effect after the Annual Meeting, it will be necessary for lay members to lead worship on those Sundays she will have off.
- Would you be willing to serve as a reader, greeter or musician during worship some Sunday?

TPCC Annual Meeting – February 3rd, 2019 after Worship (snow date of 2/10/19) at New Braintree Congregational Church. This is a critically important meeting regarding the

future of the church and it's staff. Plan to attend and make your voice heard.

Annual Reports are due to the office by 1/15/19.

Help with assembling the booklets would be greatly appreciated on January 31st, 10 am at the New Braintree Church office.

Address Changes or Corrections

Please get any address, phone number or email address changes to the office as soon as possible so they are updated in the new directory.

Music Notes ~ For the winter, we will discontinue Thursday choir rehearsals. We will, instead meet at New Braintree Church on Sundays at 8:30 AM in the fellowship hall.

Susan

Annual Plant/Bake Sale seeking new Chair Person

The TPC is seeking someone to head up the Annual Plant/Bake Sale scheduled for June 1st – 2nd on the Hardwick Common. This is a major fundraiser for the TPCC and an anticipated community event. Please consider volunteering for this important role or in other ways to help make it a success. Ginny Rich can tell you more about what is involved. Marguerite Crevier will again oversee the Tag Sale portion of the event for which vendor space can be rented.