

April 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday No Service	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Easter Sunrise Service at EQLT 6 am Worship 10 am New Braintree	13	14	15 TPC Meeting 7pm NB	16	17	18 Fellowship Lunch noon, NB
19 Worship 10 am NB Guest Speaker Ronnie Newton	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 10 am NB Lay Speaker Genevieve Stillman	27	28	29	30	Services will move to the Stone Church as of 5/3/20 through August.	

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*Save the Date: May 30th and May 31st, 2020
 The Tri-Parish Annual Plant, Bake, Tag and Craft Sale*

April 2020
 Sunday Worship 10 AM
 New Braintree Congregational Church
 (services on hold until restrictions are lifted due to Covid 19 pandemic)
**Sunday Services will move to the Trinitarian Congregational Church
 (the Stone Church) in Gilbertville May through August.**

**(ALL PLANS ARE TENTATIVE DUE TO THE EVOLVING SITUATION WITH THE CORONA VIRUS. PLEASE
 CALL THE OFFICE AT 508-867-3306 OR ACCESS THE WEBSITE AT
 TRIPARISHCOMMUNITYCHURCH.COM FOR UPDATED INFORMATION)**

As we all know, schools and other public facilities and functions are being closed and cancelled to halt the spread of the Covid-19 Virus. Decisions will be made based on Public Health guidelines as they are made known regarding when services and other activities can resume. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 508-867-3306 OR ACCESS THE WEBSITE AT TRIPARISHCOMMUNITYCHURCH.COM FOR UPDATED INFORMATION)

Easter Plans – (tentative)

Sunrise Service is planned to be at 6 am at the East Quabbin Land Trust on Ridge Rd, Hardwick.

Easter Worship will be at 10 am on 4/12 in New Braintree.

(Linda Maznick has ordered the Easter plants and if we are not able to have service, we will arrange to have a pick up time or delivery to people who ordered them)

The Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt is cancelled, as is Palm Sunday Worship.
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Upcoming Service Line Up

4/12/20 Easter – Ellis Pelham

4/19/20 – Ronnie Newton

4/26/20 – Genevieve Stillman

5/3/20 – Ellis Pelham

5/10, 5/17, 5/24 - Kathleen Fitzgibbons and Ken Winters will be asked

5/31/20 – Barry Pierce

<u>We Care Teams Sharing in Ministry</u>			
4/5/20	4/12/20	4/19/20	4/26/20
Team 2	Team 3	Team 1	Team 2

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/1 Jack Wilson
4/2 Kim Wright
4/5 Cole Wil son
4/7 Gloria Judd
4/14 Owen Wright
4/17 Kelly Harder
4/23 Linda Maznick
4/25 Judith Kohn
4/28 Evelyn Saunders
4/28 Robert Glidden
4/28 Katie Roberts



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**

Submissions should be sharing of news, information or inspiration for the TPCC and community and should not be political or controversial in content or presentation.

Inquiries/needs should be directed to the church office or you may call Deacons, Ginny Rich at 978-355-4485, Marjie Wissiup at 508-410-7424 or Marguerite Crevier at 413-477-6942.

For Food or other local assistance, please call Liz Reilly at 413-477-6635 or text Liz at 508-867-6811

Prayer Chain requests should be directed to Nancy Lee at 508-244-0514

For news and updates pls see blog page. triparishcommunitychurch.com



**Annual Plant, Bake, Tag, and Craft Sale: May 30th & 31st
Hardwick Town Common, 10 AM – 3 PM**

We are ever hopeful that the COVID-19 crisis passes and that the Tri-Parish Community Church Annual Plant Sale will move forward as planned. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, during the sale, and breakdown both days. Please contact Jennifer Pollard, 845-242-0529 for the Plant Sale.

If you are willing to bake goodies or assist with the Bake Sale please contact Alice May Lowell at 413-477-0947.

We are still seeking vendors for our Tag and Craft sale. Spaces are be offered for \$30.00 each. Applications may be obtained by contacting Marguerite Crevier at 413-477-6942.

BIBLE STUDY WITH SHAWNA ANDREWS IS ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

HARDWICK MEMORIAL HANDBELL CHOIR WILL GO ON HIATUS UNTIL THE FALL AND WILL NOT PLAY ON PALM SUNDAY AS PLANNED DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS

Pledges and Offerings -

Continuing to support the church with your pledges and offerings is still vital whether or not we are able to congregate for services. They can be mailed to the church at P.O. Box 202, New Braintree, MA 01531 where the Treasurer will collect them or donations can be made through the website: triparishcommunitychurch.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Envisioning the Future of the TPCC

The Tri Parish Visioning Committee was formed at the Annual Meeting held on February 9, 2020 for the purpose of identifying the direction toward which the Tri Parish should focus its energies.

The Tri Parish Committee has been doing a great job to date obtaining Sunday speakers and coordinating monthly community suppers/luncheons, planning annual events such as the Plant/Tag/Bake Sale, Fair Supper, keeping in touch via the Herald, etc., but it is a lot of work and people will likely burn out if it does not work more efficiently.

Because of social distancing we have yet to meet as a Committee, but we need to start communicating via email or telephone. Please consider these topics and respond with what you feel needs to be addressed.

For your information this is a list of church leaders as of March, 2020:

DEACONS: Marguerite Crevier, Ginny Rich, Margie Wissiup- Deacons oversee the TPC spiritual matters and order of worship.

CHAIR OF LAY COMMITTEE: Marguerite Crevier, also in charge of scheduling Sunday speakers.

CHAIR OF THE TRI PARISH COMMITTEE: Forrest Morin. In charge of the overall issues of the Tri Parish.

MUSIC COORDINATOR: Susan Kallander

TRI PARISH SECRETARY: Heidi Jeldres with assistance from Jennifer Pollard

PLANT SALE CHAIRS: Plant Sale: Jennifer Pollard, Food Sale: Alice May Lowell and Tag Sale: Marguerite Crevier

CHAIR OF FAIR SUPPER: Judy Kohn with assistance from Mary Alice Pollard and Alice May Lowell

DEACONS FUND ASSISTANCE: Liz Reilly

THE VISIONING COMMITTEE: Ginny Rich, Beth Cafarella, Judy Kohn, Barbara Clough, Marguerite Crevier, Susan Kallander and Genevieve Stillman. Their role is to help the Tri Parish Church to run smoothly and grow into a viable church.

Meetings will have an agenda, leader and clerk. Input from everyone is invited and will be discussed at their meetings.

IDEAS TO DATE FOR CONSIDERATION:

- Focus on children (Christina Morin, Faith Stillman and Julie Rousseau)
- Focus on Music (Susan Kallander, Faith Stillman)
- Suggestion to have a "Community Sunday maybe once a month with a lay speaker from the community" speaking on community topics.
- Suggested at the Tri Parish Committee Meeting in March - Have informal services in the summer months

These are just a few suggestions to date. I am sure you have thoughts as to what the Tri Parish needs to do to grow beyond the dozen or so who occupy the pews each week.

Submitted by Ginny Rich

Notes from Susan -

At our Tri-Parish Committee meeting 3/18/20 we addressed the present concern about the Covid 19 Virus and its effect on our church life. We decided to go forward, hoping that the CDC rules about the size of gatherings will be relaxed, and we can hold Easter Services. So order your flowers from Linda Maznick. You will get them whether or not we have Easter. It will be much needed cheer to see the church bursting with lilies, hyacinths, hydrangeas, and tulips.

With hope in our hearts, we proceed to fill the April and May Sundays with Lay lead services. Beginning in May we will meet in the Stone Church in Gilbertville. The sign out front says Trinitarian Church. It's on Rte 32.

In June we are planning a change from potatoes. Instead of the same ole same ole, we **can** go summer casual. First, we will begin with coffee, muffins and conversation. It will give us a chance to greet and chat with new folks who drop in to see what we are all about.

Then we will have a song, joys and concerns, a prayer time and a Bible reading. If the leader wishes to add to that, or have a discussion, that's fine. This eliminates having a lay person have to come up with a "talk". It would be helpful if our

congregation would step forward and offer to take a Sunday. Call the office and leave a message and we will call you back or speak to Marguerite or Susan. See contact info page,

The other idea we tossed around was to simply put out a bowl at the coffee table and people can drop in a quarter or a buck or whatever, to defray the cost of coffee, drinks and snacks. This money does not go into the treasury but into the coffee service coffers to be used for the next week. I personally see no reason why the deacons should have to provide refreshments out of their pocket.

FYI. In the early morning, well, all day, there are wonderfully inspiring and thoughtful talks by really good Bible experts and preachers on AM 101.5. It is a local station out of Leicester and Springfield. Names like Pastor Alistair Begg, Dr. John MacArthur, Dr. Robert Jeffress, Dr. David Jeremiah. Take up exercising, enjoy your children. Make tents in the living room with card tables and blankets and have a picnic in there. Offer to run errands for a house bound neighbor. Make this time count. And say your prayers.

Don't forget to look up triparishcommunitychurch.com which I update often.

Susan

How are you coping with our current situation as we practice social distancing to protect ourselves and others during this Covid -19 crisis? Hopefully well, physically and in spirit. Staying in touch by phone, with cards and emails can help us to feel less isolated. You are encouraged to reach out to someone each day for your own well-being as well as theirs. Prayer concerns can still be put out on the prayer chain, spiritual needs can still be responded to by Deacons and assistance can still be accessed from the Deacon's Fund through Liz Reilly. Stay well and this too will pass.

Heidi

