



# The Trinity Bell



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Rector's Reflections

## Back from Peru

Well, we have arrived safely back from a month in Peru, and there is much to be said about our wonderful trip--certainly more than I can capture here. But I will try a recap:

The Inka Trail that leads to Machu Picchu was, at least in part, a kind of spiritual pilgrimage for the Incan people. Even though my religion and theology differ hugely from theirs, this trip was a kind of pilgrimage for me as well.



Travelling as a stranger (with only a rudimentary grasp of the language) puts you in a vulnerable state, a kind of dependence on the kindness of strangers around you. Although the circumstances were quite different, it made me think of the vulnerability that Jesus and his disciples took on in their wandering ministry. They didn't buy a building, settle in, and invite others. They went out and were at the mercy of others. The family and I had a little taste of that as we backpacked around, took buses, stayed in hostels, negotiated cab fares. It's a humbling reminder of the role that Jesus models for us.

Then there was the stunning beauty of God's creation, especially in the Andes mountains, which tower up from deep river valleys to snow-capped knife-points in the sky. The clouds at these upper altitudes seem almost alive, roiling and separating, spreading, curling back on themselves in the drafts rising off the mountains. At night on the Inca Trail, the moon was growing toward half-full, but you could still see many stars, flecking the night sky in orientations that I couldn't recognize due to being in the southern hemisphere. There is a silence and a vastness that brings on gratitude.

The Incas had no writing to speak of. But they wrote meaning into the very land and cityscapes of their lives. They were, in a sense, visual installation artists. There is a spirituality in all this that has some things in common with the Celtic Christianity that reads holiness into the wild landscape of Ireland and parts surrounding, though in a very different way.

Most of all, the family and I were blessed with the presence of each other. All the annoyances of family life were there--but so were the precious laughter, the jokes, the unique contributions of each family member as we were thrown together with only limited access to wifi. As we prepare to send Adrian into his college life and the beginning, really, of his adulthood, these family memories really hold the most holy moments of the trip.



## Children's Ministries

August News

By Martha Hanoian

August is a busy month for our children and our garden. All our vegetable plants should be producing and we will have our Sunday "Farmer's Markets" after the 10am service throughout the month and into September. The children work hard each Sunday to weed and harvest their tomatoes, peppers, squash, cucumbers, and more. To make it simple for them and you, our patrons, we don't set a price on our produce. All you have to do is get a bag from one of the kids tending the veggie table, fill the bag with what you want, and place a donation in the basket on the table. Remember, all proceeds go to Heifer Project International. What you give is only the tip of a pyramid of giving.

### Growing Seeds, Animals and Relationships

*By Jill Bayles*

The livestock and training you provide through Heifer do so much more than put food on a family's table. Take the case of young Henri Dominique Carroll of Tallulah, La.

Henri Dominique suffered from a speech impediment for years. But when he began caring for his Heifer calf and talking to it, things began to change.

"Today I can understand everything he says," Henri Dominique's father, Henry said. "This [training] project and his Heifer International animal have helped Henri's speech and brought out the best he can be."

And Heifer's projects around the United States and the world impact children in other ways as well. At-risk students from the Sidney Lanier Anchor School in Gainesville, Florida, are tending their own gardens and learning how to organically grow lettuce, strawberries and fresh vegetables. They share their harvest with friends, families and local farmers; and they've developed a micro-enterprise to sell produce, jams, jellies and preserves at local farmers' markets.

"I think more about vegetables now and about all the hard work, sweat and hours and hours of labor it takes to put food on our plates," said 14-year-old Elizabeth Wilson; while 15-year-old Cedric Barton

added that "It makes me proud that someone is taking my food home to save their children."

Young or old, people are reconnecting to the land through Heifer's North American projects - and the result is high quality food, well-tended animals, healthy soils and stronger bonds between neighbors.

Through Heifer's North America Program:

- Low-wealth farmers are finding new agricultural opportunities and are given the resources to try them out.
- Young people with a passion for farming participate in extensive learning and receive living loans to lead them toward their goals.
- Inner-city youth discover micro-enterprise through food-producing projects.
- Farmers' markets are established and local farmers are reconnected with local consumers.
- Indigenous cultures are reawakened to their agricultural heritage.
- Food-insecure neighborhoods in decaying downtown areas blossom with community gardens. New immigrants who are seeking to start farms in a new land find the guidance and support they need.

Perhaps Arthur Neal, a member of the Delta Livestock Enterprise in Tallulah, put it best:

"Heifer International has greatly helped me and, when the time came - through Passing on the Gift — I have helped others. From Heifer's training and the sale of our additional calves, I've been able to put food on my table, send my children to college and learn how to manage my finances better."

And the bottom line? "Heifer really understands small local farmers," he said.

We continue to learn more about Heifer Project successes in our HPI lessons with the kids each week.

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You can help America's farmers and at-risk youth right now — just visit our catalog to make a donation.

*Jill Bayles is the Internet Content Coordinator at Heifer International.*

### Day Camp

*Thank you to everyone who helped to make Day Camp possible and a great week for the kids. Especially, lunch and dinner volunteers!*





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## **Blood Drive** **Trinity Episcopal Church** Fellowship Hall

**Thursday, August 20, 2015**  
**1:00 PM to 6:45 PM**

To make an appointment please visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) sponsor code: bellevilleloop or call Sharon at 517.285.7998



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## **An Explanation of Church Grants**

Our bank account currently holds a surplus of funds built up in the last couple of years. There are several reasons for this. Probably the most significant is that Father Eric stepped down to supply status about six months before Pastor Ian started here. This saved the church quite a bit of money in rector's salary.

In deciding how best to put this unanticipated, one-time savings to use, the Vestry has decided to make some needed building improvements. The "grants" for which church groups recently applied--to freshen up paint and furniture in the teen rooms, for example, or to do some landscaping enhancement--will come from this surplus. (Grants will be announced in September.) Vestry is also discussing improvements to common areas: upgrading handicap access to the sanctuary and purchasing a better keyboard, replacing our aging tables in the parish hall and enclosing the spot where the chairs are stored, etc. Our vision is to make common spaces more welcoming and user-friendly in ways that will support our mission and improve the first impression we make on visitors.

Of course, the Vestry welcomes any questions you'd like to ask or help you'd like to offer in this process!



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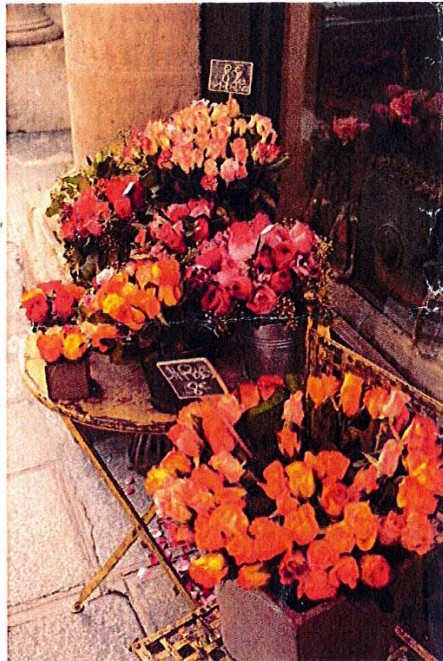


## COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Saturday, September 19, 2015

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Women 18 and up are invited to attend a community baby shower for First Step, an organization that helps communities become violence-free. There will a speaker who will talk about First Step and their role in the community.**



*When you give to others, your life is a bouquet of roses*

### **Items needed are:**

**Baby bottles 8oz or larger, baby wipes, diapers, baby lotion, shampoo, powder.**

**Also needed are baby bath tubs, crib sheets, blankets, wash cloths,**

**Infant socks, pull-ups size 4-6; new baby clothes from newborn up to 3 years old.**

**The need is great and with your help, that need can be filled.**

**All items must be new and unwrapped.**

### **Trinity Episcopal Church**

Church Hall

11575 Belleville Road, South of I-94 across from Burger King

Belleville, Michigan 48111

For more information call Marian Caldwell 734-796-3671

This event is sponsored by Marian Caldwell



# August Birthdays

1st	Elizabeth Hanoian	20th	Mildred Bennett
2nd	Grace Wangbickler		Hollee Anne Wilson
6th	Tanner Locke		Macee Jeane Wilson
7th	Marlene Dapsi		Martha Hanoian
	Laura Boike	21st	Jim Miller
	Gary Marshall	23rd	Cynthia Hernandez
11th	David Halsey		Kyliee Anderson
12th	Douglas Morse		Travis Anderson
15th	Linda Nadeau	27th	Nancy Sears
17th	Ariana Altizer		Deacon Richard Boulter
		28th	Fay J. Taylor



May your marriage be blessed with love, joy and companionship!

A very *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to you!

10th	Dick & Mary Jo Marsh
	T.C. & Debra Williams
21st	Jerry & Sue Carpenter
22nd	Gil & Brenda Thom
24th	Gary & Pat Marshall



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August 2015	Sunday August 2	Sunday August 9	Sunday August 16	Sunday August 23	Sunday August 30
8 am EM	Randy Hotten	Cleda Smartt	Jim Pederson	Susan Armstrong	Cynthia Coleman
10:00 am Acolytes	Svan Melms Bradley Ezuika Kenedee Morse	Jacob Hanoian Ethan Locke Tanner Locke	Joel Hill Jillian Hill Kendyl Altizer	Colin Fulton Ethan Fulton Bradley Ezuika	Maranda Twiss Katherine Russell Ellie Russell
10:00 am EM 1	Cleda Smartt	Jamie Owen	Cynthia Coleman	Jeff Hill	Erica Fulton
10:00 am EM 2	Brenda Thom	Jeff Hill	Erica Fulton	Dennis Bramigk	Eddy Fulton
10:00 am EM Bread	Deacon Richard	Dennis Bramigk	Deacon Richard	Deacon Richard	Deacon Richard
Welcomer	Sue Carpenter	Sean Hanoian	Andy Melms	Dave Anderson	Deb Green
Welcomer	Sara Ezuika	Dave Anderson	Janet Green	Judy Anderson	Nancy Copeland
Giftbearer	Nancy Copeland	Eric Travis	Fay Taylor	Sean Hanoian	Harry van Gelder
Giftbearer	Andy Melms	Charlotte Drake	Grace Wangbickler	Mary Hill	Cheri van Gelder
Lector	Kate McCutchen	Sharon Peters	Sign up in Parish Hall	Sign up in Parish Hall	Sign up in Parish Hall
Altar Guild	Kathie Schwark (On Call)	Kathie Schwark (On Call)	Kathie Schwark (On Call)	Kathie Schwark (On Call)	Kathie Schwark (On Call)
Altar Guild	Val Altizer	Val Altizer	Val Altizer	Val Altizer	Val Altizer
Altar Guild	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau
Altar Guild	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham
Counter	Jeff Hill	Kraig Wilson	Sean Hanoian	Dave Anderson	Bonnie Martin
Counter	Kate McCutchen	Eric Travis	Julie Travis	Dennis Bramigk	Debra Williams
Coffee Hour Host		Weplers	Ezuikas	Volunteer Needed Sign up in Parish Hall	Cynthia Hernandez
Bread Makers	August Martha Hanoian	September Cheri van Gelder	October Volunteer Needed	November Erica Fulton	December Volunteer Needed



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>
						8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
*Regular Sunday Services 2:00 p.m. Cedar Woods Ministry	7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg.			8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
*Regular Sunday Services 12:00 noon Vestry Meeting	7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. Communications Team Mtg.	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	6:30 p.m. Mentor Support Mtg.		8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
*Regular Sunday Services 11:45 a.m. Worship Team Mtg.	7:00 p.m. A.A. 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	1 - 6:45 p.m. 		8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<p>*Regular Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Children's Worship Nursery Care Provided</p> <p>Saving Faith, another church that uses our space, regularly meets on <b>Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</b> and <b>Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</b></p> <p>Boot Camp, the exercise program, regularly meets on <b>Mon, Wed, and Fri. at 5:45 a.m.</b></p>				
	7:00 p.m. A.A.					

# THE BELL

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**August 2015**

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