

The Trinity Bell

Rector's Reflections



State of the Parish

What follows is an adapted from part of the report I gave on the Sunday of annual meeting:

I recently came across an article by a church development expert named Susan Beaumont which seems to speak to our situation at Trinity. Beaumont writes about that time in a congregation's life when it is in transition: something has come to an end, something new has not yet been born. In some ways, I think we are in such a transitional time. Beaumont says that leading a congregation in such a time "requires a fundamentally different way of being, with less emphasis on busyness and more emphasis on attending, framing, and helping people become creative."

She offers two pieces of advice in particular for a such a time. The first is to "Move from Striving to Presencing." Striving is responding to anxiety by working harder and harder "artificially pushing to produce a more certain future through sheer will power and brute effort...to reassure ourselves that we are actually moving somewhere." By contrast, "Presencing is grounding yourself and the congregation in the abundance and the fullness of time. Presencing embraces the collective wisdom of the congregation."

We might also think of Presencing as remembering that it is our *relationships* with one another (and with God *through* one another) that matter much more than anything we are trying to *do*.

Her second piece of advice is to Conduct Experiments. By this, she means not to latch on to any one solution to a long-standing problem. "Instead, create small experiments and encourage innovation. Set up learning opportunities. Identify targeted outcomes. Harvest learning along the way. Admit when something isn't working and begin again. Eventually your experiments will lead to greater clarity and to the next generation of innovation, which is waiting just over the horizon."

Another church development expert puts it this way: Make excellent mistakes. This, too, is sage advice for us as we move forward into a new era. We need to experiment and try things, then assess if they worked or not, and move forward. It's not about blame. It's about learning as we go, being in prayer, and feeling our way into the future.

Not a bad set of themes for us to focus on this year: Building Relationships by *doing* less and *being together* more; and Conducting Experiments by making excellent mistakes.

Peace,

Ian

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Children's Ministries

February 2016

It's time to think about summer. Yes, we have snow on the ground (sometimes kinda) and its cold outside, but, its time to get those summer plans started.

Day Camp will be June 27—July 1 this year. Day camp is available for kids ages 5—12. Registrations forms will be available/mailed out in early February and the cost for the week is again \$50. The hours are 9am—3pm and we are looking into providing some aftercare from 3pm—6pm, but I can not promise that yet. When registrations forms are mailed/given out, there is an extra set of forms in the packet for you to invite friends. We can and would love to have 50 kids. I Registrations forms will also be available on the Trinity website and via e-mail.

February gets us back into a pretty normal routine for Children's worship with classes every Sunday until Easter. Please try and take a minute after the kids come up to take a look at their take home sheets. On the back page are ideas for discussion and activities around the lesson that was taught that



week. The children's bulletin that they also have with them also centers around the story/reading that was done that week.

Teacher volunteers, please check the schedules in the rooms that you would like to work in and pick some weeks you would like to learn with the kids.

Important Dates



Family Fun Night	2/5
Pancake Brunch	2/7
Wild Game Din-	3/5
Daylight Savings	3/13
Easter	3/27
Movie Day	4/3
Day Camp	6/27

Heifer Project

With the help of a generous donation from the outreach committee, the following was donated...

1 Sheep, 1 Biogas Stove, 1 Irrigation Pump, 1 Basket of Hope (chickens and rabbits), 1 flock of

Youth Ministries

Rite-13

Rite –13, is our class for 8th and 9th graders this year. This group is similar to J2A in the lessons and discussions, but usually starts each session with a fun game or two to get them started.

Rite 13 Update

We just celebrated Youth Sabbath with an uplifting, fun service on January 10. Where we also had 5 of our youth honored in the Rite 13 Manhood and Womanhood ceremony. A fine group of young people (all the youth) that we can be so proud of. I've had the privilege of seeing most of them grow from very young children, even babies and feel so blessed to know them and be a part of this village in which they're being at least, partially formed. We'll be headed to SpringHill in March, hopefully sharing a Lock-In with our friends at St John's RO, maybe making another trip to the Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen to serve and possibly a visit to the Howell Nature Center's Heifer Village.

As always, we thank you for your support and continued prayers.

In Christ



For more information on volunteering for Coffee Hour, see Virg Stoltz.

Consider volunteering to host a coffee hour. The requirements are quite simple; provide coffee/tea, and a light finger snack. Nothing extravagant.

Journey to Adulthood (J2A)

What's Happenin'
in J2A

Happy New
Year from the J2A
Youth Group!!!

Our J2A youth started off the New Year by joining with other youth and some adults, in the church for Youth Sabbath on Jan. 10th for the 10:30 AM service. This service is put on almost completely by the youth in our church (and much support and planning by many) and our church youth band that is INCREDIBLE!!!

Our youth took class time to participate in the Strawberry Festival evaluation discussion the Sunday of Jan. 17th, since it was held in place of the Adult Forum which meets the same time as our class. Our youth work hard during

Strawberry festival, and I'm sure they were interested in the discussion. The National Strawberry Festival is held each year in Belleville, and Trinity participates in it, by hosting crafters, selling homemade baked goods, and a restaurant, that sells many favorites. 50% of the net profits we give back to communities, through our Out Reach Ministry, and 50% we use in-house for special projects.

The following Sunday, Jan. 24th was our Annual Meeting, and we had only one church service that day at 9:30AM, so no class.

Class resumes Jan. 31st. Parents and youth should have applied

for passports already if they don't already have one. If your youth does have a passport, make sure that it will not expire within 6 months of our travel dates. We will begin looking at the demographics of the Dominican Republic as we prepare for our Pilgrimage, this summer with Eric Travis and Camp Compassion, a summer program of the Dioceses. June 27th - July 4th. Our J2A youth group in 2013 went with Camp Compassion then to the Dominican Republic, and our experience working there with other youth and adults was a wonderful heart felt one for sure! Many thanks to our wonderful Diocesan YAYA person Eric Travis, because of his tireless efforts throughout our diocese, our

youth's get to have so many more experiences with other churches in the diocese, and create friendships, and memories. This leader thanks you Eric, so very much, for bringing back, creating, and delivering so many programs for our youth in the Diocese of Michigan.

Events:

New Beginnings
Weekend

Mar. 11th - 13th

Activities Coming Up

The Holocaust
Museum - TBD.

(We will pick a date in
class,

bring calendars!)

Until Next Time!

Cyndi & Peter

Your J2A Leaders

Pancake

Supporting Trinity Episcopal Church— Youth Pilgrimage

Sunday, February 7, 2016

11:30am—1:30pm



pancakes, sausage, milk or juice

Gluten Free Pancakes will be available.

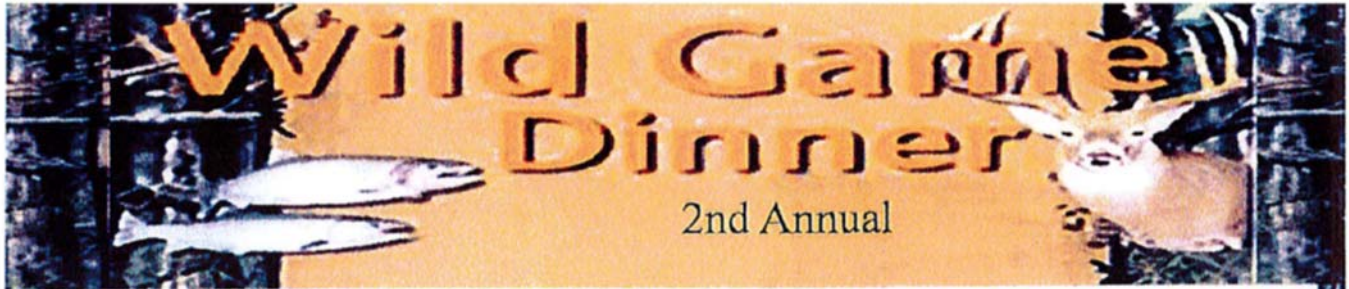
Tickets

Adults: \$7

12 & Under: \$4

3 & Under: Free

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Trinity Episcopal Church
11575 Belleville Rd Belleville, MI
Saturday, March 5th, 2016
Doors open at 5:00 with Dinner at 6:00

Tickets: \$30.00 Adult & \$15.00 age 6-12
Children 5 and under are free.
For reserved tickets please call
734 777-2845, 734 277-3152 or 734 355-4371

All proceeds to benefit Trinity's J2A (Journey to Adulthood) upcoming youth program mission trip.
All donations welcome.

Menu

Venison dishes (including Upper Peninsula style **Pasties**),
Walleye, Salmon, Small game (rabbit, squirrel), & more.
Potato, Vegetable, Salad, Desserts, Beverages
(Some gluten-free and non-game offerings available)

Guest Speaker:
Randall Herlein



Outdoor Enthusiast,
Pheasants Forever member
& Hunter Safety Instructor

Door Prizes

Local Vendor Booths

Raffles

Please join us for great food, fellowship, and fun!
Everyone Welcome!

February Birthdays

3rd	Greg Locke
4th	Mollee Morse
5th	Kurtis Wilson
7th	Melvin Peters
10th	Adam Hernandez
13th	Kathy Graham
15th	Bev Jenkins Barbie Wilson
16th	Gil Thom
18th	Jeanne Nugent
20th	Mike Zaborowski
22nd	Ian Penhorwood
25th	Bev Thom Zachary Mayrend



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

A very *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to you!

3rd	Richard & Judith Boulter
10th	Dave & Judy Anderson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	6:30 p.m. High School Mentoring	6:00 p.m. First Friday Fun Night	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
*Regular Sunday Services 2:00 p.m. Cedar Woods Ministry 4:30 p.m. Synoptic Gospel	7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. Lions Club Meeting	7:00 a.m. Ashes to Go 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Ashes to Go 7:00 p.m. Traditional Service	3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. High School Mentoring	10:00 a.m. ECW Council Meeting	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild 8:00 a.m. Boy Scouts Award Day
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Youth Sabbath *Regular Sunday Services Healing Prayer 12:00 noon Vestry Meeting 2:00 p.m. Cedar Woods Ministry 4:30 p.m. Synoptic Gospel	Office Closed Holiday 7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Practice of Preaching Class	10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Lenten Study	6:30 p.m. High School Mentoring		8:00 a.m. Altar Guild Gils Scouts Drive Thru Cookie Sale
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
*Regular Sunday Services 12:00 p.m. Trinity Women's Fellowship Meeting 4:30 p.m. Synoptic Gospel	7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Practice of Preaching Class	10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Lenten Study	3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. High School Mentoring		8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
28	29					
*Regular Sunday Services/Recovery Sunday 4:30 p.m. Synoptic Gospel Study	7:00 p.m. A.A.					

Feb 2016	Sunday February 07	Sunday February 14	Sunday February 21	Sunday February 28
8 am EM	Jim Pederson	Randy Hotten	Cleda Smartt	Susan Armstrong
10:00 am EM Bread	Deacon Richard	Dennis Bramigk	Deacon Richard	Deacon Richard
10:00 am EM 1	Cleda Smartt	Bev Jenkins	Erica Fulton	Maggie Penhorwood
10:00 am EM 2	Darryl Conliffe	Jeff Hill	Eddie Fulton	Ian Penhorwood
10:00 am Acolytes	Reilly Penhorwood Taylor Penhorwood Kenedee Morse	Joel Hill Jullian Hill Cajsa Melms	Miranda Twiss Ellie Russell Katherine Russell	Colin Fulton Ethan Fulton Kendyl Altizer
Welcomer	Deb Green	Sean Hanoian	Andy Melms	Dave Anderson
Welcomer	Nancy Copeland	Dave Anderson	Janet Green	Judy Anderson
Giftbearer	Dave Anderson	Eric Travis	Fay Taylor	Sean Hanoian
Giftbearer	Judy Anderson	Charlotte Drake	Grace Wangbickler	Mary Hill
Lector	Deb Williams	Sharon Peters	Charlotte Drake	Brenda Thom
Altar Guild	Bev Thom (On Call)	Bev Thom (On Call)	Bev Thom (On Call)	Bev Thom (On Call)
Altar Guild	Paula Brown	Paula Brown	Paula Brown	Paula Brown
Altar Guild	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham
Altar Guild	Linda Nadeua	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau
Counter	Kraig Wilson	Sean Hanoian	Dave Anderson	Bonnie Martin
Counter	Eric Travis	Julie Travis	Dennis Bramigk	Debra Williams
Coffee Hour Host	Pancake Brunch	Judy, Penny, Bonnie, Pattie	Sign up in Parish Hall	Obaseki
Bread Makers	Feb– Cheri Van Gelder	March-Amber Chadwick	April-Martha Hanoian	May– Cyndi Hernandez



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