

# THE BELL

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## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL NEWS

We are on our way to another festival, which is our annual fundraiser for earning money to help many community projects. I am inviting you to participate in this fundraising event held over Father's Day weekend, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. I like to think of the festival as being a time of great fellowship. And you will have the opportunity to meet people in the parish who you have not met before.

In this issue of the Bell is an insert with the list of activities to mark the dates on your calendar, and on the back side are the coordinators for each area. Beginning in early May, the Donation Board will be posted in the parish hall. The more items that are donated will mean more profit to donate to the community. Some of the past recipients have been the First United Methodist Church Food Closet, Boy Scouts, Helping Hand, and many more! So, start watching for those sales on pop, water, flour, sugar, etc. And, to help us track your donations, be sure to submit your receipt to myself or Barb Watson, and your Trinity Contributions Statement at the end of the year will list everything.

Sign up now to help in the bakery or food tent, help park cars, or be a cashier. Go to Trinity's website ([www.trinitybell.org](http://www.trinitybell.org)), click on the Services & Event tab, choose Strawberry Festival and click on "Volunteer Now"; or look for the Sign-Up board in the Parish Hall starting in May. And there are several opportunities to volunteer that do not require signing up, so check the list of activities and just show up.

If you are new to Trinity or have even been here a while, there are scrapbooks in the Parish Hall on the piano. Stop by and look through them when you have a spare moment or two.

One of the great items sold in our Bakery is our homemade freezer jam, but we are in need of small jars with a screw-on lid in sizes of 12 ounces or less. So, if you purchase a product that comes in a glass jar where you would be able to collect several of the same size, please bring them in, with labels removed, by the end of May. Or, if you find the jelly jars in the canning section on sale and would like to donate them that would be great also.

Show your "*I am Trinity*" spirit, and purchase a yard sign to advertise our festival. For only \$4 per sign, you can proudly show you are a Trinity member. We will keep you posted as to when the signs are available.

We can make this year a bigger and better festival with your help! If you have any questions, just ask me, your Strawboss, or Barb Watson, Assistant StrawFest Coordinator.!

As ever, Strawboss Virg

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### From the Pastor

Last month we concluded our Lenten class on the spiritual discipline of hospitality. The class provided us all a great opportunity to see the church through the eyes of a newcomer. Among other things, class members assessed our building and our worship service and other aspects of our life for ways they could become even more welcoming. (In a number of areas, we are already doing a good job of this.) The group generated ideas for building improvements and welcoming events that our vestry is now prioritizing to work on.

At one point in our book, *The Welcoming Congregation*, by Henry G. Brinton, the author points out that we live in a consumer culture in which people come to events and organizations with a mindset of "What am I going to get out of this?" However, Brinton says, "it is critical that church members begin to think of themselves as hosts." "As guests," he goes on to say, "the experience is all about us. How different it is to be a host. In this role, we are focused primarily on serving others" (pg 25).



In other words, the church is called to take a stance *against* that consumer mindset around us. The church, as has been often said, is the only social organization that exists for people who *aren't* its members.

Of course our church has welcomers who, along with vestry members, are explicitly tasked with acting as friendly, helpful hosts to visitors. However, Brinton is talking about something more fundamental: a shift in the way *all* members of a church think about our roles. We are *all* in a role of hosting and service at church. For a church to truly be the church, its members have to step outside of a consumer-based, church-is-just-for-me-and-my-friends attitude and becoming intentional about hospitality.

What might this look like? If we are good with people, we could introduce ourselves to people we don't know or recognize. (Some churches have a rule that for the first 3 minutes after the service, you have to seek out someone you haven't met to talk to.) If someone asks for directions in the church, we could take them physically where they want to go rather than just pointing the way. Generally, our focus could be on making others comfortable, inviting them to join our table at coffee hour, introducing them to others who we think they might like, etc.—just as we would in our homes.



A few weeks ago, the Sunday lectionary gave us one of my favorite passage in Jeremiah in which Jeremiah writes, "The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah . . . I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts" (31:31, 33). I think this is what Brinton is encouraging as well: that written instructions, or designated "welcomers," will not be necessary because God will write the task of true hospitality on our hearts. What a beautiful vision for God's future, and for the future of Trinity!

What can you do to let the attitude of a host be written on your heart?

Ian



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday HE-Holy Eu- charist 8-10:30 a.m. Children's Worship 10:30	<b>Every Sunday</b> J2A 9am/Choir 9:30am Saving Faith Church 12:30-4:30pm 10:30				1. Boot Camp 5:45 am	2. Altar Guild 8 am Praise Band Re- hearsal 5-8 pm
3. Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30 Alter Guild 12:15 -1:15 pm Cedar Woods 2-	4. Boot Camp 5:45am	5. AA Noon Boy Scouts 6:30 - 8:30 Parish Hall	6. Boot Camp 5:45 am	7. Commu- nica- tions Team 7:30 Rm 5 Saving Faith 6:30 - 8:30	8. Boot Camp 5:45am	9. Altar Guild 8 am Saving Faith Rm 5 9-11:30 Parish Hall Rental 2- 6 pm
10. Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30 Vestry Meeting 12:15-2	11. Boot Camp 5:45am	12. AA Noon Boy Scouts 6:30 - 8:30 Parish Hall	13. Boot Camp 5:45 am	14. Saving Faith 6:30 - 8:30 P. Hall & Church	15. Boot Camp 5:45am	16. Altar Guild 8 am
17. Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30	18. Boot Camp 5:45am	19. AA Noon Boy Scouts 6:30 - 8:30 Parish Hall	20. Boot Camp 5:45 am	21. Saving Faith 6:30 - 8:30 P. Hall & Church	22. Boot Camp 5:45am	23. Altar Guild 8 am Saving Faith Rm 5 9-11:30 a.m.
24. Pente- cost Holy Eu- charist w/ Baptism 8 & 10:30	25. Boot Camp 5:45am AA 8 pm Par-	26. AA Noon Boy Scouts 6:30 - 8:30 Parish Hall	27. Boot Camp 5:45 am	28. Saving Faith 6:30 - 8:30 P. Hall & Church	29. Boot Camp 5:45 am	30. YAYA General Con- vention Orientation 1 -4 pm



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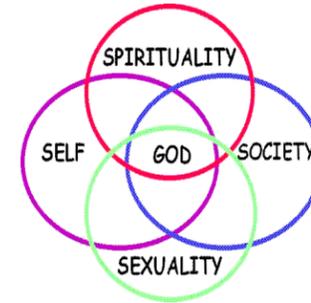
May 2015	Sunday May 3	Sunday May 10	Sunday May 17	Sunday May 24	Sunday May 31
8 am EM	Randy Hotton	Jay Armstrong	Cleda Smart	Jim Pedersen	Susan Armstrong
10:30 am Acolytes	Colin & Ethan Fulton Elizabeth Hanoian Ariana Altizer	Svan Melms Jacob Hanoian Katherine Russell	Haylee Morse Elizabeth Russell Makenzy Gresh Kendyl Altizer	Joel Hill Kenedee Morse Jillian Hill	Reilly Penhorwood Jacob Hanoian Elizabeth Hanoian Alexis Gresh
10:30 am EM 1	Jamie Owen	Dennis Bramigk	Maggie Penhorwood	Cynthia Coleman	Jeff Hill
10:30 am EM 2	Daryl Conliffe	Kate McCutchen	Ian Penhorwood	Brenda Thorn	Dennis Bramigk
10:30 am EM Bread	Dcn Richard	Bev Jenkins	Dcn Richard	Dcn Richard	Bev Jenkins
Welcomer	Andy Melms	Dave Anderson	Deb Green	Sue Carpenter	Sean Hanoian
Welcomer	Martha Conliffe	Judy Anderson	Nancy Copeland	Sara Eziuka	Dave Anderson
Giftbearer	Dave Anderson	Nancy Copeland	Eric Travis	Fay Taylor	Judy Anderson
Giftbearer	Judy Anderson	Andy Melms	Charlotte Drake	Grace Wangbickler	Mary Hill
Lector	J2A / Rite 13	Jennifer Melms	TBA	Pat Mullen Bill Erwin	TBA
Altar Guild	Kathy Graham (On Call)	Kathy Graham (On Call)	Kathy Graham (On Call)	Kathy Graham (On Call)	Kathy Graham (On Call)
Altar Guild	Kathie Schwark	Kathie Schwark	Kathie Schwark	Kathie Schwark	Kathie Schwark
Altar Guild	Sally MacMullan	Sally MacMullan	Sally MacMullan	Sally MacMullan	Sally MacMullan
Altar Guild	Erica Fulton	Erica Fulton	Erica Fulton	Erica Fulton	Erica Fulton
Counter	Dave Anderson	Kate McCutchen	Deb Green	Sara Eziuka	Bonnie Martin
Counter	Julie Travis	Eric Travis	Debra Williams	Dennis Bramigk	Sean Hanoian
Coffee Hour Host	Judy Settles	Wepler Family	Hernandez Family	Sally MacMullan	Jim and Sheila Pederson



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## What's Happenin' in J2A



HE HAS RISEN!!!! – Now that we have celebrated the risen Christ, we continue our lessons in various sections of J2A. We bring in from time to time, members of our congregation who might specialize in subjects some of our lessons deal with. When we have lessons on health, we turn to our previous church nurse, Carrie DeJonghe. She always steps up to help us anytime we have needed her. Many of her children have gone through our J2A program, and Carrie has been a blessing to us for years.

We spent a class planning for the next few months in regards to events we are to schedule this year. We are hoping to get together with St. Stephen's in Troy for a fun activity in the month of May. This church's youth group is one of the churches we reached out to regarding Pilgrimage in 2016, and have had much communication with one of their youth leaders. We had hoped to team up with them for our "Urban Adventure" pre-pilgrimage trip, this summer we are planning on the Chicago Urban Adventure, because they do an annual trip there every year. But, unfortunately, this year it falls on Strawberry Festival Weekend, so that isn't possible. So we are going to plan our own Urban Adventure trip this year to Chicago. We are hoping to stay at the Cathedral, do some local outreach, and do our Urban Adventure lesson in the Windy City! Stay tuned for more on this to come.

Parents, you should have gotten dates from either of the leaders or your youth from class. They were given tentative dates for a Saturday evening Lock-In in May (May 9<sup>th</sup> was looking the best date at print). Also, dates for the Chicago trip in July (Friday thru Sunday). We will be contacting you to firm up dates either at a quick meeting after church, or thru email or phone conversations.

**Events!** J2A Lock-In May ? (TBD—maybe the 9<sup>th</sup> - out to parents for discussion)  
Chicago Trip – Tentatively July (dates out for discussion)

**Activities Coming Up:** Wally Ball / Sport Park ?

Until Next Time!

Cyndi & Peter  
Your J2A Leaders

## Rite 13 Update

We've just come off a fun weekend that several of the Rite 13 youth were able to participate in Night Watch. We got to spend a day and overnight at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Detroit. It was a fun and enlightening experience.

We've finished up our lessons on prayer during Lent, and will be starting some lessons on Decision Making and Compassion and Acts of Mercy.

We hope to set a date for a Lock-In and outing soon as well. And as crazy as it seems, we're really winding down on this program year!

Please continue to keep our amazing youth in your prayers!

In Christ, Ron & Judy



### From the Deacon's Pen.....



I cannot think of a better way to return to Trinity after a three-month leave then to do so at the Easter Vigil. My first day back and carrying the Paschal Candle into the church saying "The light of Christ" three times. Not only was I bringing in the candle but I was also returning myself to the sanctuary I had been away from and truly missed. Immediately after getting to the front and the congregation was seated, I began to chant the Exsultet (BCP 286), and the first words I said were "Rejoice now," and that is exactly what I did. I was rejoicing, I was back where I belong. To cap off the first weekend back, on Easter Sunday morning at both services, Pastor Ian welcomed me back and I received an ovation from those in attendance which I cannot express what a great feeling it was to be back. My leave was over and, like I said, I was back home where I belong. Therefore, I want to thank Pastor Ian and Bishop Gibbs for allowing me to continue to serve as your Deacon, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

While Judy and I were on our leave, we had an opportunity to visit several churches both in Michigan and elsewhere. It was a delight to have that opportunity and to compare (for the lack of a much better word) other parishes to Trinity, Belleville. What we found out was this parish does something most others did not. We have someone to greet folks as they come in and if they are a guest or someone searching out a new parish, we offer our members to sit with them to make them feel comfortable and ask them to sign the guest book. Our ushers also greet with a smile as they give the bulletin and at the end of the service those of us who are at the back of the church to thank people, if we don't know the person we thank them for coming and remind them we have a coffee hour after to meet other people, and many times one of our members escorts the person(s) in and introduce them to other members. There was not one parish we visited, did anything similar to Trinity. What Trinity does to make a guest feel welcomed and offer assistance as needed is what makes our parish community so special. This is what I missed while we were gone and this is what makes me so proud to be part of this wonderful, exciting community known as Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville, MI.

So, we're home again but it would be wrong for me not to end this PEN without thanking the Eucharistic Ministers who filled in where they could; for not thanking the Healing team for their continuing service; to the Cedar Woods ministry team who made sure the folks there had their Sunday services we offer; to our Acolytes who continued to assist, and to all of you who kept us in your prayers while we were away. God bless you all and I look forward to serving you for a long time to come. We are truly blessed to call Trinity our home.

Faithfull yours,  
Deacon Richard

**Strawberry Festival is Father's Day Weekend!!**  
**Friday, June 19th, 4p to 9p**  
**Saturday, June 20th, 10a to 9p**  
**Sunday, June 21st, 11a to 6p**



## May Birthdays

5th	Nyambura Mpesha	17th	Matthew Remington
10th	Mark Hill	19th	Katherine Russell
11th	Peter Gregory	20th	Harry VanGelder
14th	Dave Anderson	25th	Bradley Eziuka
15th	Susan McInally	27th	David Williams

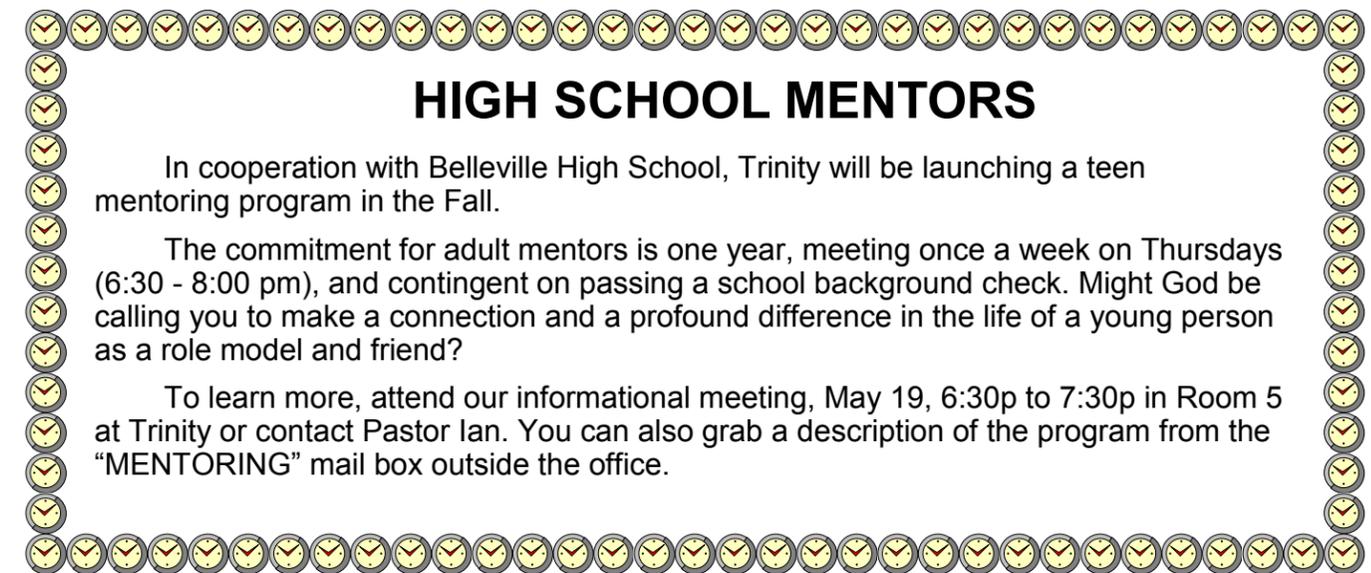
## WELCOME LEANNA



This Monday, May 4th, we welcome our new Office Manager/ Bookkeeper, LeAnna Dickerson. (Her first name is pronounced lay-AH-nuh).

LeAnna grew up in the Detroit area, and is returning from a stint in Georgia where she has worked for two churches. Her regular hours will be 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Mon - Fri, with the exception of the week of May 11, when she will be out Thurs and Fri to complete her move back to Michigan.

As time goes along, and she settles into the new position, please welcome her.



## HIGH SCHOOL MENTORS

In cooperation with Belleville High School, Trinity will be launching a teen mentoring program in the Fall.

The commitment for adult mentors is one year, meeting once a week on Thursdays (6:30 - 8:00 pm), and contingent on passing a school background check. Might God be calling you to make a connection and a profound difference in the life of a young person as a role model and friend?

To learn more, attend our informational meeting, May 19, 6:30p to 7:30p in Room 5 at Trinity or contact Pastor Ian. You can also grab a description of the program from the "MENTORING" mail box outside the office.



# Children's Ministries

## May News

By Martha Hanoian

May is a busy month for Children's Ministries. In the classrooms, we will be hearing the stories of Jesus appearing to the disciples and his ascension into heaven. We will also be trying a new curriculum on May 10.

Also on Sunday, May 10, during the 9 o'clock hour, we will begin planting our cooler weather vegetables, and during the rest of the Sundays in May we will continue to work at getting the garden in good shape for full planting on Sunday, May 24, which is Memorial Day weekend. The Heifer Garden allows the children to learn about how we



get our food from plants and earn money to purchase animals from Heifer International for donation to a family in need. The Garden committee is currently working hard to clean out the garden so it is ready for planting. This includes weeding the beds, preparing the pathways, and cleaning out the straw from our strawberry bed. Please let Barb Watson if you are available to help with this project.

Be sure to have the kids wear gardening clothes and shoes to church on Sunday, May 24th. Our alternative planting date is Sunday, May 31.

June 14 will be our last children's worship day for the 2014—2015 season. I hope the kids have enjoyed the year and are looking forward to spending the summer outside in the garden.

Day camp for kids ages 5—12 will be the week of July 6—10, 2015. Camp hours are 9 am to 3 pm. The cost of the camp is \$50. Registration and health forms are now available. Please invite friends to join us for this week.



Volunteers are needed to house our counselors, adults who can spend a morning or afternoon at the church helping to coral kids, and junior counselors. Also looking for people to provide lunches for the counselors and snacks for the campers. This is our seventh annual day camp and we are looking forward to another great week of fun and fellowship.

Thank you to Barb Fairman who sang with the kids this year. On May 3rd we will be joining with the youth praise band for our final performance of the year. Please have your children at church by 9:45 to rehearse with the youth praise band.



## Upcoming Events

**May 3  
Youth Sunday  
Children's Choir  
Performs  
Rehearsal 9:45am**

**May 10 and 17  
9:15am  
Planting and  
Garden Prep.**

**May 24  
Heifer Garden  
Planting Day**

**May 31  
Alternative Heifer  
Garden  
Planting Day**

**Ongoing  
Day Camp  
Registration**



## E.C.W. News

### Sew Bees

Help is needed for tying quilts for St. Joseph Hospital. The Sew Bees group meets every Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the home of Mildred Bennett, 1035 Janet, Ypsilanti. No previous experience required!

### Women Who Made a Difference (a long time ago)

#### **Sarah Rosetta Wakeman (1843-1864)**



Rosetta was born in Bainbridge, New York, into a poor farming family – the oldest of nine children. She worked hard on the farm and later helped her family financially by working as a domestic.

After leaving home at 19 years old, she quickly discovered "women's work" paid very little. She adopted a male disguise and signed up as a boatman doing manual labor on a coal barge. After her first trip on the barge, she met recruiters from the 153<sup>rd</sup> New York Infantry Regiment. Rosetta, now "Lyons Wakeman", enlisted on August 30, 1862...earning a \$152 bounty for signing up! On October 17 her regiment left for Washington, DC.

Her first tour of duty was in Alexandria, VA, assigned to protect the perimeter of Washington City. In her letters home, Rosetta bragged, "I can drill as good as any man in my regiment".

In February 1864, her regiment was ordered to march almost 700 miles through swampy bayou country, with poor food and drinking water. Many of her comrades fell ill. The regiment was transferred to participate in Major General Nathaniel Banks' Red River campaign in Louisiana.

Rosetta had her first combat experience on April 9, 1864, when her unit successfully repelled the Confederates six times. Near the end of the campaign, Rosetta and many of her fellow soldiers were stricken by chronic diarrhea (after drinking contaminated water from streams). She was transferred to the regimental hospital in Alexandria, LA on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and then moved to the Marine USA General Hospital in New Orleans on May 22<sup>nd</sup> when her condition persisted. Rosetta died there on June 19, 1864.

Her true identity was never discovered, not even when she met with men from other regiments who knew her from home or when she was hospitalized with dysentery. She was buried as a soldier with "Pvt. Lyons Wakeman" on her tombstone.

In 1976, the letters Rosetta sent home were discovered by a relative in the attic of the farmhouse where she grew up. It wasn't until then that the military ever knew she was a woman.

Her letters were first published in the 1994 book, **An Uncommon Soldier: The Civil War Letters of Sarah Rosetta Wakeman, Alias Private Lyons Wakeman**. Rosetta's letters are the only known collection of letters by a Civil War woman soldier.

Online Source: <http://www.civilwar.org/education/history/biographies/sarah-rosetta-wakeman.html> and <http://www.legendsofamerica.com/we-sarahwakeman.html>