

The Trinity Bell

Rector's Reflections

Mentoring Progress Report



Well, your high school mentoring team has been at it for over a month now. Here's how it looks so far.

The mentors and kids--all high school freshmen--gather each Thursday at 6:30 in the media center (a.k.a. library) of Belleville High. A member of Trinity's mentoring support team brings a meal (maybe a hot dish, maybe pizza, some fruit, dessert) and the adults and kids pray, then sit and eat together.

During the meal we might fall into conversation about the kids' interests and goals. One young man is quite a talented artist: he re-soles shoes and uses leather paint to decorate them with wild designs. Another creates YouTube videos showing others how to find the glitches in online video games. Others want to play high school sports. The richness of who these young people are has begun to emerge, and that has been a real gift.

After the meal, we mentors might help the kids with some homework or talk about setting goals beyond high school, and then from 7:30 to 8:00 or so, we have some recreational time playing air hockey or ping pong and just getting to know each other.

Many of these kids are living in somewhat challenging circumstances: shuttling from one relative's home to another, or living with so many siblings that they get lost in the shuffle. One young man has several older siblings in prison. We are hoping to provide a much-needed adult who's paying attention to them and believes in them.

We are still feeling our way into the program, but there have been little signs of connection and care. Four of our mentees have been there almost every week. That alone suggests that the time we spend together matters to them. Deacon Richard described how he gave one kid his old scratching post for the kid's cat. It was a small gesture, but now the young man gives Richard a big hug when he arrives on Thursday. Last week another mentor, Maria Conliffe, told her mentee how glad she was that she came back, and the girl just seemed to glow.

To me, these are the little signs that God is at work among us. Like the first crocuses popping out of the snow, they provide hope that we are on a good path, headed to a destination that might even change our lives.

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The Deacon's Pen

I really like November because it offers us the opportunity to look at the past as well as the present. We start the month with All Saints Day when we take time to remember those from our past, who are no longer present but who we know are with us in spirit. Since the Episcopal Church is part of the Anglican community, I enjoy feeling connected to the long line of believers that go back many centuries. It feels good to know Trinity is part of a “Communion of Saints” in today’s world.



I’m glad that we take time to officially honor and thank all those who served our country in the Armed Forces. Because of the service and sacrifice of those men and women, we are able to live in a free nation, “under God”, and many people around the world enjoy freedoms our troops fought to give them. We really should try to thank them more than once a year, however, I urge you to attend Nov. 8 when Trinity will thank and acknowledge our veterans during our worship services.

When the month ends with Thanksgiving, it makes me pause in my busy life to really look at all the things I have to be thankful for and to remember, “All good things come from God.” I don’t think I pause long enough to honestly list all the great things in my life. I check off the big ones – family, friends, health, etc., but don’t take the time to work my way down to all the fabulous “small stuff” that comes from the hand of God as I should. I need to take a good look at my thanksgiving list every month, not just in November – maybe you do too.

I hope this month when we have official times of remembering, honoring and being thankful will be especially meaningful for you as you participate this year. Then we will be able to enter December and the season of Advent – the time of waiting for God’s greatest gift – with full and grateful hearts.

Faithfully yours,
Deacon Richard



Children's Ministries

November 2015

Let's take a Whirl!

Parents:

In addition to the new Whirl! Curriculum, I also have access to online tools to help with more direct and easier communication with parents, and easier access to lessons and videos for the teachers.

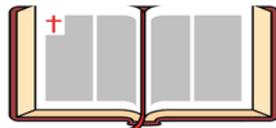
To make the most of this tool, I need your help. Following this article will be instructions on how to register your Sunday school student. Please take a few minutes to add your information.

Thank you for your help.

Leaders:

If you have not had a chance to do training, I will be staying after church on Sunday, November 1, 8 and 15 to get you familiar with the curriculum and signed up to help and teach in the coming months.

Barb W., Anna H., Maria C., Julie T., Eric T. and Debra W. Thank you for teaching /helping in the last few months.



Upcoming Lessons

Jesus Heals Bartimaeus	10/25
The First Commandment	11/1
The Widow's Offering	11/8
The Temple's Destruction	11/15
Pilate Accuses Jesus	11/22
Movie Day	11/29

Christmas Pageant/Chicken Soup Sunday

Mark your calendars, we will be doing a all congregation Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 13.

Everyone is invited to participate. There are no lines to memorize and no practices to

attend. Just show up and help tell the story of Jesus's birth.



After the service, join us in

the fellowship hall for some wonderful chicken soup and rolls.

Heifer Garden

- We will be choosing animals soon.

Parents, welcome to Sparkhouse Online!

Sparkhouse Online makes it easy to stay connected to the lessons your children are learning each week in Sunday school. Follow the steps below to get started.

Request access

1. Go to Sparkhouse Online at <http://sundayschool.sparkhouseonline.org>.
2. Under “New User,” enter your Church ID: **[BellTrinity]**
3. Complete the rest of the requested information and click “Submit.”
4. You will receive a confirmation e-mail when
5. your request is approved.



Log in

After you receive the confirmation e-mail, return to Sparkhouse Online.

Enter your e-mail address and password under “Returning User.” Click “Log In.”

Edit your profile and add family members

1. After you log in for the first time, click on your name in the upper right corner of the screen.
2. On the form that displays next, update your profile information and change your password as needed. Click “Save” when you are done.
3. To add a child to your profile, click “Add a Child Family Member,” near the bottom of the form. Complete the requested information and click “Save.”
4. You can add an Adult Family Member to your profile, if you wish. Someone sending you a message through Sparkhouse Online has the option to copy your Adult Family Member(s).
5. Go to the Home page by clicking on “Sparkhouse Online Sunday School” at the top of the screen. Look at the “Register for Classes/Events” heading near the upper right corner of the screen. If there are no orange links under this heading, the Sunday school director now has all the information needed for your child’s registration.

If you see an orange link under “Register for Classes/Events”:*

- Click on the name of the classes or special event that applies to your child.
- On the next screen, click “Edit Registration” under “Register Family Members.”
- Check the box next to your child’s name and click “Register.”

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've fallen right back in to our class routine this program year. We've been working on plans for the Youth Sabbath that's coming in January. We're currently collecting socks for our Socktober sock drive for the homeless. And we've been looking at and discussing the likenesses and differences of some other faiths.

We'll be going to a shelter to donate the socks we collect and hope to get a Lock-In or outing on the schedule soon!

We're also looking forward to being involved in updating our class space soon!

As always, we appreciate your prayers and support.

Journey to Adulthood (J2A)

What's Happening in J2A

We continue our lessons in J2A. Since many of our youth play sports, or have been a part of other groups, they have learned about teams, for the most part. Cyndi lead a lesson on teams, and teamwork. As we discussed with the youth about various sports, and other team type groups, it became apparent that we were in agreement that everybody has their part to do to make a team work. Then we introduced some scripture that we looked at also. 1 Cor. 12: 1-27 / Rom. 12:4-8 / Ecclesiastes 4: 9 -12. There was much discussion, and they learned how Christians are called to come together, offer up their gifts, and be used to do God's work together in the Church, as a team.

The following week, we began a discussion on The Major World

Religions (prepared by the Ecumenical and Multifaith Unit, Diocese of New Westminster). They listed 12 religions. Over 2 weeks, we discussed the ones that they were interested in, and they read the brief summaries of the religions. We all learned a few more things about some religions, and learned much about a few very little was known about before. We will be looking into finding a local Mosques and Synagogue to check out as part of our learning about other religions.

We took a break after those 2 weeks of religions, and watch a continuing series of "Joan of Arcadia". When Rev. Stacy left our church as Associate Pastor, and Coordinator of our J2A program, she left us both 1st and 2nd complete seasons of the TV series done in the early 2000's. It is taken from the story of

"Joan of Arc". Ask your youth to give you a little review on it, to see if they have been paying attention! ;-).

So as to not let them forget from whence they come, we started a multi-week lesson on the Episcopal Prayer Book. "A User-friendly Guide to The Book of Common Prayer" Goal: To equip youth leaders with information so they can help participants gain some degree of familiarity with the structure and content of the Book of Common Prayer. Objectives: To outline the overall structure of the Book of Common Prayer. To explore some of the riches in the Book of Common Prayer. To help participants find well-known (and not so well-known) items and details in the Book of Common Prayer. The J2A lesson gives us a good structural layout of the Prayer Book, and it comes

Important Dates

Happening	11/13-15
No Class	11/29
Thanksgiving	
No Class	12/20
Christmas Break	

with Trivia questions! I wonder how many adults in the church could answer them.

Events!

Happening # 17 - Friday, Nov. 13th - Sunday, Nov. 15th.

Activities Coming Up

Trying to plan a Sunday afternoon get together with St. Stephen's in Troy's youth group.

Until Next Time!

Cyndi & Peter

Your J2A Leaders

Building Grants Update

As you may be aware, the operating fund has accrued some money in recent years, so the Vestry has made some grants available to "spruce up" our building and grounds in various ways. Here are a couple of Q and A's on the project.

Why is there extra money in the operating fund? Does the church still need our pledge?

Yes! The primary reason we have some extra cash for use is because of two one-time circumstances:

- 1) Extra money was given by and in the name of Father John when he left.
- 2) Trinity did not have to pay for a full-time priest between the time Father Eric went to Sundays-only in June of 2014 and Pastor Ian started on November 30.

These circumstances are not going to happen again any time soon, so we still need to keep our operating budget as strong as ever.

What is the money being used for?

The Vestry has approved approximately \$33,000 in grants. A little less than a third of that (along with some memorial funds in Mary Mills' name) went to our beautiful new piano/organ in the sanctuary. The rest will be pay for some new furniture and paint for various rooms in the church, a bit of new landscaping outside, and a basketball hoop for the parking lot. A "public areas" team is also looking at some updates to the hallways, bathrooms, and parish hall. Much of the work of painting and building is being done by our volunteers.

Why building improvements?

The overall vision is to increase our hospitality by creating a warm and homey atmosphere in the church. Our congregation is very friendly and welcoming, and we'd like our spaces to more fully reflect that welcome. (You only get to make a first-impression once, as they say!) The Vestry determined that this investment in our building would be an excellent use of these funds, while still maintaining a responsible balance in the operating fund to cover both regular and surprise costs.

If you have further questions, please contact Sue Carpenter, Mo Altizer, Pastor Ian or anyone on the Vestry.

FIRST FRIDAY: Family Fun Night

(Families include single, married, children, no children. It means everyone.)

ALL AGES

Friday, Nov 6
6pm - 9pm

The church that plays together,
stays together

- Potluck Supper (Bring whatever dish you want)
- Bring your own Beverage
- Games (Board and card)
- Line Dancing (All types, everyone will be taught)
- Photobooth (Get pictures with the family)



October Birthdays

1st	Mark Remington	19th	Michael McCuthchen
4th	Barb Harris	21st	Cheryl Ann Richison
5th	Bonnie Martin		Katelyn Truesdell
6th	Christen Coleman	23rd	Ellee Kloain
	Kendyl Burke		Holy Locke
8th	Mary Patricia Gearns	26th	Robert DeJonghe
9th	Josie Boike	27th	Christopher Kloian
13th	Ruby Hanes		Jeff Hill
16th	Jim Canfield	28th	Audrina Nadeau
18th	Judy Anderson		



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

A very *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to you!

6th	Richard & Bonnie Martin
	Reginald & Deborah Taylor
9th	Jeff & Barb Harris
12th	Bernie & Jackie Mastey
17th	Michael & Tammy Mayrend
19th	Alan & Cheryl Crouse
22nd	Darryl & Maria Conliffe
28th	Ray & Jeanne Nugent
29th	Jerry & Peggy Zywicki

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
*Regular Sunday Services 2:00 p.m. Cedar Woods Ministry 4:30 p.m. Synoptic Gospel Study	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. Girl Scouts	6:30 p.m. High School Mentoring	6:00 p.m. First Friday Night 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Veterans' Sunday *Regular Sunday Services Healing Prayer 12:00 noon Vestry Meeting 4:30 p.m. Synoptic Gospel Study	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. Girl Scouts Office closed at 12 noon	6:30 p.m. High School Mentoring Office closed at 12 noon	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal Office closed at 12 noon	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	*Regular Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Children's Worship Nursery Care Provided Saving Faith, another church that uses our space, regularly meets on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Boot Camp, the exercise program, regularly meets on Mon, Wed, and Fri. at 5:45 a.m.				

Nov. 2015	Sunday November 01	Sunday November 08	Sunday November 15	Sunday November 22	Sunday November 29
8 am EM	Randy Hotton	Cynthia Coleman	Susan Armstrong	Jim Pederson	Jay Armstrong
10:00 am EM Bread	Deacon Richard	Jamie Owen	Dennis Bramigk	Deacon Richard	Deacon Richard
10:00 am EM 1	Dennis Bramigk	Maggie Penhorwood	Erica Fulton	Brenda Thom	Bev Jenkins
10:00 am EM 2	Darryl Conliffe	Ian penhorwood	Adesuwa Obaseki	Kate McCutchen	Eddie Fulton
10:00 am Acolytes	Jacob Hanoian Kendyl Altizer Cajsa Melms	Reilly Penhorwood Taylor Penhorwood Kenedee Morse	Colin Fulton Ethan Fulton Elizabeth Hanoian	Jacob Hanoian Ethan Locke Tanner Locke	Maranda Twiss Bradley Eziuka Kendyl Altizer
Welcomer	Dave Anderson	Deb Green	Sue Carpenter	Sean Hanoian	Andy Melms
Welcomer	Judy Anderson	Nancy Copeland	Sara Eziuka	Dave Anderson	Maria Conliffe
Giftbearer	Eric Travis	Fay Taylor	Sean Hanoian	Harry van Gelder	Dave Anderson
Giftbearer	Charlotte Drake	Grace Wangbickler	Mary Hill	Cheri van Gelder	Judy Anderson
Lector	Sharon Peters	Brenda Thom	Charlotte Drake	Charlotte Drake	Brenda Thom
Altar Guild	Paula Brown (On Call)	Paula Brown (On Call)	Paula Brown (On Call)	Paula Brown (On Call)	Paula Brown (On Call)
Altar Guild	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau
Altar Guild	Fay Taylor	Fay Taylor	Fay Taylor	Fay Taylor	Fay Taylor
Altar Guild	Bev Thom	Bev Thom	Bev Thom	Bev Thom	Bev Thom
Counter	Julie Travis	Kate McCutchen	Kraig Wilson	Barb Watson	Sean Hanoian
Counter	Debra Williams	Deb Green	Bonnie Martin	Jeff Hill	Dennis Bramigk
Coffee Hour Host	Lori Johnson	Lori Johnson	Sign up in Parish Hall	Conliffe Family	Sign up in Parish Hall
Bread Makers			November Erica Fulton	December Kathy Graham	



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