

The Trinity Bell



Rector's Reflections

Public Liturgy

I want to report back to you on a little experiment. This past June, our Healing Prayer Team decided to add a Prayer Station booth to the festivities of the Strawberry Festival. The idea was that, in addition to great food and arts and crafts, Trinity could also offer something that comes from the heart of who we are spiritually. So we created some "Office Hours" when a team member would be present to pray in person for people, and we also provided prayer request forms and a box.

Over the course of the three days of Strawfest, five members of the public came for in-person healing prayer--a fine but not overwhelming response. On the other hand, we got 28 prayer requests stuffed into our box. I prayed for each one, and then divided them up among the Healing Prayer team to take home and pray for as well.

Twenty-eight prayer requests! That suggests to me that even though we live in a culture of shrinking church attendance, there is still a powerful spiritual hunger and desire to connect with God out there. And it says to me that, as the church, we can provide something unique to feed that hunger.

As our "Ashes to Go" this winter also demonstrated, when we offer our sacramental lives to the public, people respond. Who knows, maybe next year we will turn the Healing Prayer station into a more aesthetic prayer space--maybe with candles, a kneeler of some kind, some icons. A place for anyone to be quiet for a few minutes and reflect.

Meanwhile, the Worship Team and I have already decided that our next "Public Liturgy" will be the Animal Blessing on Saturday, October 3, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. on our lawn outside. We will bless any animals people want to bring, and have some pet treats as well.

And in order to get the word out, we plan to gather any interested parishioners on Sunday, September 27 after church and walk the neighborhood for no more than one hour putting flyers on our neighbors' doors--a simple, non-threatening way to reach out to those around us and invite them to have their pets blessed. So mark your calendar and help us spread the word that we are giving prayers and blessings away free to a world that still yearns to be fed by them.

-- Ian

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The Deacon's Pen

I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful summer but it's hard for me to believe as we go into September, summer is past and things will get back to our normal full schedule soon.

I want to tell you about the Adult Forum held on Sunday evenings starting September 13th. I think the program we're looking at is not only going to be interesting but also unique. We're going to do a Bible Study but not like most, we're actually going to look at three Gospels - Matthew, Mark and Luke, at the same time, so in essence we're going to do three in one.

These three Gospels are known as the Synoptic Gospels because you can do a side-by-side comparison of their verses. We'll look at the similarities and the differences in language and chronology. We'll start off by introducing ourselves to the three authors Was it Matthew, was it Mark, was it Luke, or others who wrote these Gospels? To find out you'll have to come on Sunday evenings. Many historians have said that in order to truly understand the first three Gospels, you have to study them side-by-side, so we will.

Here is how we'll do this. We will actually print three side-by-side columns of scripture, listing each column by the "author" and see where they agree, where they differ or when one author may feel something was important where one or two of the other writers did not.

You may now wonder, why just the first three, why not John? John looks at the life of Jesus totally as an adult. There is nothing in his Gospel dealing with the early life of Christ or other followers who we hear about in the Synoptic Gospels so we cannot compare John's Gospel to the stories in the other three.

It is my hope you'll join us if you can. We will meet Sunday late afternoon, 4:00 to 5:30 PM, time to be finalized at the first class. There is a sign-up sheet in the parish hall and there will be no cost, just bring a snack to share, if you want to.

Hope to see you at our first class September 13th. I truly think you'll enjoy it and learn a lot as it really does take a different look at the writing of the Gospels.

Deacon Richard





Children's Ministries

September 2015

Let's take a Whirl!

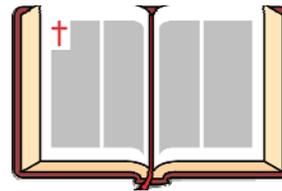
Sunday, September 13 the children's worship classes will be moving back inside to begin our new curriculum: Whirl!

Whirl combines singing, activities, bible stories, fun videos and take home sheets with suggestions for families to reinforce each weeks lesson. The kids will be hearing one of the same readings that the grown-ups hear in church. See the teaching in

action in a fun video. Then find ways to apply what they have learned in their lives.

Parents, want to see and hear more about what will be happening in Children's worship? Martha will be showing the resources and a video during adult forum September 6 & 13.

Children's worship will begin in the parish hall



on September 13, where we will begin our welcome and singing. We will then split into 3 classrooms. Ages 3—Grade 1 will be in the room closest to the nursery. Grades 2—4 will be in the center room and Grades 5—7 will be in the room farthest from the nursery.

Upcoming Lessons

Taming of the Tongue	9/13
Jesus Welcomes Children	9/20
Pray for One Another	9/27
Jesus Blesses Children	10/4
A Camel through a Needle	10/11
James and John	10/18
Jesus Heals Bartimaeus	10/25

Heifer Garden

- We will continue to pick veggies as long as the garden produces
- A work day to prepare the garden for winter will be announced late September
- Thank you to all who have supported Heifer Project this summer. We will be choosing an animal to donate in late October.

Program Year Kickoff Potluck

Sunday, September 13 after the 10:30 service Children's and Youth Ministries will be hosting a potluck.

Children's and Youth

ministries will provide drinks, plates, napkins and utensils. Please bring a dish to pass and spend some time in fellowship as we start the school year off right.





Youth Ministries

September 2015

Journey to Adulthood (J2A)

Teens who are entering 10 –12th grades are encouraged to participate in the J2A portion of our teen programs. This group meets Sunday mornings from 9:00—10:15 am.

Each week includes a presentation of a lesson followed by discussion and prayer. This is a time of learning and fellowship.

Through out the year, there are also opportunities for service, and fun.

This season is kicking off early with a trip to Chicago over Labor day weekend. During this trip our teens will stay in a host church, (sleep on the floor), do a service project, learn to navigate public transportation, do evening devotions and discussions, worship with the host church and they might even squeeze in some sight seeing and shopping. Please, keep our teens and leaders in your prayers over that weekend.

Parent's please watch your email for a what

to pack letter, firm itinerary and other useful information.

September 13 Potluck

Please plan to attend the program year kick off potluck after the 10:30 service on September 13. Children's and Youth Ministries will provide plates, napkins, utensils and drinks. Please bring a dish to pass, and spend some time in fellowship with our Trinity Family.

Important Dates

J2A in Chicago **9/4-9/6**

Episcopalooza **9/5**
10am—3pm

Classes Begin **9/13**
9AM

New Beginnings **10/9– 11**

Happening **11/13-15**

No Class **11/29**
Thanksgiving

No Class **12/20**
Christmas Break

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.

We currently are working to complete the

school year calendar, and are hoping to include a trip to the Heifer global village in Howell, some fun day trips, a trip back to Springhill and time at the soup kitchen. It is looking like it will be another busy year for Rite-13.

Episcopalooza

Saturday, Septmeber 5 at St. Michael's and All Angels in Lincoln Park (1325 Champaign Rd)

10:00am—3:00pm.

For more info check out www.edomi.org (youth)

- New Beginnings in an event put on by the Episcopal Diocese for Middle school aged kids. They can attend as many of these events as they are able.

- Happening is also sponsored by the Diocese for High School aged kids. They can attend this event once and then apply to join the planning team if they desire.



The Trinity Bell — September 2015

Dear Pilgrims,

Thank you for your interest in the Journey to the Holy Land in November, 2016. We have ten people registered so far with several more who have expressed interest.

I know that many people have some questions and concerns about the trip. I am pleased to announce that Whitaker will be hosting an information session on **Monday, September 21 from 7:00-9:00 pm** at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 5500 North Adams Road, Troy, Michigan 48098.

The Very Rev. Earle King from Grand Island, NY has participated in and led many similar trips to the Holy Land and has worked with our local guide, Canon Iyad Qumri. He will be showing slides of the places we will be visiting, providing an overview of the experience, and answering your specific questions about what to expect.

Please invite your friends and fellow parishioners who might be interested in joining us. This event is free and open to all and no commitment is required.

To learn more about the cost and to see a detailed itinerary, go to: <http://www.edomi.org/whitakerinstitute/a-journey-to-the-holy-land/>.

Sincerely,

Eric Williams

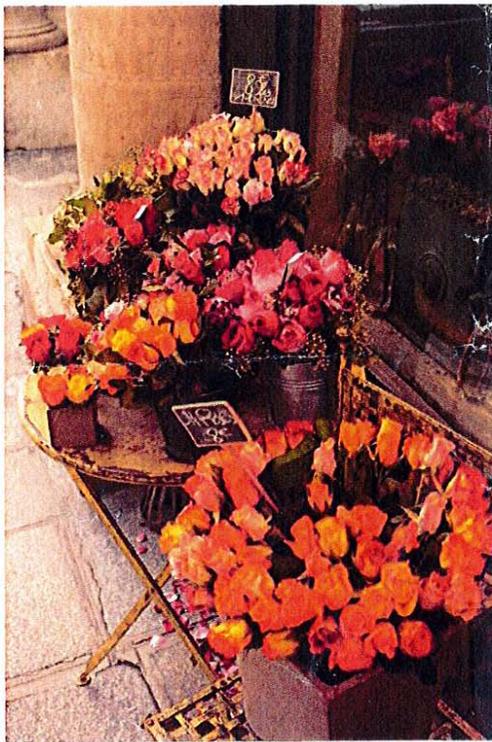
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COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

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

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For more information call Marian Caldwell 734-796-3671

This event is sponsored by Marian Caldwell

September Birthdays

1st	Janet Oliver	15th	Thomas Keene
	Sean Hanoian	17th	Vance Power
2nd	Emmy Keene	19th	Jillian Hill
5th	Marsha Harkai	20th	Rae Thom
7th	Pam Pierce		Connie Krebs
	Judy Settles	21st	Charlene Shepard
8th	Randy Hotten	22nd	Patricia Marshall
10th	Dick Marsh	23rd	Chelsee Harris
12th	Eileen Canfield		Evee Kloian
	Marti Bergeron	25th	Virgete Stoltz-Sutton
14th	Cary Thom		



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

A very *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to you!

10th	John & Laura Boike
26th	Bob & Carrie DeJonghe

September 2015	Sunday September 06	Sunday September 13	Sunday September 20	Sunday September 27
8 am EM	Randy Hotten	Susan Armstrong	Cleda Smartt	Jim Pederson
10:00 am EM 1	Cleda Smartt	Maggie Penhorwood	IBev Jenkins	Brenda Thom
10:00 am EM 2	Adesuwa Obaseki	Ian Penhorwood	Adesuwa Obaseki	Kate McCutchen
10:00 am EM Bread	Deacon Richard	Bev Jenkins	Maggie Penhorwood	Deacon Richard
10:00 am Acolytes	Elizabeth Hanoian Kendyl Altizer	Colin Fulton Ethan Fulton Kenedee Morse	Reilly Penhorwood Taylor Penhorwood Elizabeth Hanoian	Joel Hill Jillian Hill Ethan Locke
Welcomer	Sue Carpenter	Sean Hanoian	Andy Melms	Save Anderson
Welcomer	Sara Eziuka	Dave Anderson	Maria Conliffe	Judy Anderson
Giftbearer	Dave Anderson	Nacy Copeland	Eric Travis	Fay Taylor
Giftbearer	Jusy Anderson	Andy Melms	Charlotte Drake	Grace Wangbickler
Lector	Eric Travis	Cyndi Hernandez	Sign up in Parish Hall	Charolotte Drake
Altar Guild	Paula Brown (On Call)	Paula Brown (On Call)	Paula Brown (On Call)	Paula Brown (On Call)
Altar Guild	Debbie Taylor	Debbie Taylor	Debbie Taylor	Debbie Taylor
Altar Guild	Sally MacMullan	Sally MacMullan	Sally MacMullan	Sally MacMullan
Altar Guild	Kathie Schwark	Kathie Schwark	Kathie Schwark	Kathie Schwark
Counter	Sara Ezuika	Kraig Wilson	Jeff Hill	Harry van Gelder
Counter	Deb Green	Kate McCutchen	Sean Hanoian	Julie Travis
Coffee Hour Host	Obaseki	Pot Luck	Sign up in Parish Hall	M & A Hill
Bread Makers	September Cheri van Gelder	October Cheri van Gelder	November Erica Fulton	December Kathy Graham

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
*Regular Sunday Services	Labor Day Office Closed 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. Choir Rehearsal	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
*Regular Sunday Services Healing Prayer Program year begins Service Begins at 10:30 a.m. Back to School Potluck 12:00 noon Vestry Meeting 2:00 p.m. Cedar Woods	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. Choir Rehearsal	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild 11:00 a.m. Community Baby shower
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
*Regular Sunday Services 11:45 a.m. Worship Team Mtg. TEC Neighborhood Invite Walk for Pet Blessing	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. Choir Rehearsal	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
27	28	29	30	*Regular Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Children's Nursery Care		
*Regular Sunday Services 3:30 p.m. Trinity's Women's Painting Party	7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	Worship 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.		



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