

# The Trinity Bell

Rector's Reflections

## On Dreaming Big

Last month I wrote about my sense that we, as a church, have not yet made our way to a ministry that connects us with our local community in a transformative way. Not that we don't do a lot of good outreach ministries that make a difference--we do! It's just that these are somewhat dispersed, unconnected from a central mission, and in some cases don't facilitate relationship-building between church and community. I have hope that the Holy Spirit will provide energy in our congregation to help us discern how we can build God's kingdom right around us--in Belleville, Canton, Ypsilanti, in face-to-face ways.

There are several other aspects of this process that we will have to encounter and manage. One is our ability to dream big. (The other is letting go of the old and embracing change. More on that next month.)

How to dream big? Start with this question: If money, time, and volunteer resources were no object, what would you hope to do for the world through our church? Or, more to the point, what do you think *God* would have us do?

I have some ideas: What if we could use our rectory as a resource for ministry--turn it into a refugee house, or a safe house, or a place for homeless families to stay? What if we opened up a "paper pantry" to help low income folks get access to hygiene items? What about sending children home with food on weekends and summer holidays when they are not fed at school? Or what if we acted as a bridge bringing together different groups and faiths--Muslims and Christians, immigrants and natives, etc.?

I will admit I have prejudices. One is to do something that actually makes a space for us to engage interpersonally with new people. (This opens the door widest for God to transform *us* through our ministries.) The other is to do something that is novel, or at least is not being done by anyone else. Frankly, this is about raw PR value, not any particular Christian virtue.

What big dreams might you have for us if we didn't get stopped by the usual factors--time, money, etc.?

Peace,

Ian

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### The Deacon's Pen

First, I want to wish each of you a very Happy Easter and encourage you to celebrate what Easter means for Christians around the world.

As I prepare for the Easter Vigil, I love so many words in the Exsultet (BCP 286-287) that I have the honor to chant after I bring in the Paschal Candle. I want to share with you some of the passages of the Easter Vigil, that to me, really expresses what Easter is really about.

It starts with "Rejoice now, heavenly host and choirs of angels and let your trumpets shout Salvation." This is our announcement that sins are forgiven and we are guaranteed life everlasting. The next paragraph tells us that we're no longer in darkness, "Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with the glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King." In other words, Jesus' resurrection is for everyone who believes, and for the next few paragraphs it tells us how important the light is and that darkness is no longer.

Skipping a few paragraphs, we are reminded that through Christ our mothers and fathers, who were the children of Israel, were brought out of bondage in Egypt referring to the separation of the Red Sea by Moses. (Exodus 14:10-15) I'm fairly sure most of you know that story. It also reminds us that "All who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life." It also reminds us of the depths of God's love, because he gave his Son, Jesus Christ assuring us that "Earth and heaven are joined and human kind is totally reconciled to God."

At our Easter Sunday Vigil, we will hear several scripture readings to remind us of the history of our world before the birth of Christ and what His death on the cross really meant for our forefathers and mothers and what it still means for us today.

I encourage you to read the Exsultet and join us Easter Sunday morning at the 6:30 AM Sunrise Service, if you are able, or the 8:30 AM quiet Communion Service or the festival 10:30 Eucharist. Let's start Easter off with the words of Hymn 179, "Welcome, happy morning" age to age shall say" and we'll say as loud as we can at the dismissal "ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!"



# Children's Ministries

April 2017

It's time to think about summer. **Day Camp will be July 17 - July 21 this year.** Day camp is available for kids ages 5—12. Registrations forms are available. The cost for the week is again \$50. The hours are 9am—3pm and we are providing after-care from 3pm—6pm. We can and would love to have 50 kids. Registrations forms available on the Trinity website ([www.trinitybell.org](http://www.trinitybell.org)), and via e-mail request ([children@trinitybell.org](mailto:children@trinitybell.org)) A \$10 registration discount is available if you register by April 15. Camp is more fun with a friend, so please invite a few!



Easter Sunday, there will be bags available at the back of the church filled with workbooks, crayons, and a few goodies, please have your kids pick one up at the greeters table.

After Easter, we have about a month left of children's worship program before we begin preparing our garden and growing our crops. 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 centers around the story/reading that was

## Important



Jesus Raises Lazarus	4/2
Matthew's Holy Week	4/9
EASTER	4/16
Thomas Answers Jesus	4/23
Road to Emmaus	4/30
The Lord Is My Sheperd	5/7
Day Camp	7/17

**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.**



**APRIL**

4-1-Virgie Stoltz  
4-2-Ariel Gregory  
4-2-Kaden Harris  
4-4-Ron Wepler  
4-6-Dennis Harkai  
4-6-Colin Reed Fulton  
4-9-Amber DeJonghe  
4-14-Donna Budd  
4-14-Kenedee Blyth Morse  
4-16-Aaron Hernandez  
4-17-Jamie Graham  
4-19-Joel Hill  
4-21-Lynn Robson  
4-22-Clarence Russell  
4-30-Peggy M. Zywicki  
4-30-Adam Strickland



4-3-Jim & Sheila Pedersen  
4-16-Morris & Val Altizer  
4-26-Jeff & Mary Hill  
4-29-Andrew & Tami Remington

# April 2017

- ◆ AA meets every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m and every Tuesday at 12 noon.
- ◆ Boot Camp meets 5:45 am on Wednesday and Fridays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 8:30 am BCP 10:30 am Reg Worship 2:00 pm Cedar woods	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<sup>5</sup> Lenten Program 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>6</b> No Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Spring Clean Up-day 9:00—1:00
<b>9</b> Palm Sunday 8:30 am BCP 10:30 am Reg Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>13</b> No Choir Rehearsal Maundy— 7:00 pm service Red Cross Drive	<b>14</b> Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Stations Of the Cross	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Easter 6:30 am. Sunrise Service 8:30 am BCP 10:30 am Reg	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>20</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Soup Kitchen -ride at: 8:30 am
<b>23</b> 8:30 am BCP 10:30 am Reg Worship 9:15 am. Adult Form	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts	<b>27</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:30 am BCP 10:30 am Reg Worship						

APRIL	APRIL 2	APRIL 9	APRIL 16	APRIL 23	April 30
8 am EM	Jam Arstron	Jim Pedersen	Randy Hotton	Jay Armstrong	Jim Pedersen
10:30 am EM Bread	Deacon Richard	Deacon Richard	Deacon Richard	Darryl Conliffe	Deacon Richard
10:30 am EM 1	Jerry Rimmer	Ian Penhorwood	Bev Jenkins	Brenda Thom	Dennis Bramigk
10:30 am EM 2	Monteal Rimmer	Maggie Penhorwood	Charles Hardison	Jeff Hill	Jamie Owen
10:30 am Acolytes	Joel Hill, Kendayl Sikorski, Ariana Altizer	Jacob Hanoian, Elizabeth Hanoian, Kenedee Morse	Conlin Fulton Ethan Fulton Cajsa Melms	Taylor Pen- horwood Bradley Eziuka, Benjamin Eziuka	Ethan Fulton, Ellie Russell, Katherine Russell
Welcomer	Sean Hanoian	Erica Fulton	Deb Green	<i>Dave Anderson</i>	Sean Hanoian
Welcomer	Nancy Copeland	Eddy Fulton	Sue Carpenter	Judy Anderson	Nancy Copeland
Giftbearer	Harry VanGelder	Dave Anderson	Sean Hanoian	Charlotte Drake	Maria Conliffe
Giftbearer	Cheri VanGleder	Judy Anderson	Mary Hill	Sharon Peters	Darryl Conliffe
Lector	Charlotte Drake	Sharon Peters	Judy Anderson	Nancy Copeland	Charlotte Drake
Altar Guild	Sally MacMullen Fay Taylor Kathy Graham Kathie Schwark	Sally MacMullen Fay Taylor Kathy Graham Kathie Schwark	Sally MacMullen Fay Taylor Kathy Graham Kathie Schwark	Sally MacMullen Fay Taylor Kathy Graham Kathie Schwark	Sally MacMullen Fay Taylor Kathy Graham Kathie Schwark
Counter	Debra W	Sean H	Pat G	Jeff H.	
Counter	Dennis B	Kate M.	Debra W	Dave A	
Coffee Hour Host	Jeanne Wilken- son, Bonnie Mar- tin, Pat Gearn	Cheryl Robison Brenda Thom	Easter	Wepler Family	Mark Hill Aurillio Dorris
Bread Makers	Elizabeth & Martha Hanoian	Elizabeth & Martha Hanoian	Elizabeth & Martha Hanoian	Elizabeth & Martha Hanoian	Elizabeth & Martha Hanoian

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **SPRING CLEAN UP—**

**APRIL 8TH, OUT DOOR  
CLEAN UP 9:00—1:00;. Rain  
date is April 22—**

For more information, Con-  
tact Ken Emerson

**HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE:** Our services this year will take place as follows.

**4/13 Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**--Service begins with light appetizers in the Foyer, then moves into sanctuary followed by a vigil in Room 5.

**4/14 Good Friday--12 noon** ecumenical service at First United Methodist church in Belleville

--7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross service in Trinity Sanctuary

**4/16 Easter Morning--6:30 a.m.** Sunrise Easter Vigil/Easter Day service, bringing the light of Christ into a darkened church, telling some Old Testament stories, then flipping on the lights for a joyous Easter celebration.

—8:30 Quiet Book of Common Prayer Service

—10:30 a.m. Regular Easter Day Service

**NOTE THAT THERE IS NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE THIS YEAR: The Easter Vigil will be the first part of the Easter Day Sunrise service instead.**

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Sunday, May 21 at 6:00 pm we will hold our second annual choir concert featuring the Ford Community Choir, our own Trinity Choir, and possibly others. All money raised will go to clothing kids through Adopt-a-Child-Size.



### **SOUP KITCHEN—April 22**

Prepare meals 9:00 TO 11:00,  
RIDE SHARE LEAVES TRINITY  
AT 8:30 AM



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