

The Trinity Bell

August

Rector's Reflections

Forgiveness, Repentance, Reconciliation

Perhaps this is a good time to introduce a theological distinction between forgiveness and reconciliation.

Forgiveness is a unilateral act. It's something we do in our hearts, a surrender, a giving up of all hope for a better past. We forgive maybe ultimately more for ourselves than for those forgiven, because what forgiveness really does is free us so that we can move forward without being imprisoned in bitterness or anger.

Reconciliation, on the other hand, is a two-way street. To reconcile is to restore a damaged relationship through a process of apology, amends, and change. Reconciling involves placing an offender back into a position of trust, and so it requires repentance in the Biblical sense of the word--a turning or change of life.

So, for example, it is not a good idea to *reconcile* with an unreformed abuser and give him the power to hurt you again. But it is generally a good idea to try to *forgive* an unreformed abuser, even when she is not sorry for what she has done. Otherwise we become stuck in resentment, a state which Nelson Mandela once observed "is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies."

But that doesn't make forgiveness easy. Forgiveness is a process, faster for some than others. Like any state of the heart, you cannot simply will it to come. God *does* call on us to "forgive those who have sinned against us," but the Bible also makes clear that God would rather we admit that we are not there yet than pretend away our denial, rage, blame and despair. That's why the psalmist feels so free to pray for God to help him dash the heads of his enemies' babies against the rock (137:9). That's why Job defies his sanctimonious friends and rails at God for causing his suffering--*and then God vindicates Job over those same friends* (42:7-19).

So the Christian discipline of forgiveness is an important one to engage, but not at the expense of our own authentic selves. Ultimately it is those real selves that God wants us to lay on the offering table at Communion and in prayer--so that God can work forgiveness in us in God's own time.

Peace,

Ian

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Deacon's Pen



At the request of Pastor Ian, I was requested to form a committee to handle the care of our building and grounds. I agreed to chair this committee based upon my previous position within the Diocese as the Property Manager and also handed Risk Management. I asked Mo Altizer, Mike Bowerman, Ken Emerson, Eddie Fulton and Kraig Wilson to join the Committee and they all agreed.

The primary purpose of this Committee is to identify areas of concern regarding the interior and exterior of the building, the grounds and the rental property. We are going to do a walk through in our June meeting and identify problem areas. In addition to the above, we're also going to look at several Diocesan policies as well as policies established by our Vestry over the years and try and develop those policies so they reflect a more current time.

However, to see that things get done on a timely basis or where we need advice from experts in a particular field, we need your support. We want to develop a list of persons within our parish who would be willing to help get things done based upon their knowledge. No one has to be an expert but if you're willing to help in keeping our buildings in good condition, our property looking presentable, please let us know. I would ask that, if you have e-mail, you send a note to me at deacon@trinitybell.com or tell a member of the Building and Grounds Committee in what areas you'd be willing to help and we'll put your name on the list. We promise we will not abuse the fact you're willing to help.

FYI, this is not for men only, it's for anyone who is able to help. I'll bring you up to date on the progress of the Committee as we get more organized in future monthly newsletters.. In the meantime, thank you to those who've agreed to serve on the Committee and a BIG thank you to anyone who'll agree to help. We need you.

Have a great Summer.

Deacon Richard



Children's Ministries

July 2016

Lettuce, peppers, beans, peas, tomatoes and much more are growing in our Heifer Project Garden. The kids have worked hard keeping our garden area weeded, in our 14 raised beds. Many thanks go out to Barb Watson for all her expertise which she has been sharing with the kids.

Most weeks, our kids learn about the different animals that Heifer project provides and hear success stories as a way to connect the work they are doing with the help their work provides. Please read the following success story that gives families hope in Kentucky.

“Agriculture Gets a New Outlook in Appalachia”

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For decades, coal put food on the tables of almost every Harlan County family. Although the life was hard and unhealthy, the paycheck was steady. But as machinery began replacing manpower under the ground, children watched as their parents went from the coal mine to the job line.

“Coal mining is no longer the future,” said Jeremy Williams, the agriculture extension agent for Harlan County. “Most of our people

have become unemployed, [and] our population has decreased from 50,000 to 31,000 over the last 15 years because of this ‘boom to bust.’”

That’s why Heifer’s Appalachia Program has joined forces with community members in eastern Kentucky counties like Harlan, Menifee Morgan and Carter to give youth a new future by way of a past occupation: Small-scale agriculture.

Through Heifer’s alternative agriculture and small farms projects, small-scale farming isn’t just being revived as an industry – it’s also being used as a tool to mold a new generation of responsible citizens.

“Heifer’s goal is to make rural lives easier through sustainability,” said Steve Muntz, Heifer’s U.S. Country Director and a resident of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. “I’ve met some of the best people with the best ideas in the rural areas,” he added, “and we want to encourage those ideas.”

The Alternative Agriculture Project helps youth develop



Important Dates



September 11

Youth & Child Programming

Begins

9:00 AM Teens

10:30 Childrens

Education

Late Church

Service returns to
10:30 time on
09/11/2016

Trinity hosted its annual day camp week June 27—July 1. It was a long but successful week that was made possible by volunteers who provided lunch or dinner for the camp counselors, housed the counselors, and worked as junior counselors. This year we had 27 kids register for day camp, compared to last years 12. We accomplished this by adding some new marketing into the mix. Not only was it constantly in the bulletin, Bell Notes, and Bell, and website/Facebook page, banners were outside the church advertising the event for over a month. We also put fliers at all the school in the district, fliers also went into food bags at the Methodist church, and Tammy Mayrend taught me how to do a Facebook ad, which ran to a targeted audience for a week.

I want to again thank everyone who helped make this week a success.

Martha Hanoian



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.

Our year has wound down, I know I've said it before, but watching these young people grow and mature is such an amazing blessing! I've known most of them since they were babies or very young children. I've seen them grow, not just physically, but also into, kind, thoughtful, caring young people that are becoming aware of not only their responsibility, but their ability to be a positive force in this world! Next year, these young people will be the J2A class, a little closer to graduating, a little closer to going out into the world be that change for good!

Continue to hold them in your prayers, as we do all of you for your support in our prayers. God is good!

In Christ, Judy

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May 19-2016

Dear Pastor Ian,

Thank you so very much for allowing Adopt-A-Child-Size to hold the benefit concert at Trinity and for all of the work you did to promote the event. We collected \$1,400.00 plus the \$500.00 donation from the chorus which resulted in a very profitable event. Having the Trinity choir participate was an excellent idea. I have never heard them sound so good and was most proud of them as well.

We received many positive responses from those who attended and would to hold it again next year. Perhaps we could invite another church choir as well and make it an even greater event.

Again many thanks for all that you did to make it a success.

Sincerely



Mrs. Teresa Moore, Director

What's Happenin' in J2A

Our J2A class and leaders, went to the Dominican Republic June 27th - July 4th with the Diocese of Michigan. Eric Travis led the group through a program called Camp Compassion. Every 3 years, Camp Compassion does an international mission trip. This was Trinity's second trip to the Dominican Republic.

Eric ask Mia Gregory to go along with us as our official translator. We were also joined by 2 adults and 2 youth from Christ Church-Cranbrook, and 1 youth from Christ Church -Dearborn.

We started our journey in Santo Domingo, because we couldn't get a flight into Porte Plata where our work was to begin. So we got to explore Santo Domingo the evening we got there. This included some shopping in the downtown area. The following day we got up early and went to a local Episcopal church, where we experienced a wonderful service, and got to serve local people food afterwards in a beautiful courtyard. When we were done, we said our goodbyes and had a wonderful lunch in the area, and boarded our bus to Puerto Plata. After a long bus ride to Puerto Plata, we arrived at the Lo-Mar Hotel where we stayed for the rest of our mission trip.

Our task in Puerto Plata was to work at a local Episcopal school that week. We had to seal the new concrete roof, and paint it. We also started painting 3 class rooms inside the school, and completed one of them. The temperatures were in the mid 90's with high humidity most of the work days, but our youth worked tirelessly during that whole time, with a joyful heart. Mia not only translated for the entire group most of the time, but also worked just as hard as the rest of the group.

As our youth worked, many of the children at the school, and in the community came around to see what was we were doing, and to get to know their American visitors. Our youth and adults made time between our work to talk to and play with the children from the community. We also had 2 local young men Frank & Adison, who worked each day with us. The Reverenda, who and her assistant Maritza (her translator also), opened each day of work with prayer. It was a wonderful experience.

After the work was done, our group got to do some fun stuff, like Zip Lining, trips to the beach, and a cable ride to the top of a mountain. Sunday we attended Reverenda's church, where we had a wonderful service, where they honored our group for the work we did, and the community we shared. Our bus driver Juan Luis, and a young man from the hotel Antonio, (who spent Saturday with us on their own time) also became part of our group, along with Frank & Adison. It was so hard that Sunday to say our goodbyes to people we had just met, but through working with and fellowshiping with, seemed like we had known for a lifetime. We hope to present a slideshow and discussion in August after church.

This was now the 8th Pilgrimission Trinity youth have gone own since the program began in 1994. As always, Trinity youth rose above any challenge that was set forth before them, and let their Christ Light shine through them throughout the world. This leader has been so proud to witness this love and commitment throughout the years.

Sincerely, your J2A Leaders

Cyndi & Peter

Strawberry Festival Update 2016



What a fantastic year! Great weather, great leaders, great crowds, a record setting year. I do know that we set a record.

I truly appreciate all of the volunteer help from so many through out my tenure as the Strawboss. It is time for me to hand over the reins to the committee, Sue Carpenter, Pat Gearn, Cynthia Coleman, Martha Hanoian, Eddy & Erica Fulton, Debra Williams, Kate McCutchen, Ron Wepler, and Julie Travis.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve during the past 20+ years. I wish you the next leader nothing but the best in the years to come.

Retiring Strawboss,

Virg

CHURCH DAY CAMP: This year, Martha Hanoian and Pastor Ian set a goal to increase our Church Camp participation by advertising the camp as a ministry to the surrounding community as well as our own kids. We have more than doubled our attendance to 27 (from 12 in 2015)! The kids have been making a joyful noise all over the church this week, and having a ton of fun with our college-age Living Waters camp counselors. Thanks to all who have helped to feed and house the counselors, and congratulations to Martha on a great success!



TRINITY AT THE BALL GAME:

Come join us at Comerica Park to root for the Tigers as they play against the California Angels, SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$34 each and we are sitting in the upper deck behind home plate!! Please sign up on the Tiger sign up in the Parish Hall or call Harry Van Gelder (734-699-3023) for more information and to reserve your seats!

August Birthdays

<u>AUGUST</u>			
		8-20	Hollee Anne Wilson
8-1	Elizabeth Hanoian	8-20	Macee Jeane Wilson
8-2	Grace Wangbickler	8-20	Martha Hanoian
8-6	Tanner Locke	8-21	Jim Miller
8-7	Marlene Dapsi	8-23	Cynthia Hernandez
8-7-	Laura Boike	8-23	Kylie Anderson
8-7	Gary Marshall	8-23	Travis Anderson
8-11	David Halsey	8-27	Nancy Sears
08-12	Douglas Morse	8-27	Deacon Richard Boulter
8-15	Linda Nadeau	8-28	Fay J. Taylor
8-17	Ariana Altizer		
8-20	Mildred Bennett		



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

A very *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to you!

10th	Dick & Mary Jo Marsh T.C. & Debra Williams
21st	Jerry & Sue Carpenter
22nd	Gil & Brenda Thom
24th	Gary & Pat Marshall

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			3	4	5	6
					Mich Bootcamp 5:45am	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild 6:30 Girl Scouts
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
*Regular Sunday Services	Mich Bootcamp 5:45am 7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	Mich Bootcamp 5:45am		Mich Bootcamp 5:45am 7	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
*Regular Sunday Services Healing Prayer	Mich Bootcamp 5:45am 7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. Staff meeting 3:00pm 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	Mich Bootcamp 5:45am	Blood Drive 1:00pm	Mich Bootcamp 5:45am	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild 9:00 a.m. Altar Guild
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
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August 2016	Sunday Aug 7	Sunday Aug 14	Sunday Aug 21	Sunday Aug 28
8 am EM	Jim Pedersen	Randy Hotten	Jay Armstrong	Susan Armstrong
10:30 am EM Bread	Deacon Richard	Dennis Bramigk	Deacon Richard	Jamie Owen
10:30 am EM 1	Darryl Conliffe	Bev Jenkins	Maggie Penhorwood	Brenda Thom
10:30 am EM 2	Jeff Hill	Jeff Hill	Ian Penhorwood	Adesuwa Obaseki
10:30 am Acolytes	Kenedee Morse	Joel Hill	Miranda Twiss	Taylor Penhorwood
Welcomer	Deb Green	Dave Anderson	Sean Hanoian	Charlotte Drake
Welcomer	Sue Carpenter	Judy Anderson	Nancy Copeland	Sara Eziuka
Giftbearer	Sean Hanoian	Charlotte Drake	Harry Van Gelder	Maria Conliffe
Giftbearer	Mary Hill	Sharon Peters	Cheri VanGelder	Darryl Conliffe
Lector	Jen Melms	Sharon Peters	Charlotte Drake	Mike Mccutchen
Altar Guild	Kathie Schwark (On Call)	Kathie Schwark (On Call)	Kathie Schwark (On Call)	Kathie Schwark (On Call)
Altar Guild	Val Altizer	Val Altizer	Val Altizer	Val Altizer
Altar Guild	Paula Brown	Paula Brown	Paula Brown	Paula Brown
Altar Guild	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau
Counter	Bonnie Martin	Deborah Green	Sean Hanoian	Harry Vangelder
Counter	Dave Anderson	Dennis Bramigk	Jeff Hill	Kraig Wilson
Coffee Hour Host	Sally McMullin	Monteal Rimmer Priscilla Hardison	Dave & Judy Anderson	Kay Emerson Sue Carpenter
Bread Makers	Emmy Keene	Emmy Keene	Emmy Keene	Emmy Keene

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