

Rector's Reflections

Hospitable We

My first winter at Trinity, a bit over two years ago, we did a Lenten study about congregational hospitality and welcome. We assessed ourselves on a lot of things: how we welcome new people, how much we interact with and serve the local community around Trinity, even what our building says about us as a congregation.

The point is not so much to "attract new members" as it is to follow in Jesus' way of self-giving love, to share what is nourishing about our community with others who might need that nourishment as well. Racially diverse families come to mind, as do LGBTQ folks, and families that have been touched by the adoption process...or anyone who holds inclusion, Christian love, and thoughtful approaches to Scripture as core values.

One of the projects that came out of that work in Lent 2015 was to update our facility so that it more accurately reflected the warmth of our community and the pride we take in this place where we gather and pray and study and plan ministry. To that end, we started with the long hallway and front foyer, adding warmer paint, comfy and inviting chairs, attractive side tables and wooden coat hangars. The main office also traded out wall-mounted metal shelves for cabinets and fresh paint. The bathrooms have now been given some color, better lighting, and other homey touches as well.

Next up is the parish hall. We will be looking to raise some money to replace the old, stained carpeting with a wood-finished vinyl floor--elegant to the eye and easier to clean. Other touches will likely include a wall of cabinets on which to serve food, decorative cloth draped along the ceiling, and fresh paint. And then there's the wheelchair ramp outside, which needs replacement and repainting.

None of this is about "spending money on ourselves." It is about aligning what our building says about us with the values we hold: inclusive, open, concerned about the comfort of guests, hospitable.

The other project that arose out of our discernment in Lent 2015 was to look for new opportunities to make a difference in our local area. Hospitality is important, but it also needs to go hand-in-hand with mission--with a true desire to help build the Kingdom of God in our world. Our teen-mentoring ministry was an "excellent attempt" at this, but ultimately didn't work out. So we are back to thinking and praying about how else God might be calling us to "love and serve our neighbor."

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Children & Youth Ministries

August 2017

Heifer Garden

The garden is beginning to produce and we will soon have tomatoes, blackberries, squash, and a few other vegetables. Please stop at our garden table to pick up some produce each Sunday. The proceeds from this goes to Heifer International. The kids will pick animals in late fall.

Youth Summer Fun

During the summer, youth programs traditionally don't meet, but, I would like to do once a month fun activity this summer. July 30, we will head up to Marvin's Mechanical Museum and I am open to suggestions for August 20. These activities are open to all youth entering 6th grade—High School (including recent graduates). Parent's I will need some help with transportation. We will keep the cost of these activities to \$10/youth.

Also, on Sunday, August 5, we will be working to get the rooms downstairs rooms ready for the upcoming school year. This will include cleaning, moving and putting together some furniture. Parent's and Youth, this is a project that I can not do alone, so please mark your calendar and plan to spend the afternoon with me at the church.

Day Camp—Thank You's

Thank you to the Fulton and Burton families who housed counselors. Thank you, Marlene Dapsi, Deb Green, Virg Stoltz, and Cheryl Richison who fed the counselors lunch. Thank you Boulters who took the counselors on a boat ride and fed them Monday evening, the Van Gelder Family & Burton family who also hosted dinners. Thank you to Ethan Fulton, Arianna Hernandez, Elizabeth Hanoian, Kenedee Morse and Yensi Goerge who each sent time as junior counselors. **Day Camp could not happen without the support of the congregation.**

Important Dates

Youth Fun after Church 7/30

Room Renovation Work 8/5

Youth Fun after Church 8/20

Volunteer Opportunities

The Children's Worship program needs help keeping the garden ready.



Music at Trinity

As we are looking toward the upcoming Autumn Season and are preparing to restart our Church programs again, specifically our music ministry, I would like to share with you four functions of a Church Choir that help explain why the Church Choir exists and how music is a vital component of our worship. One of our goals here at Trinity is to praise God through music but also that the Church becomes a “singing congregation.” To help achieve that, I believe each function is equally important and should be present for a strong music ministry.

[The Four Functions of a Church Choir](#) by Brian Helm via [choralnet.org](#)

1. The church choir leads and enlivens the congregation’s song.

This may come as a surprise to some readers that the first and most important function of the church choir is to lead the congregation’s song. Let’s not forget that without a congregation, there could not be a church choir!

2. The church choir sings music that the congregation cannot.

There’s lots of great music that needs to be sung that just cannot reasonably be done by a congregation. There are some texts set to challenging music that congregations need to hear, whether it’s because it is comforting in times of crises, praising in times of joy, or inspiring in times of apathy. By spending the time and effort to rehearse each week, the choir provides a great service to the congregation by opening up the amount of literature the congregation can be exposed to.

3. The church choir serves as a small-group within the church for faith formation.

When we sing together, a bond is created that unites us unlike any other activity. Because we meet together once a week to do work for the glory of God and benefit of neighbor, taking care of each other is no longer an option, it’s a responsibility.

4. The church choir sings beautiful and challenging music to praise God and edify the congregation.

A church choir’s job is not just to sing beautifully, but rather it is to minister to the congregation and to each other in a variety of ways, helping to change the world into a more loving and peaceful place.





August

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

8-10-Dick & Mary Jo Marsh
8-10-T.C. & Debra Williams
8-13-Rev. Ian & Nan Reed Twiss
8-21-Jerry & Sue Carpenter
8-22-Gil & Brenda Thom
8-24-Gary & Patricia Marshall
8-26-Jerry & Monteval Rimmer
8-30-Adesuwa & Kienewa Obaseki



May your marriage be blessed with love, joy and companionship!
A very *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to you!

Trinity Episcopal Church

This is for all the staff and members of the church. This comes from the Miller Family sons of Doris Novak. We thank you for everything in this time of our mothers passing. The church was everything to our mother. Thanks to everyone so much.

The Millers

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	2	3	4	5 8:00 am Altar Guild
6 8:00 am Regular Woship 10:30 am Regular Worship	7	8 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	9	10	11	12 8:00 am Altar Guild
13 8:00 am Regular Woship 10:30 am Regular Worship-Healing Prayer 2:00 pm Cedar Woods	14	15 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm DRIVE TEAM	16	17 Red Cross Blood Drive 1:-7:00 pm	18	19 8:00 am Altar Guild
20 8:00 am Regular Woship 10:30 am Regular Worship	21	22 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	23	24	25	26 8:00 am Altar Guild 9:00 am Altar Guild
27 8:00 am Regular Woship 10:30 am Regular Worship	28	29 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 Buildings & Grounds Team	30	31		

- ◆ AA meets every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m and
- ◆ every Tuesday at 12 noon.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST EVENTS:

FIRST SUNDAY COLLECTIONS: August - Adopt a Child Size (provides winter clothes for kids in need); September - THAW (helps economically challenged families keep the heat on in winter); October - SOS (provides food and other social services); November - The VA (helps veterans); December- TBD.

BLOOD DRIVE Trinity is hosting a blood drive on Thursday, August 17 from 1:00 - 7:00 pm. To sign up go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code belleville-loop or call Jim at 734-270-2321.

September Events:

Our Program Year (Choir, Sunday School, Adult Ed, Teen Group) begins on September 10, 2017

TRINITY SOUP KITCHEN: The schedule for the Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen is pretty much the same as it was last year, but the 2017 dates are: September 9, serve the meal 11:-1:30, ride share leaves Trinity at 10:30. November 11, prepare meals, 9-11 am, ride share leaves Trinity at 8:30 am. December 2, serve the meal 11:-1:30, ride share leaves Trinity at 10:30.



The **3rd Annual Community Baby Shower** will be taking place Sept. 16th at Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville Michigan just across from Burger King. Event hours: 11:30 to 2:30 pm. Open to women 18 years up. This is a FREE event. For more info go to carstillwagonpublishing.com This is a benefit for FIRST STEP and we need your help. Now is a good to pick up a new baby items.

Financial Fraud Update

A couple of pieces of news related to the Credit Card fraud perpetrated on our church by our former secretary:

- 1) Thanks to Church Insurance, Mastercard, and the diligence of church leaders working on this, we have recovered all of the \$91,000 in embezzled money except about \$4,400. Financially, this crisis is behind us.
- 2) The wheels of our justice system turn slowly, but the Wayne County Prosecutor has recently charged our former employee with one count each of embezzlement, stealing/retaining a financial transaction device (i.e. credit card), and identity theft.

What drives a person to commit these crimes is complicated and often tragic. We ask you to pray for the safety and well-being of her and her children, and also for the outcome of this legal process to protect other communities from what we have gone through.

August Schedule

August	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
8 am EM	Randy Hotton	Cleda Smartt	Jim Penderson	Jay Armstrong
10:30 am EM Bread	Deacon Richard	Cleda Smartt	Deacon Richard	Decon Richard
10:30 am EM 1	Maggie Pehorwood	Jamie Owen	Erica Fulton	Monteal Rimmer
10:30 am EM 2	Ian Penhorwood	Darryl Conliffe	Eddie Fulton	Jerry Rimmer
10:30 am Acolytes	Taylor Penhorwood	Ethan Fulton	Kenedee Morse	Joel Hill
Welcomer	Dave Anderson	Sean Hanoian	Angie Kelch	<i>Deb Green</i>
Welcomer	July Anderson	Nancy Copeland	Bob Kelch	Sue Carpenter
Giftbearer	Charlotte Drake	Maria Conliffe	Harry VanGilder	Dave Anderson
Giftbearer	Sharon Peters	Darryl Conliffe	Cheri VanGilder	Judy Anderson
Lector	Sharon Peters	Judy Anderson	Brenda Thom	Charlotte Drake
Altar Guild	Debbie Taylor Erica Fulton Kathie Schwark Val Altizer (on call)			
Counter	Deb W	Kraig W	Pat G	Debra G
Counter	Harry V	Debra W	Jeff H	Dave A.
Coffee Hour Host	Maria & Darryl Coliffe	Fellowship Team	Sally McMullin & Mercedes Williams	Dave & Judy Anderson
Bread Makers	Amber Chadwick	Amber Chadwick	Amber Chadwick	Amber Chadwick



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