

The Trinity Bell

Rector's Reflections

For All the Parish



I passed my one-year anniversary at Trinity at the end of this past November, and right around that time I had this experience in worship one Sunday. It was just an ordinary moment in the service--I believe we were all singing a hymn. As my gaze passed over the sea of faces out in the congregation, your faces, what I know of the stories behind those faces flashed through my mind. And then I felt this sudden surge of love--for you as individuals, and also for you as a collective, for the people of Trinity with whom and for whom I have the privilege of doing ministry.

It was a feeling of being at home--in the right place with the right people. "One year in," I thought to myself. "Yeah, that's about right. We are on our way!"

And so we are. As we approach our Annual Meeting this January 24th we are blessed to have five--count 'em, five!--candidates running for the three open slots on our Vestry. This enthusiasm to be part of the leadership process at Trinity is a real gift.

And yet there are challenges as well: one, in particular, that we need to face into together. Trinity has a long, proud tradition of participation in Belleville's Strawberry Festival. This impressive and gargantuan effort has served an important community-building function: helping Trinity folks get to know each other better as they work together on teams, and also bringing members of the wider community onto our church property to interact with us. The festival has also helped us to raise money--for outreach ministries and for internal projects in equal measure.

However, as the work of Strawberry Festival has fallen more and more on fewer and fewer shoulders, it is in danger of becoming unsustainable, at least in its current form. And so we need to gather as a community to discern the future of this event. Are enough Trinitarians devoted to the festival to keep it going? Does it need to change? If so, how? Or might it be time to think about laying this event to rest and seeking other ways to minister to the world?

These are the questions we will take up at an all-parish meeting on Sunday, January 17 from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. (in place of the Adult Forum). Whatever your initial response to them might be, please come and be part of this important conversation.

Peace,

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Children's Ministries

January 2016

Important Dates



Christmas Break	1/3
Youth Sabbath	1/10
Classes Resume	1/17



I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. It was so fun to sit with the kids in the front of the church and watch the lighting of the Advent Wreath each week. Seeing how excited they get when it is their turn to go up and light the candle, or the look of wonder on their faces as they watch the reader and candle lighter is one of my favorite “job responsibilities”.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who made the “Pageant in a Bag” so much fun. I was asked to post a little about how to organize one of these types of pageants on a friends’ Facebook page after her fans had seen all the pictures that had

been posted.

One of the things I mentioned was how wonderful it is to be in a congregation that is so willing to try new things and make a twist on a favorite tradition. So, again, thank you for such a fun worship service.

Youth Sabbath is scheduled for January 10, 2016. The kids will have chosen jobs back in December before Christmas. I will try to get out an email reminder for you all, but please have your kids at church by 10am on that Sunday to practice and get organized. If a few of the parents and teachers are available, I would gladly accept the help with keeping an eye on all the children.

Heifer Project

With the help of a generous donation from the outreach committee, the following was donated...

1 Sheep, 1 Biogas Stove, 1 Irrigation Pump, 1 Basket of Hope (chickens and rabbits), 1 flock of chickens, A share in the Women’s Empowerment project in India and tree seedlings.

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

In the month of December several Rite 13 youth served at the Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen with Trinity.

We've had some lessons played some games and hopefully deepened our faith...

We're looking forward to a busy 2016, beginning with Youth Sabbath when we come back on Jan 10, a trip to SpringHill Camp in March, fellowship in the form of a lock-in with our friends at St John's RO, and possibly an outing to the Heifer Village at the Howell Nature Center.

As always, we are grateful for the support and prayers of our church family here at Trinity.

In Christ, Judy

Journey to Adulthood (J2A)

What's Happening inWhat's Happenin' in J2A

With December, and the Advent season upon us, we took this time to slow down, and be quiet. And listen to see if God might be trying to talk to us. We contemplated what great event we were preparing ourselves for. The coming of Jesus. We took time during class to listen to a Jesuit daily meditation called Pray-As-You-Go. We listened to a couple of weekend meditations that were prepared for the Advent season. These meditations start out with song, then scripture, then questions and things to think about. Then it reads the scripture again, and gives us more to contemplate from it. It then ends in music like it started. Feel free to check it out. <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/home/>.

We continued with our #adventword. Which were #wait & #wonder. Great words for this Advent time of year. I know Mary being very pregnant, would have had much to say I'm sure on both these words. We talked about how this season is similar

to the Lenten season, were we also evaluate, and prepare. And in our preparing, the high school age group of youth have for more years than this leader can tell you, but I can tell you more than 25 years, and maybe 35 years, Trinity youth have been putting out luminaries bags filled with sand and a candle, and the names of our Trinity's loved ones. From those that founded Trinity, to all the Pillars of Trinity that have gone on before us. These names; both from the past, and from the present. From the Saints, to the family lineages, to the current Pillars of Trinity, Each Year at least for this leader, I have had the honor and the privilege, along with many youth and parents, to be able to put these precious bags of names out on the sidewalks around Trinity. And to illuminate them, one by one and watch the names shine through the darkness. Each year the names change a little. Some years we add names to the bags with new Saints. New Saints we will miss dearly, and desperately. But we will add their names to the list of people who have been the very foundation of who Trinity is. The Pillars of Trinity. The Inspirers, the Dreamers, the Elders. Each year the high school youth, which has been the J2A

youth primarily, sell luminaries for a \$1. This is enough to cover the cost of the supplies each year. I think it is wonderful to watch our youth, our future, carefully, and respectfully put out these bag each year, who represent the people who have paved their way to where they are, and to hopefully where they will be going...and going with God.

On behalf of Cyndi, and myself, I would like to thank the parents, and the youth, and Martha our JA Coordinator, and this wonderful, incredible parish, for supporting this Journey to Adulthood program for all these years. Build memories for God's glory, and to show that we can make a difference in a world that needs so much.

We ask for blessings upon each and every one of your lives as we go into a new year of unknowns waiting ahead. May we step boldly into 2016 knowing that we are God's children, and that together the light of Trinity will continue to shine out into the world around it; to bring in the weak, the weary, and the hopeless, so that they too may receive Christ into their lives, and become whole.

Happy New Year!!! -
May God's Blessing be with you!!!!

Events:

Youth Sabbath - Jan. 10th.

Activities Coming Up

T.B.D.

Cyndi & Peter

Your J2A Leaders

January Birthdays

1st	Megan Elizabeth Wilson	14th	Amanda Burke
2nd	Jackie Gregory		Benjamin Ezuika
3rd	Edward Hernandez	16th	Pam Smith
	Kristyn Wilson	17th	Anamika Power
4th	Sharon Peters	19th	Morris Altizer
	Gabby Mayrend	23rd	Bea Kuwik
5th	Jenna Budd	24th	Meghan Taylor
8th	Carman Richison		Taylor Penhorwood
11th	Audrey Boike	25th	Jim Power
	Ankita Power	26th	Andrew Remmington
12th	Greg Brauer	29th	Raymond Nugent
	Liz Marsh		Landon Locke
	Cleda Smartt	30th	Haylee Morse



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

A very *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to you!

5th	Bill & Ruby Hanes
	Steve & Nancy Copeland
6th	David & Patrice Anderson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8:00 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
*Regular Sunday Services	7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6:45 p.m. Girl Scouts	6:30 p.m. High School Mentoring	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild 9:30 a.m. ECW Council Meeting
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Youth Sabbath *Regular Sunday Services Healing Prayer 12:00 noon Vestry Meeting 2:00 p.m. Cedar Woods Ministry 4:30 p.m. Synoptic Gospel	7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. High School Mentoring	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
*Regular Sunday Services 1:30 p.m. Cedar Woods Christmas 4:30 p.m. Synoptic Gospel	Office Closed Holiday 7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts		6:30 p.m. High School Mentoring	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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31	<p>*Regular Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Children's Worship Nursery Care Provided</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Boot Camp, the exercise program, regularly meets on Mon, Wed, and Fri. at 5:45 a.m.</p>					
*Regular Sunday Services 4:30 p.m. Synoptic Gospel Study						

Jan 2016	Sunday January 03	Sunday January 10	Sunday January 17	Sunday January 24	Sunday January 31
8 am EM	Jim Pederson	Randy Hotten	Cleda Smartt	Jay Armstrong	Susan Armstrong
10:00 am EM Bread	Darryl Conliffe	Bev Jenkins	Deacon Richard	Deacon Richard	Deacon Richard
10:00 am EM 1	Ian Penhorwood	Jeff Hill	Erica Fulton	Jamie Owen	Dennis Bramigk
10:00 am EM 2	Maggie Penhorwood	Brenda Thom	Eddie Fulton	Adesuwa Obaseki	Bev Jenkins
10:00 am Acolytes	Reilly Penhorwood Taylor Penhorwood Kendee Morse	Joel Hill Jillian Hill Cajsa Melms	Miranda Twiss Ellis Russell Katherine Russell	Colin Fulton Ethan Fulton Ariana Altizer	Jacob Hanoian Elizabeth Hanoian Bradley Ezuika
Welcomer	Deb Green	Sue Carpenter	Sean Hanoian	Andy Melms	Dave Anderson
Welcomer	Nancy Copeland	Sara Ezuika	Dave Anderson	Maria Conliffe	Judy Anderson
Giftbearer	Dave Anderson		Fay Taylor	Sean Hanoian	Harry van Gelder
Giftbearer	Andy Melms	Charlotte Drake	Grace Wangbickler	Mary Hill	Cheri van Gelder
Lector		Cyndi Hernandez	Sharon Peters	Charlotte Drake	Judy Anderson
Altar Guild	Bev Thom (On Call)	Bev Thom (On Call)	Bev Thom (On Call)	Bev Thom (On Call)	
Altar Guild	Paula Brown	Paula Brown	Paula Brown	Paula Brown	Paula Brown
Altar Guild	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham	Kathy Graham
Altar Guild	Linda Nadeua	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau	Linda Nadeau
Counter	Dennis Bramigk		Barb Watson	Harry van Gelder	Jeff Hill
Counter	Jeff Hill	Deb Green	Dave Anderson	Debra Williams	Kate MacCutchen
Coffee Hour Host		Wepler	Sign up in Parish Hall	Sign up in Parish Hall	Sign up in Parish Hall
Bread Makers					

2016 Vestry Candidates

Candidate Name: Charlotte Drake

How long have you been active at Trinity? **1 year 5 months**

What ministries have you been most involved with?

I am a Lector and a Gift Bearer

Why do you want to serve on the Vestry? (Feel free to write a paragraph or two on this question.)

Being a newer member of the church, I am excited for the future of Trinity. I found Trinity after many years of searching for a church where I felt I could belong and I said when I found that church I wanted to be involved in the church community. I would like to be a participant in helping Trinity grow and move forward. There have been many changes since I started coming here and change is hard but a new era requires it. We face many challenges in today's world and a strong church is going to be very important in the coming years. I want to be a member who is an asset to the church and I feel I can do that as a member of Vestry.



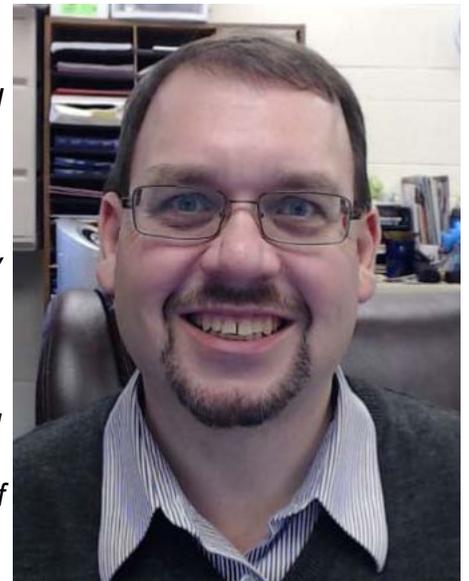
Candidate Name: *Eric Travis*

How long have you been active at Trinity? *My wife, Julie, and I have been at Trinity since 2009.*

What ministries have you been most involved with? *5th-6th grade Sunday School teacher, counter, reader, gift bearer, member of Search Committee, photo & videographer & Strawberry Festival volunteer.*

Why do you want to serve on the Vestry? *I love the Episcopal Church and especially love Trinity. I have worked for a parish or Diocese in the Episcopal Church since 1990 and have volunteered in many different capacities. I have worked closely with Vestries in my personal and professional career and now I want to be a part of a strong parish leadership team.*

This is a new day in the Episcopal Church. We have our first African-American Presiding Bishop, who is calling for us to be the "Episcopal branch of Jesus' movement in the world". We have a New Rector at Trinity for the first time in over 20 years. The opportunities in front of us are limited only by what we are willing to try. I believe that we need to respect and honor our past, and be willing to reach beyond ourselves to be the best "Trinity" we can be. A strong Vestry, united in prayer and worship, one that trusts each other and works with the clergy and other members of the congregation to be a Christ-centered community of Growth in the Spirit, Outreach, and Diversity, will help us be the Episcopal branch of Jesus' movement in Belleville, and that is the Vestry I want to serve on.



Candidate Name: Ken Emerson

How long have you been active at Trinity?

1986--Dec. 2001 (retired and moved to Florida) Returned to Michigan Jan. 2015--current.

What ministries have you been most involved with?Trinity

Vestry positions: 2 terms. As Jr. Warden additional work included fence building at property line between restaurant & Church and rectory fence. I made heating/air conditioning recommendations that were later implemented for the sanctuary. I served on the committee to research financial and practical construction objectives and was liaison to contractors during the addition to the Church, a 4-5 year commitment.

I enjoyed ushering for many years, outreach activities such as Strawberry Festival, Adopt-A-Child Size, luminaries & Christmas Eve refreshment programs.

After retirement- Florida (13 years)

I was involved with Medical Equipment Volunteers, a church group that provided handicap accessibility devices for handicapped individuals such as grab bars, ramps, wheelchair accessible door openings & elevators.

I was part of a team that packed "backpacks" containing food for school children to take home over the weekend.

I helped with the "Fishes & Loaves" program at our Florida church --- we cooked and delivered food to parishioners who were having medical/personal problems.

As part of the St. Mark's Men's Group in Florida I coordinated meal selection and delivery for our monthly meetings.

For 8-10 years I volunteered as a bell ringer for the Salvation Army – a mission our church took on each year.

Why do you want to serve on the Vestry?

I feel that my background in heating/air conditioning and construction lends itself to helpfulness in the areas of church maintenance. Having volunteered in several diverse programs both here and in our Florida church I have experience in areas that may be beneficial for the wellbeing and growth of Trinity.



Candidate Name: Marion Caldwell

What ministries have you been most involved with? I am actively involved with the Sew Bees who work weekly on making quilts for St. Joseph Hospital and for Adopt-a-Child Size. It is very rewarding work. I am also pianist for Cedar Woods Assistant Living Ministry, which is rewarding as it brings smile to the residents and spiritual uplifting. In addition, I sponsor Mr. Mouse's Sock Drive and recently hosted Community Baby Shower that both functions benefits "First Step" an organization that is an advocate against abuse and violence toward women and children and men. They are active in finding safe housing for those who are threatened by homelessness and violence.

Why do you want to serve on the Vestry? Because I am compassionate about what the church is about and who it serves, I believe that I can be valuable in forming and participating in making Trinity a welcome helpful way station to come for assistance and information.



Candidate Name: David Anderson

How long have you been active at Trinity? I have been an active, pledging member for 16 years. I was confirmed in 2001.

What ministries have you been most involved with?

Evangelism team, Communications Team, Youth ministries (New Beginnings, Gathering, and LEGO team if that counts). I served on the Vestry in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and was Sr. Warden in 2004 and 2005. I am leader/organizer of the Welcomer and Gift Bearer teams from 2012 to present. I help a lot with Strawberry Festival.



Why do you want to serve on the Vestry?

I have been a member of Trinity for 16 years and attend the 10:30 service. I served on the Vestry in 2003, 2004 and 2005 and was the Sr. Warden in 2004 & 2005. I am currently a member of the Communications team and the leader of the Welcomer and Gift Bearer teams. Other ministries I have been involved in over the years are; Evangelism team, youth events (New Beginnings, Gathering and coach the LEGO team, if that counts) and help on the Trinity Web site. I have mowed the grass, served food at the soup kitchen, hosted coffee hour, been a secret pal, and help on the Strawberry Festival.

So why do I want to be on the Vestry, again? One), because I can now; I have a new position at work that doesn't require as much out of town travel. Two), at my job I have managed million dollar budgets, worked on project planning and scheduling, and worked with teams designing conveyor systems and engineering standards. I feel I can bring this experience to help me work effectively with the Vestry as we move forward through these changing times. Three), on my previous term on the Vestry I learned so much about the Episcopal Church and how it works. I had opportunities to meet many of the leaders and clergy in our Diocese at Convention and in workshops. I miss that. Four), serving God is one of the most important principles of our Christian faith, as believers we are expected to serve the church and serve with a joyful spirit. The words "servant," "service," and "serve," in various forms, occurs well over 1000 times in the bible (NIV). I feel that serving my Church is part of my faith journey, I want to do what I can.



For more information on volunteering for Coffee Hour, see Virg Stoltz.

Consider volunteering to host a coffee hour. The requirements are quite simple; provide coffee/tea, and a light finger snack. Nothing extravagant.



On **Sunday, January 24** we will hold our annual meeting to celebrate the year behind us, elect new leaders, and pass a budget. There will be one combined service that day at 9:30 a.m. followed by the meeting.



January 2016

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