

The Trinity Bell

Rector's Reflections

Being the Church

Forgive me if this is a bit heavy.

A daughter of mine is in a community of friends that has experienced a couple of mental health scares in recent months, including, recently, a teenager who took their own life. My daughter had been at a gathering with this young person, I'll call him/her Alex, two days before and had noticed nothing wrong.

We have all been reeling from this tragedy. Even though I'd only met Alex a handful of times, I keep having this one-way conversation with this kid in my mind: *Why did you do it? Why?* As if Alex could hear me. As if Alex could provide some answer that would help me and my daughter understand. As if understanding could somehow soften the pain.

I'm sharing some angry words with God too, honestly: *Really, God, you couldn't have stopped this one?* There's been no answer to this question either, to the question why. Why does a good and gracious God, abounding in steadfast love, allow such a thing to be? In some ways it is the great mystery, the great unanswered question of faith.

For me, there has been only this: the moment my daughter scrolled through the outpouring of love and grief on Alex's Instagram page. The posts went on and on. Her finger seemed to scroll forever, and as it did I felt a flicker of something vast and tender and gracious moving through those tearful emoticons and hearts and We-love-yous.

Let's be honest, we can't answer the question of suffering, not really. It's beyond our comprehension. But we can be that outpouring of love. We can be the church. So let's do that.

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Children's Ministries

June News

By Martha Hanoian

Day Camp

Day Camp registration packets went out last month. The information is also available on the Trinity website to help you share with friends. Camp will be held July 17—21 the cost of the week of day camp is \$50.

I am very excited for a really fun week of camp. Remember that camp is open to the community. The more kids, the more fun we have at camp. So, please, invite any child you know between ages 5 (who have completed kindergarten) and 12 years of age. If you need more registration forms, stop me at church, give me a call (734)262-1975 or e-mail me at children@trinitybell.org.

Now, to make this week a success, I need a little help for you. First, register your sons, daughters, friends, grandkids, etc., Second, we will be in need of hosts and hostesses to house the counselors for the week. We like to have 2 counselors at each home if possible. Third, I need some help feeding these brave young people who spend the week with our kids. There will be a sign up sheet in the parish hall for sack lunches for the counselors to have each day with the kids and dinners for them to have either out with you or in your homes.

Children's Worship

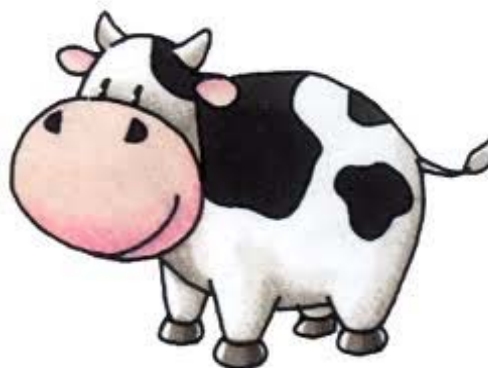
Over that school year, we have used the Whirl! Curriculum. It has been entertaining and the kids really have a great understanding of the church cal-

endar, special church seasons and the "normal" times in the church that we spend working on our own growth.

Starting in May, we will be outside gardening. Please remember to have the kids wear gardening clothes, sun-block, bug spray and gardening gloves. Strawberry festival weekend, we do not meet for Children's worship.

I will put a weekly sign up sheet in the parish hall. Please consider picking a week when you can stop by the church and spend a little time weeding and watering our garden. It is a big job and when not taken care of the weeds like to take over.

Finally, I need to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped in the children's worship room in any way. I appreciate your time, and your dedication to the children of Trinity.



Upcoming Events

May 28

Heifer Garden
Planting Day

June 4

Heifer Garden
Planting Day

Ongoing

Day Camp
Registration

July 17-July 21

Day Camp



Youth Ministries

June 2017

Confirm not Conform

Congratulations to Arianna Hernandez, Joel Hill, Taylor Penhorwood, Hollee Wilson and Macee Wilson on being confirmed during the Bishops visit on Sunday, May 21. I have gifts for you in my office, please come and see me at church.

Summer Fun

During the summer, youth programs traditionally don't meet, but I would like to do once a month fun activity this summer. On June 25, we will go putt-putt golfing after church, July 30, we will head up to Marvin's Mechanical Museum and I am open to suggestions for August 27. These activities are open to all youth entering 6th grade—High School (including recent graduates). Parents I will need some help with transportation. We will keep the cost of these activities to \$10/youth.

Also, on Saturday, July 8, we will be working to get the 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 morning with me at the church.

Important Dates

Youth Fun after Church 6/25

Room Renovation Work 7/8

Day Camp 7/17-21

Youth Fun after Church 7/30

Youth Fun after Church 8/27

Volunteer Opportunities

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

I will also need Junior Counselors during day camp July 17 -21.

**JUNE**

6-1-Mia Elaine Jane Gregory
6-1-Kate McCutchen
6-4-Ted "T.C" Williams
6-5-Julie Travis
6-11-Jerry Carpenter
6-11-Brenda Kay Thom
6-13-Mary Jo Marsh
6-13-Eric Travis
6-14-Bill Hanes
6-14-Debra Williams
6-16-Kameron Wilson
6-19-Marian Caldwell
6-25-Barbra Fairman
6-25-Arleen Robson
6-27-Kennedy Gardner
6-28-Kathie Schwark
6-29-David Anderson



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

A very *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to you!

6-6-Paul & Madison Gresh
6-10-Scott & Mendie Russell
6-12-Kienuwa & Adesuwa Obaseki
6-21-Dick & Rev. Sally Boelter
6-22-Eileen & Jim Canfield
6-22-Kelly and Barbara Wilson
6-25-Bill & Diann Shaffer
6-27-Harry & Cheri Van Gelder
6-29-Robert & Nancy Sears

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 7—6:30 pm Cheese Cake Making

June 10—Soup Kitchen –serve meal 11-1:30, share ride will
leave Trinity at 10:30 am

June 11—Graduation Sunday

June 14—9:00 am Shortcake Making

June 15—5:00 pm Strawberry Fest Setup

June 16-18 Strawberry Festival

June 18—Father's Day



Strawberry festival weekend: June 16-18

Strawberry Festival on Facebook: The Strawberry Festival committee would appreciate it if you would “like” and “follow” the Trinity Strawberry Festival page on Facebook and make sure your notifications are on. You will find the notifications options by clicking the dropdown arrow next to “following.” We would be even more grateful if you would share the page on your timeline, as well as “invite” your friends to “like” the page and ask them to do the same. Please help us spread the word about this great event. THANK YOU!! <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityStrawFest/>

Strawberry Festival Needs You: There are several opportunities to help before and during Strawberry Festival. You can sign up to help make jam on Sunday, June 11 or to work in the food tent or bakery, in the pie room, in the kitchen making smoothies or washing dishes, as a cashier, or parking cars during the festival by going to <https://signup.com/group/76104946940102>. You may also sign up on the board in the parish hall. If you sign up on the board your information will be added to the online signup and if you signup online your information will be added to the board. We will also need help hulling strawberries and baking strawberry bread. Watch for more information about these opportunities.

Strawberry Festival Promotional Cards: Be sure to pick up a couple packs of promotional cards at the StrawFest table in the parish hall. Take them to your office/job, to your favorite business/organization, hand them out to friends, help us promote Trinity's venue at the Strawberry Festival. We will do our part, too, these cards will be distributed to the businesses in down town Belleville, as well as along Belleville Road north and south of the church.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL DONATIONS: It's hard to believe that the StrawFest is only weeks away! We need your help to make this another successful year. The donation board is in the parish hall and lists items needed to make many our famous Strawberry treats! Please take a look and sign up to bring something in. Thanks!

Help Wanted: Strawberry Festival Craft/Vendor Coordinator Assistant. Must be available Friday, June 16 from Noon - 4 pm to help with craft/vendor check in. Saturday June 17 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm to transport craft/vendors back to their cars and Sunday, June 18 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm and 3:00 - 6:00 pm to transport vendors back and forth to their cars and hand out packets for next year. Must be a licensed driver. Please contact Martha Hanoian at children@trinitybell.org or (734)262-1975 if you are interested.

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7-9 pm Jazz Lounge Parish Hall	3 8:00 Altar Guild
4 Regular Worship Services 9:15 Adult Forums	5	6	7 6:30 pm Cheesecake Making	8	9	10 8:00 Altar Guild 1030 am Soup Kitchen
11 Regular Worship Services 9:15 Adult Forum Graduate Sunday	12	13	14 9:00 am Short cake Making	15	16 Strawberry Fest.	17 8:00 Altar Guild Strawberry Fest
18 Regular Worship Services 9:15 Adult Forum Fathers Day Strawberry Fest	19	20	21	22	23	24 8:00 Altar Guild
25 Regular Worship Services 9:15 Adult Forum	26	27	28	29	30	

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

June	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25	July 2
8 am EM	Randy Hotton	Cynthia Coleman	Jay Armstrong	Jim Pedersen	
10:30 am EM Bread	Erica Fulton	Bev Jenkins	Deacon Richard	Deacon Richard	
10:30 am EM 1	Jamie Owen	Dennis Bramigk	Charles Hardison	Ian Penhorwood	
10:30 am EM 2	Adesuwa Obaseki	Darryl Conliffe	Jeff Hill	Maggie Penhorwood	
10:30 am Acolytes	Jacob Hanoian, Elizabeth Hanoian, Cajsa Melms	Joel Hill, Kendyl Sikorski, Ariana Altizer	Kenedee Morse, Bradley Eziuka, Benjamin Ezuika	Taylor Penhorwood, Elizabeth Hanoian, Cajsa Melms	
Welcomer	Sean Hanoian	Erica Fulton	Angie Kelch	<i>Deb Green</i>	
Welcomer	Nancy Copeland	Eddie Fulton	Bob Kelch	Sue Carpenter	
Giftbearer	Maria Conliffe	Harry Van Gelder	Dave Anderson	Sean Hanoian	
Giftbearer	Darryl Conliffe	Cheri Van Gelder	Judy Anderson	Mary Hill	
Lector	Judy Anderson	Sharon Peters	Brenda Thom		
Altar Guild	Debbie Taylor, Moulda Waldron Paula Brown Kathie Schwark (on call)	Debbie Taylor, Moulda Waldron Paula Brown Kathie Schwark (on call)	Debbie Taylor, Moulda Waldron Paula Brown Kathie Schwark (on call)	Debbie Taylor, Moulda Waldron Paula Brown Kathie Schwark (on call)	
Counter	Sean H	Bonnie M	Debra G	Harry V.	
Counter	Dennis B	Pat G.	Debra W		
Coffee Hour Host	Cheryl Richison, Brenda Thom	Sandy Cross & Sherry	Stawberry Fest	Father	
Bread Makers	Emmy Keene	Emmy Keene	Emmy Keene	Emmy Keene	



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