

The Trinity Bell

Rector's Reflections

Mentoring

On the second Thursday of June we ended the inaugural year of our high school mentoring program by holding a dinner at the church for the mentees and their families. It was quite a success: five mentees showed up with parents and siblings. Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

It's been good, also, for me to get together with the mentors and the principal of the high school to assess how the program has gone. We have made some excellent mistakes and learned from them. Early on, attendance among the mentees was somewhat unreliable, so we changed things up and reached out to other kids. That helped, but it wasn't until I made a presentation to incoming 9th graders and their families this spring that we gained a critical mass of 5-7 kids whose parents make sure they are present. Given this experience, I have already arranged to be present for various orientation events at the high school at summer's end, so as to spread the word about what we are offering.

But what kind of impact have we actually had? That's a difficult thing to know. Our goals going in were to make a positive difference in these young lives, and to encourage success. Here's what I can tell you:

One of our early field trips involved meeting a couple of college women (you may know them as Mia and Tianna) for dinner. The mother of one of our mentees told us that afterwards, her daughter, who is usually pretty quiet, was so excited about the experience that she couldn't stop talking about it in the car on the way home.

So that's a sign of something.

I also learned that one of our mentors drove a young man home from the program a couple times. He asked the mentee, "Why do you keep coming back each Thursday?" The boy said, "Because you guys care about me."

Wow! I'd call *that* a sign as well!

Even the kids who dropped out of the program early on have continued to ask the principal about it throughout the school year. In lives that often experience chaos, our just being present *has* made some kind of difference for the kids.



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Children's Ministries

Let's take a Whirl!

September 2016

Upcoming Lessons

Lost Sheep & Lost Lamb	9/11
Pray for Everyone	9/18
The Rich Man & Lazarus	9/27
Faith Passed Down	10/4
Jesus Heals Ten	10/11
The Widow & the Judge	10/18
The Pharisee & the Tax Collector	10/25

Sunday, September 11 the children's worship classes will be moving back inside to begin our second year of Whirl!

Whirl combines activities, bible stories, fun videos and take home sheets with suggestions for families to reinforce each weeks

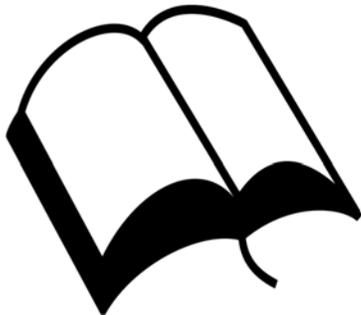
lesson. The kids will be hearing one of the same readings that the grown-ups hear in church. See the teaching in action in a fun video. Then find ways to apply what they have learned in their lives.

Parents, want to see and hear more about what will be happening in Children's worship? The doors are always open for you to join us.

Children's worship classes will begin in

the parish hall on September 11, where we will begin our welcome and singing. We will then split into 3 classrooms. Ages 3-Kindergarten will be in the room closest to the nursery. Grades 1-2 will be in the center room and Grades 3 - 5 will be in the room 5.

Please take a minute on Sunday mornings to help your child(ren) get ready, by having a drink of water, using the restroom and taking all to toys and electronics with you.



Halloween Carnival

October 30 from 3-6pm will be hosting a Halloween Carnival for the community. It will feature games, prizes, food and drinks.

To make this afternoon a great success, we need your help, a sign up sheet will be posted outside the Children's Worship room, we need people to help with set-up, register participants, run games, exchange tickets for prizes, prepare and serve food and clean up.



Heifer Garden

- We will continue to pick veggies as long as the garden produces
- A work day to prepare the garden for winter will be announced late September
- Thank you to all who have supported Heifer Project this summer. We will be choosing an animal to donate in late October.



Youth Ministries

September 2016

Rite– 13

This school year we will begin a Rite –13 for our Middle School ages (grades 6 - 8). This the first step in the Journey to Adulthood program. Over the course of the next 2 years, this group will examine four key areas, Self, Spirituality, Society and Sexuality/Gender.

The Journey to Adulthood program is designed to provide a liturgical frame for the experience of young people in our modern culture, to celebrate their individuality and their creative potential, and finally, to instruct them in the skills necessary for their successful adult participation in the Church community and in society as a whole. The curriculum is designed to follow the imperatives of our Baptismal Covenant. Christian formation is a lifelong process, but we are dedicated to giving our young people a firm foundation on which to build.

This class will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:15am in the Rite-13 room in the basement.

Confirm not Conform

Confirm, not Conform will begin for all high school aged youth at 9:00am on Sunday, September 11 with a parent/student/leader kick off meeting. This meeting will explain more about the program, student expectations, and the program calendar.

The year will be spent digging deeper into our own faith and tradition while examining other faiths.

One important note for all participants and parents, while CNC works toward confirmation, it is not a requirement of the class. We will have a date for confirmation on the calendar, but it will be up to the youth to decide if they would like to be confirmed.

Episcopalooza

Saturday, September 3, 2016

Grace Church
 Southgate (15660
 Reeck Rd)

10:00am—3:00pm.

For more info check out www.edomi.org (youth)

Important Dates

CNC Parent's	9/11
Classes Begin	9/11
No CNC	10/2
No Rite-13 or CNC	11/27
No Youth Classes	12/25
No Youth Classes	1/1

- **New Beginnings** is an event put on by the Episcopal Diocese for Middle school aged kids. They can attend as many of these events as they are able.
- **Happening** is also sponsored by the Diocese for High School aged kids. They can attend this event once and then apply to join the planning team if they desire.

Mentoring Cont.

I'm excited for the future of the program. Now that we have more consistent attendance, we are going to pair mentors and mentees up more formally this coming year. We are also going to use a curriculum that I learned about, which will help to structure our time together and give us a way to teach our kids some of the much-needed skills they don't necessarily get at home: how to write a resume, how to set goals and work on them, how to organize for academic success.

Jesus often uses planting and harvesting metaphors for the Kingdom of God. Mentoring is very much a ministry of planting seeds and then praying and encouraging with a little light and water and hoping that something begins to sprout. Something definitely has. The future of the program is rich with possibility. If you are interested in being part of it, please let me know. We could especially use a woman or two to balance the mentor team and be a role model for the young women in the group.

Peace, Ian

Warm Up Those Voices!

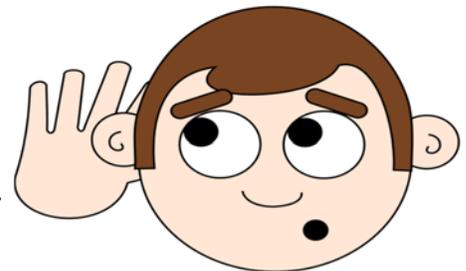
After a very successful year and a rejuvenating summer, the Trinity Choir is ready to resume the ministry of praising God through music on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at the 10:30 a.m. service. Anyone high school age or older is welcome to join the choir. We rehearse 1 evening a week (TBD by the choir- last year it was Friday night from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.) and sing every Sunday but the last Sunday of the month, where we have special music/musicians sharing in our worship service. No experience is necessary to join the choir, just a love of music and a willingness to share your gift with our Trinity family. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer music@trinitybell.org or [734-606-1015](tel:734-606-1015).



LAY IT ON THE TABLE: We are going to try something new to increase the flow of information and respectful opinion in the congregation.

On the fourth Sunday of each month during coffee hour in the Parish Hall we are going to have an open conversation where we lay whatever is on our hearts and minds "on the table"--just as we do symbolically at Communion.

This is a chance for us all to listen to one another, and if desired, for leaders to answer questions. We can discuss issues of being Christian in our world, or matters specific to Trinity. Bring a spirit of honesty and respect and let's see where the conversation takes us! Our first conversation will be August 28.



September Birthdays

9-1	Janet Oliver	9-15	Thomas Keene
	Sean Hanoian		Vance Power
	Emmy Keene	9-19	Jillian Hill
9-5	Marsha Harkai	9-20	Rae Thom
9-7	Pam Pearce	9-20	Connie Krebs
9-7	Judy Settles	9-21	Charlene Shepard
9-8	Randy Hotton	9-22	Patricia Marshall
9-10	Dick Marsh	9-23	Chelsee Harris
9-12	Eileen M. Canfield	9-23	Evee Kloian
9-12	Marti Bergeron		Virgette Stoltz-Sutton
9-13	Maranda Reed Twiss		Linda Zaborowski
9-14	Cary Thom	9-26	Arianna Hernandez
		9-26	Ethan Fulton



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

A very *Happy Wedding Anniversary* to you!

9-26 Bob & Carrie DeJonghe

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				6:00-8:30 Saving Faith	Mich Bootcamp 5:45am	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild 6:30 Girl Scouts
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
*Regular Sunday Services 1:00-4:30 Saving Faith	Mich Bootcamp 5:45am 7:00 p.m. A.A.	11:00 a.m. A.A. 3:00pm Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts	Mich Bootcamp 5:45am	6:00-8:30 Saving Faith	Mich Bootcamp 5:45am	8:00 a.m. Altar Guild
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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August 2016	Sunday Sept 4	Sunday Sept 11	Sunday Sept 18	Sunday Sept 25
8 am EM	Randy Hotten	Jim Pedersen	Jay Armstrong	Cynthia Coleman
10:30 am EM Bread	Deacon Richard	Jeff Hill	Deacon Richard	Deacon Richard
10:30 am EM 1	Darryl Conliffe	Jamie Owen	Ian Penhorwood	Jeff Hill
10:30 am EM 2	Brenda Thom	Dennis Bramigk	Maggie Penhorwood	Brenda Thom
10:30 am Acolytes	Colin Fulton	??	??	??
Welcomer	Erica Fulton	Deb Green	Dave Anderson	Sean Hanoian
Welcomer	Eddy Fulton	Sue Carpenter	Judy Anderson	Nancy Copeland
Giftbearer	Dave Anderson	Sean Hanoian	Charlotte Drake	Harry Van Gelder
Giftbearer	Judy Anderson	Mary Hill	Sharon Peters	Cheri Van Gelder
Lector	Debra William	Cyndi Hernandez	Mike McCutchen	Kate McCutchen
Altar Guild	Paul Brown (On Call)	Paul Brown (On Call)	Paul Brown (On Call)	Paul Brown (On Call)
Altar Guild	Debbie Taylor	Debbie Taylor	Debbie Taylor	Debbie Taylor
Altar Guild	Sally Mac Mullen	Sally Mac Mullen	Sally Mac Mullen	Sally Mac Mullen
Altar Guild	Kathie Schwark	Kathie Schwark	Kathie Schwark	Kathie Schwark
Counter	Harry Van Gelder	Deborah Green	Barbara Hamann	Debra Williams
Counter	Julie Travis	Kate McCutchen	Julie Travis	Kraig Wilson
Coffee Hour Host	Hospitality Team	Jim & Sheila Pederson	Jeanne & Vance Power	Emmy Keene & Nancy Copeland
Bread Makers	Cheri Van Gelder	Cheri Van Gelder	Cheri Van Gelder	Cheri Van Gelder

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