

Trinity Tidings

FEBRUARY 2015

The Newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church



Defend, this your Servant, O Lord...

The Sacrament of Confirmation — For Youth
by Scott White

For many, many years in the Episcopal Church the sacrament of Confirmation was offered to those who were turning, roughly, eleven or twelve or when they were in the sixth or seventh grade. Over the past twenty years there has been a movement to have Confirmation take place when children are older, in the 8th, 9th, even 10th, 11th grade. The rationale for this has been to offer the sacrament when kids are old enough to "make their own decisions."

As a priest I have heard this rationale many times. Yet, my experience is quite different. It is precisely at the age of 11 or 12 that kids are changing in every way - their bodies, their hearts and often their minds. This age of puberty is the very time when children need to know that the church is an intimate part of their lives. Nobody else on the

face of the earth is waiting on the sidelines until our children are "old enough to decide for themselves" to influence them and to ask them for a commitment. Not Nike, Coke, Apple, LaBron James, Kim Kardashian, Miley Cyrus — nobody. Everyone in the world is working to influence our children as soon as they can, and especially as they begin their teenage years. This is not the time for the church to step back and say, "we will wait until they are old enough to decide for themselves." This is the time for the church to be fully present to our children to assure them that they are part of the family of God, just as they are part of their own family. As they grow, they will be accepting and rejecting all types of things about life, family and faith. If they want to reject the church when they grow older, they are free to do so, but not without knowing that they ARE part of the family, and not without knowing that they always have a spiritual family to return to.

For this reason we will begin this year, offering

the sacrament of confirmation to our 6th grade youth and all older youth who wish to be confirmed. Growing up in this world of changes and chances is one of the most challenging times of all life.

Please join me in prayer for the youth of our world, for the youth of Trinity Church, for the adults of nurture and guide them in faith and especially for their parents. Our confirmation service this year will be on April 19 and we look forward to this sacrament of renewal.

By Grace,

Scott



Volunteers needed for breakfast in February and March! Please sign up on bulletin board in Tuton Hall or contact Debbie Cox at 253-9361 or debbie@trinityasheville.org.

Volunteers needed to help make sandwiches for our Glennon Doyle Melton event on Friday, February 27th from 9:00 am -12:00 pm in Tuton Hall kitchen. Please contact Debbie Cox at 253-9361 or debbie@trinityasheville.org.



Ash Wednesday

February 18, 2015

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
In the Chapel with Imposition of Ashes
12:15 pm Holy Eucharist
In the Church with Imposition of Ashes
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist
In the Church with Imposition of Ashes
Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor

MUSIC NOTES

On February 11, Trinity talent comes alive! We will be entertained by an intergenerational cast. This dynamic evening, enjoyed by Trinitarians of all ages, returns once again to surprise and delight!

Coming next month: Requiem by Gabriel Faure, including Lelia Lattimore, harp



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

...with King Cakes, Making Jester Hats, Pancake Races, Pinata breaking and more

Tuesday, February 17th at 5:30 pm

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner will be held in Tuton Hall. The cost is \$5.00 with a family cap of \$15.00. Please join us in preparation for the start of Lent, as we enjoy pancakes, sausage, and bacon, all prepared by TRINITY MEN!. No reservations required. TRINITY MEN, your help is needed to set up, cook, and clean up. Please sign up on bulletin board near the Conference Room or debbie@trinityasheville.org.

5:30 pm - make your own jester hat!

6:00 pm - dinner/ "burying" the Alleluia banner

6:30 pm - pancake race and breaking the piñata



Trinity Kids




“LEGOs for Lent...building faith brick by brick”

Our Wednesdays in Lent begin on Feb. 25th!

After dinner, adults and children will attend their own special programs. This Lent, for children, we are using **LEGO bricks** and the curriculum called “**Building Faith Brick by Brick**”!

This curriculum is a wonderful way for children to encounter God, God’s story and their own story through the use of LEGOs. It invites children to engage the Bible by creating the stories with their imagination and their own two hands! Who knew that the immensely popular LEGO bricks could provide the basis for theological reflection!

But they can, and we will have fun exploring! Programs begin at 6:15 pm and finish up at 7 pm.



FAMILY FRIDAY “HEARTY PARTY”!

FRIDAY, FEB. 13TH IN TUTON HALL FROM 6-9 PM!

Family Fridays are for our families with young children—infant through elementary age, to get together and socialize and do fun things together (or sometimes apart!)

We have had requests to do one of our “old style” Family Friday’s, where we stay here at Trinity. We have a simple dinner all together and then the children stay in Tuton Hall for supervised games and a movie, while adults go down to the Youth Area to socialize!! It’s easy and fun! So, that is what we are going to do!

Please rsvp to beth@trinityasheville.org if you are planning on coming!



CLUB 345 GOES SNOW TUBING!

Our 3rd-5th graders will hit the slopes on **Sunday, Feb. 15th!**

Students need to **bring their own lunch** to eat in Tuton Hall after the 10:45 service. After we eat, we’ll take the van to “Zip and Slip”, near Wolf Laurel for some snow tubing fun! I will need at least one other adult chaperone for this event. Many parents like to join in on this one, so the more the merrier! It would just mean that some of you would need to take your vehicle.

The plan is to leave around 12:30 pm, tube from 1 until 3 pm **and return to Trinity by 3:30 or so.** If we have a group of at least 15 or more, our costs will be reduced from \$35 for 2 hours, to \$30 per hour.

Financial assistance is available by contacting beth@trinityasheville.org.



Youth

February EYC Calendar

February 8th

Celtic Service and dinner, 5:15 pm - 7:30 pm

February 15th

Making beds for Room in the Inn and pizza
After 10:45 am service until 2:00pm

February 22nd

Diocesan EYC Ski Day at Cataloochee
9:45 am -5:30 pm

Cost: \$30.00 ski/snowboard, \$20.00 bring your own equipment, \$7.00 helmet rental
Please RSVP by February 11th at debbie@trinityasheville.org.

No Sunday School except confirmation class and will be transportation after class.

EYC is for grades 6-12 every Sunday, unless otherwise notified. For more information, please contact Debbie Cox at 253-9361 or debbie@trinityasheville.org.



High Garst, Rebecca Scotborn, Maggie Hilderbran, Scott Hilderbran and Henry Chandler at "Radix" at Lake Logan this past January.

Radix, a Latin verb meaning, "roots" is a spiritual event that seeks to help youth look at the roots of their Christian faith by focusing more deeply into the Baptismal Covenant as set forth in the Book

of Common Prayer. Radix is a fun and challenging weekend led by high school youth that consists of talks, skits, small group discussion, singing, praying, and worship.



Summer Opportunities

Camp Henry 2015 brochure is at our welcome center and online at www.camphenry.net.

We are going to Haiti!

July 6th -July 13th for grades 9-12



Gabriel Faure's REQUIEM

presented by
Trinity Episcopal Church Chancel Choir
March 8, 2015 • 4:00 pm

Free & Open to the Public
60 Church Street - Downtown Asheville

828 253-9361
trinityasheville.org

Trinity Episcopal Church

The Episcopal Church in Downtown Asheville Since 1849

60 Church Street • Asheville, NC 28801

Telephone: (828) 253.9361 • Fax: (828) 253.9866

Email: info@trinityasheville.org

Web address: www.trinityasheville.org

Sundays at Trinity

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist

9:00: Breakfast

9:30: Nursery Opens

9:30: Education & Formation for All Ages

10:45 am : Holy Eucharist

12:15 pm: Coffee Hour

5:30 pm: Celtic Service with Eucharist

Church of the Advocate

Sundays: 1:30 p.m.

Our Vision Statement:

"Trinity Church is a nurturing Christian community providing opportunities for worship, Spiritual growth and commitment in a supportive and open atmosphere."



The Reverend Dr. R. Scott White.....Rector
 The Reverend Carol Hubbard..... Associate Rector
 The Reverend Peggy Buchanan Deacon
 Dillon Manly..... Financial Assistant
 Ken WilsonAdministrative Assistant
 Sharon Carleton Boone Music Ministry
 Debbie Cox Fellowship & Youth Ministries
 Beth Chestnut Children & Family Ministries
 Paul Dismukes..... Building Engineer
 Glenn Childes Sexton

VESTRY

Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Sally Cochran	Hope Byrd	Spencer Atwater
Catherine Metzger	Vince Childress	Courtney Blossman
David Pheil	Todd Cross	Elizabeth Boulter
Adrian Vassallo	High Garst	John Hoskins
Charlie Waddell	Sandy Grant	Bonnie Scothorn

Carole Hilderbran Senior Warden
 Chris Kam Junior Warden
 Jeff Covington Treasurer
 Katie Chappell Clerk

Calling All Visual Artists

Mark Your Calendars *SPRING 2016*

The Trinity Art Guild is pleased to announce the first annual weekend Art Show and Sale coming in April 2016!

The Show is open for all Trinitarians and members of the Church of the Advocate to create a work of art to be shown and sold in a week-end long event open to the public!

A portion of the proceeds will benefit Youth Ministries and Church of the Advocate.

A Sampling of Submissions:

Two Dimensional Wall Art

Sculpture

Ceramics

Jewelry

Paintings

Woodwork

Photography

Textiles/Fiber Art

Floral Arrangements

And more....

More details to follow.

Let's Start Creating!!

