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FROM THE VICAR'S DESK:

Summer is here! And what a beautiful summer it is shaping up to be. This week my mind is full of ideas for our first ever (or first in a very long time) Vacation Bible School. It will be held August 16th through 20th from 9 to noon each day. Our generous and loyal Sunday School teachers, Gretchen, Cheryl and Marian, as well as our teenagers, will be helping to lead the school. I'll be hanging out there too, to be sure! The theme will be "Constructing and Caring for God's World". Thank you, Linda, for helping me nail down our theme (had to use that pun)! 

Thanks to a generous bequest by Marjorie Bethke, we have some money that is designated for programs and supplies for children and teens at Trinity Church. From Geoff's Summer Sports Program, to this new VBS, to a curriculum and plan for our Sunday School in the Fall, we're going to continue to provide more opportunities for our children, and for the children in our communities. Since I have a few years of experience in leading, organizing and participating in Vacation Bible School events, I think we can do without buying one of the "canned" VBS programs and instead use our own imagination and ingenuity. Activities and crafts are readily available which will challenge, inspire, teach, and just give us fun stuff to do. These things don't necessarily require a lot of money. What is needed is a lot of enthusiasm, imagination, and people who are willing to volunteer to make things happen.

I hope that the parish will be willing to support this effort with ideas that work, and maybe an hour here and there of volunteer time in preparing snacks for kids, storytelling, and a little hammering and nailing. Our Bible portion of the school will focus on the passages in which God has asked us to build: We built a Temple in Solomon's day, and in our day, we build up faith within ourselves and our neighbor through our care of each other.



Our school week will culminate in a visit to the Gates' vegetable farm (52 raised beds) where we will harvest vegetables, take them to a local food pantry (St. Thomas Episcopal Church), and distribute them to people in need. Thereby we will participate in the building up of the Body of Christ.

How can you help? Please call or write to Pastor Heidi. Then I'll know you actually read this article! You can reach me at heidi@heiditruax.com, vicar@trinitylimerock.org, or 860-435-2627.

May your summer days be blessed with some relaxation and fun!

Pastor Heidi

TRINITY'S FACELIFT!

Thanks to the gifts of several parishioners and a generous contribution of \$1,000 from the ECW, we are better than half way to our goal of \$25,000!



Included in our 135th Anniversary gift to our parish will be repair of the slate roof, re-plastering and painting the inside of

the church, installation of an on-demand hot water heater for the kitchen and Walker Hall bathrooms, (already done!), repair of the handicapped ramp and the WH entry roof, repainting of the addition, removal of dead trees, and restoration of our 135 year old oak pews. (If someone had been sitting on you for 135 years, wouldn't you want a little TLC?)

If you have not yet made your donation to this important project, please plan to do so in the near future; we need the money in hand in order to go forward with all the work that needs to be done. Want to make a memorial gift or a gift honoring a family member or friend? Please speak to treasurer John Lloyd or Pastor Heidi.

BAUBLES, BANGLES AND BEADS



Thanks to the combined efforts of the Outreach Committee and the Sunday School, we raised an astounding \$1,200.00 for Bead for Life at the tag sale!

Earrings, bracelets and necklaces of myriad colors and styles made from recycled paper by Ugandan women were sold to parishioners and visitors to the sale. All the proceeds were forwarded to www.beadforlife.org.

Our sales will enable the bead makers to work towards their goals of providing housing, medical care and school tuition for their children. Most important, the program provides *hope* for those living in extreme poverty. Both the Hebrew and Christian scriptures tell us that we are to care for the poor among us, and in our efforts for Bead for Life, we have responded to that command.

Special thanks to Outreach chair Lynn Gaffney and Sunday School chair Gretchen Hachmeister for their leadership in this undertaking, and to ECW

chair Ginny Dildine and Pastor Heidi for their encouragement in adding a new twist to the tag sale!



MEMORIAL DAY TAG SALE RAISES OVER \$2,000!

Many thanks to all who participated in yet another successful tag and bake sale on Memorial Day weekend. Under the leadership of the ECW, we sold an enormous amount of “previously loved but no longer needed” items to a significant number of visitors. As always, senior warden Linda Lloyd managed to persuade folks to fill their “all you can fit in a bag for \$1.00” with items that were...unusual.

Ginny Dildine and Trudy Washburn organized the tag sale, and Alice Tweed managed the bake sale in her usual efficient style—even in the face of more than 150 members of the New York Cycling Club who stopped in for water, sandwiches, sugar laden confections (got to keep up the energy levels) and the rest-rooms! Thanks to all who baked for the sale—the empty table at the end of the day attests to your culinary expertise!

MEMORIAL DAY BBQ



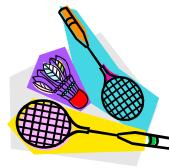
What has become an annual event following the tag and bake sale took place on a lovely late spring Saturday evening. Head chef Al Dorf provided the steaks and was ably assisted in their grilling by sous chefs Matt Barba and John Lloyd.

More than 50 parishioners and their friends brought an array of sides and salads, and the dessert table included a birthday cake for our “official parish

baby”, Genevieve Gaffney, on her first birthday.

Everyone at Trinity seems to be so busy with our various ministries that we rarely have time to just sit and visit, so our “welcome summer” BBQ is particularly appreciated!

IT'S SUNDAY SUMMER SPORTS TIME AGAIN!



The end of the official Sunday School year on Trinity Sunday marks the beginning of our annual Sunday summer sports program, facilitated by Geoff Brown and his team of assistant coaches.



All young people and their friends (as well as visiting grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc) are welcome to join Geoff on Reid field at 10:20 on Sunday mornings. Those who wish to attend the Eucharist do so at 11:15, when other children should be met by their adults to return home.



This year we are offering a smorgasbord of sports—volleyball, flag football, soccer, badminton for everyone and t-ball for the younger children.

The program begins June 6 and runs through August 29, when we will celebrate with our annual Sundae Sunday—all the ice cream and toppings you can eat! Registration is not necessary—just come and have fun!



ALTAR FLOWERS

Each Sunday except during Lent we offer flowers to the glory of God and in memory of loved

ones or to honor special events in our lives. If you wish to have flowers on the altar for a specific day, please sign up on the Altar Flowers sheet on the bulletin board in the Guild room. Information concerning donors and those honored or remembered is taken **from that sheet only** for inclusion in the Sunday order of service.

The flower committee suggests \$50.00 as donation for flowers as a significant number are required to decorate the altar.

NEW DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

At long last, we are publishing a new Trinity directory! The draft copy is on the bulletin board next to the vicar's office; please check your information and make any necessary corrections.

WELCOME SABRINA!



We welcomed Sabrina Marie Walton into the household of faith at a joy-filled baptism on Trinity Sunday. Sabrina was surrounded by family, friends and her extended Trinity family as she took her baptismal vows. The celebration was extended at the annual Trinity name day picnic, and featured a huge cake for Sabrina!

MEET BRITA & GUNNAR SVALA!

As our parish grows and we welcome new members, we will offer written "visits" with them. Thanks to Jane Canfield, who spoke with the Svalas earlier this spring.

When Brita opened their door, I was greeted by her beautiful smile. We settled into comfortable chairs, and soon Brita

and Gunnar were telling me their life stories.

Brita and Gunnar are both from Sweden. Gunnar came from Stockholm, and Brita was raised close to the Norwegian border. They were both brought up in the Lutheran faith, which is the state church in Sweden.

Brita's father was a church organist and teacher; she showed me a picture of him taken by the church there. She also showed me a painting and photos of her family, including one of her mother and two sisters by a lake.

Gunnar's parents were also very involved in the church, with his father, who was an engineer, also serving as a voluntary preacher. His grandfather owned a music store. Gunnar also had wonderful paintings of his ancestors.

Brita and Gunnar met in Stockholm. Brita was attending nursing school there, while Gunnar had studied to be an engineer. When Gunnar broke his leg, they met and fell in love at the hospital. There was a stumbling block in their way however; at that time, nurses could not marry. But true love found a way and they were married in 1945. Their daughter Gertrud was born in 1946 and their son Ingemar in 1948.

Gunnar worked for the telephone company Ericsson and when the company bought a plant in Ohio in 1959 and Gunnar was promoted, the family moved to Ohio. When Ericsson was sold, the Svalas moved to New York City in 1978. They have also lived in Norwalk and Lakeville.

The Svalas' daughter Trudy studied international affairs at the University of Michigan, received her Ph.D. from Yale and worked for the Ford Foundation in population planning. In 1972-3, Trudy and her

husband worked with Doctors without Borders in Kenya and Ethiopia. They have two children. Son Ingemar was graduated from the University of Oxford in Miami, Ohio and then went to work for Volvo.

When asked what was the happiest moment of their lives, they paused and then a big smile spread across both their faces.

“Our happiest day was July 16, 1977. We had sailed a boat from Ohio to Canada and put into port at an island. A Coast Guard cutter sailed towards us announcing for all the world to hear ‘Mr. and Mrs. Svala, you have a grandson! You have a grandson!’ People came from all around bringing champagne and goodies. We had a celebration for our grandson, Michael.”

Brita paused. Then she said “You know, I’ve never told him that! I will tell him at his wedding on May 23.”



OVER EACH BLADE OF GRASS
AN ANGEL HOVERS, WHISPER-
ING “GROW, GROW”.

Old Jewish proverb

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