



The Trumpeter

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The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

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New Children and Youth Programs Begin this Fall



This fall Trinity will launch a new Children's Program for Sunday mornings - *Weaving God's Promises*. This three-year curriculum covers the basic Bible stories every Christian should know; includes information about church history, seasons of the church year, Episcopal Church traditions, and the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist; and helps the students

practice their faith in prayer and action. All lesson plans are accessible on the web, along with activities for four age groups: preschool (to age 4), primary (K and 1st grade), Elementary (2nd & 3rd grades), and Intermediate (4th & 5th grades). This flexibility perfectly matches Trinity's needs and our teachers' requests.

Each Sunday will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a brief chapel service in the parish hall led by Dr. Fran. This early start time will allow the children to settle so that the teachers can use the remaining time more effectively. In addition, this gives Dr. Fran time with the children. Around 10:35, the children can either join their parents for Communion, or continue their activities and projects related to the day's lesson.

While the Intermediate Level (4th and 5th grade) of *Weaving God's Promises* will engage the older children at age-appropriate level, we will also be adding regular activities along the "youth group" spectrum. We intend to schedule special events such as movie days, cook-outs, games, and service projects to engage our young people in community building and putting their faith into practice. These activities are intended to lead into Confirmation Preparation at a later date.

In order for this new Children's Program to succeed, we will need the commitment of parents to regular attendance. Equally important will be the commitment of non-parents as teachers, and the larger parish in various support roles throughout the year. Teachers will be asked to commit for 4 to 6 week blocks to provide consistency for the students. Our church secretary Sandra Lancraft, vestry person Carol House, and our rector Dr. Fran will assist the teachers with material preparation, etc. Please prayerfully consider whether God might be calling you to live out the "We will" of the baptismal service* by serving as a teacher this fall.

- Fran Stanford -

* (Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? **We will.**)

The Challenge

At a recent meeting, parents of Sunday School age children noted ways they thought we might change the Sunday morning program. Concern was expressed about the range of ages in our "one room schoolhouse," which made it difficult for the teachers to engage students on age-appropriate levels. In addition, the current scheduling (with children coming to church for communion about 10:35) did not provide enough time for many of the projects that would engage the students. They also believed a formal curriculum that was not based on the Sunday lectionary would better teach the basic Bible stories and the important or unique features of the Episcopal Church. Finally, they noted that children often learn better when someone other than a parent teaches. As a separate concern, the parents noted that youth around 11 years of age could benefit from a youth group type program.





FRANFARE

Dear friends,

One of my earliest “church” memories comes from The Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis, Tennessee. We had a separate Children’s Chapel each Sunday, and I remember wanting to imitate the man who led the service. (I don’t think he was ordained, but dressed in cassock and surplice, the black and white vestments our choir and chalice ministers wear, he looked official. I desperately wanted to kneel the way he did, on one knee, but the kneelers in the pews didn’t permit it.

I have two other strong memories from that time – the classroom and a parable.

St. Mary’s School for Girls was located on the same campus as Holy Communion. I don’t know what grades were included, but I feel certain it went through elementary, if not beyond. I absolutely LOVED the desks! The public school system had all-in-one desks with the arm rest continuous with the desktop. The desks in St. Mary’s where we had Sunday School had separate chairs, and wonder of wonders, the desk top lifted up so that you could store notebooks and other things inside! I confess to being a bit envious of the girls who got to use those desks five days a week.

The parable I remember from my time at Holy Communion is the one about building your house on solid rock instead of shifting sand. I might have been a kid, but I got it. Jesus is the solid rock and you better build your spiritual house on him!

Trinity has recently completed a major bricks and mortar project – the Day School Expansion. Several members have been working hard on the grounds, making the church more attractive to passers-by, visitors, and members. A new group is forming to re-work the parish hall to better serve the parish and community.

As proud as we ought to be of what we have done with God’s help, to “rest on our laurels” now would be to build our church on shifting sand. No doubt you have heard that the church is not the building, it’s the people. More explicitly, the church is the people of God gathered and seeking to follow Jesus to the best of our ability. If we are to build this church on solid rock, we must give as much attention to Christian Formation as we have to buildings and grounds.

Christian Formation includes Sunday School, of course. If we are honest, we will acknowledge that even a lifetime is not long enough to learn everything we need to know about God, Jesus, the church or how to live faithfully. Therefore, in order to build the body of Christ that we call Trinity on solid rock, we need to give the Christian education of our children renewed attention; we need to devote more time to spiritual development of adults through worship and meditation; and we need to find new ways for adults to explore spiritual and ethical matters. For this reason, I intend to direct a significant portion of my attention this fall and winter to building this body of Christ through Christian Formation for all ages. I hope you will join me, because only together can we do the work God has called us to do.

Yours in Christ,
Fran+



FINANCES



At the June vestry meeting it was decided to put in the proper calendar year a fundraising expense item from the Holiday bazaar, which was not submitted until February 2010. The result is a larger net income deficit in 2009 (\$17,097.56) but this change will more properly reflect our 2010 income and expenses. A copy of the revised December 2009 Income Statement has been posted in the church office. To this end the vestry has also voted to adopt an Expense Reimbursement Policy and a Budget Policy to ensure timely submission of reimbursable expenses. See these new policies below.

We are operating under a deficit budget and at the end of May our net income was (\$978.54). While this is very good news, I must caution you that it is misleading since for the month of June we have pending bills of \$6,300. The bulk of this figure is for grounds maintenance--most notably a bill which we received just weeks ago for five months of snow removal and mowing of the grounds. We intend to pay this large bill over several months but it has occasioned a "cash crunch". The Vestry is always aware of the need to trim expenses wherever possible but we do need your help to keep the lights on by keeping your pledges up to date during these lazy, hazy summer weeks.

*-Carol Knight -
Treasurer*

*- Judy Neumyer -
Finance Commission*

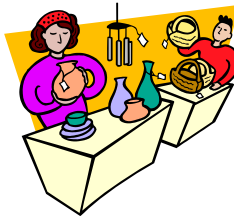
The following two policies were approved by the Vestry at their meeting on June 21

Budget Policy

In an effort to practice good stewardship of funds, the Vestry of Trinity Church establishes the following policy regarding the expenditure of church resources for events and projects:

A budget of anticipated expenses and/or revenue shall be submitted and discussed with the appropriate Vestry person prior to the undertaking of a project, or occurrence of an event. Once a budget is established and reviewed by a Vestry member, it will serve as the authorization to expend funds, as a guide for limiting amounts to be expended, and as a tool for understanding the expected outcome.

The budget, while flexible, should be adhered to and any necessary changes should be discussed with the appropriate Vestry person.

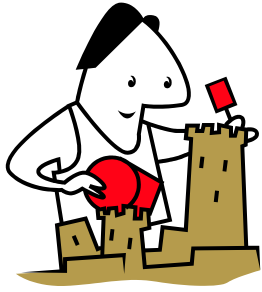


Expense Reimbursement Policy

In an effort to practice good stewardship of funds, the Vestry of Trinity Church establishes the following policy regarding reimbursement of authorized expenses:

When a parishioner expends personal funds for authorized church expenses, he/she should seek reimbursement by submitting purchase receipts to the church. The receipts must be submitted within two weeks of the expenditure for a project, or within two weeks following a scheduled church event through the use of the Expense Reimbursement Form available in the church office.

SENIOR WARDEN



As usual, it seems that summer has come on with a vengeance. This heat will test all our good nature along with the air conditioner. Remember the church has A/C so be don't be scarce. As always please keep up with your pledges, so we can keep up with our bills.

The Vestry has traditionally taken the month of July "off" and will do so again this year again. The Vestry is still doing their respective work and is meeting via e-mail if need be. If you have any needs or concerns you can still get in touch with me or other members.

Once again I want to thank all the folks who have put so much time into the grounds. Everywhere you look things are growing and blooming. There is a lot of work that has been done behind the scenes and the campus looks FANTASTIC.

Keep cool and have a good summer.

-Jonathan Deford-

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We are busy thinking about and planning an exciting new year for all the children of the parish. Dr. Fran has learned of a new curriculum that you can read more about in this Trumpeter. We will be working hard over the summer to get this in place and teachers lined up for the fall. There will be new a new time for starting, a new curriculum, a new room and hopefully lots of new children to kick off the year. There are going to be lots of new ideas and activities; plan on bringing your children so they can enjoy and benefit from it all, as they learn more about God and the church.

Mark your calendars now for **SEPTEMBER 12th at 9 a.m.** Registration will take place followed by some fun activities. Hope to see you all there.

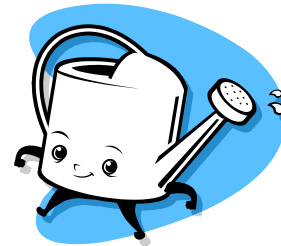
- Carol House -

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The church grounds continue to be enhanced with flowers and plants. The greatest improvements are in the "courtyard" between the old Parish Hall and the new Day School addition. Thanks to Stone Manor Masonry for donating their labor to remove the sod and enrich the planting beds with topsoil and mulch.

Nate Pierce and Joan Dawson contributed their time to the plantings and a special thanks again to Joan for donating the funds necessary to remove the walnut stump by the Parish Hall sidewalk in memory of her husband, Ward.

- Russ Tagg and Bob Newton -



TAT - TUESDAY AT TRINITY

Come join us on Tuesday, September 7 at 11 am in the Parish Hall. We will be working on projects for the Christmas Bazaar. We are always looking for new ideas for items to make for sale as well as items for our shut-ins. Diane Pierce has headed up our Prayer Shawl Ministry so if you like to knit or crochet, we have supplies and a very easy pattern for you. We continue making the quilts for Paul's Place. Bring your lunch with a drink. We break for lunch at 12 noon and resume our projects at 1pm. Looking for some new faces this fall and hope yours will be with us. We meet every Tuesday until early May. Any questions, call Nancy Bainbridge 410-668-6205 or Joyce Jennings 410-592-2456

- Nancy Bainbridge -

OUTREACH

Thanks to all who supported our recent sock drive. Although gently used items are also appreciated there is nothing like a new pair of socks and underwear. We continue to serve an average sixty men in the clothing distribution each week. Many are repeat patrons but each week we hear new stories of people who have suffered a reversal of fortune and who need a hand to get them through the hard times. The last time I was there, one of the helpers asked if there were any size 11 shoes available and could I put them aside for this one patron who had his shoes stolen from the shelter where he spent the night. The poor guy was walking around in socks with duct tape on the soles of his feet.



Please keep the people of Paul's Place in mind when traveling this summer. The shower facilities are in high demand in the Baltimore heat and we could use any travel size toiletries you may pick up. Also if anyone would like to donate to the ongoing underwear and sock collection just mark your check for Paul's Place and we will buy things on sale as we find them.

Lastly, yard sales are an excellent place to find inexpensive clothing. We particularly need men's casual pants and shorts, shoes, belts and casual shirts. Sometimes people will give the stuff to you at the end of a yard sale to save them taking it to the Goodwill. It's worth a try!

-Carol Knight-

Church Club's Tour



Trinity Long Green will be part of this fall's Church Tour on **September 11**. This event is a day long visit to several churches conducted by someone knowledgeable in church architecture and history. This year the tour will include Trinity, Long Green, St. James, Monkton, St. John's, Kingsville, Immanuel, Glencoe and St. James, Parkton.

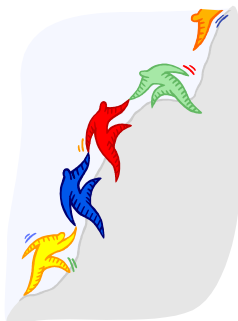
- Fran Stanford -

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- To Carol Knight who continues to remind us to support Paul's Place
- To Nate Pierce and Joan Dawson for contributing their time to the plantings around Trinity and to Joan Dawson again for donating funds to remove the walnut stump by the Parish Hall
- To Darlene for her many years of service to Trinity
- To Fran for revamping the children's program at Trinity
- To those who were able to forgive the first year's interest on the Promissory Notes that made our building project possible
- To those who have completed their pledges to the Growth Fund (Capital Campaign), and those who continue to pay on their pledges to the Fund
- To the co-chairs of the Country Fair and all the behind-the-scenes participants who helped bring about our best fair ever
- To Lynn Abplanalp and the Day School for completing their first week of Summer Camp 2010 - "God's Amazing Creatures".



PASTORAL CARE



Our committee has been busy this past month with phone calls, visits, and cards.

We made visits to Charlotte Purdum and Jane Franklin delivering two of our prayer shawls made by Betty Elder and we visited Joe Heacock at Lorian Care Facilities and delivered a prayer shawl to him. We were also able to give prayer shawls to Dick DiStefano and Henry Schmidt made by Betty Elder and a prayer shawl made by Susan Embich was given to Doris Schmidt. Joan Dawson received a prayer shawl made by Diane Pierce. Our Prayer Shawl Committee enjoys giving these shawls to our Trinity members and they come with Trinity's love and prayers. It is always nice to spend time with our members, some who are not always able to make it on Sunday morning. Everyone was so appreciative and cares for Trinity very much.

We have sent 6 birthday cards, 4 anniversary cards, 4 sympathy cards, 5 care and concern cards, and made 15 calls. Nancy has also sent 3 grief cards to our families who have recently lost loved ones.

I'd like to welcome a new family: Becky and Randal Fraser-Hand and their son Camden who have recently moved into the area from North Carolina. Please introduce yourself, if you notice a new family at coffee hour this summer.

On June 21st Brian Miller had knee surgery. Please keep Brian in your prayers. As I head north, I'd like to wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe summer. Take time to allow God to touch you in new ways.

- Diane Pierce -

TCDS VESTRY REPORT

TCDS closing Chapel Service for the Four's was a special one for all that attended. The children delighted in helping Dr. Fran find her lost sheep and then received their diplomas from Lynn. They sang beautifully and everyone enjoyed time together at a picnic on our lovely playground.

Now Camp has started. The rooms and playground are full of laughter and joy. The week of June 14-21 20 campers had a wonderful time discovering God's wonders in our oceans and seas. They had treasure hunts, did many crafts, played in the sprinkler, and learned many new facts about God's world. There will be 5 more weeks of camp. People continue to sign up for more weeks as the word gets out, but there are still some spots available, if you know of anyone looking for some summer time fun for children 3-8, please have them call the TCDS office.

Over the summer Lynn will be busy applying for grants and working in the Library. Please continue to hold our Day School in your prayers as we grow this very important ministry at Trinity.

-Diane Pierce-



CASSEROLES FOR PAUL'S PLACE

Trinity Church provides a meat casserole for Paul's Place on a regular rotation. The patrons love it. Linda Smith and Anita DiStefano make the casseroles every other month and appreciate donations of the ingredients listed below. Donations may be left in the kitchen on the counter to the left as you enter from the parish hall. Monetary donations can be placed in the offertory plates or mailed to the church office, please indicate "Paul's Place Casseroles" on the memo line.

Here is the list of ingredients needed for Paul's Place:

48 oz. boxes of Elbow Macaroni
Cans of Cream of Mushroom Soup

30 oz. cans of Diced Tomatoes
Cans of French Fried Onion Rings

Monetary donations purchase Ground Beef and Shredded Cheddar Cheese and therefore are equally welcome.

Casserole Making Dates for the remainder of 2010 are as follows:

Sunday, August 22, 2010
Sunday, October 17, 2010
Sunday, December 19, 2010

- Linda Smith -



CELTIC CROSS SOCIETY



At its May meeting, the vestry formally named our legacy society. **The Celtic Cross Society** (named after the large memorial cross that stands beside the church building) honors all those who have provided for Trinity Long Green with an end-of-life gift. Inclusion in a person's will is the most common form of legacy gift. By setting a portion of one's estate to go to the church (or other charitable organization) a person not only helps a cause important to him or her, but also makes a statement, "This organization is important enough to me that I want to continue supporting it after my death." Many people make a legacy gift by setting a certain percentage of their estate (perhaps five or ten percent) to be given to the designated organization. But you can also make a legacy gift by naming the church as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or through more sophisticated financial instruments (regarding which you should consult your financial advisor). If you have remembered Trinity Long Green with a legacy gift of any type, you are a member of The Celtic Cross Society. We plan to solicit this information as part of our fall stewardship campaign and

honor all founding members this fall. Alternatively, you can notify the church office at any time that you have made a legacy gift to Trinity so that we can add you to the Society roster. If you have not yet done so, consider joining The Celtic Cross Society by making arrangements for such a gift. You can request more information from the church office.

- Fran Stanford -

FLOOD DAMAGE



During the recent heavy rains, debris from the landscaped hill between the Day School's new and old buildings built up and blocked the storm

drain causing flooding in some of the classrooms. In addition, the gutters overhead were blocked adding to the rise of the water. Water entered the classrooms causing damage to floors carpets required professional cleaning. As we await to hear from our insurance company, we are taking a second look at the gutters as well as the storm drain to make sure this does not happen again.

- Fran Stanford -

TRINITY COOKBOOKS

Our Trinity Cookbook Fundraiser was quite a success thanks to everyone who contributed recipes and bought our books for presents and their homes. We made \$1430.00 profit. We sold 163 books. We are now lowering the

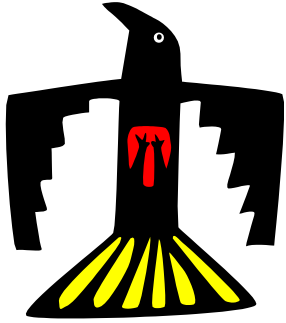


price to \$10.00 per book. If you are interested in purchasing a book at this new price, please speak with Diane Pierce, Pat Pandolfini, or Charlie Calvert.

We apologize for misprints, mistakes, or deletions of recipes. We did the best we could under a time constraint to have them ready for the Christmas Bazaar. We now know that it is much better to start a year ahead and have each person prepare their recipe in the cookbook company's format. Unfortunately, lessons are learned through our mistakes. Blessings to each of you.

- The Cookbook Committee -

MINISTRY TO NATIVE AMERICANS



A unique opportunity came Trinity's way this spring. One of the stained glass artists who evaluated our windows was also a chaplain to Native Americans in the Federal Correctional System. He asked to harvest saplings from our woods to build sweat lodges for use by Native American inmates. The vestry gladly consented and the saplings harvested. Trinity received a hand made thank-you card signed by four of the men (Navajo, Sioux, Mohawk, and Blackfoot) who were benefited from this ministry. In the words of one of the men, *My prayer song is still floating in the air.*

- Fran Stanford -

GOODBYE AND THANKS

After 15 years of service to Trinity, Darlene Babusci has decided to retire from the position of Sexton. We wish her all the best and hope she will visit Trinity in the future.



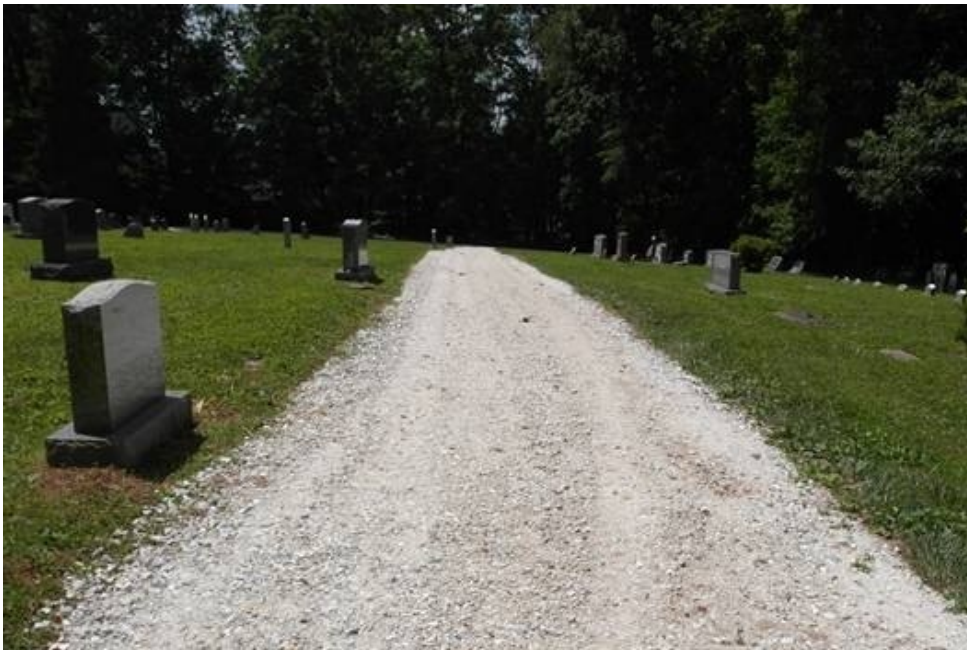
Thank you Darlene for all your hard work. We will miss you.

- Fran Stanford -



CEMETERY DRIVE RESURFACED

The cemetery drive has been covered with crusher-run gravel. The resurfaced drive is easier to see, better for driving, particularly during snowy and wet weather, and, improves the appearance of the cemetery. Thanks to all that promoted this project, contributed to it or plan to contribute.



- Anne Brandt -
(photo by Andrew Lowery)

VESTRY NOTES



At its regular meeting on June 21, the vestry:

- ♪ Patted itself on the back for a great Country Fair
- ♪ Approved new policies for budgeting and expense reimbursement for church related events
- ♪ Discussed ways to fund a Donor Wall in the new school building
- ♪ Overwhelmingly approved a new Children's Program put forward by Dr. Fran
- ♪ Discussed ways to reach late elementary and middle school youth
- ♪ Made plans to put together a Parish Usage Committee to make the most of the extra space we now have in the Parish Hall
- ♪ Approved the signing of a twelve-month contract with Jani-King for cleaning the church and offices
- ♪ Agreed that Trinity should have a "Kirkin' of the Tartan" service in the fall or next spring to recognize the church's Scottish heritage

- Wendy Walker -

Please remember Trinity Church during the summer as you travel to other churches. Bring back bulletins so we can gather ideas as to how we can improve Trinity.

Also, remember that the church does not close during the summer, so please keep your pledges and contributions current.

NEW CLEANING SERVICE



Trinity has signed a one year contract with a new cleaning service called Jani-King. Jani-King is already under contract with the Day School and we are confident they will make sure

Trinity continues to look as spic and span as it has in the past.

- Fran Stanford -

CHURCH SIGN

The church sign was vandalized in May just before the Spring Fair. Many of the letters used in the sign were destroyed or lost. We reported this act of vandalism to the police and have ordered new letters. We ask that you forgive the brevity of our message until we receive our new letters (those extra x's and z's are only great for Scrabble!).

- Wendy Walker -

(Scrabble comment compliments of Bob Newton)

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 1 Carolyn Berry
Lindsay Crouse
- 2 Bridget Linsenmeyer
Betty MacDonald
Alexa Dengler
- 3 Bailey Rast
- 4 Melissa Meyer
- 5 Alan Olney
- 6 Marina Hayden
- 7 Coyle Saunders
- 14 Bryan Kropf
William C. Litsinger, III
- 14 Austin Eberman
Claudia Troy
- 20 Matthew Jacobs
- 22 Lisa Lowman
Race Saunders
- 24 Tom Talbot
- 25 Denni Haw
- 27 Charlie Elder
Nate Pierce
Janis Seegar
Diane Zakai
- 28 Stephen Linsenmeyer
Carolyn Lowery
Bill Seegar
- 29 Charlie Calvert
- 30 Blanch Emge
Carolyn Lagomarsino



HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO:

- 1 Reese Abplanalp
- 2 Scott Ciesla
- 3 Woodie Swartz
- 4 Stephanie Torlina
Kristen Nelson
- 5 Richard Meyer
- 6 Clay Evans
- 7 Douglas Collins
- 11 Randy Maits
- 12 Layne Litsinger
- 13 Erik Meyer
Ashley Reather
- 15 Andrea Rozics
- 16 William Seegar
- 17 Diane Pierce
- 23 Sharon Sansosti
- 25 Bill McKaig
- 26 Bill Wiley
- 27 Abigail Eberman
Wendy Walker
- 29 Gabrielle Meyer
Justin Tagg

HAPPY AUGUST ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 19 Dick & Anita DiStefano
- 22 Bob & Mary Nelson
- 26 Wendy & Chuck Lippens
- 29 Bruce & Bobbie Nelson



HAPPY JULY ANIVERSARY TO:

- 4 Aldo & Laura Lagomarsino
- 9 John & Jennifer Rommel
- 10 Ross & Lynn Jones
- 13 Herb & Blanch Emge
- 18 David Sutphen & Gail Cunningham

We make every attempt to keep our birthday and anniversary lists up to date. If we have omitted your special day, or gotten the date wrong, please let the church office know so we can make the appropriate correction. Thanks.



BAPTISED

May 30, 2010

Ella Jane Dengler

Daughter of
Damion and Jody Dengler

Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ's own forever



July and August Calendar of Events

Sundays in July

Services at 8 o'clock am and 10 o'clock am.
Coffee hour following 10 am service

Sundays in August

Services at 8 o'clock am and 10 o'clock am.
Coffee hour following 10 am service

Monday, August 23

Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On July 4, instead of Coffee Hour, enjoy an ice cream social. Dr. Fran will bring vanilla ice cream and frozen yogurt. You bring your favorite toppings. Enjoy a cool treat in the middle of a hot

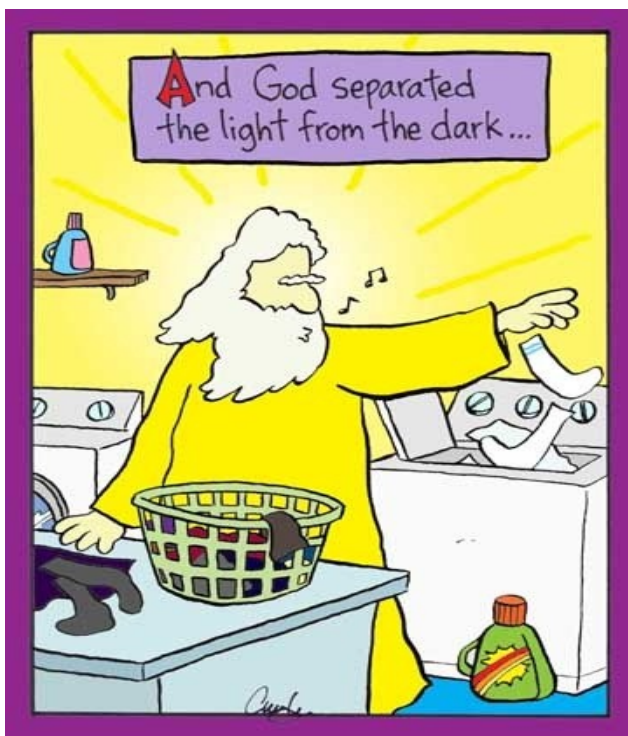


NOTES FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

Cemetery Monitors for July and August are Anne Brandt and Nancy Bainbridge

Remember - for safety reasons, no glass or ceramic vases, please. Lawn equipment might break and shatter them.

Birthday memorials are to be removed 15 days after the holiday.



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