

August 2015

Trinity Episcopal Church  
Marble Falls, Texas

# Trinity Trumpet



*Bp. C. Andrew Doyle blessed the new parish hall on May 3 at a great party. Andy also confirmed or received Tina McClain, Linda Raman, Whitney Bosch, Penny Lloyd and Carl Nicholl, and baptized Bradley, Joseph and Robert Garland. Pictured are Gloria Lomax, Pam Link, Nannette Watkins, new seminarian Louise Samuels, Claire Cowden, Bp. Doyle, and Ginny Wortham serving the feast.*

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**From the Rector: *The Rev. David Sugeno***

**A**s I write this, I am preparing for my upcoming sabbatical; by the time you read this, I will have ridden, temporarily, into the sunset. As you may recall, Ed Manigold wrote an excellent Trumpet article about sabbatical in our December 2014 issue, noting many of the reasons clergy-people take sabbaticals. In the Diocese of Texas, clergy are entitled to a sabbatical every seven years, which means that I am a few years overdue, but better late than never! I believe that sabbaticals are an essential part of parish ministry, helping to maintain long-term effectiveness and prevent clergy burnout, which is so pervasive in the church. Trinity is a very special place, and I am determined to keep myself fresh and healthy, so that I may continue to be faithful and effective as your rector. You deserve the very best that I have to offer.



A sabbatical is a very individual thing; each person who takes one must determine what their sabbatical should look like, based on spiritual needs and the particulars of where a person finds oneself in their vocational journey. In my own case, I will be focusing my sabbatical in several areas.

My first order of business will be simply to rest my body, to recover physically. The demands of parish ministry often prevent me from getting as much sleep as I need to continue to be productive, and from getting enough exercise to maintain my energy. It sounds mundane and not terribly spiritual, but the first thing I will do on my sabbatical is sleep in.

Another focus area for me will be my family. One of the most difficult things about my vocation as a priest and rector is balancing that vocation against my vocations as husband and father. Too often I concentrate my time and energies on my vocation as rector to the detriment of my family. I hope that my sabbatical will be a time of connection with Samuel and with Amy.

I will also spend time engaged in learning. Having a six-year-old to look after means that this will be done mostly through reading on my own. My primary areas of focus will be spirituality and nature (a lifelong interest of mine) and mental health issues, particularly depression. I expect that these studies will feed me intellectually and spiritually, while enhancing my abilities to function as a priest.

Finally, I will seek to recharge my spiritual batteries. Most of you know that I do this primarily through solitude in remote wilderness areas, so as you might expect, I will be taking a lengthy backpacking trip. It is my hope that I will be able to take at least a two week trip into the remote areas of the Wind River Range in Wyoming, a huge and rarely visited wilderness area filled with beautiful peaks and alpine lakes. I expect this will be thrilling, but also a tremendous challenge, physically and emotionally. Being alone in the wilderness is rewarding, but not always easy. But then again the best things in life never are!

Also spiritually enriching will be the opportunity to spend Sunday mornings in worship with my family. Very rarely do I have the chance to lose myself in worship, since being a liturgical leader involves a certain degree of constant awareness and vigilance on my part to ensure that everything goes smoothly. I am looking forward to doing some church hopping, to have the very rare opportunity to see how other churches worship, in order to gain some fresh perspectives and insights into different ways we might do things here. One of the reasons clergy get into liturgical ruts is that we so rarely get to see how other churches do things!

So those are some of my hopes and plans for myself. I have hopes for you all as well! I very much hope that this time will be beneficial to this church, that you will not just try to hold down the fort in my absence, but will take this as an opportunity to renew your own commitment to this church and to re-imagine your ministry, both individually and as a community. Each of you has wonderful gifts for ministry, and I hope you will spend some time this summer getting in touch with your passions and abilities and discerning how they match up with the needs that exist here at Trinity and in the community around us.

I encourage you, during my absence, to think of Rev. Cathy not as the Associate Rector, nor as an interim or a placeholder, but as the Acting Rector. She has my complete trust, and I feel confident that she has yours as well. She may be required to make some big decisions. Please respect her authority to make whatever decisions need to be made. Also note that she will be sharing leadership with Penny Miller and the rest of the vestry, and will be working in conjunction with our excellent church staff. It is great to be able to be away knowing that I leave this church which I love so dearly in such capable hands.

I will be praying for you all during my sabbatical, and ask your prayers for me and my family as well. See you in October! Faithfully, Dave

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**From the Associate Rector: *The Rev. Cathy Boyd***


## John 6 and the Bread of Life

**O**ur lectionary usually jumps around and skips parts of the Bible here and there. But last Sunday we began a five-week period which is infamous with preachers: We will spend the entire month of August in John chapter 6: a complex and symbolic chapter all about the Bread of Life.

Jesus is gaining notoriety in his home region, and he is being followed by huge crowds. This is one of the iconic stories of Jesus' ministry...and in fact, only two miracles appear in *all four Gospels*...the resurrection of Jesus, and this one: the feeding of the multitude. This makes us want to pay attention.

The huge crowd following Jesus must be dealt with...can you imagine how overwhelming it would be to be faced with that many hungry people? The disciples' very practical assessment of the situation is that there is not enough food to go around. Why spend what little money we have when even a pile of money—six months' wages—would not be enough?

We know this impulse: when there is not enough to go around, it is not the time to share, but the time to stockpile. The disciples can't see how they can solve the problem of the hungry people. Andrew, on the other hand... Andrew at least contributes this: "I don't know what good it would do us, but there is a kid here who has five barley loaves and two fish." Andrew at least has an idea.

Jesus has a different view of the situation, though. Jesus' way is the way of abundance. Not only is there always just enough, but there is more than enough. Even though the crowd is more than 5000 people, there is fish enough for all to get what they want and bread enough to gather together twelve baskets full of leftovers. Jesus' leadership moves from scarcity to abundance.

Generosity is a spiritual value. Abundant sharing of physical food feeds the soul as well as the body. The crowds are fed, but it is a spiritual feeding as well as a physical one. In all these stories, food becomes a sacrament.

And this is what a sacrament is: The outward sign—a physical manifestation—of an inward, spiritual reality. Every sacrament has two components: the physical object and the invisible reality. St. Augustine's definition of a sacrament is that it is a "visible word."

In the holy Eucharist, the bread feeds us physically with the invisible reality of God's generosity and love for us. We don't understand how it works, but we participate in it anyway. Since we receive God's generosity, and abundant blessing, and love and forgiveness, how can we do any other but offer it to others? Even if, like the disciples, we don't know exactly how it's going to work, we are called to offer what we can to the world. We are called to live sacramentally.

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## From the desk of the Rev. Sandra Casey-Martus Rector of Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wimberley

Dear David and People of Trinity Episcopal Church!

Please forgive the tardiness of this reply but my life has been most hectic these days. Today the sun is out and I have some "break in the clouds" with time to write a deep note of appreciation for your most generous contribution to our flood relief. We are supporting 33 families affected by the flood and continue to allocate funds received on a bi-weekly basis. Please know your gift has touched the lives of many here in Wimberley and lifted spirits. We are entering the fourth week and holding our own with God's help and yours!

Bless you all! Sandy

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## General Convention wrap-up: Historic actions, structural changes

[Episcopal News Service July 7, 2015]

**T**he 78th General Convention, in a series of historic moments, elected the first African-American presiding bishop; approved marriage equality for all Episcopalians; adopted a budget that emphasizes racial reconciliation and evangelism; endorsed the study of fossil fuel divestment; opposed divestment in Israel, Palestine; and made some significant changes to the church's governance.

### **North Carolina Bishop Michael Curry elected presiding bishop**

The Episcopal Church's General Convention made history June 27 when it chose Diocese of North Carolina Bishop Michael Curry to be its 27th presiding bishop. The House of Bishops elected Curry, 62, from a slate of four nominees on the first ballot. Full [story](#).

### **Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry video interview**

In an 18-minute interview with the Episcopal News Service, Presiding Bishop-elect Michael Curry speaks about his priorities for leadership and administration, the role of the church in engaging God's mission in the world, the state of race relations in the U.S., the importance of Anglican Communion partnerships, and his commitment to what he calls the Jesus Movement, to go out into the world "to bear witness to the good news of Jesus." Full [video](#).

### **Bishops led a march against gun violence**

About 1,500 General Convention participants joined a Bishops United Against Gun Violence procession in Salt Lake City the morning of June 28. Full [video](#).

### **Greater solidarity for persecuted Christians**

Advocacy for Christians facing persecution and living in the context of civil war are the subject of several resolutions passed by the Episcopal Church's 78<sup>th</sup> General Convention, meeting here June 25-July 3.

Convention agrees that Christians in Pakistan, Syria, Liberia, South Sudan and Sudan are among those for whom the church needs to step up its support and solidarity as many of them live in fear of death, starvation, and displacement in their war-ravaged or extremist-influenced countries. Full [story](#).

### **Marriage equality**

In the wake of the June 26 U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage for all Americans, General Convention followed suit on July 1 with canonical and liturgical changes to provide marriage equality for Episcopalians. Full [story](#).

### **Budget emphasizes racial reconciliation, evangelism**

The General Convention adopted the 2016-2018 triennial budget July 2 after agreeing to add \$2.8 million for evangelism work. The version of the budget presented July 1 by the [Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance](#) (PB&F) also included a major new \$2 million initiative on racial justice and reconciliation, even as it reduces the amount of money it asks dioceses to contribute to 15 percent by 2018. Full [story](#).

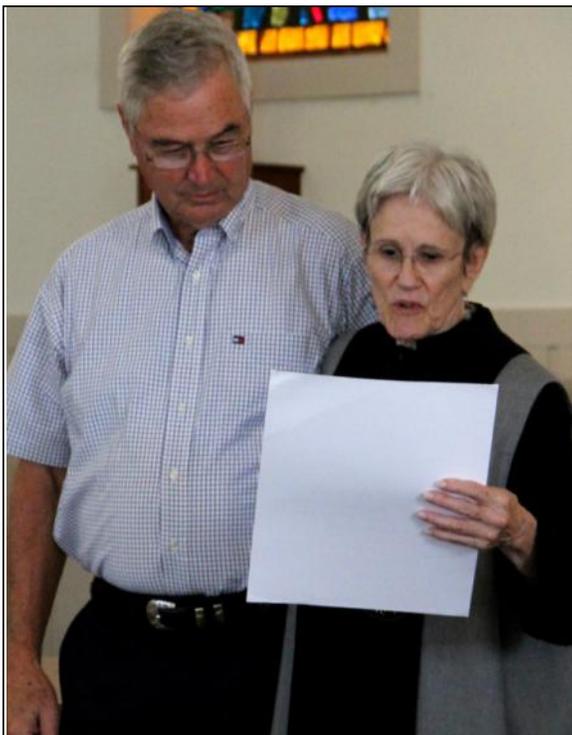
### **Plans to be created for prayer book, hymnal revision**

General Convention 2015 took a step toward revising the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal 1982, directing the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music to prepare plans for revising each and to present them to the next convention in Austin, Texas, in 2018. The convention approved making available a revised version of "Holy Women, Holy Men" with additional saints' commemorations but left "Lesser Feasts and Fasts" as the church authorized supplemental calendar of commemorations (see article [here](#)).

## Exaggeration-Free Zone: “Write something about your EfM experience”

By Jane Leizear

**T**he program we call EfM (Education for Ministry) might as accurately be called Ministry from Education. EfM has an amplex of academic and scholarly content. The curriculum and syllabus are viewable online at [efm@sewanee.edu](mailto:efm@sewanee.edu), but the inspiration of the program is its depth rather than its scope. At various times most



EfM members find an exceptional interest in Biblical, historical or theological topics and they then pursue their interest with research. For example, in the study of the crusades, they consider the children’s crusade of 1212; or in the study of the 150 psalms printed in the Christian Bible they consider the omitted 151<sup>st</sup> Psalm. Big story plots have little twists and holy applications to our lives. The “teachers” of EfM are the group members. The Sewanee-trained mentor is a facilitator and organizational administrator.

Meeting once a week for three hours for 36 weeks a year for four years qualifies as ministry to me. The seminar format gives everyone a mission field of everyone else. I consider EfM most significantly about fellowship. Life’s milestones of joy, travail and sorrow are experienced with caring, faithful friends. We stand not aside but beside. Because some things and sometimes each of us are simply outrageous, there is a lot of laughing in the seminars. Humor is so often healing and so too is prayer. Prayer provides bookends for each meeting. In personal issues, complete confidentiality is required as in all forms of ministry. Political commentary is unwelcome and also irrelevant to the “One God and Father of Us All” unity of the group.

EfM is a venue and sometimes even a crucible for reflection – theological, spiritual reflection. In the group as well as in solitude, life’s most meaningful questions are traversed. These questions (such as “What is my response to the Great Commission?”) whether asked aloud or not, are always present in the Christian context. The up-and-down, back-and-forth, perpetual tossing nature of asking questions eventually polishes and shines them. Then we are really free to hear anew the answers. EfM changed my life.

*Above, Bob Link receives his EfM completion certificate from Jane Leizear, EfM Mentor, during a recent Sunday service. Both Bob and Rod Miller, not pictured, completed the four year study course, and will serve as Co-Mentors for 2015-16.*

*At right, on Graduation Sunday Rev. Dave honors 2015 graduates Jack Oberle (Marble Falls High School) and our former seminarian Claire Cowden (Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest).*



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## Finding the Good News in the Old Testament

By Carl Ragsdale

**E**cclésiastes is the Greek translation of the Hebrew “Qoheleth”, meaning preacher or teacher. It is one of the ‘writings’ of the Old Testament canon. The editor of the book provides a superscription that identifies the author as “son of David” and hence the work was attributed to Solomon but the language suggests that it was written after 300 BCE. So what is this book about?

“Vanity of vanities, says the teacher -- all is vanity and a chasing after the wind.” Nothing in life ever changes, or as we say today, “what’s new?” Or, “same old, same old.” Think about it. Today our history, inventions and technology change our view of the world on a daily basis. In 300 BCE, from the time a person was born until the day they died, almost nothing changed! Bor-rrring! But, wait – the teacher says:

“Go eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long approved of what you do. Let your garments always be white; do not let oil be lacking on your head. Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that are given you under the sun.” (Eccl 9:7-9)

I think the content of this ‘Wisdom-writing’ illustrates a merging of the Hellenistic and Jewish cultures. The idea of one God had begun to appeal to the Greek intellect and the Jews owned the one God! Maybe they would share. At the same time, the Hellenistic social scene began to attract the Mosaic Law keepers. The Greeks loved art, music, competitive sports and fine dining. Couldn’t the Hebrews work that into their lives and still maintain their religion? Sure!

This book is poetic, philosophical and reverent. But, above all else, it is an affirmation of life. It is uplifting and reassuring. There is no mention of a reward/punishment scenario in an afterlife world. No atonement for sin, no specter of an eternal hell. No dread, no fear and no guilt. All of that would come with Saint Paul’s Christology. “God has already approved of what you do.” Hadn’t Paul read that in the Hebrew Scriptures?

Ecclesiastes appears to be the essence of Paul Tillich’s 20<sup>th</sup> century Existential theology – also an affirmation of life. It is the ‘Way’ Jesus of Nazareth taught: love one another as I have loved you. Then you will know me – and the Father. It tells us to be happy, to live fully, laugh and to love wastefully! We should be all that we can be. Love wastefully? Yes! Love is not love until you give it away, so give all that you have. Be happy in the days that God has allotted you under the sun!

**In addition to a newly constructed Parish Hall,**

**Trinity Episcopal Church has a new official mailing address:**

**909 Avenue D, Marble Falls 78654.**

**Please discontinue using the old post office box address for**

**correspondence to the church, including**

**any automatically mailed contributions.**

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## 5th Sunday Ministry

By Pat Hudson

Trinity's 5th Sunday Ministry consists of a group of parishioners that bring a church service to residents of two assisted living facilities. The attendees are generally residents that for one reason or another cannot attend a local service in town. Although most are not Episcopalian, they enjoy the Rite II Morning Prayer service we bring. While the residents are appreciative of the church service, they particularly enjoy the opportunity to visit with the Trinity parishioners who are participating in the ministry.

The fifth Sunday service is an outreach program that I think serves a definite identifiable need in our community. Many residents do not have family in the local area and are very appreciative of the time we spend with them one Sunday a month. Approaching the age, or perhaps already having attained it, where I can see myself in similar circumstances, I know that were I in their situation, I would appreciate the outreach Trinity is offering. Partially for that reason, I feel that it is important to be a part of this ministry.

The service requires Lay Ministers for the officiant (Lay Reader), Lector and Musician (Pianist). If this is a Ministry you might be interested in, I urge you to join us either as a Lay Minister or simply to interact with the residents. We currently have services at Gateway and Claremont and would like to expand to other assisted living facilities as the number of volunteers permits.

*Please continue to pray for the safety and health of the construction crews who labor on our behalf in the hot Texas sun. They are making great progress! Thanks to Herb Lewis for the photo.*

## School Nurse Donations

On Backpack Sunday, August 23, Trinity again plans to give area school nurses donations to meet unexpected needs. This year, all six school nurses requested unisex athletic shorts to replace soiled clothes so children may return to class quickly. Unfortunately, these shorts are expensive to buy at retail stores. To address this need economically, Trinity can purchase these shorts on-line, tax exempt, for \$5.00 per pair. If you would like to donate one or more pairs of athletic shorts, please put your name and the number of pairs on a sign up list on the round table as you enter the sanctuary. Please write a check payable to Trinity with school nurse donation in the memo line and put it in the offering plate or give it to Herb Lewis. If you prefer, the nurses also need children's underwear, sizes 4-12, bikini style for girls and boxer style for boys, which are readily available here in Marble Falls. Thank you all for helping these nurses minister to area children.



## Ministry and Outreach Continues its Mighty Work

**A**s we celebrate the risen Lord, we remember that now, we are the hands of Christ in the world. As Teresa of Avila said so beautifully:

Christ has no body now, but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks with compassion into the world,  
Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good,  
Ours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world.

The Commission on Ministry and Outreach seeks to find ministries that serve as Christ's hands in the Highland Lakes community, and then to assist them in achieving their goals. Below is a brief discussion of our activities during Lent and the Easter Season:

**Parenting Workshop for Parents of Children Who Have Experienced Trauma Or Abuse.** During March, many parishioners gave their time, talent, and treasure to provide meals for families participating in the workshop conducted by the Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center and the Phoenix Center. Parents' assessment of the effectiveness of the workshop was high. Additionally, parents expressed thanks to Trinity for hosting the workshop. Here are but a few of these statements.

"Thank you for doing God's work with your hands."

"Thank you for opening up the door and let us have our parenting class. It was such a good feeling to be in the house of the Lord. You are a testament of what God wants us to do."

**Presentation of Checks for 2014 Outreach Grants** Authorized by the Vestry. During March, the Trinity Foundation donated \$25,000 to 9 non-profit organizations vetted by the Commission through an application process. Members of the commission presented each of the checks in person. Perry Cockerham accompanied the members as the checks were presented and took pictures.

**Trinity also received the final reports** on the grants allotted to 10 non-profit organizations in 2013. A total of \$32,000 was authorized by the Vestry for grants in 2013. The two year total is \$57,000. Truly Trinity is becoming "a major Christian presence in the Highland Lakes area, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

**Participation in the Elder Fair.** In April, Rita Marquess and Patsy Martinez attended the annual Elder Fair sponsored by the Highland Lakes Health Partnership. To attract individuals to our church, Louise Hancock created a new display of Trinity activities on the church's Tri-fold Display Board. This was an opportunity for evangelism.

**Ministry and Outreach Bulletin Board.** To help inform parishioners of the activities of Ministry and Outreach, Barb Parmeter created a beautiful bulletin board in the hall between the Narthex and the church office, next to the bulletin board for sanctuary flowers.

**Visits to Residents in Legends-Granite Mesa Health Center.** Parishioners continue to visit residents to bring a bit of the Light of Christ into the residents' lives. In so doing, the Light of Christ burns more brightly in the hearts of our parishioners.

The Ministry and Outreach Commission is considering ways to assist the Mission Marble Falls ministry that serves hot meals to feed the hungry on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at St. Frederick's Baptist Church. Mission Marble Falls was started through the initiative of three of Trinity's parishioners, Chris Bean, Tina McLain, and Grant Dean.

If you are interested in joining the Commission, please contact Madeleine Manigold or any of the other members of the Commission.

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## Considering Hunger and The Texas Hunger Initiative

**W**hat can we do about hunger in our community? We know that Christ calls us to feed the hungry, and he tells us that in serving others, we will be serving him. Supporting The Helping Center, Mission Marble Falls, Meals on Wheels and the Boys and Girls Club are four very important ways we help sustain community efforts to address hunger. But, how can we reach even more of our hungry neighbors?

Pam Rodgers brought this topic to the Ministry and Outreach Commission this spring. While attending an ethics workshop, she learned people in Texas counties and cities working together in pilot programs actually fed many more hungry people than had been the case previously. The positive outcome resulted from using a researched-based program the Texas Hunger Initiative developed at Baylor University.

Commission members discussed this model and then met with our priests. The decision was to enter into a period of discernment in our parish. We invited the entire parish to meet on June 24 to hear presentations by staff of the Texas Hunger Initiative (THI). Our question: Should Trinity try to be a catalyst to bring community leaders and church leaders in our community together to reduce hunger in Burnet County?

Katie Hardgrove, regional director of the Austin THI office, educated us about *hunger insecurity* (not having the funds or means to obtain consistent, healthy meals). Texas has the second highest food insecurity rate among children in the nation. Approximately 60% of the student population in Marble Falls and Burnet school districts is eligible for free or reduced-priced meals. The research of Feeding America found Burnet County had a 16.9% food insecurity rate. Other staff presented information on Food Planning Associations, a group approach involving civic leaders, churches and nonprofits exploring community needs and gaps in services.

The Ministry and Outreach Commission plans to continue the discernment process and work with the vestry to give careful consideration of how best to use our church and community resources. Please email or talk with Madeleine Manigold ([mandeman@tstar.net](mailto:mandeman@tstar.net)) and Pam Rodgers ([pam@nctv.com](mailto:pam@nctv.com)) to give feedback on the presentation and offer your ideas and thoughts.

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## Good News: 2014-15 Outreach Grants

**G**ood news! The people of faith at Trinity are making significant difference in the lives of people in vulnerable situations in our community. By supporting non-profit organizations that minister to these individuals, we are serving Christ and proclaiming His Gospel. Thanks to the generous gift of Dick and Marian Repert, the Trinity Foundation and the Vestry tasked the Ministry and Outreach Commission with allocating \$25,000 for outreach grants early in 2014. In February, nine non-profit groups received grants of approximately \$2,800.00 each. Organizations submitted their final reports on the use of the funds in February, 2015. They are: The Boys and Girls Club, CASA (Court Appointed

Special Advocates), The Christian Women's Job Corps, The Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center, The Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center, The Open Door Recovery House, The Phoenix Center, The Helping Center.

Our parishioners' support of these ministries is moving Trinity toward our vision of becoming a major Christian presence in the Highland Lakes area, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please see the Ministry & Outreach bulletin board for specifics on these wonderful programs

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## Parenting Behind the Looking Glass

By Amy Sugeno

*“The more you lose your voice, the louder you scream.”*

- Dr. Karyn Purvis, Developmental psychologist, author, and former foster mom

There is a quiet but determined struggle going on across the Nation. Facebook groups which number in the many thousands constantly hum, sometimes throughout the day and night, with parents supporting each other, sharing advice, giving virtual hugs, and crying real tears behind their glowing laptops. These parents are adoptive and foster parents, and they are working tirelessly, sometimes against unimaginable odds, to help their children find their voice.

A mantra often repeated by parents and professionals alike is that, for many, parenting an adopted or foster child is just...*different*. In fact, there is even a yearly conference called, “Parenting in Space”, which likens this type of parenting to “a lonely journey into the ‘final frontier’”. Wow. Yes, this requires a non-traditional approach to parenting.

Being an adoptive parent means life with your child began out of difficult and tragic circumstances. From the very start, their child’s voice, along with the mother with whom their child had already started bonding, were taken away. Current research tells us that attachment (bonding) begins in the womb, and that the first year of life is a critically important time for development of secure attachment. An infant is completely dependent on her parents, especially her mother, to help her feel safe, secure, and protected. When an infant does not receive loving gazes, soft smiles, gentle touches, and reassuring voices when afraid, he quickly gets the message that the world is not safe, others are not to be trusted, and he must learn to make loud and persistent demands in order to survive\*. This is the heart and soul of early childhood attachment trauma.

At best, traditional parenting techniques often don’t work and, at worst, fail miserably. And this kind of trauma, so firmly rooted in basic survival instinct, can be stubborn. After many setbacks, progress is made in the tiniest of steps which become little, fleeting, tenuous glimmers of hope.

A challenge for many parents is learning how to accept their child for the uniqueness of spirit and soul gifted to them by their trauma *while also* trying to help repair and heal the trauma. Remember the child who must make loud and persistent demands in order to survive? How does a parent heal the fear behind those loud and persistent demands, yet honor the fiery, assertive spirit that may allow their child to soar one day? How does another parent help their child feel so safe that they don’t always need to escape into a dissociative world, yet honor their child’s quiet, sensitive, internal nature?

“Instead of saying, ‘I don’t want my child to be perceived as different’, let’s flip the script and say, ‘I don’t want my child to feel pressured to be like anyone else.’ Period.” *M. Kelter, “Invisible Strings” blog author*

Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you feel inspired to support adoptive and foster families in a unique way, there is a new effort underway to link prayer requests from families with people willing to offer prayers. If you are interested, please go to: [www.thegrafted.com/2014/12/praying-partners](http://www.thegrafted.com/2014/12/praying-partners).

\*To get a glimpse of this in action, watch the “Still Face Experiment”, a short youtube video from the University of Massachusetts Boston, Infant-Parent Mental Health Program.

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## Coming Events @Trinity

**August 16**

10:30 a.m. Guitar Service

**August 23**

Backpack Sunday/School Nurses

**September 13**

Fellowship Sunday/ Parish Picnic

**October 4**

Blessing of the Animals

**October 16-17**

Rummage Sale

## Have an Interest in History?

There is a plan in the works to get Trinity's past and present history written down and preserved. If this is something you would be interested in being involved with, please contact Mary Ashcroft. An informational meeting will be held later in the summer or early fall.

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