

TRINITY TIDINGS

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FROM BEHIND THE ALTAR

When Bishop Bruce makes her official visit to Trinity on Sunday, August 21, she will preside at the liturgy, preach, and administer the sacramental rite of confirmation. She will also bless (dedicate) our new building, the new stained-glass windows, and the remodeled parish hall.

Even though our Book of Common Prayer and the Canon Law of the Episcopal Church teach clearly that the Sacrament of Baptism confers full membership in the Church, it is customary that those whose baptism has been entered in the official rolls of the local church present themselves before a bishop to be confirmed and/or received.

A short synopsis of the meaning of Confirmation from the Catechism follows:

Q. What is Confirmation?

A. Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

Q. What is required of those to be confirmed?

A. It is required of those to be confirmed that they have been baptized, are sufficiently instructed in the Christian Faith, are penitent for their sins, and are ready to affirm their confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Those individuals who attended the Lenten series on Wednesday evening are eligible to be confirmed since the classes functioned as an Inquirers' Class. Everyone else interested in Confirmation will be asked to meet with me and do some additional preparation.

Those interested in being confirmed should contact me as soon as possible.

Blessings!

Father Miller

Trinity's Annual Picnic

On Saturday, September 3, at 12 noon, Tom and Shari Percy will once again host Trinity's parish picnic. The meat will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share and their own beverage(s) of choice. Adult drinks are allowed. A sign-up sheet is on the parish bulletin board. Directions are also available to the Percy home. Their swimming pool will still be open, so bring your swim wear and enjoy the last days of summer.

Daughters of the King



Hello Trinity Family,

It sure has been hot outside. Everything seems to be suffering from this heat and drought. My grass in the yard crunches when I walk on it because it is so dried up. I try to water it with the hose, but it just needs more than I can give. At this point, it needs rain to fall from heaven to restore it back to health and color.

Sometimes my spiritual life can get the same way. Dry and crunchy. I do the best I can to water and nourish it, but like my grass, it just needs more than I can give. At times, my spirit also needs rain to fall from heaven to revive its energy and color.

The Daughters of the King are like the rain in my life, watering the drought in my soul with their friendship and prayers. They can help make the difference between a dried-up spirit and one that is alive with color.

Let us pray for you. Let us help water your spirit. Join us.
Because life is better together.

FHS,
Martha Moon DOK

Articles for Newsletter

If you have an article that you would like to appear in our next newsletter, you may send to the attention of Bonnie Daniels, bonnieraydaniels@centurylink.net.

August Crosslines Ministry News

Crosslines served 349 families in July. Through a grant, they were able to buy two coolers which help to keep produce fresh. The needs for August are canned pasta, canned fruit, pop tarts, and ALL the plastic grocery bags that you can provide.

In addition to those needs, August is the month with “Undie Sundays” to provide socks and underwear for school-aged children. Due to receiving some donations from a local business, the following is a list of those items most needed:

Girl’s size 14, 16, 18, women’s size 5.

Boys size 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16.

Men’s size 28-30, 32-34, 38-40.

Monetary donations are welcome if you would rather not do the shopping.

Peggy Graydon

Report on the General Convention

After an incredible time in Baltimore, I made my way home from General Convention 80. Now, I’m gone from Trinity again, but that’s a topic for another time.

Every three years the Episcopal Church comes together to do the work of the church. Each diocese sends their bishop(s) along with four lay deputies and four clergy deputies. I was honored to serve again this year as a lay deputy from West Missouri. When assembled, we are the largest democratically elected legislative body in the world, surpassing even India. We meet to learn from each other, worship together, pass legislation to guide the church, and build community across our diocesan divides. Much of how the process functions mirrors what you learned from Schoolhouse Rock’s “I’m Just a Bill”. After all, many of our founders were Episcopalians.

Typically, this takes place for eight to ten days, but GC80 was postponed by a year and shortened to only four days. The pandemic meant we were all vaccinated, wore masks, and were tested daily. Legislative committee work happened pre-convention over zoom, allowing more people worldwide to witness and give testimony. Rather than a typical schedule of morning and afternoon sessions, we also added evening legislative session time which could get a little crazy. Watching 800 people debate under Robert’s Rules about the governance of the church archives at 9 pm was a little chaotic. No really, there was controversy about the archives bringing a measure of hilarity to my library and archive-loving heart. Thankfully, we didn’t try to pass a budget late at night!

Our own Bishop Diane Bruce, who is with us for another three years or so as provisional, serves as the secretary of the House of Bishops. She helps keep Presiding Bishop Curry on task and moving forward, a Herculean effort. We should all be thrilled at the witness she was giving (and continues to give) about the amazing people, churches, and ministry being done here in West Missouri.

If you would like to read more about specific legislation passed, I would commend [Episcopal News Service](#) and [House of Deputies News](#) to you. Due to the shortened nature of GC80 and the only two years until GC81, there were fewer “big pieces” of legislation than normally comes.

I never really tire of seeing the amazing work our church is doing in areas I know about and those I am privileged to begin to see at General Convention for the first time. I listened with tears in my eyes as Native Americans spoke about the harm church-run boarding schools had done as we commit to repent and do better. I laughed in frustration as in the Year of Our Lord 2022, we somehow didn’t have enough Wi-Fi capability to function in the convention center. I was moved to hear the new President of the House of Deputies, Julia Ayala

Harris, preach about the church as we move into a new world, led by a Latina woman from Generation X. We also elected the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton as Vice-president, an Indigenous priest. Together they are the first all-female leadership of the House of Deputies. I was uplifted to worship with 1,000 Episcopalians. I was blessed to serve the church as a deputy.

Amanda Perschall

Joke of the Day

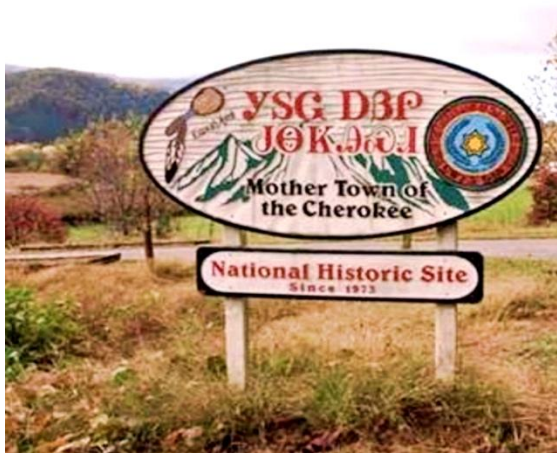
(as seen in Reader's Digest)

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray."

From the back seat I heard his earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

Personal Space--Sacred Place: Kituwah Mound

Do you think of a particular place when you desire to be comfortable and at peace with the tumultuous world? Unfortunately, there are many places that stir the opposite reaction instead of comfort and peace (places often associated with violence and despair and they release a feeling of darkness on our souls). Fortunately, these sinister places are few and scattered among the plethora of uplifting and pleasant locations abounding in



the world.

A seemingly insignificant place along US Highway 19 about 7 miles south of Cherokee, NC is of profound spiritual importance. One of the uplifting and peaceful places that also qualifies as a sacred place and revered from the time of our ancestors to the present time in history. That place is Kituwah, regarded by many scholars and the a-ni-yv-wi-ya (principle people) (D h B Ꭰ Ꭰ), as the Cherokee Mother Town. In the words of educator and Cherokee language specialist, Marie Junaluska, "Kituwah as a very sacred place. It's a very peaceful place. If you ever go there, you can feel the peace. The spirit that was there a long time ago is still there."

It is revered by the Cherokee people as the remains of the place of origin of the Cherokee people about 10,000 years ago, maybe better said as the beginning of time. Honoring the "mother town" was analogous to honoring Selu, the Cherokee Corn Mother. The Cherokee culture

operated on a matrilineal kinship system and pays honor to mothers and maternal ancestors. The mother's family and clan controlled inheritance and child raising.

Kituwah was surrounded by many smaller towns that developed in the heartland valleys and river systems of the Great Smokey Mountains. The Cherokee people came into conflict with colonial British settlement which led to the destruction of the town of Kituwa. The Cherokee aligned with the wrong side and joined with the French in losing to the British during the French and Indian War. Kituwah and other Cherokee survivors of the war fled west into the lands of the Overhill Cherokee. Subsequent forced treaties and land cessions led to the forced removal to Indian Territory via the infamous Trail of Tears.

Kituwah Mound was lost in 1820 and was only reclaimed by a 1996 Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians land purchase of 309 acres of land that included the early mound and town site. During the years after the removal, the land was turned into farmland which led to the destruction of visible artifacts. The site, known as Ferguson Field, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. The EBCI subsequently returned sacred treasure to the aniyvwiya.



Non-invasive archaeological surveys of the barely visible hill, using a gradiometer, revealed 15 burial sites with a potential of up to 1000 burials.



Many hearth sites were also discovered, especially one on the center of the mound. Most likely this was the location of the sacred eternal flame maintained by the "keepers of medicine" at the central council house. So, the tribe decided to leave the site undeveloped with walking trails open to those who honor the heritage on the Cherokee culture and aniyvwiya. They can be at peace as they walk the sacred ground. Many visitors bring soil from their homes to establish a spiritual connection to the cultural beginning of the aniyvwiya.

David Daniels