Robinson to help Trinity Church mark 150 years

TILTON — Trinity Episcopal Church on Main Street in downtown Tilton will celebrate the 150th anniversary of its founding on June 18 and 19.

On Sunday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m., the Rev. V. Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire, will preach and celebrate Holy Eucharist to commemorate the semi-centennial of the founding of Trinity Parish in 1861.

On Saturday, June 18, a community Open Door Dinner Barbecue will be held on the church lawn, rain or shine. Bingo will be played and all the trimmings will be served between 4 and 7 p.m. There will be live music and tours of the church. All are welcome to be a part of both events.

The desire to form an Episcopal Church in Sanbornton (a community consisting of what is now part Tilton and part Northfield) came in 1860 from Samuel H. Rogers, who had attended an Episcopal Church in Michigan, and the Hon. Judge Am P. Cate. Trinity’s first house of worship was purchased at auction for $300. A former Methodist church building, it is now the Northfield Town Hall. Regular worship services commenced there in 1861.

The Rev. Marcellus A. Hopper, Trinity’s first rector, came from Woodstock, Vt., and saw the Town of Tilton established in 1869 and the building of the current Trinity Church in Tilton, designed by Concord architect Edward Dow. The new church was opened for services on Easter Day, April 13, 1873, and was consecrated (following payment of outstanding notes—the total cost for land, building, and furnishings was $35,000) in May of 1873 by the Bishop W. W. Niles.

The lot which is currently the church lawn was obtained in 1881, and has been the site of many social and religious activities which continue to this day. The Church Spire has experienced changes over the years, including the metal cross being bent at its base on a 90 degree angle by the gale of Sept. 21, 1886, and the location of a cellular telephone tower antenna in 2002. The annual Blessing of the Animals has been done on the Church Lawn, as well as in the Church, with parishioners and friends bringing their assortment of pets including the usual dog and cat as well as birds, goats, and other creatures all to be blessed.

Trinity Church building has been used over the years for community support through scout meetings, AA meetings, a venue for concerts, and Lakes Region Community Services Council meetings. We have reached out to the greater community through offering clothing thrift shops, a Latch Key Program for school children, Thanksgiving Dinners, book reading groups, a Food Pantry, and currently do so through our involvement with the Twin River Interfaith Food Pantry in Franklin (of which we are a founding member), the Community Table Fund, CROP Walk, a winter coat program and our Open Door Dinners, which provide a community meal every Saturday evening. In a recent homily the Rev. Mark Kozielec, Priest-in-Charge at Trinity, said, “One hundred and fifty years ago, a small group of folks, burning with the desire to glorify God, gathered in this corner of central New Hampshire and dedicated themselves to live God’s dream of justice, peace, and love for all creation. Those, of course, were different times, yet the challenges faced them are pretty much the same for us today: feeding the hungry, binding the wounds of those who suffer, while sharing the joy and love of God with all we meet.”

Trinity Church is located at 274 Main St., Tilton, NH 03276. For further information, please contact the Trinity Church Office, 288-3120, email: trinitytilton@myfairpoint.net, or visit www.trinitytilton.org.

BELMONT — Following are official results for the Belmont Heritage Commission’s first annual “Cruisin’ the Village” classic car show.

Classics Era (1925-1940)
1st. Robert and Erena Mar- den, Gilford - Dodge Sedan, 1936
2nd. Ricky Lane, Alton - Chevy Pick-up, 1938
3rd. Don and Sally Had- dock, Laconia - Plymouth Roadster, 1935

Chrome and Fins (1949-1963)
1st. Paul and Jeanette Boudreau - Sunburstion Ford Anglia, 1949
2nd. Cathy and Frank Sweeney Belmont - Buick Country Convertible, 1957

OPEC Era (1972-1983)
1st. Ken Knowlton, Bel- mont - GMC Vandura, 1979
2nd. Don and Cindy Wang, Lancaster - Chevy Corvette Stingray, 1976
3rd. Alan Cushing, Gilford - Chevy Corvette Roadster, 1974

Performance Resurgence (1984-1994)
1st. Linda Frawley, Bel- mont - Buick Reatta, 1989

SPECIALS

LED/TBI/Front Wheel Drive (1984-1994)
1st. Tim Barry Belmont - Chevy Corvette, 1992
2nd. Linda Frawley, Bel- mont - Buick Reatta, 1989

1st. Linda Frawley, Bel- mont - Buick Reatta, 1995
2nd. Rick Cormier, Belmont - Buick Riviera, 1996
3rd. Ken Knowlton, Bel- mont Village!  Check us out at Belmont Village.  A group of local winners from Meredith and Moultonborough at the first annual “Cruisin’ the Village” classic car show at Belmont Village sponsored by the Heritage Commission with trophies in hand.

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Belmont Firefighters Be- lief Association, Belmont- Gilford Boys’ Hockey Pro- gram, Belmont Heritage Commission, Brookside Tap Restaurants, Jordan’s Ice Creamery, Routes ‘56, Special thanks to Execu- tive Councilor Ray Burton, Route 13, The Crossroads, Mau- nique Echols, Laconia Dai- ry Don, Belmont, Town of - Administrative & Public Works Departments, and all of the volunteers from com- munity organizations.

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