

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 19, at 9:30 a.m., the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, Bishop of New Hampshire, will preach and celebrate Holy Eucharist to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the founding of Trinity Parish in 1861.

On Saturday, June 18, a community Open Door Dinner Barbeque will be held on the church lawn, rain or shine. BBQ chicken and all the trimmings will be served between 4 and 6 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 Bridge (a community consisting of what is now part Tilton and part Northfield) came in 1860 from Samuel B. Rogers, who had attended an Episcopal Church in Michigan, and the Hon. Judge Asa P. Cate. Trinity's first house of worship was purchased at auction for \$300. A former Methodist Church, it is now the Northfield Town Hall. Regular worship services commenced there in 1861.

The Rev. Marcellus A. Herrick, 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 \$15,000) in May of 1875 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 was added by Mrs. Abigail B. B. Tilton, widow of Alexander H. Tilton, in 1883. The completion of the building with spire is considered to be the best surviving 19th Century Gothic Revival style church in Belknap County. The

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, 1938, 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 Kozieliec, 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 then 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, 286-3120; email: trinitytilton@myfairpoint.net; or visit www.trinitytilton.org.

Car enthusiasts cruise Belmont Village

BELMONT — Following are official results for the Belmont Heritage Commission's first annual "Cruisin' the Village" classic car show:

Classic Era (1925-1948)
3rd: Robert and Irene Marden, Gilford - Dodge Sedan, 1928
2nd: Ricky Lane, Alton - Chevy Pickup, 1938
1st: Don and Sally Hadlock, Laconia - Plymouth Roadster, 1928

Chrome and Fins (1949-1963)
3rd: Paul and Jeanette Boudreau - Sanborn-ton, Ford Angilia, 1949
2nd: Cathy and Frank Sweeney, Belmont - Buick Country Convertible, 1957
1st: Bill and Lois Porter, Franklin - Ford Thunderbird, 1956

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

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

Performance Resurgence (1995+)
3rd: Paul Shea, Belmont - Buick, Riviera, 1995
2nd: Ron Cormier, Belmont - Ford Mustang, 2006
1st: Stephan Condodemetrak, Derry - Ferrari 360 Spyder, 2001

Muscle (1964-1971)
3rd: Jeff Angwin, Northfield - Triumph Spitfire,



COURTESY PHOTO

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 smile with trophies in hand.

1967.
2nd: David Malone, Belmont - Dodge R/T 1968
1st: Ed Sarno, Moultonborough - Chevy Chevelle, 1971

Best in Show:
Chuck McGee, Moultonborough - Oldsmobile 442, 1970

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Special thanks to Executive Councilor Ray Burton, Routes '56, The Citizen, Winnisquam Echo, Laconia Daily Sun, Belmont Town Staff - Administrative & Public Works Departments, and all of the volunteers from community organizations

See you next year in Belmont Village! Check us out at www.cruisinthevillage.weebly.com.



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Local winners at the classic car show take pride in their classic cars, and all the work they put into their cars, which were on display this weekend at Belmont Village.

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