

Spring has brought a buzz of activity to the hallways of the church school! We have a number of exciting events to tell you about.

On May 2, the church school students, teachers and parents joined with other volunteers in our first “Garden Party,” an intergenerational effort to beautify Holy Trinity’s courtyard flower beds. The Rite 13 class took special care to clean out a corner of the beds prior to planting, and the morning of planting began with a wonderful continental breakfast and time for fellowship. When you see the beautiful blooms of impatiens in the gardens, they will be evidence of the “dirty work” the church school community and their friends undertook to help our parish and honor Earth Day.

On **May 16**, children, parents and teachers will meet in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service to make banners for Church School Recognition Sunday on June 6. Lunch will be provided, so please plan to stay and enjoy this community-building activity with your church school friends.

On **Sunday, May 23**, the church school will present its annual Pentecost play. This year’s event is a blend of an Easter pageant and last year’s *Tell the Story*. There are several speaking parts this year; it is much more a pageant than last year’s dramatization. More music has been included as well, and it will showcase Andrew Hauze’s weekly work with the children. If you know of any young people at Holy Trinity who would be a perfect fit for a speaking part, please encourage them to volunteer when we begin to cast the roles. The play promises to be a powerful and uplifting celebration of our risen Lord!

**June 6** is Church School Recognition Sunday, officially closing out the church school year. It will begin at 9:30 with church school class parties where the children will receive their “graduation” certificates. During the 10:30 service, teachers and children will be part of the opening procession, carrying banners they made on May 16. The children will be celebrated as important participants in their own Christian formation, and teachers will be recognized for their devotion to the church school ministry. The graduating seniors will also be recognized. This Sunday is also the last Sunday for the Chancel Choir to sing before they break for the summer, so there will be lots of music. This morning of celebration will be followed by a parish-wide reception after the service.

As you can see, there is a lot to be excited about over the coming weeks, and we hope that you all will mark your calendars and plan to be a part of it!