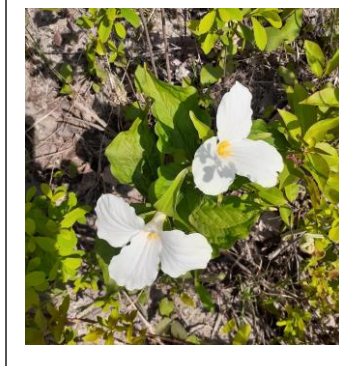


## Coop's Scoops # 205 Thursday, May 20, 2021

We begin today with what was missing on Tuesday....namely a picture of Trilliums which was attached to a text box but somehow didn't show up! So here we go...



Hope those who can't get out to the bush walking can enjoy these snaps...the blooms were an overnight explosion along Fraserburg Rd.



Also want to share the news that our Church Sign is taking on a brand new look! Peter is painting in bright red...a colour that attracts the eye much more than basic black. Thanks to Catherine for the idea, and to the Parish Council for implementing it, and for Peter taking brush in hand to accomplish it. Our incredible corner tree is in

full bloom as you can see...another delight for the eye. Paul is regularly changing the message on our sign... This one encouraged me yesterday to relish some quiet moments between tasks. It is a friendly sign for all people, irrespective of their faith. Might make us all seem a little less 'strange' and more inviting to folks wherever they are in their journey. Thanks, Peter ..Thanks, Paul.....just imagine how often those words would have been spoken in the early days of the Church with respect to the Apostles!

There is really nothing “new” from the Church calendars today so I will use this space for a blessing “FOR” all the Churches in our Deanery and in our town who will be preparing for Pentecost this Sunday! A poem (also a hymn) from Thomas Troeger, taken from “Borrowed Light”, Oxford University Press, 1994(used with permission)

**“Wind who Makes All Winds that Blow”**



**Wind who makes all winds that blow –  
Gusts that bend the saplings low,  
Gales that leave the sea in waves  
Stirrings in the mind’s deep caves –  
Aim Your breath with steady power  
On your church, this day, this hour,  
Raise, renew the life we’ve lost,  
Spirit God, of Pentecost.**



**Fire who fuels all fires that burn-  
Suns around which planets turn,**

**Beacons marking reefs and shoals,  
Shining truth to guide our souls-  
Come to us as once you came:  
Burst in tongue of sacred flame!  
Light and Power, Might and Strength  
Fill your church, its breadth and length.**



**Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame  
Move within our mortal frame.  
Make our hearts an altar pyre.  
Kindle them with your own fire.  
Breathe and blow upon that blaze  
Till our lives our deeds and ways  
Speak that tongue which every land  
By your grace shall understand.**

**AMEN**

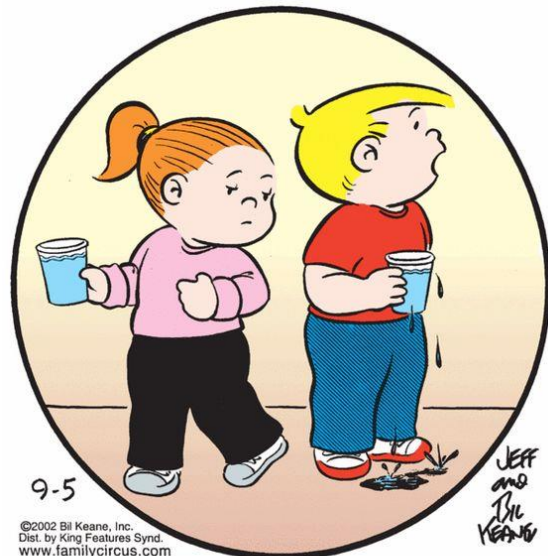
I ask your prayers today that the life-creating Power of the Holy Spirit might so fall upon the affairs of earth that the Gaza/Israeli conflict may cease; that seeds of peace may grow and flourish into repentance that brings unity between opposing

forces of all kinds, that kindness and inclusion may become more the “rule” in times of desperate universal need, that there be left no human being walking upon this earth for whom no one has prayed.....Our God is a Mighty God, and when we ask the BIG things in Jesus’ Name, we are reminded that millions of LITTLE things done by willing hearts, hands, feet and wallets can accomplish the purposes of God in ways beyond our imagining.

Thus, in poem and in your prayers, our Devotional is complete for Scoop’s today.

A good Scripture for further thought is **1 Corinthians 3:6 I (Paul) planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.**

Smiles for today !



“My cup runneth over because Dolly bumpeth my arm.”



“When did they start sellin’ peas in these little green envelopes?”

Closing Blessing:

May God the Word plant fresh seeds of love and hope deep within your hearts. May God the Holy Spirit send sun, and wind, and water to make them grow. May Jesus the Son walk beside you as you scatter them in needful spaces and may our Triune God bless you with joy and purpose in all that you do. Amen.

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