

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

May 1st will be my 5th anniversary serving God alongside you!

I had been serving God with the faith community of St. John's, Dryden for 11 ½ years and for the last 6 of those I was also Rector at Grace, Lapeer. Bishop Todd Ousley and I had been in conversation about the possibility of my coming to Trinity, Bay City.

It was a Sunday in December 2015 in Dryden and I knew some members of Trinity were going to be visiting that day. I love the congregation at St. John's who raised me from a newly ordained priest to a more confident and seasoned priest.

On that Sunday, I processed up the center aisle to the Presider's chair and as I looked out into the congregation I saw (who I would learn later were) Jett & Shelley Whitehead and Dale Smith. And the most amazing thing happened. My heart unfolded as I knew that these were the people I was going to get to love next in ministry.

That following week I had an interview with the current Vestry and those who were running for Vestry. When I arrived at Trinity Bob Sabourin (whom I knew) greeted and wished me well.

I knew Trinity had gone through a difficult time and that you all had been working very hard to become the congregation God was calling you to be. So, it was sheer delight to be standing in the hallway outside the Guild Room and hear laughter!

Your Vestry greeted me with joy and hopeful expectation. Our conversation went well with

important questions raised and answered by each of us. And we agreed that we would like to walk alongside each other in ministry with me as your Rector. Senior Warden Chuck Leibrand made all the arrangements for my Letter of Agreement to be in place by the end of January.

Then, with the help of St. John's, Grace and Bishop Ousley, I was able to take a sabbatical before beginning my ministry with you so that I would arrive refreshed and ready to go. The Rev. Ann Grady completed her three-year interim position with you and then I stepped in on May 1, 2016.

My first week I had the privilege of burying Mary Jane Borgioli, Fred Fletcher and Shirley Toepner. It was a sacred time as I began to get to know you.

Now, five years later, as I reflect on our time together, I remember many more celebrations of people's lives, baptisms, weddings, confirmations, students bridging out of Sunday school, high school graduations, wedding anniversaries and more.

We have welcomed new people into our midst who have become an integral part of our shared life and we have honored those who are hungry physically and spiritually who come to eat on Sundays.

And God has much more in store for us. We will continue to grow spiritually and share the saving Good News of the love of Jesus for all people with those in whom we encounter. My heart remains full for our shared ministry.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

THANK YOU

Dan Keeler for providing the flowering cross for Easter.

Mary K Freel for sorting through all Trinity's old records and separating out those items that need to be shredded AND saving all the file folders and notebooks.

Archie Duncan for his continuous commitment to get and keep our technology working well and for training people to run the system.

Trinity's Vestry for their continued commitment to serve Trinity well.

Pat Maxim for updating our Online Church Directory.

OUR SYMPATHIES

To Emilee Sabourin and the music community on the death of Bob Sabourin who died April 8, 2021.

CONGRATULATIONS

Guy (Tim) Moulthrop upon receiving the newly established *Guy T. Moulthrop Philanthropy Award* in honor of his commitment to McLaren Bay Medical Foundation (of which he is a founder) through his financial resources, time and talent to help ensure the best medical care for individuals and families in Bay County and surrounding communities.

RE-ENTRY CONTINUED

On Monday, April 19, the Vestry made the decision to allow Trinity's ministries and outside groups to begin meeting in the building following the Phase 2 procedures of the PLAN FOR RE-ENTRY FOR GREAT LAKES EPISCOPALIANS. Our building use will be for scheduled events only at this time and appointments can still be made to meet with Rev. Sue.

WORSHIP AT TRINITY

It is understood that when out in public there is the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and we trust that each household will make the best decision

for themselves as to attend worship in-person or online. Trinity's space is quite large and we have implemented safety measures above the diocesan requirements.

Highlights of our return:

- Masks are required at all times covering nose and mouth.
- The only entry will be through the sliding glass doors.
- Temperatures will be taken and each household will be checked in for contact tracing.
- The offering plate will be on a table as you enter church for you to place your offering – it will not be passed.
- Communion offered is bread only.
- On-line worship continues.

Please note: Our virtual services are live streamed or recorded/preserved to be available to others by way of our website, social media, or other on-line platforms. Even though there is no deliberate attempt to include the congregation in the broadcast or publication, you are hereby notified there is the possibility of your image being shown and your presence and participation constitutes your permission for that to occur.

BLESSING OF THE WHEELS, TOWER CHIMES AND MORE!

Come join us on **Sunday, June 6 from 3-4pm** as we Bless the Wheels! Bring your bicycle, motorcycle, stroller, skates, wheelchairs, etc. to the Grant St. green area. Patrick Winningham will play the Deagan Tower Chimes at 3:00pm with the Blessing of the Wheels at 3:30pm. We will also provide games and some fun surprises throughout! Face masks are required. All donations will go toward Friends of Music.

EXPANDING THE COLUMBARIUM

We will be expanding our columbarium as all the niches in our current columbarium are in use or reserved. The expansion will be in the Memorial Chapel between the columbarium and the front door. All memorial plaques will be

lovingly and respectfully honored.
To date, we have received advance payment for two of the 55 new niches. If you would like to reserve a niche to assist in covering the cost to build this addition, please contact Rev. Sue at revsuerich@gmail.com or 989-326-0469. The fee is \$800. Payment plans are available.

WORSHIP ONLINE

Facebook and YouTube live stream: Trinity Episcopal Church Bay City
Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 11:30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00pm Compline

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add or remove from one of our prayer lists, please email trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or call 989-326-0469 (cell).

VIDEO MEETING RESOURCE AVAILABLE

Can't gather together with your family or other group? You may use Trinity's Zoom account to do so, just let Rev. Sue know! 989-326-0469 or revsuerich@gmail.com or trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us during this unprecedented time.

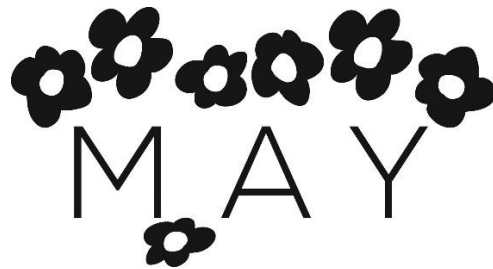
Ways to provide us with your contributions:

- Write and mail a check to Trinity
- IRA contribution
- Go to www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org, click on the online giving link which will take you to the diocesan webpage.

RESOURCES FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

- Mental Health Hotline 10am-2pm daily. 888-733-7753
- Disaster Distress Hotline. 800-985-5990
- Free mindfulness meditation website. www.headspace.com/mi

- Free digital lessons focused on developing social, emotional and well-being skills, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. www.michiganvirtual.org/michigancare
- Michigan Sexual Assault Hotline (talk/text/chat). 855-VOICES4
- Domestic Violence Hotline. 800-799-SAFE



Anniversaries

Rob & Amy Salazar
Janice & David Waldman
Dale & Carla Maxim
Dave and Pat Maxim
Tony & Tracey Krzysik

Birthdays

Dan Keeler
Sam Keeler
Barbara Meisel
Preston Krzysik
Ann Shea
Bobby Salazar
Stephanie Moulthrop
Colton Causley
Cathy LaBerge
Christopher Kolka
Roberta Hunter

There are two dates available for you to donate **altar flowers in May**, the 23 and 30th. Please call the office if you are interested in donating for either date.

ONLINE DIRECTORY

If you are not yet connected to Trinity's online directory, please contact Pat Maxim.

COMPLINE UPDATE

Beginning in May, we will be offering Compline online on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00pm. Once the COVID-19 restrictions ease up we will move to once a week.

Trinity Church Her People, Her Building Then and Now

The Organs of Trinity Church

Did you realize that Trinity has had four organs in its 167 years? When Trinity was first formed in 1854, the members met in their homes and even a school house and a bowling alley. In 1860 Trinity had its first church built on Washington Avenue just a half block southeast of Center. The first inkling of an organ is a hand-written receipt from 1867 for a portable organ. In 1874, after the original church had been enlarged several times, the church purchased a bigger organ from a company in Massachusetts. This organ was used in the church on Washington until the Stone Chapel (the current Parish Hall) was built on Grant Street. In 1882 the church got an offer that they accepted for the original church building and soon moved the services to the Chapel which was completed in the spring of 1883. The organ was put in storage. Records are not clear if it was stored until services began in the Chapel or until the main 1885-87 church was completed.

In 1914 that organ was replaced by a Casavant organ. This organ was used until 1963 when our present organ, made by Möller, was purchased. Apparently the Casavant organ had its problems and had been repaired several times in the 1950s. Ruthe Hahn, Trinity's organist at the time, spoke to the vestry in September of 1961 about the problems with the organ. She told

them that over 100 pipes had been discontinued to keep the organ in repair. She felt that trying to repair that organ was throwing away good money. The vestry agreed and tasked the Music Committee to begin exploring the possibility of purchasing a new organ. They worked throughout 1961 and into 1962 travelling to other churches to hear their organs, talking with other organists about different brands of organs, and finally determined that a new organ would cost about \$60,000. Several experts came to Bay City and played the organ. They examined its inner workings and determined that replacement was the way to go. In April of 1962 a fund-raising committee was formed with Stanley See, vestryman and choir member, as initial chairman and its purpose was to raise the money to purchase the new organ.

Meanwhile, the Music Committee continued to search for the best organ to purchase within the budget of \$60,000. A contract with the Möller Company was signed in May 1962. The organ was delivered and installed during the summer of 1963. Frank Serresseque, local teacher and musician, loaned an electronic organ for use while the new organ was being installed. The chancel space had to be remodeled in order to accept all the pipes and new console before the installation. Dr. Peter McGee, chairman of the Music Committee, reported on September 9th that the organ was installed and was being tuned. On September 22nd it was dedicated to the Glory of God and for use in holy services at Trinity. Ruthe Hahn gave the first organ recital. At separate later dates, Pierre Couchereau, titular organist of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and Dr. F. T. "Ted" Meisel, local dentist whose avocation and passion were the organ and sacred music, also gave recitals. The cost of the organ was \$52,485 with later receipts bringing the total close to the \$60,000 budgeted amount.

A very special thanks to Mary K. Freel who researched this topic in 2015 when it first appeared in the December Chimes.

The 1963 Möller Pipe Organ of Trinity Church



Trinity hosted the Food of Faith meal on Easter Sunday,



Behind the masks are Mickie Leibrand, Pat Anderson, Dave and Pat Maxim, Shelley Whitehead, Shelley Anderson.

Unmasked and including Dee Mulholland. Marc showed up for serving the meal. Not pictured, Rev. Sue.



PUZZLE



A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

"But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer power

Puzzle!

For this cryptogram, use the clues to decode Proverbs 3:5, NRSV.

CLUES:

Y = T, D = I

Y K T P Y D X Y J Z

V Q K R F D Y J O V V

C Q T K J Z O K Y, O X R

R Q X Q Y K Z V C Q X

C Q T K Q F X D X P D L J Y.

Answer: Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5, NRSV



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