

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

I've been thinking a lot about our faith and our life over the past year and a half. About how we've had to move forward one step at a time not knowing what the step after that may be. Each of us has had to make our own decisions about what to do during the pandemic and your Vestry and I have had to do the same.

It's been challenging not knowing what's coming down the road in order to plan the next step or the next set of steps. We have been accustomed to making long term goals but we just haven't been able to do that. The uncertainty of it all offers us an opportunity to trust God in a new way.

I remember a vacation I took with some friends 20 or more years ago. We went to Cape May, New Jersey and stayed at a motel across the street from the ocean. It's quite beautiful there and we would go to the beach every day.

One day there was fog like I've never experienced before or since. Although we could hear people talking and cars driving on the road and the waves crashing on the shore, we couldn't see more than 10 feet in front of us. It was a bit nerve-wracking but we just took one step at a time.

We had to pay attention to everything around us at each moment. Our senses were on high alert. And everyone around us, whom we couldn't see, was also paying close attention to everything around them. Although we knew we wanted to get to the beach and be able to see the water, we couldn't see that far and so

at each step of the way we assessed where we were and took the next step.

One gift of that experience was that everyone was doing the same thing. We were each being careful from where we were and from our own perspective to make sure that we and others were safe and able to get to the place they were going.

We can take this time of the pandemic to do the same. Since we're not able to see so far ahead, we can be careful to take one step at a time from our own perspective and do our best to make sure that we and others are safe as we all do our best to get to the next destination safely.

It also puts us in a perfect mindset to be present to the present. The gift of having to focus on this moment and the next step in front of us is that we are forced, in a way, to pay attention to our life and where God is in this moment.

Our senses are on high alert as to where to go next which can include noticing the beauty of creation, the plight of others, and the awareness of God in our midst right here right now.

As we enter into Fall and the beginning of in-person school and Trinity's choir, may we each continue to be focused on the gift of God in the present moment and paying attention to the next step that is before us.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

THANK YOU

Garden Guild and the many workers who continue watering Trinity's flowers.

All who attended the Pool Party at the Dow YMCA.

The Wingham family for setting up lawn games and all who joined in for Sunday Funday.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

Leo and Monica Borrello on the death of their nephew/cousin, Johnnie Johnson on August 8.

Pat Maxim on the death her brother, Virgil Staudacher on August 10.

Rev. Sue Rich on the death of her cousin, Beth Pruett, on August 12.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Ellison Ruby on the event of her baptism on August 1.

COFFEE HOUR BACK IN PLACE

Coffee Hour is back on! Dates to sign up are available. Those providing food will be responsible for serving it with gloves.

REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

As a way to offer enduring support ministry here, please consider putting Trinity in your will or trust.

RE-ENTRY CONTINUED – Phase 3

As of July 1, 2021 we entered into Phase 3 of the PLAN FOR RE-ENTRY FOR GREAT LAKES EPISCOPALIANS which can be found at www.eastmich.org/coronavirus. This means that at this time:

- Masks are recommended but not required except when receiving communion
- Check in with name and contact only
- The offering plate is placed at the entrance to the worship space and not passed
- Singing is aloud

- Passing of the Peace will be done at a distance
- Masks are required when receiving communion
- Hand sanitizer continues to be used before receiving communion
- Communion station is on the floor
- Communion will be bread only
- Online worship continues
- Coffee hour resumes with food served by gloved servers
- Outside and inside groups are beginning to meet regularly

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.

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.

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.

**SEPTEMBER 11 PRAYER SERVICE AND
COMMEMORATION 20 YEARS**

We will remember the events of September 11, 2001 with a service of prayer and music on Saturday, September 11 at 11:00am. This will be a live-streamed in-person event. Please join us as we remember this day.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add to one of our prayer lists, please call the office or email trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com.

TOWER CHIMES PLAYERS NEEDED!

Every Sunday morning before Trinity's worship service, the historic Tower Chimes ring out with familiar hymns to prepare us for worship. This public instrument can be heard not only in our own worship space, but in the surrounding community as well.

Trinity's Tower Chimes are getting ready to celebrate 100 years of sounding praise to our Lord. The Deagan Company installed over 1000 of these instruments around the country - and now there are around 400 left and less than 20 working ones in Michigan.

Patrick Winningham is looking for anyone interested in learning how to play the Tower Chimes. There are only 10 notes that are played on a small keyboard. Anyone with at least basic keyboard (note reading and playing) skills can be successful playing simple hymns on the Tower Chimes. The Chimes get played from 9:40 AM to 9:50 AM before worship every Sunday.

If you are interested in learning how to play the chimes and to get some music to practice with - please contact Patrick Winningham. 317-376-2216 or pwinningham@gmail.com



Birthdays:

Michael Newsham
Alex MacGregor
Patti Anderson
Pat Middleton
Jadyn Dowell
Amy Middleton
Alex Hunsberger
Tod Meisel
Sue Suchodolski
Randall Brown
Gary Krzysik
Lon LaBerge
Kurt Carlstrom
May Falvey
Kierah McCullen
Catherine Leibrand
Eric Mulholland
Monica Borrello
Katharine Freel
Allen Laskowski

Anniversaries:

Gregory & Sharon Scharich
Patrick & Anne Trahan
Jett & Shelly Whitehead
David & April York
Tony & Michelle Hunsberger
Rick & Nicole Causley
Alex & Joyce MacGregor
David & Sue Clements

**Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now**

Trinity's Early Newsletters

Sometime at the end of his tenure as rector of Trinity Church, Rev. Alford A. Butler, (7th rector, 1877-1884), gave a wonderful record of the early years of Trinity Church by giving the Bay City Public Library copies of the church newsletter. Originally called "Trinity Church Record," it was later renamed "Trinity Church Bell."

Published six times a year and now kept in in the Wirt Public library in the Local History and Genealogy Room, the first four-page newsletter appeared in August, 1869. Here is an excerpt from that first newsletter.

Our First Issue

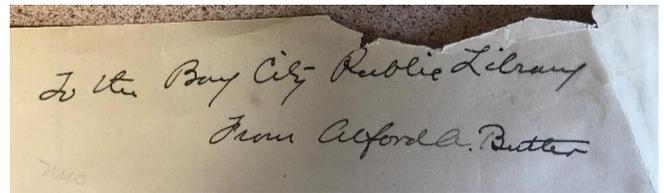
"We present our friends with the first number of our parish paper. It is undertaken with the hope that it may meet with encouragement and each edition be looked forward to with increasing interest....We trust that it may also stimulate to greater activity in the service of Christ."

The information gleaned from the early newsletters is a wonderful gift to those of us who love history and all things concerning the pioneering days of Bay City not to mention the spread of Christ's kingdom in this area.

In that first edition we learn that Rev. John Wright was called to Trinity's rectorship in February, 1869. He preached his first sermon as rector on the second Sunday after Easter, April 11th, 1869. Page two of the Trinity Church Record tells us:

"On reaching the scene of his labors, he found that the church had recently undergone a third extension [expansion] at an expense of twenty-one hundred dollars. Gas had been introduced, the chancel enlarged, a library room added, and the interior of

the building thoroughly renovated so that for neatness, comfort and convenience, it is now all that can be desired."



We look forward to many more gleanings from these treasured archives. Like that first newsletter we pray that our current newsletter, The Trinity Chimes, continues to "stimulate [us] to greater activity in the service of Christ."

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild



**Trinity Members serving at
Food of Faith on August 1**

THE CHOIR RETURNS

The choir is excited for its return, Sunday, Sept. 5th. If you or someone you know is interested in joining us, we meet on Thursday nights at 7pm. And now is the perfect time for those of you that may be a little gun shy or nervous about your skill level since we will be starting slow and easy following the prolonged (Covid) break! We'd love to have you.

TRINITY CHURCH ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT - 2021

Trinity Episcopal Church has been blessed throughout the years with talented musicians, organists, and choir directors who have ensured that the music of the church has been of the highest quality. One of the goals of the Organ Committee is to ensure that this standard of excellence continues with a rebuilt pipe organ that is entrusted to future generations for the purposes of praising our Lord.

When the Organ Committee was founded in January of 2021, it was tasked with assessing the instrument's current condition, identifying areas of needed repair, and identifying improvements that can be made to the existing instrument in the confines of the available funds.

A pipe organ, like any other piece of mechanical machinery, has many working parts that require routine maintenance. This can be compared to the upkeep on a car. Many things are routine (oil changes, wiper blades, filters, etc). Other items are larger in scope and expense (brakes, major repairs etc). Sometimes a complete overhaul is necessary to ensure that it will run for many more years to come. Trinity's organ has a current replacement value of 1.2 million dollars - periodically a major investment into the instrument is necessary.

Trinity's pipe organ has been a vital part of the life of the church since its installation in 1963. Routine maintenance and upkeep has been performed regularly since that time - as well as other minor fixes and additions. After 58 years, Trinity is now at the point of having some major work done to the organ to ensure its health and viability for future generations.

Bob Sabourin saw this need a few years ago and began the process of planning for the major work that needed to be done. He had some conversations with Nancy Moulthrop which led to a large bequest to the church on her death. Her estate entrusted \$250,000 to Trinity Church for the purpose of restoring the organ, ensuring its health for future generations, and blessing Trinity Church and the larger Bay City community with a splendid instrument.

The current major issues in Trinity's 1963 MP Moller Organ are as follows:

1. The leather in the 13 wind reservoirs are starting to break down and leak. This is major. Neglecting this will render the organ unplayable.
2. The organ is dirty. Over time, dust and debris builds up in the organ pipes, chests, and chambers and impacts tuning and the playability of the organ.
3. The pipework is worn. The wood, reed, and metal pipes get dirty and worn over time. These need to be repaired, cleaned and adjusted.
4. The console needs refurbishing as it bears witness to 58 years of use. Relay and switching systems are showing major wear.
5. An adjustable bench is needed. This is usually standard on a high quality pipe organ as it allows adjustment for anyone who will be playing the organ as each body type is different.

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.



PUZZLE

Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.

party - t = P R A Y (v. 1)

lady + i = _ _ _ _ (v. 3)

drab + e = _ _ _ _ (v. 5)

rod + o = _ _ _ _ (v. 7)

bask - b = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

keeps - p = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

define - ee = _ _ _ _ (v. 9)

shift - t = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = _ _ _ _ (v. 11)

sift + g = _ _ _ _ (v. 13)



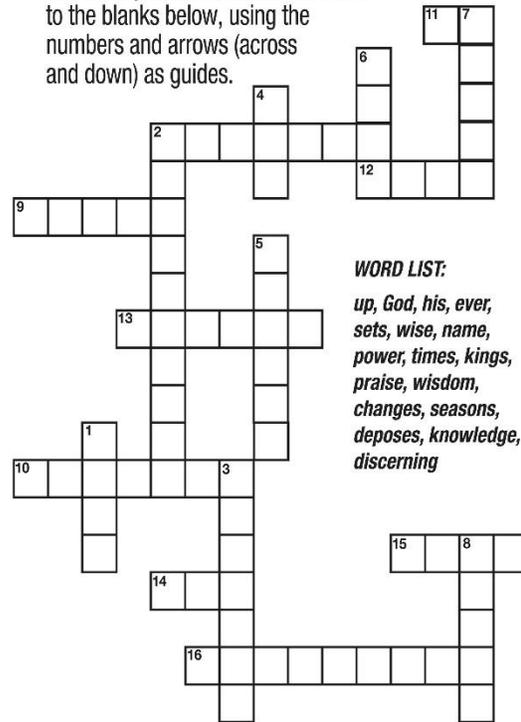
What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

_____ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit

Puzzle!

Fit these words from the book of Daniel into the squares. Then transfer them to the blanks below, using the numbers and arrows (across and down) as guides.



WORD LIST:
up, God, his, ever, sets, wise, name, power, times, kings, praise, wisdom, changes, seasons, deposes, knowledge, discerning

“ _____ be to the _____ of _____ for _____ and _____ ;
 _____ and _____ are _____. He _____
 and _____ ; he _____ and _____
 them. He gives _____ to the _____ and _____ to
 the _____ .” DANIEL 2:20-21

Answer: “Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever, wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.” Daniel 2:20-21



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