

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases.”
This passage from scripture came to mind as I was watching the Saginaw Bay and thinking about how the water and weather change so dramatically from one day or one season to the next.

This also made me think about how the storms of life come and go and that God’s love for us is steadfast and constant through it all.

As I looked this passage up, I discovered that it is part of the Book of Lamentations. At first glance, one may think it odd to be a part of the five mournful poems in Lamentations. But a second look reminds us that it is especially when things are difficult, even horrible, that we can always rely on the One who created us to love us beyond measure...no matter what and in every circumstance.

The author of Lamentations put into words what the Israelites were feeling after the fall of Jerusalem. They were bewildered, anguished, and at a loss for where to go or what to do. Their whole lives were wrapped up in the Temple as the expression of their faith and community which was now destroyed. How could this happen? How could they continue to live their lives as faithful followers of God? How could they survive this loss? What will happen to them? How will they relate to God?

In the last two years, so much unrest, fear, inequality, and pain has come to the surface – for ourselves, our community, state, country and world. We see, experience, or have

become aware of unnecessary suffering. It is deeply painful.

The author of Lamentations reminds us that God is in all things and that it is in God whom we have hope when we remember that “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases.”

The Israelites were exiled from their home and the place of their identity in God. They had to figure out a new way to live even though they had no clue as to how to go about doing so.

Lamentations 3.17-27. “My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, ‘Gone is my glory, and all that I had hoped for from the LORD.’ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ‘The LORD is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’”

Maybe you’re in a difficult situation or know of someone in a really hard situation. I imagine the Israelites traversing the journey through pain and suffering together. I imagine our faith community at Trinity traversing our challenges, pain and suffering together and supporting one another through all that life is bringing our way remembering that the steadfast love of the LORD never ceases.

In Christ’s love,
Rev. Sue

THANK YOU

Mickie Leibrand and Rayechel Berger for setting up, and to all who attended the Blessing of the Animals.

Ann Shea for continuing to create worship bulletins and online PowerPoint presentations.

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

Shelley Anderson on the death of her sister-in-law, Michelle Degenhardt, who died October 20, 2021.

Jan Waldman on the death of her brother, Daniel Garrett, who died October 24, 2021.

COFFEE HOUR IS BACK

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

HOLIDAY BAZAAR RETURNS

Our Holiday Bazaar returns on Saturday, November 6 from 9am-3pm. Please come and shop! Also, we are in need of folks to clean up at 3pm under the direction of Terry Oliver.

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

Remember to move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 6.

THANKSGIVING EVENSONG

Sunday, November 14 at 4pm, we will hold our annual Thanksgiving Evensong. Please join us!

ADVENT WREATHS

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28! We will again be providing supplies for each household to make their own Advent wreaths that day. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Sue or the office to secure supplies for you.

REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

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

VESTRY INFORMATION

- Vestry meetings are open to all parishioners and are held on the third Monday at 6:15pm. If you would like to attend one of these Zoom meetings contact Rev. Sue and she will send you the link.
- At our upcoming Annual Meeting in January we will elect 2-3 people to the Vestry for a 3-year term. If you are interested in finding out information on what this responsibility entails, please speak with a Vestry member (see list on page 7) or Rev. Sue.

RE-ENTRY CONTINUED – Phase 3

Those in the position of monitoring the COVID situation in Michigan continue to do so with diligence. 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
- 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.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

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

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed your address, phone number or other information lately? If so, please make sure that information gets to us! Thank you.

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.

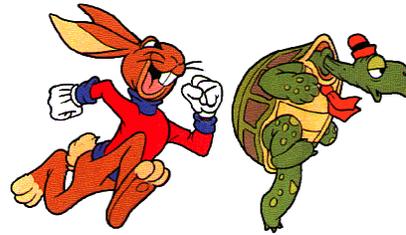
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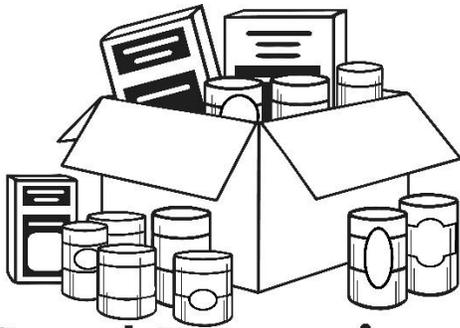
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Have you fallen behind on your pledge payments over the summer? If you have fallen behind on your pledge payments, please try to catch up before the end of the year. Thank you.



Food Donations

Thanksgiving Holiday Food Baskets

Trinity's Food Pantry will again be participating in the Holiday Food Basket Program through the Bay County Emergency Food Pantry Network.

Our Baskets will include the following items: Stuffing Mix, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Green Beans, Corn, Mushroom Soup, Fruit, Muffin Mix, Brownie Mix, Pancake Mix and Syrup. We will also be giving out some Personal Care products: Toothpaste, Liquid Hand Soap, Dish Detergent, Facial Tissues and Bathroom Tissues.

Katharine and Jan will go shopping with donated money or items may be donated to our pantry. We will be filling baskets on Monday, November 15. The Bay County Emergency Food Pantry Network will be providing Gift Certificates for the purchase of meat or other foods item to complement our baskets. Thank you for your loyal support of our pantry and those we assist.

Katharine Freel
Jan Waldman

LOOKING FOR GIFTS FOR FRIENDS OR FAMILY?

Trinity's Historical Guild sells Rada Kitchen Cutlery & Accessories as their major fundraising activity. We are fortunate that the Rada Company sends us about 40% of the price listed. The moneys earned are used for projects and events sponsored at Trinity by the Historical Guild.

Rada catalogs are available in the Historical Guild area in Trinity's Parish Hall. You may browse the catalog at Trinity or take one home – which ever works best for you.

It is also possible for you to shop online with Rada and give the credit to Trinity and here's how you do it:

1. Go to radafundraising.com
2. Go to the zip code area and put in 48708
3. You'll see 5 organizations, among them

Trinity.

Click on Trinity Episcopal Church, Bay City, Michigan

That takes you to the main page
you pick out your things
go to the shopping cart.

4. After you go through all the shopping pages and get to the final page, at the top, it will tell you that your shopping helps Trinity Episcopal Church, Bay City, Michigan!

Here's the Rada customer service number and email.

Get in Touch (7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. CST, M-F)

Email: customerservice@radamfg.com

Phone: 800-311-9691

THANKS in advance!

If you have questions, you can call Diane Rapson Gabil, Trinity Historical Guild, chair, (989-392-1080).

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

While we've been looking at excerpts from the 1869 Trinity Church Record, the church's first newsletter, here we find a letter from the Building Committee dated 8 June 1869.

*To the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of
Trinity Church Bay City*

Gentlemen:

Your building committee respectfully submit the following report. In compliance with your instructions we have had the church building extended, enlarged, and repaired; the capacity for seating is now 500, prior to the present enlargement the building would seat only 300 persons. As you are aware the gallery that was always objectionable has been removed and vestibules constructed on the ground floor of each tower. The Church has been very much improved and enlarged with a more comfortable and commodious Vestry room on one side, and a Sacristy room on the other side. Gas has been introduced into the building which has greatly added to the comfort of the congregation as well as improving the appearance of the interior of the Church. A chimney has been so constructed that if the vestry should consider it so advisable to warm the Church with a furnace instead of stoves, the improvement can be introduced without interfering with the use of the building.

The cost of these improvements have exceeded the amount first intimated, but the committee have in no instance exceeded the instructions of the Vestry, but have from time to time been instructed to make additional improvements to those first contemplated. Therewith annexed you

will find the several amounts expended for the enlargement. And also the amounts paid on the same, leaving a balance due to the several parties of \$920.76 dollars. And Your Committee earnestly recommend that the proper committee be required to take such steps as to ensure the early payment of this debt. As many of the creditors are very needy and their bills having been carefully adjusted should be paid with as little delay as possible.

Your committee are aware that the sum expended has so much exceeded the amount contemplated, that it has caused surprise in the minds of persons not conversant with the extent of the improvements but the improvements have added so much to the comforts of the congregation as well as the Rector, and have given much satisfaction, that the committee feel perfectly justified in going to the extent in their improvements, to which they have gone; having first received the approval and instructions of the Vestry before proceeding to make the expenditures.

The Ladies of the Parish very generously proposed to pay for the additional carpet required, as well as the cost of introducing gas into the church building. And for the purpose of earning the masonry money organized themselves into a Ladies Aid and Sewing Society holding weekly meetings for several months and have been successful in raising a good share of the money promised. And for which they are entitled to the thanks of the vestry. All of which is most respectfully submitted Bay City June 8, 1869.

*Israel Catlin and Thomas Cranage, Jr.
Building Committee*

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

In-person and Online:

Sunday-10:00 AM – Holy Communion

Online only:

Wednesday-11:30 AM – Morning Prayer

Tues & Thurs-9:00 PM – Compline

FOOD OF FAITH 2:30 P.M. on Sundays

OFFICE HOURS

Currently by appointment

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