

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

As we move into February, we have reviewed 2020 and concluded our first-ever online Annual Meeting! I want to thank Tony Hunsberger for coordinating all the technology and running the two practice voting sessions to make this take place. And I also want to, again, thank Leo Borrello and Archie Duncan for serving the Vestry for 1 ½ years as they filled unfinished terms and to Amy Salazar who finished her second 3-year term. We are grateful to each of you for your commitment to Trinity's leadership.

Reading over all the ministry reports is always enlightening to see what's gone on and the plans for the upcoming year. In the midst of all the changes God has still been present and some of the ways we've done things are now changed forever. It's interesting, isn't it, to look back on all that has been reshaped, knowing that there is more to come?

I, for one, miss each of you terribly and am so looking forward to the time we can, once again, join together in worship and fellowship. I'm reminded of what it may have been like for the followers of Jesus after he died. The separation from him must have been excruciating, those three days probably felt like a lifetime.

With Jesus they experienced such hope and joy but when he was arrested and killed the hope and joy was barely a memory until his astonishing resurrection.

There was no way for Jesus' disciples to predict the events of his death, resurrection, ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit. They had to

live fully into each segment of the journey.

As they lived through the terror of all that led to his death and beyond, they hid in an upstairs room not knowing what else to do. Eventually some of them went back to their previous vocations but life was stale. When Jesus revealed himself, alive, he took their fear, depression and anxiety and infused a new hope that was beyond anything they could have imagined. Jesus was alive, well, better than ever and he had much more to teach them!

Their life with Jesus was a journey that continued throughout their whole lives. They never stopped growing in their faith and understanding of who Jesus was and how their lives were being transformed. And every difficult and easy step of the way, Jesus led them in the way of loving God and loving their neighbor as themselves more fully.

At this moment, in what stage of your life with Jesus do you find yourself? Can you see that there is much more to be revealed? And that all will be well, and that all is well even now?

God is working in the fertile soil of our lives during this separation, preparing us for ministry afresh upon our return to in-person gatherings. In the meantime, may we reach out to whomever comes to mind. And in these encounters, may we find ourselves encouraged and uplifted with the reminder of the hope we have in Jesus no matter what stage of our faith journey in which we find ourselves.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

THANK YOU

Tony Hunsberger for handling the technology to make our Annual Meeting a success on Zoom.

Leo Borrello and Archie Duncan for filling unfilled Vestry terms of 1 ½ years and to Amy Salazar who completed her 2nd 3-year term. We are grateful for your service to Trinity.

NEW VESTRY AND OFFICERS

Congratulations to our new vestry and officers. Welcome Marc Mulholland and welcome back Archie Duncan.

Officers:

Senior Warden – Archie Duncan

Junior Warden – Don Middleton

Clerk – Dawn Moulthrop Brady

Treasurer – Patrick Gray

Assistant Treasurer – Shelley Whitehead

FOOD OF FAITH HIGHLIGHTED

Our own Pat Maxim was interviewed by an online magazine called Route Bay City, which is a part of Second Wave Media. If you would like a hard copy please contact the office. Here is the link to the article

https://www.secondwavemedia.com/baycity/features/food-of-faith.aspx?utm_source=Emma&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=Food+of+Faith+ministry+builds+community+for+volunteers+as+much+as+it+does+for+the+recipients&utm_content=Mobile+Newsletter&utm_campaign=Scholarship+winners+%7c+Troll+Smokehouse+expansion.

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 one 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.

BURYING THE ALLELUIAS FOR LENT

It's hard to believe that Lent will soon be here! On Sunday, February 14, the Last Sunday after the Epiphany we will sweep the Alleluias (sing and say Alleluia as much as possible) and bury the Alleluias (remove all Alleluias from the church and put them away). In years past the Sunday School has created Alleluias that were ceremonially placed in a container and then put away.

This year the Worship Committee has decided to invite all members of Trinity to make Alleluias. They can be any size, shape or color. It may be drawn in crayon, pencil, marker, paint or printed from the computer. On Sunday, February 7 a large bin will be placed outside the office door and remain there until 9:30am Sunday, February 14. During that time, you are invited to bring your homemade Alleluias and place them in the bin. At the end of the service on February 14, they will each be held up and then placed in a basket and put away until Easter.

ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, February 17 we will have two live online Ash Wednesday services. A spoken service will take place from Rev. Sue's computer at 11:30am and a service with music at 7:00pm will be recorded in the church.

Requesting ashes by Wednesday, February 10:

For those wishing to self-impose ashes on your forehead, ashes and instructions will be provided to you. In an email to trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or a call to the church office include how many people in your household will be receiving ashes.

Making your own ashes: In a safe place (outside) burn a palm branch(es) or palm cross from a previous year, or use some dried leaves, in a metal container. Using a metal or some other utensil tamp and stir the ashes until they are as fine as possible. You may want to add a little bit of oil so it will stick a bit.

Imposing ashes: You are invited to join us online and at the appropriate time we will impose ashes on ourselves. If there are multiple people in your home you may want to impose the ashes on one another's forehead. When imposing the ashes on the forehead, press your thumb or forefinger into the ashes until you have enough to spread and then make the sign of the cross on the forehead saying the words of imposition. During the imposition the following words are spoken: **"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."**

WORSHIP ONLINE

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

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).

UPSCALE RUMMAGE SALE

Once we return to in-person worship, and it is safe, Trinity would like to have an upscale rummage sale. Mary K Freel and Shelley Whitehead will be co-chairing this endeavor! Please contact Mary K or Shelley if you would be a part of the team on this fun project. As you are home and looking at all your items, please be thinking about and saving any nice items that would help Trinity raise some money to support our ministries.

VIDEO MEETING RESOURCE AVAILABLE

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

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/michigancar.es
- Michigan Sexual Assault Hotline (talk/text/chat). 855-VOICES4
- Domestic Violence Hotline. 800-799-SAFE



FEBRUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Judy Laskowski
Bob Hayhurst
Camden Garcia
Janice Waldman
Victor Kolka
Elise Shannon
Shannon Lang
Cindy Sherbeck
Mary Katharine Freel
Martin Foss
Sydney Shannon
Kathryn Middleton
Kylene Sutter
Susan Hoyle
Maureen Alvarez

Anniversaries

Guy & Jane Moulthrop
Sean & Dawn Brady
Guy & Stephanie Moulthrop

Organ Committee Update: Committee Formation and Goals

Trinity 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. The Organ Committee has been assembled, has been in communication, and will be meeting regularly over the next few months to work on this project. One of the goals of this 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.

The Organ Committee is 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. The Committee will then solicit bids and proposals from at least three reputable organ builders, make a recommendation to the Vestry, and ultimately proceed with the refurbishment.

As we look into our various options, it is important to note the three-fold use of the organ at Trinity: 1) Leading Congregational Singing, 2) Accompanying Choirs and Vocalists, 3) Performing a Diverse Repertoire of Organ Literature.

Please keep the members of the Organ Committee in your prayers as we embark on this exciting project!

Patrick Winningham, Organ Committee Chair
Paul Serresseque, Committee Member
Tod Meisel, Committee Member
Marc Mulholland, Committee Member
Rayechel Berger, ex officio
Rev. Sue Rich, ex officio
Archie Duncan, ex officio
Bob Sabourin, Lead Consultant



The above picture shows the workers for Food of Faith on January 17th. That day our volunteers were Shelley Anderson, Paulette Royer, Dee Mulholland, Shelley Whitehead, Mickie Leibrand, Pat Maxim and Rev Sue. We had a lot of fun and there's a spot for any of you who are able to volunteer on Easter Sunday for our next Food of Faith. The date for Easter Sunday is April 4th and if you are able to devote some time, please call Pat Maxim or the office.

Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now

Angels

Angels are spiritual beings created by God to serve the heavenly throne and to act as God's servants and messengers between God and human beings. The word angel comes from the Greek word "angelos" meaning "messenger."

Angels are pure spirit and thus are non-

corporeal. However, like humans, they have intelligence and free will. They can appear in human form and interact with us but those bodies are only temporary illusions and pass away when their mission with certain humans ends. They were created before humankind and serve and praise God in heaven. At some time, one angel, Lucifer, led a rebellion against God resulting in one third of heaven banished from the sight of God.

According to the writings of Early Church Fathers and Doctors of the Church there are nine orders of angels. These orders are divided into three hierarchies, each containing three orders. From highest to lowest rank they are: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominations (Dominions), Principalities, Powers, Virtues, Archangels, and Angels. Christian doctrine regarding angels reached full development during the A.D. 1100's and 1200's, especially in the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas.

Angels are mentioned throughout Scripture from the Book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation. The first mention is of the cherubim whom God set before the Garden of Eden after the fall from grace of Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:24). The last mention is at the sound of the trumpet and the Second Coming of Christ as Ruler and Judge in Revelation. Between are countless references numbering nearly 300 incidents. In the Old Testament angels fill Jacob's vision climbing up and down to heaven on a ladder. Another time an angel is a counselor to the prophet Daniel. In the New Testament they are present at John the Baptist's birth, Gabriel's announcement to Mary and throughout Jesus' earthly life.



“Worship in Heaven” from the Book of Revelation. Here, Seraphim angels continually cry “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.” The top of the window shows two angels holding the “Shield of the Holy Trinity.” Cox, Sons, Buckley Co.; London, England. Often called “The Children’s Window” from the Sunday School penny offerings, the window was given to the Glory of God and in memory of their classmates who had died. Created and installed by the fall of 1886 for \$1,000.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

FOR THE BIRDS

Display this recycled craft to care for feathered friends.



What you need:

- Peanut butter or vegetable shortening
- Plastic knife
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Bird seed
- A plate
- String

What you do:

1. Spread peanut butter or vegetable shortening on the tube, covering the entire outside surface.
2. Pour bird seed on a plate and roll the tube in the seeds.
3. Thread string through the tube and tie it to make a loop.
4. Hang the bird feeder outside. When seeds are eaten, coat the roll again.



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