

# THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

It's hard to believe that children and teachers are back to school for another year!

In the same way, we are gearing back up at Trinity! The Senior Choir has already returned and on September 11, during coffee hour, we will be holding our first Ministry Fair.

This is an opportunity for the different ministries to share what they do and to remind us all of ways to be involved.

Round tables with table tents of the ministry names will be displayed. Sign-up for Sunday school, Senior Choir, Choristers, Bell Choir, Youth Group, Sound & Camera operators, Volunteers to answer the phones, and more. Please plan to attend!

We have begun praying in our weekly worship for Moria Brady, Grace Gray, Corinne Salazar and Izzy Salazar who are preparing to be confirmed and for Carolyn Pawlaczyk who will be received into the Episcopal Church. This event will take place on Sunday, October 16 at 4pm at St. James Episcopal Church in Cheboygan.

Our time of preparation is combined with those from St. Alban's who are also partaking on this sacred journey. Please keep them in your personal prayers as well.

The curriculum used focuses on the Baptismal Covenant, which they will each be renewing. The Book of Common Prayer is used as we explore, in depth, the questions posed them.

As they embark on this process, I am reminded of the commitment we all make and continue to make time and time again. As a reminder, the questions and answers are as follows.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? "I will, with God's help."

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? "I will, with God's help."

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? "I will, with God's help."

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? "I will, with God's help."

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? "I will, with God's help."

Did you notice that there are two parts to the answer? "I will" – this is our part and the commitment we make. And "with God's help" – this reminds us that we are not alone in our journey of faith, that God is, indeed, with us, supporting us and walking with us.

I invite you to ponder these questions for yourselves as a way to engage afresh in renewing your own commitment to God.

In Christ's love,

*Rev. Sue*

## **THANK YOU**

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

Ann & Archie for hosting the picnic and pool party.

## **OUR SYMPATHIES TO**

Joyce MacGregor on the death of her brother Bill Wright on August 19.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES**

- Sunday, September 11, Ministry Fair after church
- Sunday, September 18, Worship and Picnic with St. Alban's at Rev. Nancy Mayhew's home at 10:30am
- Sunday, September 25, 4pm, St. Michael Evensong

## **ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD**

September 13. 11am at Trinity to begin card ministry. 12:30pm lunch at Bay City Bill's. All are invited!

## **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](mailto:trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com).

## **FRIENDS OF MUSIC CAN DRIVES**

Please save your empty cans for Friends of Music as we begin monthly empty can drives on the first Sunday of the month.

## **REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL**

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

## **TRINITY'S COVID PROTOCOLS**

- Masks are welcome but not required
- Passing of the Peace will be done at a distance
- Hand sanitizer before communion
- Wine and juice available in individual glass chalices
- Online worship continues

## **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.

Ways to provide us with your contributions:

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

## **SEPTEMBER 11 MINISTRY FAIR AFTER CHURCH**

Please make sure to join us for our first-ever Ministry Fair after church on September 11. Each ministry will be represented to showcase opportunities for ministry involvement!

## **SEPTEMBER 18 JOINT WORSHIP AND PICNIC WITH ST. ALBAN'S AT 10:30AM**

All are invited to join us for worship and a picnic with St. Alban's at Rev. Nancy Mayhew's home. Worship will begin at 10:30 with lunch served at noon. For more information, please call the office.

**TRINITY SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Social Committee at Trinity is looking for members! If you are interested in planning and participating in social functions for the purpose of fellowship at Trinity – we need you! So far, the Social Committee has planned and carried out a church wide cookout – with the help of our newly donated gas grill! Other events include a Picnic/Pool Party at the home of the Duncan’s and a weekly card group – called “Fun and Games” – that meets every Thursday from 1-3 pm in the Parish Hall for “fun & games”! We also organized Trinity’s participation in the diocesan event – Holy Hikes.

We have so much more planned to bring the community of Trinity together – but we need your help! Some of the plans include a monthly Sunday Funday, Potluck suppers, Super Bowl party and much more. If you would like to be part of this important group, please contact Ann Shea at 318-780-7332 or [sheabann@yahoo.com](mailto:sheabann@yahoo.com) or call the church office – or sign up at the Ministry Fair after church on September 11!

Ann Shea, Chairman

Here are some pictures from our pool party!







**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](mailto:pwinningham@gmail.com)



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



**Birthdays:**

- Mary Allen
- 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**

*Gleanings from the Past*

Here, we go back in time to 1881 and look at the *Trinity Bell*, the church's early bi-monthly newsletter, Vol. VII., No. 5. It is an excellent primary-source document as to the background and information on the Stone Chapel and many other things. We must also remember that the area of Center Avenue and Grant Street was not built up at that time and so the "new" chapel, even though a half-block north of Center, was a very prominent and visible structure.

The New Chapel

We have heard but one comment from all who have seen the new building, whose substantial and beautiful walls are now approaching completion. From the Bishop and other visitors, so well as from our own people the universal expression is that of gratification and surprise. We believe that this, the first stone building erected in Bay City, is one of which not only our parishioners, but also our citizens may well be proud. The position brings all its strong and handsome lines into full view from the street, and gives it the appearance of being a larger building than it is. Certainly no one who has contributed towards the work can fail to be gratified with the result so far as realized.

From the report of the Building Committee read on Easter Monday it was plain to everyone present that if the chapel is to be completed this Fall we must all give something more to do it with. The sum already expended, or that the Parish is under contract to expend, amounts to about \$7,500. As the Sunday School is ready to purchase the windows the above amount includes everything belonging to the building

proper, excepting the front steps. Before the building can be used, however, there is grading and furnishing to be done, and, as there is less than \$6,000 of subscription to work with, it is plain that \$2,300 to \$2,500 additional must be donated before the chapel can be occupied. Without additional subscriptions the work will have to stop with the completion of the roof.

Neither the Vestry nor the Rector are willing to run in debt, and we are much mistaken if the congregation is not of the same mind; consequently, if we are to have a convenient and home-like place for our Sunday School, weekday services and social gatherings this Winter, and if we are to be able to worship with any comfort next Lent, then we must do our very best to be liberal givers this Summer. The interest shown in the first subscription was so general and so generous, that we cannot but think that each member of the congregation will do his or her part to keep up the good work until the chapel is completed and ready for occupancy, then we shall all have not only the enjoyment of its beauty, but the larger enjoyment of its comfort and its usefulness.



The "New" or Stone Chapel in about 1887. It would have been an interesting view in 1881 to 1884, as the next new church, our current worship space, was not built until 1885-1887.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild





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