

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

I want to thank everyone who attended our Annual Meeting, both in person (29) and online (28). For those of us in the church, it was wonderful to see the faces of you at home on the TV screen.

Dan Keeler and Mickie Leibrand were elected to a second term on Vestry and Carolyn Pawlaczyk was elected to conclude an un-finished term that has one year left. Officers can be found on page 3.

We also congratulate those elected to serve Trinity at our Joint Diocesan Convention with Western Michigan on October 27-28, 2023 at the Horizon Center in Saginaw. Delegates: Mary K. Freel, Pat Maxim, Michelle Hunsberger, Sarah Willard. Alternates: Archie Duncan, Mickie Leibrand, Carolyn Pawlaczyk, Patrick Gray.

Minor editing changes were made to our By-laws. Treasurer Patrick Gray reviewed 2022 and presented us with our 2023 financial situation. A special draw of \$8,000 above the 5% annual draw from our endowment was approved. This is a part of the reduction plan that was voted on before Covid so that we no longer take the special draw. This is to be the last year of the special draw.

Your Vestry is very motivated to balance our \$47,000 deficit. We are working with ideas that have been collected over the years, including the brainstorming sessions we had before Covid and we welcome your added ideas and effort as we move ahead together.

The 2022 Annual Report is a wonderful way to get to know all that went on at Trinity last year. I commend it to your reading! And if you're new to Trinity this is a great way to familiarize yourself with all the goings on here.

The By-laws as well as the 2022 Annual Report are available in a bin outside the office door or come inside!

As we look ahead to 2023, there are a few things I'd like to highlight that are happening soon. Please join us and bring a friend! Social Activities Committee: Super Bowl Party. Hospitality Committee: Chili Dinner. Vestry: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Friends of Music: Member Recital. See pages 3, 4 and 5.

Wednesdays in Lent: we will have Stations of the Cross in the church, followed by Soup and Bible Study in the Parish Hall. March 24-26 we will be hosting Tetélestai, a passion play, with 100 in the cast and crew coming from Ohio. See page 5.

Also, the Vestry has approved my taking of a Sabbatical for which I was eligible last year. I will be taking this in May, June & July with full clergy coverage during that time.

I am deeply grateful for every single one of you, for the joy you bring me, and for your faithfulness to God and God's people as we traverse this journey of faith together.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Sue

THANK YOU

All who helped make Shelley Whitehead's funeral and luncheon such a lovely celebration.



Ann Shea for putting together the Annual Report and to Shelley Anderson who helped assemble them.

Dawn Brady, Don Keeler and Mickie Leibrand for completing their 3-year terms on Vestry.

Patrick Gray, Steve Beckert and Brenda Weaver for all they do to prepare the financials for the Annual Meeting.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated.

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.



Free-Will Offering

TRINITY'S COVID PROTOCOLS

- Masks are welcome but not required
- Passing of the Peace will be done at a distance
- Hand sanitizer before communion
- The shared chalice with wine is now available
- Wine and grape juice remains available in individual glass chalices

FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

Please make sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel, like our Facebook page and then share our events and posts on Facebook. We get lots of views when you share our posts and services!

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.

REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

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

**CONGRATULATIONS 2023
OFFICERS**

Senior Warden – Archie Duncan
Junior Warden – Don Middleton
Clerk – Dan Keeler
Treasurer – Patrick Gray



ST. ELIZABETH’S GUILD

February 14. We will meet 11am at Trinity to write cards. 12:30pm lunch at Barney’s. **All are invited!**

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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

For a long time, Keit’s Flower and Nursery has provided Trinity with our altar flowers. They are now closing their doors. For each of the next three months – February, March & April – we will have three different florists providing our altar flowers. Please take note and let a member of the Altar Guild or Rev. Sue know which of the months’ flowers you like best.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 21 from 5-7pm. \$6.
3 pancakes, 3 sausages, fruit, beverages. Church office 989-892-5813.

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

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



Chili Dinner

Tuesday, February 7 from 5-7pm.
Beef chili, chicken chili, corn bread/muffins, dessert, beverages. \$9 in advance, \$11 at the door, \$5 children 4-12. Church office 989-892-5813.



Notes of THANKS

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

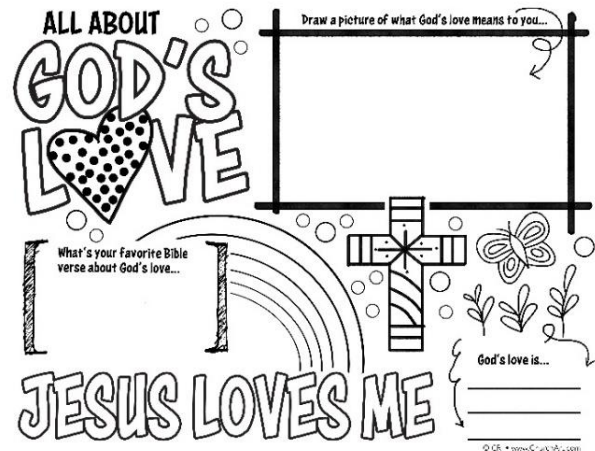
Firstly, Thank you for your monthly can donations to the Friends of Music Fund! Some months vary (of course) but our collections have earned as much as \$85-\$100. Other months, they bring in as little as \$45-50. Either way, we do appreciate your generosity. This money goes to support singers in the loft on Sundays as well as the special events we hold. We couldn't do it without your support. Thank you!

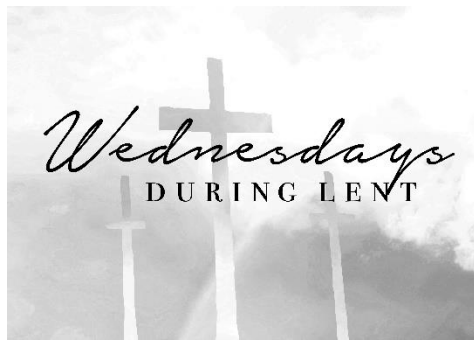
Friends of Music is looking for other ways to raise funds. We are considering a summer food truck/game day event. What are your thoughts? Are there certain things you'd like to see happen? Or, maybe you'd like to donate to the special events already on the calendar. These events can cost roughly \$300 each but are a great way to share our many gifts with the community. Anonymous donors have allowed these to happen in the past. Some donors have even chosen to give in honor of a loved one or special thanksgiving. If you are interested in being a donor, or wish to share some ideas for future events, please see Rayechel.

Our next scheduled event is the Residents Recital on Sunday, March 5th at 4pm. Performers will include members of Trinity's staff and those hired to regularly support Trinity's services and special music events. Many of these musicians have been singing in various choral groups or training on their perspective instruments for years. While choral music is fun to participate in, this is an opportunity for the performers to share music that they wouldn't otherwise get to share during regular church services. The event is free to the public and any donations made will go directly to support future events put on by Friends of Music.

Super Bowl Party

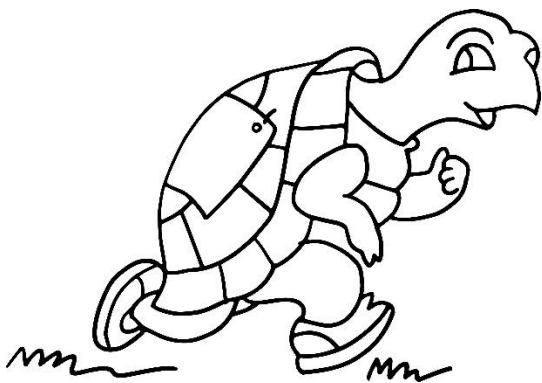
This month's Sunday Funday will be postponed a week as we will gather on February 12 at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall for hot dogs, popcorn, Super Bowl, and games. Bring a dish to share and a friend!





Wednesday Stations-Soup-Study during Lent. Each Wednesday in March and the first Wednesday in April, beginning at 6pm we will have Stations of the Cross in the church, followed by a simple soup and bread meal, and concluding with Bible study on the upcoming Sunday's lessons. Those who would like to provide soup and bread for one of the Wednesdays can sign up – see the bulletin board.

St. Patrick's Race and Parade
Sunday, March 19 in front of Trinity, roads blocked off.



Tetélestai, Greek for “it is finished”, is a passion play – Friday, March 24 & Saturday, March 25 at 8pm, Sunday, March 26 at 1pm. Free admission.

The cast & crew of this visually moving Passion play is excited to share the Good News of Easter with you. Tetélestai brings the Gospel to life with a cast & crew of over 100, full theatrical staging, sound & lighting, costumes and live singing. Seeing the passion reenacted through Tetélestai is a powerful and moving way to prepare for the holy season of Easter. It has become a tradition for families across northeastern Ohio. Please visit LiveThePassion.org for more information. We hope to see you there!

Trinity Member Recital

Sunday, March 5 at 4pm. Members of Trinity and those associated with Trinity will be sharing their musical talents. Free admission.

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

The following is taken from the *Trinity Church Record*, an early bi-monthly newsletter that began in 1869. The information below is from Vol. III, Feb, and March, 1872. No 15.

Holy Days in February

The Purification

This Feast is to commemorate the presenting of Christ in the Temple by His mother, when she went up to offer the customary sacrifice required of every woman who gave birth to a male child.

It corresponds to "The Churching of Women" in our Prayer Book -- when women may make some offering to Him for His goodness.

The Virgin Mary brought her turtle-doves because [she was] too poor to bring a lamb. So should every woman bring her substance as God has blessed her, that with prayers and alms, she may appear before Him who has sanctified married life to the populating of the world, and the building up of His kingdom.

Ash Wednesday

This is the first day of Lent and is so called from the fact that it was formerly the custom for persons who were admitted as penitents to the church to sprinkle Ashes upon their heads this day, and wear sack-cloth as a token of their humility, and sorrow for their sins. We should begin today to spiritually humble ourselves, that the season of Lent may prove a benefit to us.

St. Matthias Day

On this day is commemorated the death of the Apostle who was elected to fill the

place of the traitor, Judas. As he was the first addition to that band of laborers who have descended in the same line to the present day, with him begins the Apostolic Succession so essential to the perpetuity of that Ministry which Christ instituted. (In 1969 the feast day was moved from February 24 to May 14 so as not to occur during Lent.)

On the evening of the 13th, a few friends of the Rev. John Wright, gathered around him to say farewell, and wish him God speed to a safe return. For one year at least he will be absent from his flock, gathering strength and wisdom in older and sunnier lands. His feet will press the sacred soil of our Saviour's birthplace, and his eyes will behold the scenes of His sufferings. He will view with eager gaze the rippling Jordan, the stately Nile and meandering Euphrates; his ears will listen to the whispering zephyr that linger round the cedars of Lebanon, and his thoughts will ponder over the futility of man's efforts to perpetuate his own greatness as he beholds the ruins of Damascus.

The prayers of his congregation and friends will follow him in his journeyings, and their hopes and fears will weave around him, the golden chains of fond remembrance.



Faithfully gleaned 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

Sundays: 1:30 PM – Doors open

2:30-3:30 PM – Meal served

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MISSION STATEMENT

To encourage growth through fellowship, follow the teachings of Jesus, and reach out to our community through prayer and service.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to grow the body of Christ by being a welcoming, vibrant, service-based faith community that actively lives our values, especially the commandment to “love God and our neighbor.”

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