

# THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

It's so nice to be back with you in worship and joining in ministry together. How wonderful it was to return and see that nothing skipped a beat during my three-month sabbatical.

Thank you go out to so many people. I especially want to thank Senior Warden Archie Duncan who, along with the entire Vestry, did a great job of leading the congregation. Thank you to the Reverends Don Davidson, Ann Grady, Val Fargo and to Maddie Greblo and Jett Whitehead for leading worship and preaching. Pastor Andreas Teich led Evensong and two funerals and, along with the Rev. Nancy Mayhew, lovingly provided pastoral care. Monica Borrello, Mickie Leibrand and the Rev. Rebecca Owsley did a great job leading online worship on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. To all who were involved in worship, music, technology, spaghetti dinner, Vestry, administration, financials and all manner of things that took place, thank you!

I am grateful to have been provided with the time away to renew and refresh myself spiritually and physically. The first thing I did was to spend 30 days at the Loyola Ignatian Silent Retreat House in Morristown, New Jersey.

Each day consisted of meeting with my spiritual director, eating three wonderful meals, Holy Eucharist, and typically, five prayer periods of an hour each.

The silence was wonderful and I realize now how deep that allowed me to go in my relationship with Jesus. As I read over my journal, it's not something I can just skim. This teaches me anew that intentional time away with God is so important. And that includes daily, weekly, quarterly and annually.

My spiritual director shared with me that each person with whom she has walked with along their 30-day silent retreat journey has experienced some type of transformation. The results of the retreat last a lifetime and the unfolding of the blessings and graces received occur most notably over the first year.

The book we used was [Draw Me Into Your Friendship](#) by David L. Fleming, S.J. This is one of the resources used by spiritual directors who lead Ignatian spiritual exercise retreats. Ignatius came up with spiritual exercises that lead to this transformative experience.

Consider this (page 27): "God who loves us creates us and wants to share life with us forever. Our love response takes shape in our praise and honor and service of the God of our life.

"All the things in this world are also created because of God's love and they become a context of gifts, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily....

"For everything has the potential of calling forth in us a more loving response to our life forever with God. *Our only desire and our one choice should be this:* I want and I choose what better leads to God's deepening life in me."

I invite you to join with me in praying regularly for the grace that our love response to God increases in our praise and honor and service of the God of our life.

As we do so, may we pay attention and notice a shift in how our lives are focused more on the God of life and the movement of the Spirit.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*



**THANK YOUS**

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

Ann & Archie for hosting the picnic and pool party.

All who helped with the Friends of Music fundraiser on August 20.

**OUR SYMPATHIES TO**

The family of Randy Reynolds on the occasion of his death on August 14, 2023.

Jane Moulthrop and family on the death of Tim Moulthrop on August 20, 2023.

The family of Phyllis Capp on the occasion of his death on August 30, 2023.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

Archie Duncan on the completion of Teacher Orientation Training, a qualification to facilitate the international Order

of St. Luke the Physician Foundational Study: The Healing Miracles of Jesus. This makes Archie one of 54 people in the world now able to facilitate this new training program!

**SPECIAL SEPTEMBER DATES**

Sunday, September 10

- Ministry Fair after church
- Choir returns
- Empty can drive for Friends of Music

Sunday, September 17

10am worship at St. Alban's followed by a picnic

Sunday, September 24

Holy Hike in Mt. Pleasant

Saturday, September 30

10am Blessing of the Animals

**SAVE THE DATE**

October 17, 5-7pm – Harvest Dinner

October 20-22 – Faith Alive Weekend

**SEPTEMBER 10 MINISTRY FAIR AFTER CHURCH**

Please make sure to join us for our second Ministry Fair after church on September 10. Each ministry will be represented to showcase opportunities for ministry involvement!



**SEPTEMBER 17 JOINT WORSHIP AND PICNIC WITH ST. ALBAN'S AT 10:00AM**

All are invited to join us for worship and a picnic with and at St. Alban's. Worship will begin at 10:00 with lunch afterward. Hot dogs, hamburgers & fixings provided, please bring a dish to pass. St. Alban's is at 105 S. Erie Street across the street from Gephart's Funeral Home. For more information, please call the office.

**CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, REAFFIRMATION CLASSES**

We will be having a class for those who would like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church or reaffirm their baptismal covenant. This will be a combined class with the good people of St. Alban's and once completed we will wait until a closer location for this regional event is available. Please contact Rev. Sue.



**ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD**

September 12. 11am at Trinity to write cards. 12:30pm lunch at G's. All are invited!

# THE CHIMES

## 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.

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)

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sundays:

Worship @ 10am

FOF doors open 1:30, meal served 2:30

Mondays: Overeaters Anonymous 10am

Tuesdays: Compline online 9pm

### Wednesdays:

Morning Prayer online 11:30am

### Thursdays:

Fun & Games 1pm

Senior Choir rehearsal 7pm

Overeaters Anonymous 7pm

Compline online 9pm

Fridays: Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm

## THANK YOU ARCHIE AND ANN

It was a wonderful time at Archie and Ann's picnic. The Keeler kids were great entertainers! Thanks to Bruce and Pat for the music while there. Here are a few photo's to enjoy!



Yes, both kids are in the tubes!

Very entertaining!

## WORSHIP AT TRINITY

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.



Hebrews 11:1, KJV



**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](http://www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org), click on the online giving link which will take you to the diocesan webpage.



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



Please make sure to update your address with the office including your email address. If you would like to get the sometimes-weekly email newsletter, send an email to [sunbeamf@att.net](mailto:sunbeamf@att.net) and Mary K. will add you to her database.



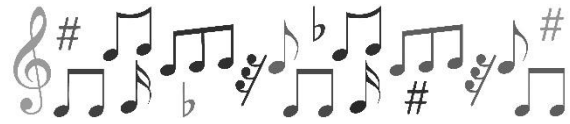
**Birthdays:**

- 02 Mary Allen
- 03 Alex MacGregor
- 04 Patti Anderson
- 05 Pat Middleton
- 10 Jady Dowell
- 10 Amy Middleton
- 12 Alex Hunsberger
- 12 Tod Meisel
- 18 Sue Suchodolski
- 19 Randall Brown
- 22 Gary Krzysik
- 22 Lon LaBerge
- 24 Kurt Carlstrom
- 24 May Falvey
- 24 Kierah McCullen
- 25 Catherine Leibrand
- 28 Eric Mulholland
- 29 Monica Borrello
- 30 Katharine Freel
- 30 Allen Laskowski



**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 03 Gregory & Sharon Scharich
- 04 Patrick & Anne Trahan
- 17 David & April York
- 19 Tony & Michelle Hunsberger
- 20 Rick & Nicole Causley
- 22 Alex & Joyce MacGregor
- 24 David & Sue Clements



If you want to take part in church activities and services and have always like to sing come join the choir!!! We rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00 pm and sing 3 out of 4 Sundays in the month. Also if you know of anyone who likes to sing and might be interested in joining us tell them about us. You don't have to be a member of the church to sing in the choir!!! We're always looking for new members.

### MUSIC FUND RAISER

Thank you to all who volunteered or donated to our Friends of Music Fundraiser. It was one of the hottest days we'd had in weeks and we sure would've loved to jump in a dunk tank but there were plenty of people who came out to support us from Trinity as well as from the outer community. We don't have the final number earned yet from our food trucks but judging by attendance (and for the first time ever holding this kind of event) we had a pretty successful day.



There were lots of people who volunteered to help set up or run games, etc. and for that we are extremely grateful.



The committee and I have made some notes about what to improve for next year and would love some feedback from you if you have any ideas of your own. We hope you all had fun coming out to support us and we look forward to holding this event again in the years to come!

## Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NV.

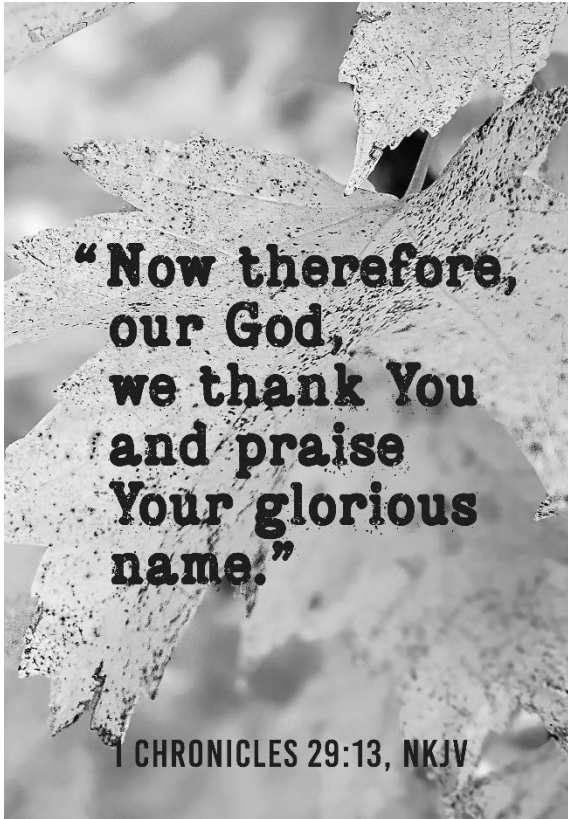
- Shape that symbolizes love 31 15 7 18 5
- Part of a stove used for baking 12 3 24 39
- Color made by red and yellow 28 42 7 8 27 37
- A present 1 32 20 11
- Clothing a girl wears 19 22 43 44 33
- Something you open to go into a room 40 29 17 47
- Opposite of soft (sound) 34 17 41 30
- To take a long walk 14 2 9 38
- A high body temperature 45 50 49 48 42
- Items used to build or fix things 13 35 21 16 26
- Edge of the sea 10 23 46 51 4
- Home for a bee 6 25 36 4

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Answer: heart, oven, orange, gift, dress, door, loud, hike, fever, tools, shore, hive; Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 107:1, NV

**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.



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!



The Gang! Thank you for making our flowers look so beautiful.



**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!



## TRINITY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee at Trinity has had an active summer! We hosted a church wide cookout & potluck after church in June and another picnic/pool party at the Duncan's in August. We continue with our "Fun & Games" every Thursday from 1-3 pm – come join us for some fun games and great fellowship!

We will be starting back up with our monthly Sunday Fundays in October. It will be the first Sunday of the month. We will have lunch in place of Coffee Hour followed by a quick, easy to learn, and good for all ages game! Please consider staying for the game – the more participation we have – the more fun we have!

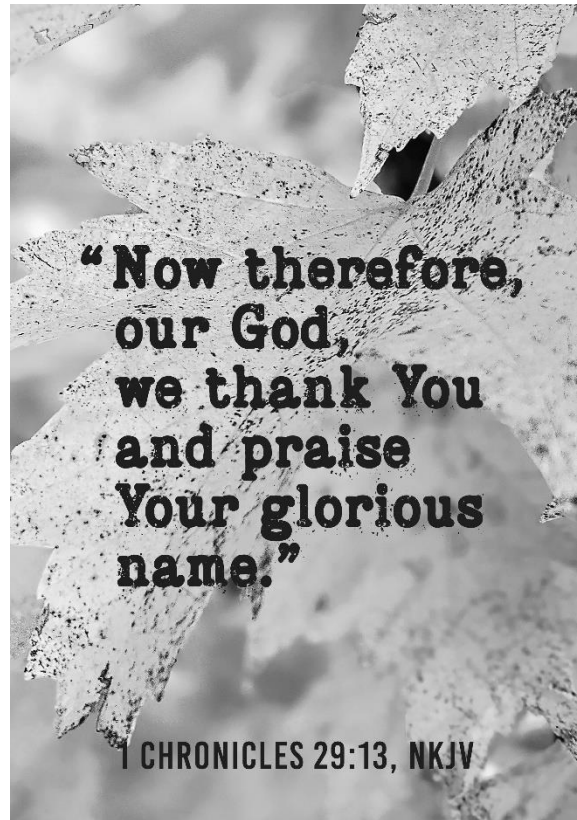
If you are interested in planning and participating in social functions for the purpose of fellowship at Trinity – we need you! We have so much more planned to bring the community of Trinity together – but we need your help. If you would like to be part of this important group, please contact Ann Shea 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 10!

Ann Shea, Chairman

# PRAYER list...

## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add to or remove from our prayer list, please email [trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com) or call the office at 989-892-5813.



Trinity Church  
Her People, Her Building  
Then and Now

The Lily

The word *lily* comes from the Latin *lilium* and by 12<sup>th</sup> century Middle English was spelled *lilie*. Lilies are a perennial leafy-stemmed bulbous herb native to the temperate northern hemisphere and widely cultivated for their showy flowers.

In pagan tradition the lily is associated with motherhood and was often given as a gift to mothers as a symbol of gratitude.

Mentioned many times in Scripture the white lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, and new beginnings and hope. In the Old Testament, King Solomon spoke of them. They are mentioned by the minor prophet Hosea: "I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send down his roots." (Hosea 14:5) In the New Testament Jesus speaks of them: "Consider the lilies how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these." (Luke 12:27)

*Jill Gleeson*, a travel journalist and memoirist, writes this of the lily in the *January 26, 2022 Country Life*:

Lilies are also the symbol of several Christian figures. Referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope," lilies are believed to have sprouted from the ground where Christ's blood and tears fell during crucifixion, as well as in the Garden of Gethsemane after His betrayal. It's also said they grew in the Garden of Eden from Eve's anguished tears. Because they represent purity, lilies are identified with

the Virgin Mary, and in artworks depicting the Annunciation to the Virgin they are often found in the angel Gabriel's hand. The flower is also associated with the saints Anthony of Padua and Catherine of Siena.

It's thought that Easter lilies came to symbolize Christ not only because they embody purity – the trumpet-shaped blooms recall the horns that heralded the resurrection of Christ. And the life cycle of Easter lilies, which grow from a bulb for several years beneath the earth before blossoming into magnificent flowers, recalls Jesus' death and resurrection. What other springtime flower could possibly represent Easter and Christ better?



The white lilies that adorn the chancel and sanctuary areas of Trinity Church at Easter are later replanted by the Altar Guild and other volunteers. The next year and years following we find them blooming in summer and gracing the transept entrance on Grant Street and surrounding areas of the church.

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**

Sundays: 1:30 PM – Doors open

2:30PM – 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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