

# THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community

Wow, my heart is full! Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who helped make our Harvest Dinner and the Faith Alive weekend such successes. It is clear that each and every person who planned, bought items, made phone calls, provided food, washed dishes, set and cleaned up tables, donated items, prayed, provided housing for our guests, provided transportation, made visits to our home parishioners, or participated in any way, made these two big events possible.

Over this short period of time, I saw people step into roles they'd never done before, I saw individuals step out of their comfort zone to try something new, I saw members of Trinity hear one another's stories and get to know each other better and grow closer to God. I also saw God's immense love pour out of this community.

I had the privilege to hang out with our youth and had a great time. We found God's abundance expressed in so many ways. There were two or three youth at each session who were joined by five team members and one Trinity adult.

The room upstairs has been transformed into a youth group room. The furniture was rearranged and decorations were collected and put in place. Friday conversation led to the service project for Saturday. I was asked if I knew of a nursing home and thrift store they could visit on Saturday. As you can imagine, I told them about Rachel Sovereign Memorial Home for Women across the street that Trinity

helped begin. I went to the Veteran's Thrift Shop on Midland Street and to Rachel Sovereign to make plans. We went to the Veteran's Thrift Store first. Before we entered, we stood in a circle and prayed that God would guide each of us to the two items that were meant for us to give to the women at Rachel Sovereign.

We then went in and, listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, each found two items. The team leaders and I were talking about whether or not to go get more cash or to let God provide for two loaves and five fish worth of funding. Just then the cashier came up and told us that he and the store manager were so impressed with the project we were doing that they were going to give this all to us for free! A donation was made to help them in their work to house and feed veterans in Bay County.

Then off to Rachel Sovereign we went, praying in the parking lot for God to direct us to the women to whom our items were meant to go. Staff took us around to the sitting room, living room and bedrooms.

In the end, all the items were given away. Many of the women were touched by God, some even to tears. And some of us had tears, too.

As we debriefed our experience, each of us had different stories but the threads of gratitude and joy filled our hearts as we had done such a simple act that was touched by God which revealed God's abundance that blessed us all.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*



**THANK YOU**

Our Harvest Dinner went off without a hitch! We have the best congregation there is. Everyone was there and ready to help. The kitchen ran so well this year, Pat Maxim said it has been the best year yet! Final numbers will be in next month's Chimes



Tom from Holy Trinity  
Garland TX

Ann Shea organized our Faith Alive weekend and it was Amazing!! Thank you to the planning team and all who participated in anyway. And to the 13 team members from Connecticut, South Carolina and Texas.

**OUR SYMPATHIES TO**

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

Florence Reynolds whose sister-in-law, Gloria Nuenke, died on September 17, 2023.



**OUR BLESSING TO**

George and Gail McPeak as they have moved to Florida permanently.



**CONGRATULATIONS**

Adam and Lauren Culler on their wedding on October 7, 2023.



**BIRTHDAYS**

- Elisabeth Campbell
- Dale Maxim
- Rayechel Berger
- Jett Whitehead
- Tony Krzysik
- Patrick Trahan
- John Walker
- Michelle Hunsberger
- Dale Smith
- Margie Carland

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Bob and Perry Hayhurst

**VESTRY INFORMATION**

- Vestry meetings are open to all parishioners and are held on the third Monday at 6:30pm. If you would like to attend meetings contact Rev. Sue.
- 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



On October the 18<sup>th</sup> Mary K. and Katharine Freel attended the planting of a young Linden tree in honor of Donald R. Freel—husband and father. The tree and plaque were provided by the Saginaw Bay

Land Conservancy as part of their ongoing project to plant new trees in the Great Lakes Bay Region. Every tree that is planted and grows helps to scrub 50 pounds of carbon dioxide from our air. The less carbon dioxide in our air means a deduction in temperature. You too can help with this great project—as a memorial or in thanksgiving—by contacting the Saginaw Bay Land Conservancy—they do have a website. Thank you to Pat Trahan—one of the originators of the Conservancy—for suggesting this project to me. After the planting Reverend Sue blessed the tree and I'm sure it will grow and flourish. We planted it at River Bend West which is off Marquette Street across from the Skate Park.



### THANKSGIVING EVENSONG

Sunday, November 19 at 4pm, we will hold our annual Thanksgiving Evensong. Please join us!

### ADVENT WREATHS

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3! 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.

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

Our Holiday Bazaar is on Saturday, November 4 from 9am-3pm. If you'd like to donate baked goods bring to church Friday afternoon or early Saturday morning. Please come and bring a friend!



### ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

November 14. 11am at Trinity to write cards. 12:30pm lunch at Krzysiak's. All are invited.

### 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.

### SUNDAY FUNDAY

November 5 after church is Sunday Funday. We will have chili and play Left, Right, Center again as everyone seems to enjoy it. Please come!



### SPECIAL NOVEMBER DATES

Saturday, **November 4**, 9am-3pm

Holiday Bazaar

Sunday, **November 5**, All Saints' Sunday

Change clocks back one hour

Sunday Fun Day after church

Friends of Music empty can drive

Thursday, **November 9**, 6pm

Altar Guild Meeting, Guild Room

Saturday, **November 11**, 11am

Tolling of the Bells (Veteran's Day)

Tuesday, **November 14**,

St Elizabeth's Guild; Cards at 11,

lunch 12:30 at Krzysiak's

1:30pm Finance Committee online

6:30pm Worship Team online

Sunday, **November 19**, 4pm

Harvest Evensong

Monday, **November 20**, 6:30pm

Vestry meeting, Guild Room

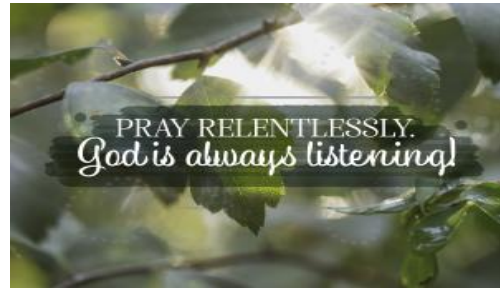
### FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

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!



### CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS

Remember to move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5th.

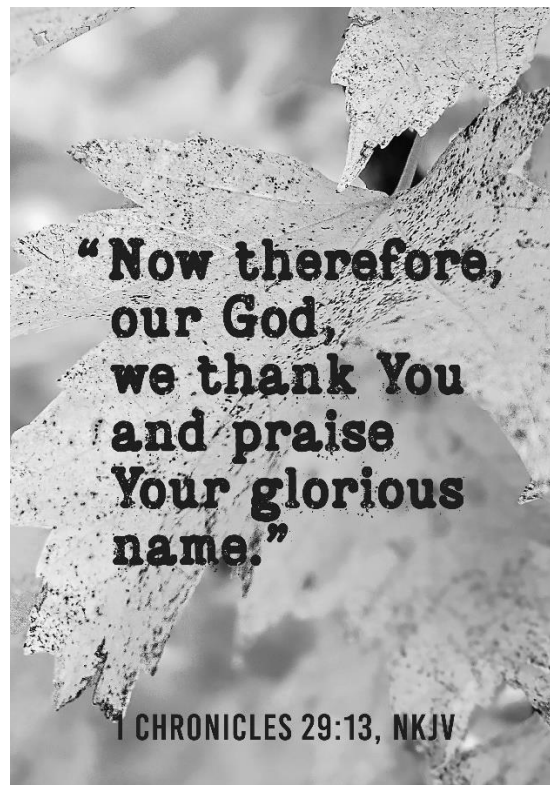


### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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 or remove from our prayer list, please email [trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com) or call the office at 989-892-5813.





### **Faith Alive was amazing!**

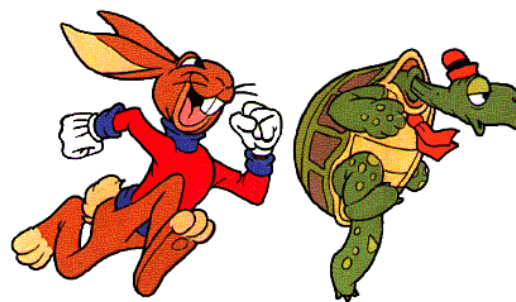
Our Faith Alive weekend has come to an end and was a complete success! In my opinion, we grew closer not only to each other, but also to God. We all worked together to make it happen. From the Prayer Vigil beginning on Thursday to the church service and potluck lunch on Sunday – everything fell into place! The music was amazing throughout the weekend – thanks to the music team from Connecticut and our own Trinity Band. The youth had a great time and did great things under the leadership of the team from Texas and South Carolina and our Rev. Sue. The testimonies from the team members were heartfelt, leading to some awesome small groups and sharing among Trinity members. The food was amazing! Many thanks to the Food Committee lead by Pat Maxim and her team – Denise & Don Middleton, Carolyn Pawlaczyk, Shelley Anderson, and Paulette Royer.

Many thanks to the Faith Alive team consisting of 13 wonderful people from Texas, Florida, South Carolina, and Connecticut. They came to pour out their faith and hearts to make it an awesome weekend – at their own expense. Many thanks to our host families for having the team in their homes for the weekend – Rich Sayyae and Patrick Gray, Don & Denise Middleton, Rev. Sue Rich, and Archie & Ann. Special thanks to the Faith Alive committees who did all the planning to make it the great weekend it was – Pat

Maxim, Dan Keeler, Bruce Sherbeck, Ann Moseley, Michelle Hunsberger, Rev. Sue, and Archie Duncan.

Most importantly, thank you to everyone from Trinity who participated in the weekend. Because of you, it was a great success! Now, let's get to work and grow our beautiful Trinity Episcopal Church!

Ann Shea  
Faith Alive General Chair



**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.

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### **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

# GRATEFUL *Thankful* & BLESSED

## **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 Ann will go shopping with donated money or items may be donated to our pantry. We will be filling baskets on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanksgiving Baskets will be given out on November 16, 2023.

The Bay County Emergency Food Pantry Network will be providing Gift Certificates for the purchase of meat or other food items to complement our baskets. Thank you for your loyal support of our pantry and those we assist.

Katharine Freel  
Ann Moseley  
Jan Waldman



## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available. Ways to provide us.

- 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.

## **REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL**

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



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**December 3**, make Advent wreaths

**December 24**

10:00am, Advent 4 worship

7:30pm music begins

8:00pm Christmas Eve worship



**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](http://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 am - 4:30pm (CST, M-F)  
Email: [customerservice@radamfg.com](mailto: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).



#### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE SCHEDULE**

This year Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. This means that we will have 10am worship for Advent 4 and then our evening worship for Christmas Eve. This year we will have just one Christmas Eve service at 8:00pm with music at 7:30pm.



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**?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?**

**Fill in the blank:**  
 "Rejoice always, pray continually, give \_\_\_\_\_ in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

- A. alms
- B. praise
- C. thanks
- D. offerings

Answer: C (See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV)





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

### *The Five Baptisms in the New Testament*

Though most people are familiar with the sacrament of Holy Baptism where a person is incorporated into the Body of Christ, the Church, and also of the baptism of John the Baptist, most of us are not aware that the New Testament tells us of not one or two, but rather five baptisms.

The first baptism we encounter in the New Testament is the *baptism of repentance* that John the Baptist preached and performed in the Jordan River. Though Jesus needed no baptism as He was sinless, He succumbed to His cousin John's baptism in order to fulfill all the Law and righteousness.

Before praying in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus prays before His passion and death, asking his closest disciples if anyone can be "baptized in the way in which I am to be baptized" and He was speaking of the *baptism of suffering*, meaning the suffering He would encounter in His passion and crucifixion.

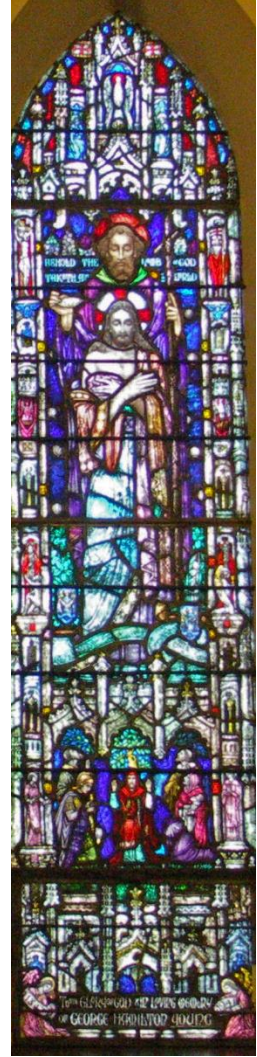
After Jesus' death and resurrection we learn of three more baptisms: *The Baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit* (or Baptism in the name of the Triune God), the *Baptism in the name of Jesus* only and the *Baptism in the Holy Spirit*.

Before Jesus' Ascension into heaven St. Matthew's gospel records Christ's command to: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Matthew: 28:19 This is the baptism when a child or adult is welcomed into God's kingdom and made a child of God.

In Acts of the Apostles we learn that some people were baptized in the name of Jesus only, and later to receive power from on high, were baptized in the Holy Spirit receiving power to bear witness to Christ and share the Good News of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

Here, to our right, we see the humility of Jesus as He who needs no baptism is baptized by His cousin John. Baptism of Our Lord Window, western nave wall; Willet Studios, Philadelphia, PA 1951.

Below, the octagonal marble baptismal font from Trinity's first church on Washington Avenue. One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism. Easter, 1870.



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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