

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

God's blessings are surely with us as we travel through Holy Week and Easter.

During this season of Lent, we have such a rich opportunity to review our lives, beliefs, behaviors, thoughts, and actions and to make adjustments as needed.

In so much of Jesus' teachings he focused on forgiveness and reconciliation. In Luke's Gospel chapter 15 he tells one parable that contains three stories. The first is the Lost Sheep, followed by the Lost Coin, and finally, the Lost Sons.

The good shepherd leaves the 99 sheep behind to search out and find the lost sheep – that's how important each sheep is to the good shepherd. That's how important each one of God's creations is to Jesus.

The woman who lost the coin searched and searched and searched for the coin she lost and then celebrated extravagantly with her friends upon finding it. That's how thrilled and celebratory Jesus is when one who is lost is found.

A father loved his two sons. The younger is lost when he takes his early inheritance and wastes it away living beyond his means. He comes to his senses and returns to his father seeking only to be a hired hand. But the father, seeing the son from afar, runs to greet him, welcomes him back into the fold and throws an elaborate party. There is forgiveness and reconciliation between father and son.

The elder son is lost when he views his life as having to dutifully follow all the rules of being a

member of the family. All he can see when he comes in from the fields and learns of his brother's return and the fact that some of what would have been his inheritance is being used to extravagantly celebrate his brother's return. The father seeks to bring joy and reconciliation to this son but at the end of this story, we're not told how it turns out.

This is the parable that Jesus tells to the religious leaders when they grumble about those with whom he eats (well-known people of ill repute). They don't think someone of Jesus' stature should be associating with *those* kinds of people.

For Jesus, those with whom he was eating were lost. They were drawn to Jesus and he welcomed them and sought them out because they were lost. It looks to me like the religious leaders were also lost as the elder son was lost. They were so busy following the rules – and judging those who weren't following the rules in a certain manner – that they could not enjoy the celebration of those who were lost being found.

As we continue through this last third of Lent, may we be reflective in our own lives of the ways we are like the elder son, holding onto the shoulds of life, so that we can allow God to free us from our judgments and be free to embrace the wonderful joys of being loved extravagantly by God.

Praise God for all Jesus has done for us through the Holy Spirit! Happy Easter!

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

THANK YOU'S

All those who helped put on the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Shelley Anderson, Elisabeth Campbell, Archie Duncan, Katharine Freel, MK Freel, Trisha Gemeinhardt, Grace Gray, Michelle Hunsberger, Dan Keeler, Jami Kelly, Cathie Leibrand, Mickie Leibrand, Sabrina Martinez Ervin, Denise Middleton, Carolyn Pawlaczyk, Ann Shea, and Kylene Sutter.

Ann Shea, Denise Middleton, Amy Middleton, Alex Hunsberger, and Michelle Hunsberger for selling food during the chilly and wet St. Patrick's Day parade.

Jett Whitehead for leading worship and Maddie Greblo for preaching on March 16.

For all who helped with the Spring Bazaar: Mary K Freel, Denise Middleton, Shelley Anderson, Ed Benisz, Katharine Freel, Trisha Gemeinhardt, Grace Gray, Janet Hool, Michelle Hunsberger, Cathie Leibrand, Matt Leibrand, Mickie Leibrand, Pat Maxim, Don Middleton, Ann Moseley, Carolyn Pawlaczyk and Bruce Sherbeck.

Brenda Weaver, for providing the pamphlet display holder in the side chapel.

CONGRATULATIONS

Grace Gray who had her artwork on display at Studio 23 during the month of March.



MEN'S OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

The Men's Out to Lunch Bunch meets the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm. On April 2nd, they will meet at Lasso's.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Janet Hool
Martin Nelson
Elizabeth Moulthrop
Susan (Iannacchione) Fraser
Amanda Suchodolski
Cecilia Keeler
Holly Culler
Amy Salazar
Francis Laberge Jr
Austin Reinbold
Ashley Miller
Donald Middleton
Cathy Rex
Ashley Suchodolski
Amy Denay
Terry O'Hare
Emilee Sabourin
Kelly Bernett
Joyce MacGregor
James Hoyle
Andrea Miller
Maureen Leibrand
Steven Anderson

Anniversaries

Bruce and Cindy Sherbeck
Chris and Elise Shannon

OUR SYMPATHIES TO

Shannon Pennel on the death of her mother, Sharon Moore, who died on March 12, 2025.

Ira & Sarah Altergott on the death of Ira's sister-in-law, Patricia Altergott, who died on March 23, 2025.

Spring Bazaar

The Easter Bunny says thank you to all the people who helped make the first Spring Bazaar a success. We had 20 tables—a new high—with vendors from all over the area. The bunny helpers, in no particular order are: Manning the Sunday school table, Trisha Gemeinhardt and Grace Gray with Michelle Hunsberger helping out.

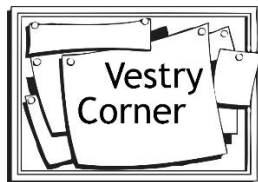


In the kitchen and selling the food were Don and Denise

Middleton, Pat Maxim, Janet Hool, Ann Moseley, and Shelley Anderson. The cleanup crew included Ann Moseley, the Middleton's, Janet Hool, Katharine Freil, Bruce Sherbeck, Matthew Leibrand, Kathy Leibrand, Carolyn Pawlaczyk and Ed Benisz. I apologize if I missed anyone. Thanks to all for helping to make this event happen. Thanks to Carolyn and Mary K. for all their work and inviting me to attend.



THE EASTER BUNNY



This month the Vestry will meet on Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30pm since the third Tuesday is during Holy Week.



Social Committee

We are looking forward to several events in the upcoming months - picnic at the church in June, annual swim party and cookout at Archie & Ann's, and any other activity you might find enjoyable. Please let Ann Shea know if you have any suggestions.

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.

SPECIAL APRIL DATES

Sun, Apr 6 – Sunday Funday
Sat, Apr 12 – 11am make palm crosses
Sat, Apr 12 – 12pm youth pizza & movie
Sun, Apr 13 – 4pm Music of Holy Week
Thu, Apr 17 – 7pm Maundy Thursday service
Fri, Apr 18 – 12pm Good Friday service
Sat, Apr 19 – 5pm Easter Vigil
Sun, Apr 20 – 10am Easter
Tue, Apr 22 – 6:30pm Vestry

SAVE THE DATE

Mon, May 5 – 5-7pm, Cinco de May dinner.
Sat, June 7 – 4pm, 20th ordination celebration for Rev. Sue.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed your address, phone number or other information lately? If so, please make sure that your information gets to us! Thank you.

Garden Guild

Help needed in Trinity's Gardens.



The growing season will soon be upon on us, and that means cleaning out the flower beds around the church. The Garden Guild has set a date of Saturday, April 5, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm to do this most important task. The weather hopefully will turn favorable in the next couple of weeks, and we will need many hands to get this done. Even if you can only come for an hour or two, that would be awesome! We will trim bushes and rake out the leaves and debris that have gathered over the winter. Can we count on your help? Please bring your favorite garden tools; rakes, garden trowels, gloves and be sure to put your name on them so that if they are misplaced, we can get them back to you.

Please let Jami Kelly (989) 893-9745 or Mickie Leibrand (989) 225-1609 know if you will be able to help with the spring clean-up. If we are not able to take your call, please leave a message or you can text us as well.

We will be planting the Pentecost geraniums again and since Pentecost is late this year, June 8, we will be planting them on or around that date. We will be looking for help to plant them and then keep them watered for the summer. Some of you have faithfully watered year after year and we really appreciate your help and dedication to the watering. We will have more information and will be setting up a watering schedule later as the weather warms up and Pentecost approaches. In the meantime, if you have time to give, let us know and we would be happy to answer any questions.

God bless and see you in the gardens,
Jami Kelly, Chairperson of the Garden Guild
Mickie Leibrand, Support person.

*Newcomer and
Confirmation
Class* 

NEWCOMER & CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will soon be partnering with St. Alban's again to offer a class to newcomers. A class will be offered later in the year for those who would like to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or renew their baptismal vows. Please speak with Rev. Sue

ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD




St. Elizabeth's Guild will meet on Tuesday, April 8 at 11am to write cards and at 12:30pm at Roma's Family Restaurant for

lunch. All are invited to join us!

Sunday Funday

Sunday Funday is back!!!! I just know you are excited to hear that! It will be Sunday, April 6th following the service. Lunch will be served and we will play a short game after lunch. It is a fun time with fun people! Plan to stay a little bit longer and see how much fun we have!



 The following Saturday, April 12th, at 11am, we will gather to make Palm crosses. It is a fun time, and you do not need to know how to make them - it is easy to learn. For those of you with children, there will be pizza and a movie for the youth immediately following.

DID YOU KNOW?

Tod Meisel worked on the Historical Guild's showcase by taking out the center divider.

We have new pamphlets about The Episcopal Church in the side chapel.

A REQUEST FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is finding that we are running out of suitable vases for flowers to send out to the members of our congregation who cannot attend church regularly. The problem is, the vases are not being returned, especially in the extended care facilities. If you have extra vases you no longer need or go to house sales and thrift shops, please consider donating some very inexpensive ones to us.



The ideal vases for us to manage and transport would be about 8 to 9 inches tall and at its widest width, it would be 5 inches. The really nice feature of this particular vase is the narrowing of the neck which allows the vase to be carried easily and securely by one hand. Another nice thing about this vase is it is made of clear glass, so all colors of flowers work well with it. It is a standard stock vase for many florists, so it is not hard to find. Finding them at reasonable price is the problem. My daughter, Cathie, was able to find about dozen last year for 50 cents per vase. She is a great negotiator! With this article is a photo showing our "ideal" vase. If you have any you wish to give, you may drop them off at church or call me, Mickie Leibrand at (989) 225-1609 and I can pick them up. Thanks for taking the time to read this and continuing to support the efforts of the Altar Guild. You are appreciated.

Thank you, Mickie Leibrand, member of the Altar Guild



Chamber choir group, Exultate Deo will return for their annual performance of The Music of Holy Week. The concert will take place in the afternoon on Palm Sunday, April 13th, at 4pm at Trinity and is presented by Friends of Music.

The concert is made up of music that captures the message and tone of each of the days in Holy Week and is supported with collects, bible verses and hymns sung by all, audience included.

Music will carry the listener from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, through his last day with his disciples, depict the agony of being hanged on the tree to die for our sins, and glorify his rising from the dead on Easter. It's a moving and beautiful experience that only enhances the Christian listeners experience of Lent/Easter.

This event is free to the public. All are welcome. Donations are welcome to support further Friends of Music events. A reception will follow.



TRINITY YOUTH & SUNDAY SCHOOL

March has been a busy month for our Trinity Youth. The Sunday School hosted coffee hour on March 16th before the St Patrick's Parade. There were decorated Shamrock cookies. The kids and their families brought cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, mini muffins, quiches, and juice. It was a wonderful spread. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

The Youth also got together to make crafts to sell at the Spring Bazaar on March 22nd. We made keys with wings, sun catchers, bookmarks, angel ornaments, key chains, and some painted crosses. Grace Gray brought some of her crocheted and clay crafts to sell.



Carolyn Pawlaczyk filled out the table with some ornaments she had made. The Sunday School and Youth managed to make over \$60 in total. Thank you to Trisha Gemeinhardt, Ann Moseley and Grace Gray for manning the table!

In April, we are planning a Youth Movie Afternoon in the Trinity Guild Room. It will be on Saturday April 12th and will start at noon, right after making the palm crosses for Palm Sunday. The movie will be Inside Out 2. There will be pizza and popcorn to eat, and drinks. The youth can bring a comfy blanket, a pillow, a stuffed animal, or a friend if they want. They are also welcome to come in PJs too. We have extended an invitation to the youth at St. Albans too. Any youth interested in attending please let Trisha Gemeinhardt or Michelle Hunsberger know so we can plan accordingly.

Worship With Us



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.

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 or call the office at 989-892-5813.

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!



Hospitality
Committee

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

We had some
successful events
during March we'd
like to share.

Our pancake supper netted us over \$400. We served pancakes, sausage links and some juice to 70 people.

St Patrick's Day parade sales netted over \$200. With the weather being so cold, that was a success. We served hot dogs, with chili if wanted, cute shamrock cookies made by our Sunday School group, other baked goods, pop, water and hot cocoa.

For the Bazaar, we worked the kitchen. We netted almost \$200. We served sloppy Joes, Hot chicken salad, chips, pop, water and some baked goods.

REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

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

TRINITY FAMILY—make sure the office and Mary K Freel has your correct address and email. That way we can reach you quickly if needed and you can get the fantastic email newsletter!! You can send an email to sunbeamf@att.net or to the office at trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com with your details. Thanks so much.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays:

Worship @ 10am

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

Mondays: Overeaters Anonymous 10am

Band practice at 11 am

Narcotics Anonymous at 7pm

Tuesdays: Compline online 9pm

Wednesdays:

Morning Prayer online 11:30am

Stations-Soup-Study 6pm during Lent

Thursdays:

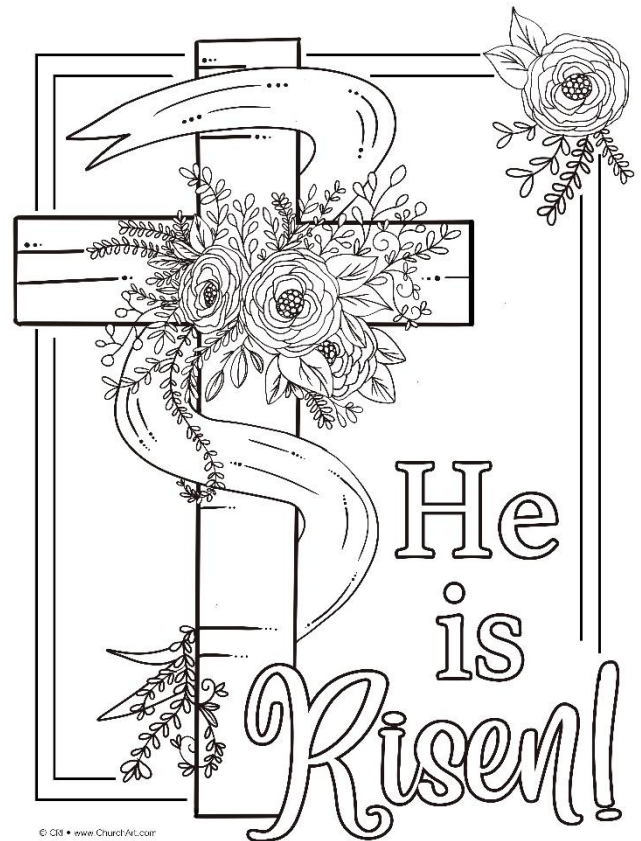
Fun & Games 1pm

Senior Choir rehearsal 7pm

Overeaters Anonymous 7pm

Compline online 9pm

Fridays: Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm



Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now

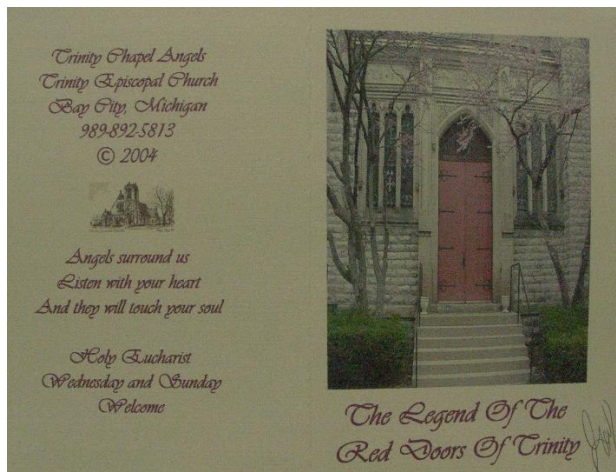
Symbolic Red Doors Greet Parishioners

To The Trinity Chapel Outreach Ministry,

The red doors were a replacement for the original doors that had deteriorated with weather and age. They were not able to be repaired so we (Ken Coon and I) replaced the single boards with 3/4 in. marine plywood and restored it to duplicate the original single boards construction.

We painted them white originally to preserve the wood and then followed the old Anglican tradition by painting them red. That project was the first of many that eventually ended with the Columbarium, the stairs to the undercroft alley, the parking lot, the refurbishment of the parish hall, the cut thru in the Vestry that provided handicap access, along with the ramp and rear entry among several other projects of the CRAB Fund.

With ever good wish.
Shalom Herb+



As you are walking in through the front doors of Trinity Episcopal Church you might have noticed something different. The doors are red! This is for reasons other than smart decorating sense or someone's personal taste in color choices.

Throughout the ages, red doors have been symbolic to the Christian faith and a traditional part of Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox churches. In the early centuries, red doors marked the church as a place of sanctuary and safety. In medieval times the front (west*) and transept (north and south*) doors were painted red to symbolize the blood and nail wounds of Christ. In later times red doors have come to signify the presence and fire of the Holy Spirit and to serve as a sign of welcome, warmth and love. Red doors are attention grabbers and should send a loud and clear message that we are open for business.

In any case, red doors, much like stained glass windows, are visual prayers to God. It is our hope that they will inspire and enhance the worship of all who pass through them and be one more symbol that Trinity Episcopal Church is indeed a house of prayer for all people.

**In the Middle Ages most churches were built in crucifera shave wau u front of the church tthe uitar endi alwea's toward the vast. This diroctiona requirement was ut kept in later times, but the front of u chuurch is still referred to as the eust end, with the other "symbalie" drencnons being based on this poist of rejerencusiness!*

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild



EASTER FLOWERS

Donations to Trinity’s Easter Flower fund provides the flower arrangements we enjoy during the Easter Season. Please give a minimum gift of \$20.00.

DUE PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Your name(s):

Contact #:

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Trinity Episcopal Christmas Poinsettia Fund.

In grateful thanksgiving for:

And/or _____ In loving memory of:

Please make checks to Trinity Episcopal Church. Mark on the check “Easter Flowers.” Please seal your check and a copy of this form in an envelope and place it in Sunday’s offering or mail it to 815 N. Grant St., Bay City, 48708.

PLEASE USE OTHER SIDE OF FORM FOR FRIENDS OF MUSIC DONATION.

Office Use:

Date donation was received:

Cash \$ _____

Check \$ _____ # _____

Total Donation \$ _____



FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Donations to Trinity’s Friends of Music fund help to support the fine music we enjoy at Easter and throughout the year. Please give generously.

DUE PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Your name(s):

Contact #:

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to Trinity Episcopal Church Friends of Music.

In grateful thanksgiving for:

And/or _____ In loving memory of:

Please make checks to Trinity Episcopal Church. Mark on the check “Friends of Music.” Please seal your check and a copy of this form in an envelope and place it in Sunday’s offering or mail it to 815 N. Grant St., Bay City, 48708.

PLEASE USE OTHER SIDE OF FORM FOR EASTER FLOWER DONATION.

Office Use:

Date donation was received:

Cash \$ _____

Check \$ _____ # _____

Total Donation \$ _____



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

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 9am – 1pm

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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."

VESTRY

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Junior Warden – Leo Borrello
Clerk/Secretary – Michelle Hunsberger
Grace Gray
Jami Kelly
Mickie Leibrand
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