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Dear Trinity Community,

Happy August! Have you seen how beautiful the flowers are around Trinity's grounds? The colors of the season are bright and joyful. I recently found a picture in my phone of the Children's Trinity Garden on N. Grant Street from when it was first planted with brand new plants and it is now full to overflowing!

That's how I see God working in our midst. We do the good work of preparing the soil of our lives and of our church, we plant seeds and brand new plants, and then with God's nourishment they grow and blossom into something lush and beautiful that brings joy.

Creation is what some refer to as God's first bible. We learn much about God when we study the laws of creation. Did you know there are two creation stories at the beginning of The Old Testament in Genesis? The first is in chapter one and contains the story of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh day. The second is in chapter two and contains the story of the Garden of Eden. Each version has much to say to us about God.

Jesus often taught about God's kingdom through the eyes of nature. In Mark's gospel, alone, he teaches the Parable of the Sower (4:1-9), the Parable of the Growing Seed (4:26-29) and the Parable of the Mustard Seed, (4:30-32). He stills the storm (4:35-41), walks on water (6:45-53), curses the fig tree (11:12-14), then teaches a lesson on the withered fig tree (11:20-26) and teaches another lesson on the fig tree. There is something important about creation to have so much in scripture

about it.

One way to be grounded in God is to study scripture: to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Word of God. Another way to be grounded is to spend time in nature: dig in the garden, lay on the beach, swim in or sit at the water's edge, camp in the woods. These varied ways of being with God provide for us a centeredness and strength needed to do what God is calling us to be and do.

In the summer it's easier for us to spend time outdoors and many of our vacations and weekends away provide this opportunity for us. Living by the Saginaw Bay, Saginaw River, Kawkawlin River and Bay City State Park, we have several opportunities to be in nature. You may even want to take your bible with you and when your soul is ready read through one of the books and then allow God to reveal questions and insights.

Some classes are being offered this upcoming year to assist you with growing in your faith. In the following pages you will find information about a Newcomer's class and a Bible study. We will be joining together with St. Alban's to share resources in this exciting venture.

As we share these last few weeks of summer, my prayer is that we will each take time to enjoy God's peace and groundedness through God's Word and Creation that we may be renewed, refreshed and ready for all God has in store for us in our life together to serve the world in Jesus' name.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*



Children's Garden when planted



Children's Garden by summers end.

Presiding Bishop urges Episcopalians to embrace ‘Way of Love’ for spiritual growth

By Melodie Woerman Posted Jul 5, 2018



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry delivers a sermon at the opening Eucharist of the 79th General Convention in Austin, Texas. Photo: Mike Patterson/Episcopal News Service

[Episcopal News Service – Austin, Texas] The opening Eucharist of the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church on July 5 included lively music in many styles, communion for thousands of people and a sermon by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry calling on members of the Episcopal Church to embrace spiritual practices that can help lead them to a Jesus-centered life.

Called the “Way of Love,” the seven practices provide a Rule of Life that all Episcopalians are encouraged to adopt.

- Turn: Pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus.
- Learn: Reflect daily on scripture, especially the life and teachings of Jesus.

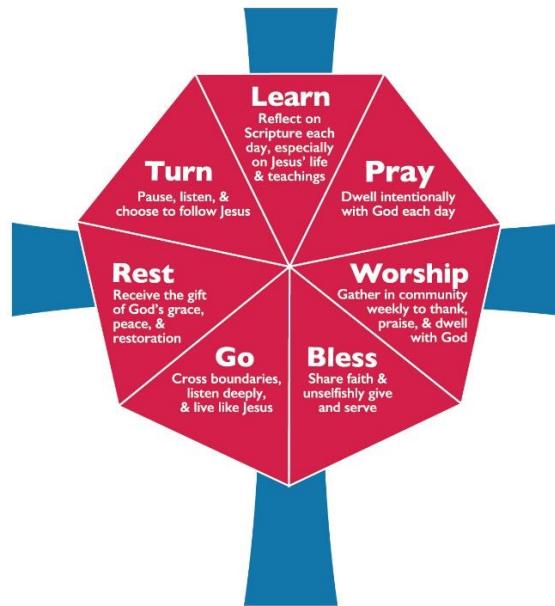
- Pray: Spend time with God in prayer every day.
- Worship: Gather in community for worship every week.
- Bless: Share one's faith and find ways to serve other people.
- Go: Move beyond one's comfort to witness to the love of God with words and actions.
- Rest: Dedicate time for restoration and wholeness.

Curry said that several months ago he had asked a group of bishops, clergy and laypeople to meet with him to explore how the church could move more deeply into being the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, a statement that has been the theme for his first three years as presiding bishop. He said he wanted to find a way to "help people throw themselves into the arms of Jesus."

That group concluded that the Episcopal Church did not need a new program but instead should call upon spiritual practices that for centuries have helped Christians draw closer to God. The result, the Way of Love, is an adaption of monastic traditions that Curry said would help church members "open up the soul and spirit."

He also encouraged everyone at General Convention to spend time meditating on the life and teachings of Jesus before they take action, including before speaking at a microphone. Volunteers handed out brochures describing the practices to people as they left the worship hall. Materials explaining the Way of Love have been posted on the Episcopal Church [website](#)
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/explore-way-love>

The text of Curry's sermon is available at <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2018/07/06/79th-general-convention-july-5-sermon-by-presiding-bishop-michael-curry/>
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THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

DIOCESAN TRANSITION

On June 9, a presentation was made to the diocese to share the results of the four diocesan self-study sessions. Handouts were passed out and copies have been made available in the side chapel. If you did not receive a copy and would like one please call the office.

NEW VESTRY MEETING TIME

The Vestry is now meeting on the 2nd Monday evening of the month from 6-7pm in the Guild Room. All are welcome.

NEW VESTRY MEMBER AND OFFICER

The Vestry has appointed Ken Fowler to replace Rich Sayya (whose work situation changed) and Faith Culler was elected Clerk.

VBS 22-HOUR LOCK-IN

Our Vacation Bible School will be another Lock-in. It will begin on Tuesday, August 7 at 6:00pm and end on Wednesday, August 8 at 4:00pm. Registration forms are available during office hours and on Sundays.

POST-GENERAL CONVENTION GATHERINGS

Follow-up sessions to The Episcopal Church's 79th General Convention are all from 7-8pm. Please plan to attend one of these opportunities to learn and hear about this important event.

Thursday, August 2 at St. Bartholomew's, Mio

Tuesday, August 7 at St. Alban's, Bay City*

Thursday, August 9 at Grace, Lapeer

ACOLYTE AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Training for new and seasoned Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers is being planned with St. Alban's. We will begin with those new to the ministries and then bring everyone together. Please contact Rev. Sue if you would like to become an Acolyte or Eucharistic Minister.

NEWCOMER AND CONFIRMATION/RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS/RECEPTION INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CLASSES

Newcomer classes will begin in the fall and include information about The Episcopal Church and our congregation. These will be Part One of the classes for those desiring to be confirmed or renew their baptismal vows or to

be received into The Episcopal Church from another faith tradition.

Part Two will consist of an overview of The Old and New Testaments including primary characters and themes, a basic timeline of major events and the life and ministry of Jesus. Both parts will also include the practice of reason in studying the world around us, ways we gain insight and different approaches to prayer.

We will be joining with St. Alban's to offer a more dynamic experience. Please contact the office to sign up.

CHURCH PICNIC SCHEDULED

Save the date! Our church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 16 at Carroll Park. We will again be worshiping and picnicking with St. Alban's!

SYMPATHIES

to Rod Adams on the death of his brother William Gulfport Adams who died on May 30, 2018.

to Patrick Gray on the death of his cousin Debra Gene Duggan who died on June 19, 2018.

to Sharon Scharich in the death of her brother Jeffrey E. Denison on June 20, 2018. Jeff grew up at Trinity.

to Mary K Freel on the death of her nephew-in-law, Scott Harnish, who died on July 20, 2018.

THANK YOU

to everyone who called or sent a card to Emilee while she was in the hospital. A big thank you to Mary K Freel, Shelley Whitehead and Patrick Gray who made trips to Detroit so Bob could get home to play for church. Bob and Emilee are blessed by your friendship and support.

to the Historical Guild for hosting coffee hour on June 17, 2018 and the gift for all of the men of the parish.

to George and Gail McPeak for hosting coffee hour on June 24, 2018.

to Mickie Leibrand for hosting coffee hour on July 8, 2018.

to Elisabeth Campbell for hosting coffee hour on July 29, 2018.

to Dee Mulholland and Mickie Leibrand for organizing the reception for our "God Bless American" program and to Mary K Freel, Susan Harris, Cathy Leibrand, Matthew Smith, Ed Benisz and Bruce Sherbeck who brought cookies and/or helped with clean up.

to Mary K Freel for all of the patriotic decorations for the God Bless American program.

to Don Middleton, Dee Mulholland, Pat Maxim, Rob Salazar and Bruce Sherbeck for picking up and installing our new front temporary sign.

to Patrick Gray and Rich Sayyae for another specular "Bring a Friend to Lunch" offering on June 3, 2018. You two are amazing!

To Father Curtis for preaching and celebrating on June 17 and July 15.

To Harold Schneider for preaching and Jett Whitehead for leading Morning Prayer on July 8.

To Mickie Leibrand, Pat Maxim, Dee Mulholland and Paulette Royer for their hospitality following Ray Leubs' funeral.

to Terry Oliver for working extra hard to keep our building clean during many events.

to Rosie Alvarez for getting many bulletins together for extra events.

to Jett Whitehead for taking good care while Rev. Sue was away on multiple trips.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Bobby Salazar on his baptism on June 10.

to Nancy Mayhew on her ordination to the priesthood on June 10.

BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

We are again participating in the Back to School Drive sponsored by United Way and Do All, Inc. Donations can be placed in the large box in the Parish Hall. Donations needed are Backpacks, binders & binder dividers, Crayons 24 pk, Erasers, Filler paper, Pencil sharpener, Glue sticks, Highlighters, Rulers, Zipper pouch, Notebooks, Pencils & Pen case, Pens (blue, red & black), Pocket folders, Box of Tissues, Zip Lock Baggies, Scissors & rulers, Washable markers.

SENIOR CHOIR REHEARSALS

Choir rehearsals for the 2018-2019 season will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 30, 2018 for just the women of the choir. The men will join us on Thursdays in September.

We are always looking for new singers so please talk to Bob Sabourin if you have any interest in joining in the choir.
sabourinrobert@sbcglobal.net

CHORISTERS REHEARSALS

The Choristers will begin rehearsals on Tuesday September 11, 2018. Please contact Bob Sabourin if you have a child who is interested in singing.
sabourinrobert@sbcglobal.net

ORGAN MUSIC

You may have noticed the Latin titles for the music played during communion this summer. Gerald Near is an Episcopal musician who lives and works in Arizona. He has published three volumes of organ music based on Gregorian Chant from the *Liber Usualis* that sets the chants from the minor propers for each Sunday of the Church Year. The minor propers are the Introit, Gradual, Alleluia and Communion that are sung in Anglo Catholic Parishes every Sunday. The chants are proper to each Sunday just like the readings and collects that we use.

CHAMBER CHOIR SUMMER PROGRAMS

Exultate Deo Chamber Choir, Robert Sabourin, Director announces details for The English Anthem Project II. The choir will continue the project they began last year which featured choral music from the 16th and 17th centuries written in English after the Reformation in England. This year's program will feature music from the 18th and 19th centuries which includes the end of the baroque period through the Victorians.

The program will be performed first on Sunday, August 5, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church in Midland, Michigan. It will be repeated on August 12, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Caro, Michigan.

Choral repertoire will include, "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" by William Croft (1678-1727), "Thou Visitest the Earth" by

Maurice Green (1696-1755), "Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor" and "Hallelujah Amen" by G. F. Handel (1685-1759), "Come, Holy Ghost" and "Teach Me, O Lord" by Thomas Attwood (1765-1838), "O Saviour of the World" and "O Taste and See" by John Goss (1800-1880), "Blessed Be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ" by S. S. Wesley (1810-1876), "From the Rising of the Sun" by F. A. Gore Ouseley (1825-1889), "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains" by John Stainer (1840-1901), "Seek ye the Lord" by J. F. Roberts (1841-1920), "Turn Thy Face from My Sings" by Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900) and Jubilate Deo in B-flat" by C. V. Stanford (1852-1924).

The audience and choir will also sing hymns written in the same time period. These include "O God Our Help in Ages Past" (St. Anne), "Rejoice the Lord is King" (Darwalls' 148th), "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Nicaea) "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (Regent Square) and "When In our Music God is Glorified" (Engelberg).

Carl Angelo will be the organist in Midland and Nicholas Schmelter will play in Caro. The programs are open to the public free of charge. Blessed Sacrament is located at 3109 Swede Ave. in Midland and First Presbyterian is located at 203 N Almer St. in Caro. Both buildings are air conditioned.

ORGAN RECITAL AT TRINITY IN AUGUST

The Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church is pleased to sponsor Mr. Nicholas Schmelter in an organ recital at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, August 19, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. Nicholas is the Artist and Residence of Trinity and plays for the church's Evensong and other Friends of Music Events.

Regarded for his creative programming, symphonic use of the organ, and virtuosic pedal technique, NICHOLAS SCHMELTER

graduated in 2006 with a Master of Music degree in organ performance from Central Michigan University, where he studied with Dr. Steven Egler. He was awarded honors at CMU including a Graduate Fellowship, the Centralis Scholar Award, the School of Music Performance Scholarship, and the Presser Foundation Award. Nicholas is a frequent recitalist, offering performances throughout Michigan as well as in Washington, D.C., Milwaukee, London and Toronto, Canada, and other regions. He is a member the American Guild of Organists and has served the Saginaw Valley Chapter in many leadership capacities. A composer himself, Nicholas has commissioned and premiered new music by Moonyeen Albrecht, Robert Powell, Philip Rice, Bernard Wayne Sanders, and others. A church musician since the age of sixteen, he offers private instruction and coaching, is a sought-after choral accompanist, enjoys several collaborative musical partnerships, and is an adjunct faculty member at Saginaw Valley State University. He is Director of Worship and Congregational Life at First Presbyterian Church of Caro, Michigan, where he utilizes the unaltered Aeolian-Skinner organ in a warmly received series of community concerts.

The program is open to the public free of charge. A free will offering will be taken to give to Nicholas for the recital.

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

Lessons from the Sunday School Hallway
Many years ago, Robert Fulghum wrote a best-selling book, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." The book's message spoke to students, adults, executives, really to everyone at every age: Play fair; when you do something wrong, say you're sorry; cookies

and warm milk are good for you; take a nap. And it still speaks to us.

Recently, in some sprucing up in the Sunday School area, we see the simple yet profound message of our Christian faith for youngster and oldster alike in the posters of the Sunday School hallway: Jesus Loves Me, and Jesus Is My Best Friend. Whether we're five or fifty (or even older!), the message holds true and gives us strength for daily living.

Here's what we can learn from those hallway posters:

Jesus loves me when I am at school.

Jesus loves me when I am playing.

Jesus loves me when I am working.

Jesus loves me when I am asleep.

Jesus loves me when I am eating.

Jesus loves me all the time.

Jesus is my best friend.

So, as we begin a new school year, a new Sunday-School year, a new day in our lives, may we remember the wonderful message from our faithful Redeemer and Shepherd: "Jesus loves me... this I know... for the Bible tells me so."



An Overview of the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church

The General Convention is the governing body of The Episcopal Church that meets every three years. It includes the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese who consider a wide range of important matters facing the Church.

Worship was an integral part of our daily schedule. There were 24 legislative committees that met daily to discuss resolutions that came to their committee. Our legislative sessions included over 800 deputies from 110 dioceses in The Episcopal Church. Those on a legislative committee were in session beginning at 7:30am and our deputation got together each night at 9:00pm for Compline. They were long, fruitful days.

The deputation from Eastern Michigan identified six areas that most describe the work done. The first, The Way of Love-a Rule of Life, was preached on by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in our opening worship and is described on pages 2 and 3 of The Chimes.

A personal Rule of Life is a holistic description of the Spirit-empowered rhythms and relationships that create, redeem, sustain and transform the life God invites you to humbly fulfill for Christ's glory. Individuals and congregations can create their own Rule of Life.

The second, is the Church's response to #MeToo movement and broader topics. A service of Listening and Lament provided a holy space to listen to bishops read (anonymous to us) stories of about 20 women and men who have been wounded by clergy or bishops in the church by their inappropriate sexual behavior and/or words. It was the first time for many of these stories to see the light of day. Any needing to be addressed legally will be done so.

We voted to provide an effective Truth and Reconciliation process that includes changes to our disciplinary canons. You may refer to resolutions D016, A115 and D031. All resolutions (including the

ones identified below) can be found online at www.vbinder.net.

The third, Evangelism, was described by the Rev. Daniel L.E. Rivera as "when you say or do something that changes someone". In a plenary session of the House of Deputies and House of Bishops our conversations on evangelism included four points for our congregations: Pray, Study the demographics (walk the streets), Build trust by sharing stories, Action. It's hard work and uncomfortable; just do it.

Resolutions referring to Evangelism include: A081, A082, and A032.

The fourth, Water Justice, are found in resolutions: A213, B025, C008, C063, C064 - Support of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Opposing Enbridge Line #3.

The fifth, Inclusion/Expansion including: Inclusive language of gender (God and humanity), translations; Expanding awareness of people with different physical, mental, cognitive, and other abilities; and Collecting data about various groups in order to better understand how they are treated by the wider church.

Resolutions regarding Inclusion/Expansion include A088, A178, C009, C022, C033, C054 – Inclusion of Transgender People, D038, D050 – Solidarity with Victims of Religious Persecution, D067, D078, D090.

The sixth, Prayer Book Revision/Marriage rites, is included in resolutions A068 - Plan for the Revision of the Book of Common Prayer, A085 - Trial Use of Marriage Liturgies, A086 - Authorize Rites to Bless Relationships, A218 - The Proposed Book of Occasional Services 2018, and B012 - Marriage Rites for the Whole Church.

Some of the highlights include five plenary sessions with the bishops, a revival, multilanguage worship, Bishops Against Gun Violence rally, prayer vigil at the Hutto Detention Center, the reentry of the Diocese of Cuba (after 50 years), The Episcopal Church is an international church, moments of levity including several pigeons in the convention center space.



Birthdays

Allison Iannacchione

Sharon O'Hare

Sean O'Hare

Wyatt York

Tony Hunsberger

Guy Moulthrop

James Swanson

Dean Anker

Florence Reynolds

W Taylor Langstaff Jr

Joseph McGivern

Leo Borrello

Mary Lou Greenleaf

Katie Hunsberger

Corrine Salazar

Barbara Mulholland

Shelley Whitehead

Anniversaries

Ken and Carol Fowler

Robert and Ellie Hartley

Terrence and Sharon O'Hare

Shannon and Jeffrey Lang

St Elizabeth's Guild will have their August luncheon on August 14th, 12:30 at Brooklyn Boys at 612 E. Midland Street. All are welcome and we hope to see you all there.

July 15th Worship Leaders.





GOD'S amazzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

CLUES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. rhymes with cow 2. opposite of sour 3. pronounced "R" 4. rhymes with four 5. Letters create _____. 6. not too or two 7. rhymes with by 8. the tongue's job 9. more sweet 10. rhymes with pan 11. golden liquid 12. Pleased ___ meet you. 13. rhymes with fly 14. body part 	 WORD BANK than your to are sweet sweeter How my honey mouth words to taste, my
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	1	3	5	6	8	10	12	13	14	Psalm 119:103, NIV
	2	4	7	9	11	1	3	5	6	14

Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

