

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

Jesus came into the world to bring light to those experiencing darkness, joy to those feeling grief or sorrow, hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved and freedom to those in bondage. Jesus continues to come into the darkness of the world illuminating God's love for everyone.

In all the places of our lives, Jesus comes to us desiring to shine the brightness of God's light and hope.

The prophet Isaiah said that there will be "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" The rough places will be made smooth, the valleys will be lifted, the mountains will be brought low. We know the fulfillment of this in the person of John the Baptizer, the cousin of Jesus.

When Mary agrees to be the bearer of the life-giver, Jesus, she praises God, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord". She goes on to proclaim that God her Savior has mercy on those who fear him, scattered the proud in their conceit, cast down the mighty from their thrones, lifted up the lowly, filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

The *Magnificat*, as The Song of Mary is called, sounds an awful lot like John's proclamation of making things the opposite of what they are in the world. Valleys and the lowly lifted, mountains and the mighty brought low, the rough places made smooth and the hungry filled with good things.

Jesus continues to come to us to smooth out our rough places and level out the things that are too high or too low. Jesus came to bring us peace that we may know God's peace and love. When we experience God's peace and love we are then best equipped to share that with others – those we know and those we don't yet know.

Whatever is going on in your life, Jesus is with you and loves you beyond measure. In fact, he loves you so much that he took on human form so that we would have a savior who lived every human experience. He relates to us in every way and walks with us in every situation.

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things that are earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace.

Rev. Sue

THANK YOU

Chris Kolka for the donation of many warming pans.

Mary K Freel for sharing her many mangers with us.

Greg Largent who played the organ for us on Sunday, December 23.

Dorothy Marinan who played the piano and led the Choristers at our 5:00pm Christmas Eve service.

Nick Schmelter who played the organ and led the choir at our 10:00pm Christmas Eve service.

Jim Gladstone who played the organ for us on Sunday, December 30.

Mary K Freel who worked many many hours putting together choir and chorister music folders for Christmas Eve services.

To Ed Benisz for providing tours to individuals who came to attend the cancelled Lessons & Carols.

In Sympathy to

Patrick Trahan and his family on the death of his mother Anne (Honey) Trahan who died this December 17th.

St Elizabeth's Guild will have their monthly luncheon at The Bay View Bar on Patterson Rd on Jan 8th at 12:30. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there.

Altar Flowers are needed for January 20th. If you would like to donate to this please call the office.



Above are the **Merry Elves** of Sue Hoyle, Shelley Whitehead and Pat Maxim stuffing Christmas bags for all who attended **Food of Faith** on December 23rd.



Thank you to the many people who contributed cookies and/or their time to make this dinner a success. Missing in the above picture are Victor Kolka, Taylor Langstaff, Paulette Royer's granddaughter Kaitlyn Royer and friend Abby and if we missed anyone else we are so sorry.

ANNUAL MEETING & ITEMS DUE

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, January 27** following worship in the nave. We will share in a potluck meal after the meeting. **Ministry reports are due January 13**, preferably in electronic format.

MUSIC LEADERSHIP UPDATE

As most of you know by now, Bob Sabourin is receiving chemotherapy treatment at University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

New information is that he will be receiving a stem cell procedure which extends his treatment for seven more months. In a week or so he will soon be home for three weeks and then back to the hospital for four months and at a friend's near Ann Arbor for the following 100 days.

As a result of this situation Bob has tendered his resignation as Organist-Choirmaster of Trinity. He is needing to place all of his energies toward his healing and family.

Our hearts are saddened with Bob's illness and for Trinity to be losing such a gifted musician. Our support of Bob in this difficult decision and our prayers for Bob and Emilee are fervent and steadfast.

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servant Bob the help of your power, that his sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP page 458)

O God, giver of life and love, continue to bless, preserve and keep your precious creations Bob and Emilee. Make your healing presence and comfort known to them as you guide and direct their life together; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSIC AS WE MOVE FORWARD

Our thanks and appreciation go out to Greg Largent, Dorothy Marinan, Nicholas Schmelter and James Gladstone who got us through Sundays and Christmas Eve to date. Moving forward, Dorothy will be playing the piano January 6 and 13. Greg will serve as our interim organist from January 20 through February.

We are most grateful for their willingness to jump right in without hesitation!

Rev. Sue, the Vestry and Personnel Committee will be working on filling this position. We will take the time needed to do a find the best fit for Trinity.

Stay tuned regarding future Evensongs.

Chili Dinner Fundraiser for Food of Faith and our kitchen



Help us purchase new glassware while you enjoy a great evening of fellowship and a selection of Chili.

Date: Tuesday, January 29

Time: 5:00 to 7:00pm

Cost: \$8.00 for adults

\$5.00 for children 4 to 12

Under 4, free!!



Menu:

White Chicken Chili

Chili with Beef

Vegetarian Chili

Corn bread and crackers

Dessert

Trinity's Band plans on entertaining us.

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

The Christmas Tree



The first evidence of decorated trees associated with Christmas Day are trees in guildhalls decorated with sweets to be enjoyed by the apprentices and children.

Today, Christmas trees are usually illuminated with electric lights and remind us that Christ is the light of the world. Decorations include garland, tinsel, ornaments, candy canes and even edible items such as gingerbread, chocolate and various kinds of sweets. An angel or star may be placed at the top of the tree to represent the Archangel Gabriel or the Star of Bethlehem.

The Christmas tree in Trinity's Chapel decorated with the theme of peace. Other

trees in the entrance lobby and the Guild Room share different themes.

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Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

MEET OUR NEW SECRETARY

Hello Trinity Episcopal! My name is LeeAnn (Annie) Liermann. I am your new church secretary and will be working alongside both Rosie and Rev. Sue to help serve you and our community.

To give you a little view of my life, first and foremost I love people! Loving people and Jesus are my passions only equaled to my deep love and devotion to my husband, Wayne, of 19 years and my four amazing children. I have a daughter, MaKayla, who is 18 and has just begun school at MSU (Go Green!) MaKayla will be pursuing a degree in to veterinarian medicine. Then after Makayla, I have 3 boys: Makiah (15yr.), Maxwell (12yr.) and Mitchell (3yr.).

I went to school for Ministry Administration, and have a background serving within different denominations.

I look forward to working alongside all of you in 2019 and seeing how Jesus will use us all in the new year.

Please stop into the office and introduce yourself. I am eager to meet all of the Trinity church family as possible.

Be blessed in the new year!



Birthdays

Diane Rapson Gabil
Paulette Royer
Nancy Mayhew
Jack Esseltine
Gregory Marciniak
Gregory Scharich
Sharon Scharich
Peter Frantz
Susan Harris
Faith Culler

Anniversaries

Robert & Jeannie Traxler
George & Pat Middleton
Michael & Paulette Royer
Gregory & Heidi Marciniak
Robert & Emilee Sabourin



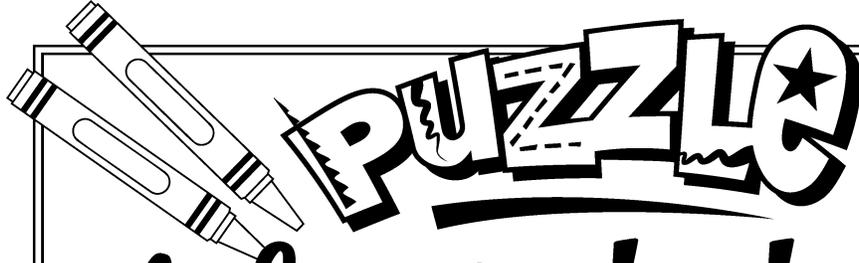
The Twelve Days of Christmas

The Twelve Days of Christmas is the period in the Christian Church that marks the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, the three wise men. In most of the Western Church it begins on December 25 (Christmas Day) and runs through the eve of the 5th of January (the eve of the Epiphany, January 6th, sometimes called Three Kings' Day). In some traditions, the first day of Christmas begins on the evening of December 25th with the following day considered the first day of Christmas; in these traditions, the twelve days begin December 26th and include Epiphany on January 6th. The Twelve Days of Christmas have been observed in Europe since before the Middle Ages and were a time of celebration.

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” is also a Christmas carol in which the singer tells about all the gifts that he or she received from his or her “true love” during the twelve days of Christmas. Though the history of the carol is somewhat obscure, the earliest version first appeared in a 1780 children’s book called *Mirth Without Mischief*. Each verse builds on the previous one. Most historians agree that it was probably designed as a “memory and forfeits” game, in which singers tested their recall of the lyrics and had to award their opponents a “forfeit” – a kiss or favor of some kind – if they made a mistake.

While many people think of the Twelve Days of Christmas as a secular song celebrating the season with imagery of gifts, dancing and music, the Christian church reminds us it is the season of the Father’s gift of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. After the celebration of the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day, the church observes the feast of Stephen, the first Christian martyr; the feast of the Holy Innocents where Herod had all the boys two years of age and under killed while he was trying to kill the baby Jesus; the feast of Mary, Mother of Our Lord; the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, when Jesus is named in the Temple; and culminates with the Epiphany, the visit of the Magi.

Recent attempts to calculate the cost of all those gifts mentioned in the song came to a figure well in excess of \$34,600. And that’s not counting inflation. Pondering the gift of God’s only Son coming to redeem and restore that which was lost, we know the real cost of Christ’s life, suffering and death - priceless. Now, that is something for all creation to “dance about,” “pipe about,” and “leap about!” Deo Gratias!



A fresh start

Baptism is a blessing because it changes us and gives us hope.

Directions: Write the boxed letters in the squares below. Then unscramble those letters to form two words that complete the Bible verse and represent the gift of baptism.



We were therefore buried with him
through baptism into death in order that,
just as Christ was raised from the dead
through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a _____.

Romans 6:4, NIV

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Answer: f i e l e w n, new life

Trinity Episcopal Church, Christian Holidays							Jan 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	1	2	3	4	5		
First Sunday after Christmas 10am - Worship - HE Bell Choir 2:30pm - Food of Faith	10am - Over-Eaters Anonymous 7pm - N. A. Meeting Parish Hall	New Year's Day Office Closed	10am - A Course in Miracles 11:30am - Worship - HE	7pm - Choir rehearsal 7pm - Over-Eaters Anonymous	8pm - N.A. Meeting								
	10am - Over-Eaters Anonymous 7pm - N. A. Meeting Parish Hall		10am - A Course in Miracles 11:30am - Worship - HE 4pm - Endowment Meeting @ 6pm - Bell Choir	7pm - Over-Eaters Anonymous	8pm - N.A. Meeting								
Epiphany 10am - Worship - HE 2:30pm - Food of Faith	10am - Over-Eaters Anonymous 7pm - N. A. Meeting Parish Hall												
	10am - Over-Eaters Anonymous 7pm - N. A. Meeting Parish Hall	9:30am - Historical Guild 11am - Wedding	10am - A Course in Miracles 11:30am - Worship - HE 6pm - Bell Choir	7pm - Over-Eaters Anonymous	6pm - Perceptions Trans Grp 8pm - N.A. Meeting	7pm - Sagnew River Marine							
Annual Reports Due! 10am - Worship - HE 11am - Blood Pressure Screening 11am - Noisy Offering 2:30pm - Food of Faith	10am - Over-Eaters Anonymous 7pm - N. A. Meeting Parish Hall												
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10am - Worship - HE 2:30pm - Food of Faith	10am - Over-Eaters Anonymous 7pm - N. A. Meeting Parish Hall	5pm - Chili Dinner Fundraiser	10am - A Course in Miracles 11:30am - Worship - HE 6pm - Bell Choir	7pm - Over-Eaters Anonymous	8pm - N.A. Meeting								
Annual Meeting & Potluck 10am - Worship - HE 2:30pm - Food of Faith	10am - Over-Eaters Anonymous 7pm - N. A. Meeting Parish Hall												



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