

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

Thank you for a wonderful Annual Meeting on January 26th. Many of you wrote reports of the good work in which you have been participating over the past year. It is a joy to see, in one report, how much has been going on and how much there is to look forward to in 2020.

Congratulations and welcome go to our new Vestry members: Dawn Brady, Dan Keeler and Mickie Leibrand. Congratulations also go out to Senior Warden Archie Duncan, Junior Warden Don Middleton, Clerk Dawn Brady and Treasurer Patrick Gray.

One of the things we're looking forward to doing in 2020 is getting to know each other better and also inviting others into our midst and getting to know *them*. I hope you will join in a new activity that is forming to share meals at one another's homes. Groups of six to eight adults will gather in a home at the group's convenience. As we get to know one another there will be opportunity to share one's spiritual experiences. There will be no pressure to share beyond your comfort level but there has been a real hunger to share our lives with one another and this will be a fun way to do so. Ann Shea is heading up this effort and is looking for a name for these adult dinner gatherings. We hope that, as we continue these groups, friends beyond Trinity will be invited to join in the fun.

Sharing our faith can bless the one sharing and the ones listening. I've heard people call God encounters different things: God-incidences

(vs. coincidences) or God winks or Moments closest to Christ. I suspect that once these groups get going there will be moments when this type of sharing will happen organically. Maybe you'd like to get more comfortable sharing your story of faith

A fun project is in full swing in the Diocese of Eastern Michigan to record people of all ages as they tell their faith story of how they came to be an Episcopalian and why they remain in the Episcopal Church. These short videos are shared in a diocesan biweekly email newsletter, called THE FEAST ONLINE. If you receive these emails you have probably already viewed them. If you would like to receive these emails just go to www.eastmich.org, click on RESOURCES, then click on COMMUNICATIONS where you'll be given choices to numerous diocesan communication options. If you'd like to view the published MI Faith Stories go to: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/DioEastMich/videos>.

This project kicked off at Diocesan Convention, so there may be some members of Trinity popping up! If you'd like to learn how to video and submit your own MI Faith Story go to: www.eastmich.org/mifaithstory.

As we further engage in the opportunities before us, my hope is that we continue to grow in our faith and in our mission in 2020 that Christ may be made known to the ends of the earth and that we have fun doing so.

In Christ's love,
Rev. Sue

OUR SYMPATHIES

To **Jan Waldman** on the death of her brother-in-law, Daniel Black.

THANK YOUs

Patrick Gray, Steve Beckert and Rosie Alvarez for continuing to keep our financial statements and books in good order.

Annie Liermann for creating the Annual Meeting Report and **Mickie Leibrand and Jan Waldman** for assembling the 90 copies.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers and participants in the **Chili Dinner** served on January 14th. We sold 74 tickets which was good but about half of what we served last year. Those who worked the dinner included **Chris Kolka** who donated all of the Beef Chili which included all of the vegetables from the garden of **Dan Moyer**. Workers included **Mickie Leibrand, Steve and Patti Anderson, Dave and Pat Maxim, Marc and Dee Mulholland, Jett and Shelley Whitehead, Shelley Anderson, Cathy Leibrand, Matt Smith, Corinne Salazar, Patrick Gray, Sean Brady, The Band with Pat and Ann Trahan, Tod and Barb Meisel, Bruce Sherbeck, Sam Keeler, Monica Borrello, Rev. Sue, Pat Maxim**. The bakers who included **Elisabeth Campbell, Sean Brady, Michelle Hunsberger, June Swanson** and if I left anyone out, please forgive me! Pictures taken that night are:



The Bands



CONGRATULATIONS

New Vestry members: Dawn Moulthrop Brady, Dan Keeler and Maureen Leibrand

New Officers:

Senior Warden – Archie Duncan
Junior Warden – Don Middleton
Clerk/Secretary – Dawn Moulthrop Brady
Treasurer – Patrick Gray

DID YOU NOTICE?

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer in our Prayers of the People we now also pray for a congregation in the Diocese of Western Michigan. At our Diocesan Convention in October we elected the Right Reverend Wayne Hougland to be our Bishop Provisional. He is also bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan and so while we pray for a congregation there each Sunday, they are praying for us too!

NOISY OFFERING

Our children collect change (noisy money) along with paper money to go to the ministries they choose on the second Sunday of each month. February 12th's offering will go to Bay Area Women's Shelter.

CONTEMPORARY PRAISE MUSIC

Please join us on the second Sunday of each month in the church from 9:30-9:50am to sing some of the songs learned at our Faith Alive weekend and other contemporary Christian music!

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee has been responding to the feedback you provided in the Worship Survey. In January we had an Instructed Eucharist. This month's special service on February 16 will have contemporary praise music, with guitar and choir, and liturgy. We will be using the music that's been sung the last several months before worship.

Remember that this is an experiment and we want *all* your feedback. We want to know what you like, what you'd like tweaked and what you don't like. Members of the Worship Committee are: Steve Beckert, Rayechel Berger, Archie Duncan, Sue Hoyle, Mickie Leibrand, Rev. Sue Rich, Anne Trahan.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Once again, the Vestry is sponsoring a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 25 from 5:00-7:00pm. The free will offering will support our Food of Faith ministry.



ASH WEDNESDAY

This year the Worship Committee has decided to add morning and noon services to our Ash Wednesday offerings. Each service will have communion and the imposition of ashes. 8:00am and 12:00pm spoken services. 7:00pm with Senior Choir.

FURNACE TEMPERATURE IN CHURCH

We have a new process in place to regulate the temperature in our worship space for the comfort of our people and so the organ has time to adjust to any temperature change (an hour for every degree) prior to a service.

Please do not change the thermostats in the worship space as our four furnaces are all on an automatic schedule. Depending on other activities, this schedule may be adjusted. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Bruce Sherbeck or Rev. Sue. Thank you.

Trinity Church

Her People, Her Building Then and Now

The Star of David

The Star of David, also known as the Magen David or Mogen David (Shield of David) has been a symbol associated with Judaism for centuries. Its shape is that of a hexagon made of two triangles, one inverted over the other or interlaced. Unlike the menorah, the Lion of Judah, the shofar and other Jewish symbols, the Star of David was never uniquely Jewish.

The symbol originated in antiquity and served as a magical sign or decoration. A stone bearing the Star of David in a synagogue in Galilee dates back to the 3rd century and it is believed to have been used as a decorative sign. A Star of David

was used in the year 1008 in the Leningrad Codex which is the oldest complete edition of the Hebrew Bible. The phrase “Shield of David” was used by at least the 11th century as title of the God of Israel, independent of the use of the symbol. A 12th century text, Eshkol ha-Kofer, a work on the Ten Commandments, refers to the Shield of David. In the Middle Ages the Star of David appeared with more frequency among the Jews but had not yet assumed any special religious significance. The symbol is found on some medieval cathedrals. Coins found in the 13th century bear the Star of David. The term Magen David, which in Jewish liturgy signifies God as the protector (shield) of David, gained usage among Jewish mystics who attached magical powers to King David’s shield just as earlier non-Jewish magical traditions popularized the use of the symbol as a protection against evil spirits.

The Jewish community of Prague was the first to use the Star of David as its official symbol and from the 17th century on the six-pointed star became the official seal of many Jewish communities and a general sign of Judaism. The Star of David was almost universally adopted by Jews in the 19th century as an emblem of Judaism. In the 20th century, during the Holocaust, the Jews of Nazi-occupied Europe were ordered to wear a yellow Star of David, with the word, “Jude,” –Jew, to identify them as Jews.

The Star of David is also known as the “Creator’s Star” with its six points standing for the six days of creation. As another meaning the six points of the star stand for six different attributes of God: power, wisdom, majesty, love, mercy, justice.

In Trinity Church, the Star of David is found in three places. In the Children’s Window above the High Altar it symbolizes God the Father, or God the Creator. In the Epiphany window, one of the wise men bears a shield of the Star of David. Finally, it appears at the lower level of the High Altar.



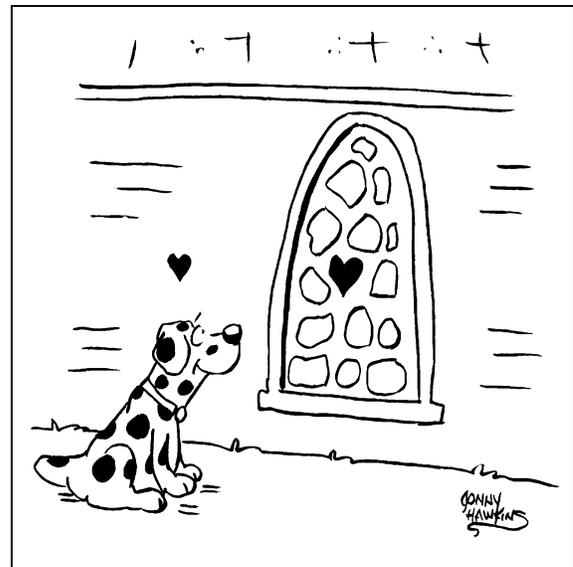
Detail: The Star of David found at the High Altar of Trinity Church.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild



Birthdays

Judy Laskowski
Bob Hayhurst
Camden Garcia
Janice Waldman
Victor Kolka
Elise Shannon
Shannon Lang
Cindy Sherbeck
Mary Katharine Freel
Martin Foss
Sydney Shannon
Kathryn Garcia
Kylene Sutter
Susan Hoyle
Maureen Alvarez
Mildred Owen



Anniversaries

Guy & Jane Moulthrop
Sean & Dawn Brady
Guy & Stephanie Moulthrop

St. Elizabeth's Guild will meet for lunch on February 11th at Castaways at 12:30. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you. Castaways is at 3940 Boy Scout Rd. "on the Kawkawlin River".



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